

Limerick Reformed Fellowship  
Rev. Martyn McGeown, missionary  
Apartment 10, Block D, Ballycummin Village, Limerick, Ireland  
<http://www.limerickreformed.com/>  
[pastor@limerickreformed.com](mailto:pastor@limerickreformed.com)

August 28, 2012

Dear saints in the  
Protestant Reformed Churches,

The last few weeks have been a flurry of activity—and holidays. First, we had the British Reformed Fellowship Conference on “Ye Are My Witnesses,” with Profs. Engelsma and Hanko as the main speakers. Suffice to say that it was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to meet saints from across the globe, some known to us already and some new (and welcome) faces. Before and after the Conference we welcomed some of these saints to the LRF—Brian Hilt, Cassandra Heynen, Brittany Kooiker, Brandon Kroese, Ed Bos, and Phil Harbach. Visitors to our services are always very welcome. At the Conference I also gave a speech entitled “Mission Work: Message and Methods” which was well received.

One of the saints, *Marco Barone* from Italy, came for the Conference and plans to pursue postgraduate studies in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. He will be living in Limerick and plans to join the LRF. We have known Marco for several years, for he has been to three BRF Conferences already. We look forward to Marco becoming a member of the group here.

Barely had my feet hit the ground after returning from the BRF Conference than I got ready to travel again. It was my great honour and privilege to be invited to be a speaker this year at the Protestant Reformed Young People’s Convention. My speech was on “The Shepherd” as part of the overall theme (“Led by the Shepherd,” from Psalm 23). As well as give one of the four speeches (the other speakers were Revs. A.

Lanning and J. Laning, and Sem. Josh Engelsma gave a special lecture) I was a chaperone—for the third time. The YPC was a huge success. The behaviour of the YP was exemplary. It is always an enormous pleasure for me to be among the covenant youth of the PRC. To watch them interact with one another in a godly way, to listen to them discuss spiritual things, to hear them pray and sing from the heart, to lead them in discussions and devotions are things which always thrill my heart—III John 4! The organisers of the Convention always provide a lot of fun activities for the YP (and chaperones) to do and this year there was a lot of laughter, including much hilarity concerning the right pronunciation of a certain minister’s name (who became Rev. McLanning for a day!), an elaborate prank on yours truly, and a tone-deaf performance of “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” by the YP from my cabin. To view the videos, and to watch the Convention speeches, check out Nicolas Kleyn’s YouTube page, <http://www.youtube.com/user/Nicholaskleyn/videos>.



The rest of my holidays in Michigan involved a lot of great fellowship with many believers in the PRC, as well as the privilege of preaching in three congregations—Hope Walker, Providence, and Southwest, a ministers’ breakfast in Hudsonville Grill, and

the obligatory visit to the RFPA building to stock up on books for the CPRC/LRF bookstores. Thank you all for your kind hospitality and for your interest in the work. It is good to hear from so many that you remember the LRF in prayer—not that I ever doubted it! I always experience a very warm welcome when I return to the USA. I just wish I had time to spend with you all.

Now that holidays are over it is time to get back to work, and there is plenty to do. We plan to resume everything this week—Bible study (I Samuel) and Catechism classes. In our Essentials of Reformed Doctrine class we have reached Lesson 26 on “Baptism.” In our Old Testament History for Seniors class we have reached Lesson 5 on “The Reappearance of Sin.” We also hope to continue a second Essentials class in the home of the Mansonas. In a few weeks I plan to give a lecture in Porthcawl, Wales on “The Perseverance of the Saints” (Thursday, September 13, DV).



I am looking forward to being in my own pulpit again this Lord’s Day. Before the BRF Conference we finished a 9-part series on Philemon (“An Object Lesson in Forgiveness”), so now I am pondering possibilities for a new series. We also reached LD 16 in the *Heidelberg Catechism*. There is always so much to learn, and I am thankful for a congregation whose enthusiasm makes up for its size.

Manuel Kuhs did a superb job on our website. I encourage you all to visit [www.limerickreformed.com/](http://www.limerickreformed.com/). To the site we have uploaded all our sermons and cate-

chism outlines (O.T. and N.T. History for Juniors and Essentials of Reformed Doctrine), and I have even started a Reformed blog which so far has included four blog posts: “A New Website,” “The Devil Did It?” “Nine Commandment Christians,” and “What Did the Cross Accomplish?” The blog posts are designed to be short and thought-provoking, especially for Evangelicals whose default position is Arminian, Baptist, Pentecostal, and Dispensationalist. Reformed is exceedingly rare in Ireland. I am sure that you will agree with me that the new website is filled with good content and that it is interactive and pleasing to the eye.

The Lord bless you all,

In Christian love,  
Rev. Martyn McGeown