

10. Programming

10.1 REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GROUP FOR PROGRAMMING (Artt 12, 22, 26)

- A. Rev CA Jansen delivers the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.
- C. Request of dr SJ van der Walt regarding the procedure for dealing with matters is taken into discussion.
- D. An Ad hoc commission is compiled of the Moderamen, rev C Aucamp and dr SJ van der Walt.
- E. Rev SD Snyman reports on behalf of the Ad hoc commission.

F. REPORT

1. Matters of which the Synod takes note

1.1 *Assignment*

The assignment is formulated in the Acta of the National Synod

- 1.1.1 Acta 1979:301, art 76, 3.1.5
- 1.1.2 Acta 1991:491–494
- 1.1.3 Acta 1994:726–728
- 1.1.4 Acta 2000:31

Decision: Noted.

1.2 *Method*

- 1.2.1 The Deputy group appointed by the National Synod 2006 (Acta 2006:842): Rev LH van Schaik (chairperson), rev CA Jansen (scribe), br HSJ Vorster, dr W du Plessis, as well as the following representatives of the Regional Synods: rev G Opperman and elder CNW Ligthelm (Bushveld); dr PH Heystek (Pretoria); rev PJ van Blerk and rev W Vogel (North-West); dr JH Howell and dr SP van der Walt (Eastern); rev AP Jager and rev HF van Wyk (Free State and KwaZulu-Natal); dr D Lartz and rev P Fanoy (Randvaal); rev D Pansegrouw and br FJ Kruger (Southern) and dr AJ Kruger (Vice Director Administrative Buro) met on 5 December 2008 to do the preliminary programming of the Agenda of the General Synod 2009.
- 1.2.2 All the Deputies mentioned in 1.2.1 met again on 4 January 2009 to compile this Report.

Decision: Noted.

1.3 *Logistics*

- 1.3.1 The Synod has 135 matters to conclude. This includes amongst other things: 67 Reports, 5 Appeals, 23 Petitions of Protest and 10 Points of Description.
- 1.3.2 Each day consists of 9 hours and 30 minutes available to meet.
- 1.3.3 The hostel, "Kom en Gaan", has to be evacuated by Friday, 16 January at 08:00.
- 1.3.4 The Synod costs R225.00 per delegate per day (travel costs and administration excluded).

Decision: Noted.

1.4 *Agenda*

- 1.4.1 In the light of the method of the National Synod 2006 the following options are possible (after the Report Calling Church Council, Agenda, Programming and Legal Matters Receptivity of Appeals and Petitions of Protest has served):
 - 1.4.1.1 the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda is stated matter by matter, there is opportunity for questions and where necessary, matters are referred to

Commissions. Commissions report back, opportunity is granted for discussion and decision making follows after that. This method is time consuming.

1.4.1.2 the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda is stated and referred to Commission. Commissions report back, opportunity for discussion is granted and decision making follows. This method was followed at the National Synod 2006.

1.4.1.3 the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda is accepted (declared receptive) by the Synod in its entirety and referred immediately. All persons have the opportunity to argue matters at the Commission. Commissions aim to as far as possible have their reports ready by Friday 9 January, so that seven days are available for thorough discussion and decision making.

Decision: Approved.

1.4.2 the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda is viewed as prepared.

Decision: Approved.

1.5 *Speaking voice and Speaking turns*

1.5.1 Speaking voice lies with delegates according to the letter of credence and with professors as advisors according to CO, art 18.

1.5.2 Persons who have not been delegated, but who are involved with Reports, Points of Description and Petitions of Protest, can have a turn to speak with regard to elucidation.

1.5.3 Non-delegates can deliver their views and contributions to Commissions in writing.

Motivation: The Synod is a meeting of Regional Synods (CO, art 50) to which delegates are sent with burden and procuration.

1.5.4 Speaking turns should be administered economically.

Motivation: the Synod is a church meeting and not a forum for discussion.

Decision: Points 1.5.1 to 1.6.4 – Approved.

1.6 *Appointment of Commissions*

The following criteria were applied:

(i) Personal preference of persons

(ii) Gifts

(iii) Recommendations by the representatives of Regional Synods.

(iv) That the Regional Synods are represented as far as possible.

(v) The delegates of a Regional Synod involved directly or indirectly with a Petition of Protest or Appeal do not serve on Commissions that deal with that particular Appeal or Petition of Protest.

Decision: Noted.

