

Pledge for Full-Time Faculty, Voting Faculty, and Ordained Elders of the Governing Council

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary

Each Full-Time and Voting Faculty member and each Member of the Governing Council who is a teaching or ruling elder, will affirm publicly, at installation, before assuming office, the following pledge:

“I do solemnly, *of my own accord, from my heart and without mental reservation*, declare in the presence of God and of these members of the Faculty and Governing Council of Africa Reformation Theological Seminary:

- a) I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only infallible, sufficient and final rule of faith and practice to which nothing is to be added at any time, whether by supposed new revelations of the Spirit or traditions of men.
- b) I do solemnly and *of my own accord, from my heart and without mental reservation*, adopt, receive, and subscribe to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, the confessional standards of the Seminary, as the confession of my faith, and as a summary and just exhibition and explanation of that system of doctrine and religious belief, which is contained in Holy Scriptures, and therein revealed by God to man for his salvation; I also solemnly, *of my own accord, from my heart and without mental reservation* profess to receive the fundamental principles of the presbyterian form of church government, to be in conformity and agreeable to and taught by the inspired Scriptures. And I do solemnly promise and engage not to teach, inculcate or insinuate anything which shall contradict or contravene either directly or by implication, any element in that system of doctrine, nor to oppose any of the fundamental principles of that form of church government, while I continue as a Full-Time or Voting Faculty member of this Seminary or as a member of the Governing Council;
- c) I embrace and pledge to support the mission and vision of the Seminary and its mission and vision statements as I carry out the duties of my office;
- d) I acknowledge that ARTS is committed to teaching covenantal and biblical theology, biblical counseling and presuppositional apologetics. I will honor and not teach or advocate against these commitments.
- e) I pledge that, approving the By-Laws of Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill these articles and to promote the great design of the Seminary.
- f) Furthermore, I promise to carry out my duties as a member of the ARTS Faculty or a member of the Governing Council in accord with the Seminary By-Laws.

If at any time I should change my views and find myself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of the system of doctrine contained in the confessional standards of the Seminary, or out of accord with the fundamental principles of the presbyterian form of church government as being agreeable to and taught by Scripture, I will, on my own initiative, make known to the Voting Faculty and Governing Council the change that has taken place in my views.