



The Heidelberg Catechism and Belhar Confession

What is happening with them in
the PC(USA)?



Heidelberg Catechism

- One of our 11 Confessions



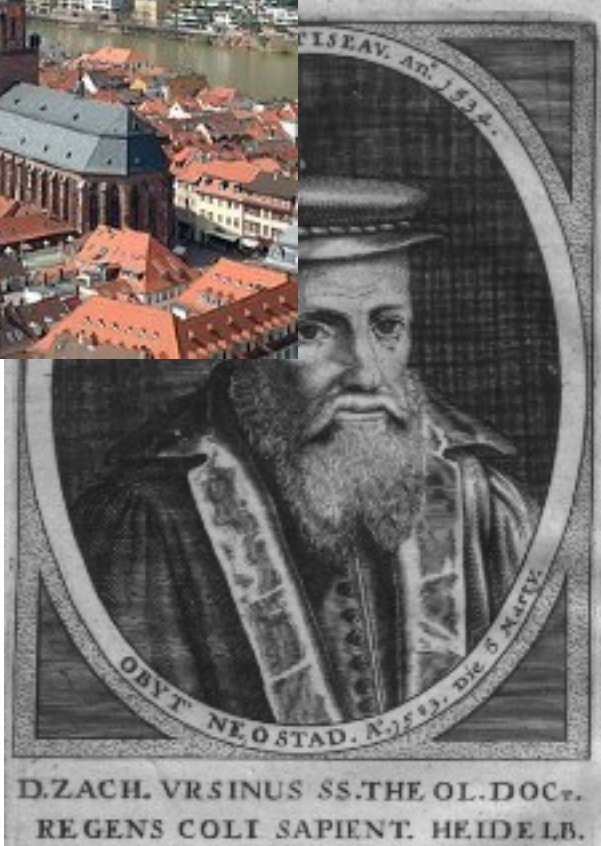
- We are in a process moving toward a new English translation in conjunction with the RCA and CRC -- a vote at the 2012 GA

History of the Heidelberg Process

1. Overture from Presbytery of Newark
2. Action at 2008 General Assembly
3. Work of the Special Committee (2008-2010)
4. Action at 2010 General Assembly

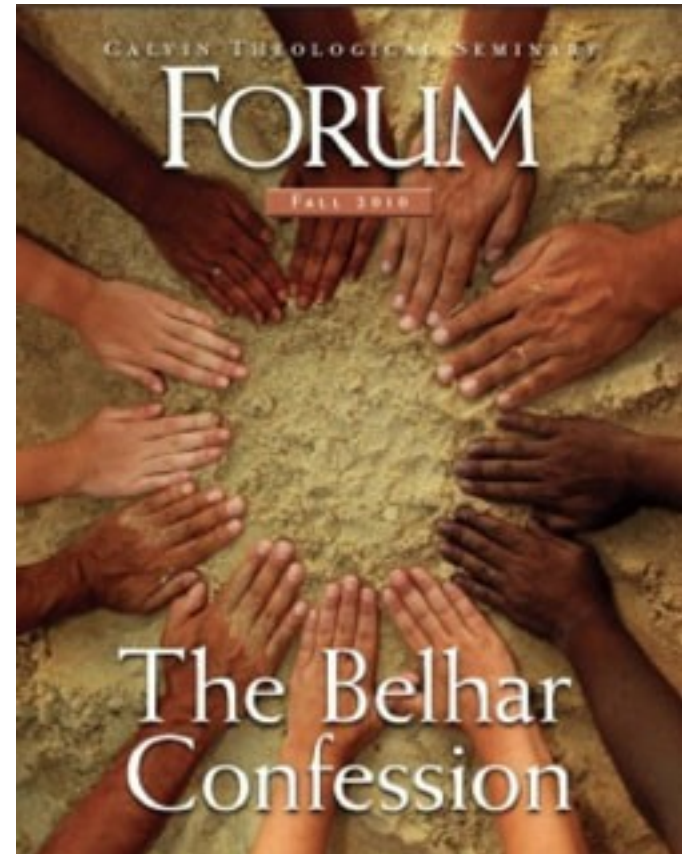


Personal Reflections



The Belhar Confession

- Action at the 2010 GA: the Belhar will be sent to Presbyteries for ratification by July 2011. If ratified, it will be our 12th confession.



History of the Belhar



Potentials of the Belhar

- Functions to “fill out” our confession about God’s intentions for the visible church.
- Strengthens our communion with the “Global South”
- Strengthens our communion with other Reformed Denominations

Content -- Five Parts

1. Signals continuity with tradition
2. The Church should exhibit visible **Unity**
3. The Church should exhibit visible **Reconciliation**
4. The Church should exhibit visible **Justice**
5. Obey Jesus above all other authorities



For Further Information

- Heidelberg:
Current Proposed Translation
[www.crcna.org/site_uploads/uploads/resources/synodical/Translation\(2011\).pdf](http://www.crcna.org/site_uploads/uploads/resources/synodical/Translation(2011).pdf)
- Belhar:
PC(USA) study guide and Confession
www.pcusa.org