1.7 *Media liaison*

1.7.1 Rev HF van Wyk has the GKSA's web page ready.

Decision: Noted.

2. **Matters for decision by Synod**

The Deputies recommend:

2.1 *Venues*

Venues where Commissions meet is marked on the doors and for the sake of order the venues will not be changed.

Decision: Approved.

2.2 *Meeting times and times of matters*

2.2.1 Meeting times change based on the recommendations of the Report Calling Church Council in order to Viceust to the meal times provided by the NWU (Puk Campus):

08:00 – 10:00

10:00 – 10:15 (tea time)

10:15 – 12:15

12:15 – 14:00 (lunch)

14:00 – 15:30
15:30 – 15:45 (tea time)
15:45 – 17:15
17:15 – 18:30 (lunch)
18:30 – 21:00

Decision: Approved.

- 2.2.2 Tuesday, 06 January Petitions of Protests will be presented.
2.2.3 Wednesday, 07 January, Appeal are presented.
2.2.4 Saturday, 10 January – the Synod will meet until 16:00 if necessary.
2.2.5 Wednesday, 14 January, from 15:45 time is set aside for the GKSA 150 festival.
2.2.6 The planning of Synod is done in such a manner as to finish Friday 16 January at 10:00.

Decision: Pts 2.2.2 to 2.2.6 – Approved.

2.3 *Speaking voice and Speaking turns*

- 2.3.1 That only delegates and advisors have speaking voice and that persons not delegated are permitted to have a speaking turn during the elucidation of the Reports, Appeals and Petitions of Protest that they are involved with.
2.3.2 That speaking turns are dealt with according to 1.5.
2.3.3 Delegates who will take Saturday's lunch and dinner and Sunday's 3 meals, should indicate this before lunch today.
2.3.4 Singing: that rev JB du Plessis takes the lead with singing.

Decision: Approved.

2.4 *The Synod "in camera"*

When the Synod goes "in camera" it is recommended that, in addition to delegates, the following persons are allowed to stay in the meeting:

- (i) advisors
- (ii) emeritus ministers and professors
- (iii) serving ministers and elders who are not delegates
- (iv) Director and Vice Director of the Administrative Buro
- (v) Typist on duty
- (vi) Clerks

Decision: Approved.

2.5 *Advisors*

It is recommended that:

- 2.5.1 The professors TSP will join the Commissions where they have been placed, according to CO art 18.
2.5.2 That Commissions may approach any professor for advice.

Decision: Approved.

2.6 *Order arrangements concerning the religious devotion in the Reformed Church Potchefstroom-Noord*

The following is suggested:

- 2.6.1 The Chairperson thanks prof A le R du Plooy for the Religious devotion that he led.
2.6.2 The delegates return to the Synod hall after devotion to continue with the Agenda.

Decision: Approved.

2.7 *Other arrangements*

- 2.7.1 All messages of greeting will be communicated when the applicable Reports (for instance Ecumenicity) are taken into discussion.
2.7.2 The Rector of the North-West University's Potchefstroom Campus, prof A Combrink, will deliver a message of greeting on 12 January at 19:00.
2.7.3 The celebration of the birthday of the Potchefstroom Campus of the NWU and the Theological School will be led by the campus rector on 14 January 2009 at 18:00. The Synod will be in session again at 19:19.
2.7.4 Constitution of the Curators takes place on 11 January 2009 at 19:00.

Decision: Approved.

2.8 *Method with regard to Reporting*

Recommendations

2.8.1 Matters that can be finalised in the meeting, are not referred to a commission.

2.8.2 The Commission reporter states the Commission's Report.

2.8.3 On the screen the Report will be projected.

2.8.4 Any changes/corrections will be made during report-back, to be visible on the screen.

Decision: Approved.

2.9 *Publication of the Acta*

2.9.1 The two scribes of the Synod, the chairperson, the scribe and vice scribes of the Order commission are appointed as Deputies to compile the Acta.

2.9.2 Prof CFC Coetzee is appointed as advisor for this Deputy group.

Decision: Approved.

2.10 *Voting and counting of votes*

2.10.1 That a headcount vote is used in all matters.

2.10.2 The Order Commission act as vote counters

2.10.3 The yellow A-5 cartons in the files are used for headcount voting

Decision: Approved.

2.11 *Media liaison*

2.11.1 That from the Order Commission revs C Aucamp and HF van Wyk together with the elected Vice Chairperson are appointed to publish the daily decisions on the web page and to send it out to the provided e-mail addresses.

