

OPEN SPACE REPORT TEMPLATE

Belhar Confession

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As the recorder of this Open Space discussion, please include in your notes:

◆ Key Points of the presentation and discussion-

15 members national committee - mixed race committee
came out of struggle in South Africa - Apartheid
separation, Segregation, keeping people away from Lord's Table

Belhar Confession needs to have its accompanying letter
(2/3 vote needed to amend Book of Confessions)

① crisis of the Gospel in South Africa "a cry from the heart"
② Authority of the Word - ♥ of our reformed tradition
③ statement against false doctrine

④ reconciling and unity and not divisive or stumbling block
cannot divide the gospel by the color of people's skin
Presbyterian American Indians support this Belhar Confession

◆ Recommendations and/or Resources arising from the discussion-

We need to read seriously from God's Word - in our churches
and in our Presbyteries

Don't dismiss the dialogue, engage others in dialogue
with this confession and all of the confessions

◆ any Follow Up and/or "Next Steps"-

Let's look at the whole book of Confessions
and see what it says

Read Jerry's letter regarding the Confession

Take this seriously

◆ any Invitation to Take Action or Join in Follow Up Activities.

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Concerns

Why should we have this confession that needs a supporting letter and scripture?

Why are not talking more about the transformation we find in scripture?

We need to talk about the divisiveness of the discussions of sexuality versus the issues of race?

"Unity and Diversity"

"What are the boundaries?"

Adjusting our views based on things other than scripture

"Accommodist Theology"

Belman ^(Germany WWII) Confession → opening door to "More Light"