

North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC)[†] Golden Rule Comity Agreement

Comity has meant different things to different people. We representatives of the home missions agencies and committees or boards of our denominations resist territorial statements on comity in the light of the social and cultural complexity of North American society and the great spiritual need of our many countrymen who are apart from Jesus Christ. Out of a concern to build the church of Jesus Christ rather than our own denominations and to avoid the appearance of competition, we affirm the following courteous code of behavior to guide our church planting ministries in North America:

1. We will be sensitive to the presence of existing churches and mission ministries of other NAPARC churches and will refrain from enlisting members and take great care in receiving members of those existing ministries.
2. We will communicate with the equivalent or appropriate agency (denominational missions committee or board, presbytery missions or church extension committee, or session) before initiating church planting activities in a community where NAPARC churches or missions ministries exist.
3. We will provide information on at least an annual basis describing progress in our ministries and future plans.
4. We will encourage our regional home missions leadership to develop good working relationships.

[†] NAPARC Member Denominations (www.naparc.org):

- [Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church](#)
- [Korean-American Presbyterian Church](#)
- [Orthodox Presbyterian Church](#)
- [Presbyterian Church in America](#)
- [Reformed Church in the U.S.](#)
- [The Reformed Church of Québec \(RCQ\), also known as "L'Église Réformée du Québec" \(ERQ\)](#)
- [Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America](#)
- [United Reformed Churches in North America \(URCNA\)](#)