

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES



Diaconal Committee (DC)

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To: Regional Conferences of the ICRC and their Representatives

We greet you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

With this Press Release we kindly ask your cooperation in regards to the involvement of the Diaconal Committee of the ICRC in the Regional Conferences.

The Diaconal Committee has been appointed by the ICRC mainly to provide a network for member churches on diaconal matters. We are guided by the principle found in Galatians 6:10: *“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

In the past a perception existed that churches with diaconal needs could come to the DC, who would then reach out to them on behalf of the ICRC. This was not correct, and it has been explained on the ICRC Jordan 2017. The DC doesn't have a budget of its own for diaconal needs in the ICRC family. Neither does it have the manpower to investigate and approve incoming requests for assistance. All members of the DC are volunteers, each with his own full time ministry. The purpose of the DC is rather to be a networking body, assisting churches to come into contact with other member churches, or parachurch organisations working on behalf of member churches.

In order to fulfill this networking function properly, DC needs to be in contact with the member churches. In this regard the ICRC Jordan 2017 has stressed that diaconal matters should become a standard agendapoint on the meetings of the regional conferences, as it is also on the international conference's agenda.

With this press release we want to call on all regional conference representatives and those involved in organizing the regional conferences, to communicate in time with us, and to make

sure that the DC can explain its role during the regional conference, so that we as DC can start assisting churches to network amongst each other with regards to diaconal matters.

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You are most welcome to make contact with the DC member in your region.

We look forward to your response, as well as a good relationship in future, which will glorify our God also in the way the churches fulfill their diaconal calling.

With brotherly greetings,



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