

De Nederlandse protestantse kerken onderweg naar het Verdrag van Trianon (1920)

Onder deze titel publiceerde Aalders in het *Documentatieblad voor de Nederlandse Kerkgeschiedenis na 1800* 42 (2019), no 90, 61-77, een artikel over de Nederlandse protestantse kerken en het verdrag van Trianon. Met dat verdrag werd het voormalige Koninkrijk Hongarije teruggebracht tot eenderde van zijn omvang. Toen de contouren van dat drama zich begonnen af te tekenen, wendden de Protestantse Kerken van Hongarije zich tot hun Nederlandse geloofsgenoten. Daarover, en over het effect van die kreet om hulp, gaat dit artikel.

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Abstract

At the end and in the aftermath of World War I, Hungary's situation was very difficult: the war had been lost, the country was tormented by hunger and revolution, and the victor nations were about to assign two-thirds of Hungary's territory to neighboring countries. In this situation Hungary's Protestant churches asked their Dutch sister churches for help and support in late 1918. A Hungarian delegation led by the theologian J. Sebestyén visited the Netherlands. What could the Dutch do? Articles in favor of the Hungarian cause were published, lectures were given, rallies were organized. The Reformed Churches in the Netherlands took the initiative of a joint declaration on behalf of the Hungarians. The declaration, signed by many other Dutch Protestant churches, offers a rare example of 'ecumenical' collaboration in those days.

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