

**Subscription Statement for
Full-Time Faculty, Voting Faculty, and Ordained Elders of the Governing
Council**

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary

Each Voting Faculty member and each Governing Council member, who is a teaching or ruling elder, will affirm publicly, at installation, and annually, in writing, the following:

1. Do you believe the sixty-six books 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?
2. Do you receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you affirm that you will teach in accord with these doctrinal standards; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to the Voting Faculty and the Governing Council of Africa Reformation Theological Seminary the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this Faculty subscription vow?
3. Do you affirm that the presbyterian form of church government and discipline is in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity and ought to be practiced as that form of church government most faithful to Scripture?
4. Do you promise to live in subjection to your brethren in the Lord among the Faculty, the Governing Council and in the presbyterian and reformed churches represented among the ARTS students?
5. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
6. Do you promise to engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian, as a minister of the Gospel, and as a member of the Governing Council or a member of the ARTS Faculty, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary holiness and piety before those whom Christ has called you to serve?

I declare that my affirmations to the above questions are made without mental reservation. I have stated my exceptions to the Westminster Standards and Three Forms of Unity when examined by the Faculty and the Theological Affairs Committee of the Governing Council. I acknowledge that Africa Reformation Theological Seminary is committed to teaching covenantal and biblical theology for understanding the unfolding message of the Bible and redemption, biblical counselling and presuppositional apologetics. I also affirm the position of ARTS on men and women in church office as stated in the subscription statement for visiting and adjunct lecturers. 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 agreeable to Scripture, I will, on my own initiative, make known to the Faculty and Governing Council the change that has taken place in my views.

Signature:

Name (please print):

Date:

