

# Semper Reformanda

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1:00 pm



## **PRACTICING BIBLICAL ECUMENICITY: THE DEMAND FOR ECUMENICITY**

### **THE 2014 SEMPER REFORMANDA CONFERENCE**

is pleased to welcome delegates from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to participate with our delegates in exploring the topic of Biblical Ecumenicity. There are, of course, historic reasons why Reformed and Presbyterian bodies exist with

separate identities and distinct traditions. However, given the call by Christ to labor together in building His Church, this year's conference is intended to begin a dialogue among Reformed and Presbyterian bodies of like precious faith, exploring the Biblical principles of ecumenicity and recommending ways that we might more effectively work together.

## THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR ECUMENICITY

Based on the ecumenical imperative in Scripture, he will explore the call to ecumenicity, not as an option, but as an obligation.

Session 2- 3:00 pm Dr. Alan Strange

## THE BARRIERS TO ECUMENICITY

We will look at some of the reasons, legitimate and illegitimate, that keep us from laboring together.

*REFRESHMENT BREAK- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm*

Session 3:30 - 4:30 pm Rev. Bill Boekestein

## THE PATH TO ECUMENICITY

We will look at some of the practical steps for developing a more meaningful ecumenicity in the Reformed and Presbyterian family.

Session 4:30 - 5:30 pm Rev. Bill Shishko

## AN INVITATION TO ECUMENICITY

We will look at the vision for ecumenicity, including its blessings and potential.

*SUPPER – 5:30 – 7:00*

**PANEL DISCUSSION- 7:00 pm -8:30 pm**

Rev. John Bouwers, Dr. Alan Strange, Rev. Bill Boekestein, Rev. Bill Shishko will answer questions from the delegates and propose concrete steps for how we might begin to implement Christ's call to labor together within our existing federations and in the broader Reformed and Presbyterian family of churches.

## Our Speakers

**REV. JOHN BOUWERS** is a graduate of Mid-America Reformed Seminary and pastor of Immanuel United Reformed Church in Jordan, Ontario, Canada.

**REV. DR. ALAN STRANGE** is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and the former pastor of Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Glassboro, New Jersey. He is presently professor of Church History and Registrar at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana.

**REV. BILL BOEKESTEIN** is a graduate of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan and pastor of Covenant Reformed Church (URC) in Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

**REV. BILL SHISHKO** is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and pastor of Franklin Square Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square, New York.

