

To: All members and all churches in GKSA.
 From: The management of the Administrative Bureau – Potchefstroom.
 Relating to: Information about common issues.
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We like to share the following with all our members and with all the churches in the GKSA as a contribution to the communication between our churches.

1. It's budget time

- 1.1 The Church's new financial year begins on 1 July 2017. Therefore, we had to complete budgets in the last months. The purpose of the budget is to provide for the work that the deputies of the General Synod, have to do. The budget forms the basis for the determination of levies ("ramings") that the churches have to pay over to the Administrative Bureau. The management of the Administrative Bureau uses the budget process to plan for the effective administration of funds, to the benefit of all the churches. I.e. is the magnifying glass is casted over all levies, placed within the context of decisions of synods. For example: If a command (CO art 49) is completed, recommendations should be made, so that the Synod may decide on the further need of the relevant levy or not.
- 1.2 The accepted levies for the new financial year, for "English speaking churches," look like this:

ESTIMATE FOR:	Rand per confirmed member per year: 2017	Rand per confirmed member per year: 2018	% increase
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL	R3.00	R3.00	0%
ADMIN BUREAU	R3.00	R3.00	0%
SUBTOTAL	R6,00	R6,00	0%
THUSO	R15,00	R17,70	18%
TOTAL	R21.00	R23.70	13%

The accepted levies for the new financial year, for "Afrikaans speaking churches," look like this:

ESTIMATE FOR:	Rand per confirmed member per year: 2017	Rand per confirmed member per year: 2018	% increase
NWU – Potchefstroom Campus	R2,25	R2,25	0%
BIBLE TRANSLATION	R2,35	R0.00	
CHURCH ARCHIVES	R8,40	R8,99	7%
ADMIN BUREAU	R47,00	R50, 00	6%
SYNODICAL EXPENSES	R56,00	R56,00	0%
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL	R150, 00	R150, 00	0%
SUBTOTAL	R266,00	R267,24	0%

THUSO	R15,00	R17,70	18%
ECT MEDICAL	R115,00	R129,00	12%
EMERITI CARE TRUST (ECT) *	R271,08	R319,87	18%
SUBTOTAL	R401,08	R466,57	16%
TOTAL	R667,07	R733,81	10%

* See note 1.4 below.

- 1.3 The management of the Administrative Bureau is well aware of many churches that have serious problems to pay over their levies and therefore we seek, in consultation with all the deputy groups, to keep the increases in levies as low as possible. The major challenge remains, however, the honorable care for our large number of emeriti and therefore, the increases for this, is far above the inflation rate.
- 1.4 Churches and members must please remember that the levies for emeriti work on a sliding scale and table above is an indication of the so-called "average" adjustment of estimates for emeriti's care. The actual amount per church is sent to you soon. The management of the Administrative Bureau will as soon as possible after the end of our financial year, make available a video that provide members and churches more background information about our Church's finances and levies. The video is recorded after final figures are available for all expenses and income for the financial year which ends on June 30, 2017.

2. Other money matters

- 2.1 The Management of the Administrative Bureau work hard with churches, classes and regional synods to engage with churches that is in arrears with the payment of their levies. In many cases there are positive results coming from these churches that do their utmost to bring with levies in arrear, up to date.
- 2.2 In an attempt to minimize travelling expenses to meetings in Potchefstroom, by deputies, there are now telephone conference facilities available on the ground floor of the Administrative Bureau's offices in Potchefstroom. If the facilities are used, along with computer facilities like TeamViewer, the experience is that effective and meaningful meetings can be held at a fraction of the cost that travel expenses and travel time, bring about. Talk with Dr. Wymie in this regard.

3. GKSA's website (www.gksa.org.za)

The GKSA's website is to a large extent now also available in English. Comments in this regard, made to Dr. Wymie du Plessis, will be appreciated.

All members and all churches are again invited to contact us. Contact us via Dr. Wymie du Plessis at wymiedup@gksa.co.za or 018 297 3986.

With best wishes

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