

Dear Reformed Brethren and Friends,

This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the German Reformed Church in America. Thousands of churches trace their lineage back to the German Reformed Church. Today, those churches can be found among the Evangelical Association, Conservative Congregational Christian Churches, various Presbyterian denominations, etc., and independency.

The direct lineal descendant church is today known as the Reformed Church in the United States and, as such, we have taken the lead in reaching out to this "diaspora" of churches to invite and encourage them to sponsor their own celebrations of this precious legacy we all share.

We have attempted to find churches that share this heritage, and no doubt we have missed many. We may also have added churches that trace their lineage elsewhere and if that is the case, we apologize. I have included a poster which we encourage churches to display as a conversation starter. For more about the German Reformed Church history, and celebration activities, please visit www.RCUS.org/tricentennial.

While today, your church may be part of a non-Reformed denomination or association, we trust and hope that a shared commitment to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ still connects us. There will be a Tricentennial Celebration at Mount Rushmore on June 12, 2025, which is free and open to the public. We invite you to come. The U.S. Postal Service will be producing an historic postmark to recognize the occasion.

Wherever your church is connected to the visible church, rejoice that we share not only a common heritage, but a far more important connection to the invisible church whose head is the Lord. However you may choose to celebrate this important occasion, we pray that it leads your local communion of believers to a renewed commitment to the Great Commission.

Yours in Clinst.

Wayne Johnson Chairman

Tricentennial Celebration Special Committee

Reformed Church in the United States

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV