

International Ministry

Exchange Opportunities



It is the hope of the International Relations Office of the United Reformed Church that an international ministerial exchange will be seen as an educational opportunity for both the visiting church professionals and their families. Early consideration should be given to educational and enrichment possibilities for the professional and the family. A minister in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan said that all ministers should have *teachable souls* and it is our hope that ministry exchanges will give the opportunity for both teaching and learning. For this reason, we believe that the use of Education for Ministry 3 (EM3) and *Belonging to the World Church* (BWC) grants are valid for exchanges, but that decision always remains in the hands of United Reformed Church Synod Training Officers. It is important to note, however, that BWC grants will not be approved without the completion of the exchange covenant and Denominational Authorisation Forms.

Where to Look for Help...

There are two easy ways to begin exploring an international ministry exchange. One, go to the International Relations Webpage on the URC Website. There you will find:

- An Introduction to Exchanges
- Registration Form
- Reference Form
- Church Authorisation Form
- Denominational Authorisation Form
- Driving Assessment Form, and
- An Example Exchange Covenant.

Or, simply contact Dale Rominger in the International Relations Office:

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Exchange Opportunities Now...

There are a number of requests coming from our partner churches for exchanges with URC ministers. Below is a list of denominations and places. If your interest is sparked, please contact Dale Rominger.

- Rev. Dan Geslin, United Church of Christ (Congregationalist) minister with 20 years of experience currently serving a church in Denver, Colorado, for 2007.
- Rev. Geoff Probert, the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa in Grahamstown, South Africa, for September and October 2007.
- Dr. Will Fletcher, PC(USA) in Bella Vista, Arkansas, somewhere in April to December in 2007 or 2008.
- Rev. David Kratz, the United Church of Christ in Seattle Washington for 2008 or 2009.