

Committee for Church Unity

Theological Education Subcommittee

Report to General Synod Edmonton 2019

Esteemed Brothers:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Synod Dunnville 2016 (Article 79) decided:

*To reappoint the Subcommittee for Theological Education of the Committee for Church Unity (CCU-STE) to be available to work with a corresponding committee of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) should an upcoming URCNA Synod reappoint the corresponding committee;*

The synod mandate for this committee was as follows:

*To mandate the CCU-STE to re-examine and discuss with our brothers in the URCNA the possibilities of operating at least one theological seminary by and for the churches, to ensure that such a seminary is accountable to and properly governed by the churches. Further, that the committee promote adequate funding for such an institution(s) by means of assessment per communicant member.*

Since neither Synod Wyoming 2016 nor Synod Wheaton 2018 of the URCNA reappointed a corresponding subcommittee, we did not convene as we had no conversation partners. Therefore, we must report that no progress toward church unity has been made by this sub-committee.

The present make-up of this committee was established at Synod Burlington 2010. We recommend that if this synod decides to mandate a CCU-STE, that a retirement schedule be put in place.

With Christian greetings:

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