

## Statements from the Christian Reformed Church

### Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony

Find online here: <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

#### *God's New People*

34. In our world,  
where many journey alone,  
nameless in the bustling crowd,  
Satan and his evil forces  
seek whom they may scatter and isolate;  
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,  
gathers a new community—  
those who by God's gift  
put their trust in Christ.  
In the new community  
all are welcome:  
the homeless come home,  
the broken find healing,  
the sinner makes a new start;  
the despised are esteemed,  
the least are honored,  
and the last are first.  
Here the Spirit guides  
and grace abounds.

#### *The Mission of God's People*

41. Joining the mission of God,  
the church is sent  
with the gospel of the kingdom  
to call everyone to know and follow Christ  
and to proclaim to all  
the assurance that in the name of Jesus  
there is forgiveness of sin  
and new life for all who repent and believe.  
The Spirit calls all members  
to embrace God's mission  
in their neighborhoods  
and in the world:  
to feed the hungry,  
bring water to the thirsty,  
welcome the stranger,  
clothe the naked,  
care for the sick,  
and free the prisoner.  
We repent of leaving this work to a few,  
for this mission is central to our being.

## Synod 2010: Committee to Study the Migration of Workers

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“... the experience of being displaced—of being a migrant and a refugee—lies at the very heart of the biblical narrative.”

“God desired Israel to extend to the strangers among them every kindness and courtesy because in so doing, the Israelites would be mirroring their God who extended his grace, his lovingkindness, to the Israelites who were just as much an immigrant people in God’s eyes as anyone else on the earth.”

“... the gospels present the ministry of Jesus as being all-inclusive. But of particular interest to Jesus and to his kingdom were first and foremost precisely those people whom the religious establishment in his day excluded—in great contradistinction to everything God had taught in his law. The last, least, lost, and lonely fringe members of the world—the strangers in our midst—were the ones Jesus saw and loved first of all.”

“Churches are called to be hospitable to immigrants, but hospitality alone will not solve the myriad problems that plague the immigration systems in the United States and Canada.... Christians are right to advocate for immigration policies within a given nation that will be more just, fair, and generous and that will assist the nation in welcoming more strangers as citizens, not fewer.”