



March 1, 2021

Dear Consistories/congregations of the NRC (USA),

The Lord tells us in His Word that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2 Timothy 3: 1) We can clearly see this taking place in the days we are living, also in the legislation in our government. On Thursday, February 25, a bill, the **H.R. 5 Equality Act** has again been voted upon and passed in the US House of Representatives. In reality, this bill is anything but equality. If this became the law of our land, it would be devastating to the religious freedoms that we still have. This bill, among other things, specifically prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations (which may include churches and schools). This bill will soon be going on to the U.S. Senate, and if passed, would go on to the President to sign it into law.

May it be that these troubling events that are taking place in our nation and government might cause us to storm the throne of grace in prayer! May we implore the Lord for His mercy, so that our religious freedoms are preserved, sin may be overthrown, and that His Holy Name may be exalted! That He might show forth His majesty and His power!

May this "Call to Prayer" be remembered in our nation, our families and our churches, especially on our Annual Prayer Day on Wednesday, March 10. He calls unto us from the words of Psalm 37:5; "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

Sincerely,  
Deputies for Correspondence with the U.S. Government  
Rev. J. den Hoed  
Elder R. Van Den Brink

*For more information go to [congress.gov](http://congress.gov)*

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*All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.*

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# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Exalt the LORD our God, and  
worship at his holy hill; for the  
LORD our God is holy.  
Psalm 99:9*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.