

Celebrate1517



As Reformed believers we are looking ahead with you to the year 2017 as a year to commemorate the Great Reformation. Five hundred years ago the shape of the western world began to be changed for the better and we continue to benefit from this daily. We pray that the Lord will help us safeguard this precious blessing.

The Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary (CRTS) and the Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College (CCRTC) have teamed up to create a series of opportunities in the arts. We are commissioning three professionals to write (1) music and (2) drama productions that schools, clubs, ensembles, and other groups might perform. We are also encouraging commemoration through entries in the (3) visual arts, and in (4) poetry, (5) essay-writing, and (6) narrative performance. Much of this work is being done in conjunction with our Christian schools.

Here is where you come in as a Reformed Christian and a business owner. Since this project falls outside of our regular institutional budgets, we are asking you to consider contributing financially. We have a modest budget of \$13,750. This covers three commissioned works – two in music and one in drama, for \$1250 each; support for website design at \$1000; and, finally, support for the editing and formatting of a book of the most edifying entries for \$9000.

Your financial gifts, together with the artistic gifts of so many others, can together help our Reformed communities treasure and grow in the heritage of the Reformation. With the Lord's blessing, we will all be edified as we celebrate the faithfulness of the Lord. We for our part would gladly include your business name as well as express our thanks to you in the resulting publication. Local Reformation Rallies, in October 2017, would also be encouraged to acknowledge your support.

Cheques can be made out to the "Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary," memo "Celebrate1517." Please send them to CRTS attn.. Leanne Kuizenga, 110 West 27th St., Hamilton, ON, L9C 5A1. For questions, you can use our email address Celebrate1517@gmail.com or call any one of our committee members at our respective institutions.

Wishing you all good things in Christ our Lord,

On behalf of our Celebration1517 committee,

Ted Van Raalte.

ps. The members of our committee are Inge de Visser, Jason Heemskerk, Keith Sikkema, Christine van Halen, Ted Van Raalte