

8. Chart of Similarities and Differences Among the NAPARC Member Churches (including 2007 updates)

	ARPC	ERQ	KAPC	OPC	PCA	RCUS	RPCNA	URCNA
CREEDS	Westminster Standards Additions and notes.	WCF (1647 with ERQ preamble); Heid. Cat.	Westminster Standards; Creed of 12 Articles	Westminster Standards America Version prior to 1903	Westminster Standards American Version prior to 1903	Three Forms of Unity	Westminster Standards Testimony of the RPC	Three Forms of Unity
MEMBERSHIP How received:	Credible profession of faith (together with covenant of membership)	Credible Profession of faith	Credible confession of faith	Credible profession of faith	Credible profession of faith	Confessional	Credible profession of faith	Confessional
OFFICERS Number: Women: Vows:	Three Deacons Systm. Doct.	Three Deacons Syst. Doct.	Three No Systm, Doct	Two/Three No Systm. Doct.	Two No Systm. Doct.	Three No Full subscript.	Two Deacons Syaemt. Doct.	Three No Full Subscript.
POLITY Broader/Higher Means Courts Synod/Assembly Owner of Property	Higher F.O.G Irenical; Delib/ Judicial Minist/Elder Presbytery	Higher ODE (Eccl. Ord. Discp.) Deliberative/ Judicial Delegated Congregation	Higher BCO/Const. Deliberative/ Judicial Delegated Congregation	Higher F.G. Deliberative/ Judicial Delegated Congregation	Higher B.C.O/Const Semi-Deliber/ Judicial TE/Rep. RE Congregation	Higher Constitution Deliberative/ Judicial Mandatory Minist/Elder Congregation	Higher Constitution/ D.C.G.;B.D; Deliberative/ Judicial TE/Rep. RE Synod	Broader Church Order Deliberative Delegated Minist/Elder Congregation
WORSHIP Means to conduct Psalms/Hymns Regulative Principle Number of L.D. serv.	Dir. Worship Yes Yes Sess. mand.	Variations Yes Yes One	Variations Yes Yes Sess. mand.	Dir. Worship Yes Yes Sess. mand.	Variations within WCF/BCO parameters Yes Yes Sess. mand.	Dir. Worship Yes Yes Sp. Council. mandated	Dir. Worship EPS/a capell Yes Sess. mand.	Variations w/in COparameters Yes Yes Two
WEDDING'S SUPPER & FREQUENCY	Fenced/ Session controlled	Fenced/verb. Wam./ Council controlled/ once mo.	Session Controlled	Fenced/ Session controlled	Fenced/ Session Controlled	Fenced/Ex. Visiting Church Memb. /Sp. Council controlled	Fenced/Ex. Visiting Church Memb./ Session controlled	Supervised/ Consistory controlled
CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
REQUIRED CATECHIZING	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes

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CONFIRMATION	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
THEOLOGICAL DISTINCTIVES		Mixture continental reformed and presbyterian polity, theol. and practice; French Translation WCF (1647)		Within confessional bounds, freedom/ women not in military combat	Within Confessional bounds, freedom	6 day creatn/ Male hdshp voting in cong. mtngs/ Women not in military combat/Members not in oath bound societies.	Members not in oath bound societies/ Women not in military combat.	Within Confessional bounds, freedom
ECUMENICAL	NAPARC; ICRC	NAPARC	NAPARC	NAPARC; ICRC	NAPARC; NAE; WRF	NAPARC ICRC	NAPARC; ICRC; NAE	NAPARC; ICRC
MISSIONS	HM/FM	HM	HM/FM	HM/FM	HM/FM	HM/FM	HM/FM	HM/FM
INTERCHURCH RELATIONS	Fraternal: EPC;KAPC; OPC;CRC; PCA;RPCNA IPAR (Mex) ARPC (Pak) Corresp: CPC; PCPA; PCUSA	Fraternal: No Corresp: CanRC; OPC	Fraternal: PCA;OPC; RPCNA; ARPC;KPC-Hapdong; KPC-Refmd; KPC-Hapshin Corresp.	Eccles Fellow ARPC; CanRC; CGKN; EPCW; EPCI; FCS; PCA; PCK(Kosin);R CJ;RCUS; RCNZ; RPCI; RPCNA	Fraternal: NAPARC Churches Correspond:	Fraternal: RCUS; RPCNA; CanRef; ERCC; GKN-Lib. Corresp: URCNA	Fraternal: RCUS;ARP; OPC;PCA; KAPC FCScotland Synod of NA Corresp:	Eccles Fellowship: CanRC Corresp: ERQ, FRC, OCRC, OPC, RCUS, RPCNA
OTHER FRATERNAL RELATIONS	ARP - Pakistan; Arp-Mexico						RPC Australia RPC Ireland RPC Scotland TCCF Cyprus	
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	College and Seminary	None: (Close connection with Farel RTS)	Seminary	M.T.I.	College and seminary	None	College and Seminary	None

Summary of Distinctives

1. Three Forms of Unity (RCUS, URCNA)
2. Additional chapters XXXIV and XXXV in Westminster Confession of Faith (ARPC)
3. The Testimony of the RPCNA
4. Women in the office of Deacon (ARPC, ERQ, RPCNA)
5. Exclusive Psalmody / A Cappella Singing (RPCNA)
6. Exclusive Six Day Creation Position (RCUS)
7. Male Headship Voting in Congregational Meetings (RCUS)
8. Delegated Synod / Assembly (ERQ, OPC, URCNA)
9. Required Catechizing and Confirmation (RCUS, URCNA)
10. Members not in Oath-Bound Societies (OPC, RCUS, RPCNA, URCNA)
11. Women Not Serving in Military Combat Roles (OPC, RCUS, RPCNA, PCA)
12. Visitors to Lord's Supper examined as to faith and Church Membership (RCUS, RPCNA, URCNA)
13. No Denominational Educational Institutions (ERQ, OPC, RCUS, URCNA)
14. Church Property Held by Synod / Presbytery (ARPC, RPCNA)