2.11.2 That reporters of Deputy groups are requested to hand aspects of their Reports that they deem important for the media to the Order Commission.

Decision: Approved.

2.12 *Appointment of Deputy groups*

2.12.1 For the Commission's work and Report the following Synod decision is summarised:

2.12.1.1 The recommendation of names as proposed by churches and that are available at the Director of the Administrative Buro are taken into account.

2.12.1.2 No emeriti or emeritus professors should be named onto a Deputy group. Serving professors should as far as possible not be named onto a Deputy group (Acta 1979:179, 8.4).

2.12.1.3 The regulations for the composition of the Management of the Administrative Buro, Trustees of the different Trust funds and other Deputy groups are included in Acta 2003.

2.12.2 The Commission determines their own method and will deliver their first Report for the information to the Synod on Monday 12 January 2009.

2.12.3 All delegates give their input, preferably in writing, to the Commissions.

2.12.4 The Final Report serves the last day of the Synod, and is taken into consideration by the Synod undiscussed.

Decision: Approved and refer to the Commission for Appointing Deputies.

2.13 *Commissions of the Synod*

2.13.1 The Commissions keep to the venues strictly for the sake of any person who would like to report to the Commissions.

2.13.2 The approved Commission placing are final.

2.13.3 The chairpersons and scribes of the Commission meet just after day closure on 5 January 2009 in the front of the Synod hall to agree on the format of Reports and to receive other information.

2.13.4 The Commissions meet Monday evening, 5 January 2009

(i) To constitute

(ii) To peruse their assignments

(iii) To find their venues

(iv) To agree on the format of their Reports

(v) To check that all delegates are present at his Commission.

2.13.5 The Commissions give enough time for reporters, elucidators and other delegates who want to give input, to state their cases.

- 2.13.6 In the Commissions the secundus delegate replaces the primus if last mentioned is not present.
- 2.13.7 Commission should use every opportunity to meet, since as much as possible time for thorough discussion and decision making should be available.
- 2.13.8 All matters (Reports, Points of description, Petitions of Protest) dealing with a certain issue, will be referred to one Commission. Commissions are free to divide into sub-commissions.
- 2.13.9 Commission reports that are ready, should be given to the Chairperson of the Order commission, who will organise the processing of the Report.

Decision: Points 2.13.1 to 2.13.9 – Approved.

2.13.10 The following are suggested as Commissions, Monday evening, 5 January 2009

1. ORDER COMMISSION

Assignment: AA4.2 Counting of votes, verification of minutes, daily program
 Venue: Council room, Admin Bureau
 Chairperson: Rev LH van Schaik (O)
 Scribe: Rev CA Jansen (O)
 Vice Scribe: Drr SP van der Walt (O), D Lartz (RV)
 Members: Revs D Pansegrouw (S), HF van Wyk (VKN), MA Modise (O), H Goede (RV); Elders WJD Fouche (O), FJWJ Slabbert (NW), P Jooste (RV), DJP Erasmus (P), JW du Plessis (VKN)

2. APPEAL COMMISSION 1

Assignment: A6.1.1, A6.1.2
 Venue: Admin Bureau, P10
 Chairperson: Dr MJ du Plessis (S)
 Scribe: Dr GJ Meijer (P)
 Vice Scribe: Rev JH Cilliers (VKN)
 Members: Revs G Opperman (B), C Aucamp (P); Elders C Kruger (sek)(NW), C van den Berg (RV), W Grové (S), WJ Snyman (B), P Aucamp (S), F Manuel (S)
 Advisor: Prof JM Vorster

3. APPEAL COMMISSION 2

Assignment: A6.1.5, AA6.1.6
 Venue: Admin Bureau, P11
 Chairperson: Rev JB du Plessis (NW)
 Scribe: Dr FP Kruger (RV)
 Vice Scribe: Rev P Venter (NW)
 Members: Dr J Smit (NW), rev MJ Erasmus (P); Elders DA Steenkamp (NW), CG Foster (S), CJH van Wyk (RV), WA du P Erasmus (O), MN Ras (S), PA Marais (S)
 Advisor: Prof A le R du Plooy

4. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 1

Assignment: A9.4, A15.11, A15.12
 Venue: Admin Bureau, P14
 Chairperson: Rev PA Coetzee (NW)
 Scribe: Rev C Aucamp (P)
 Vice Scribe: Rev WP van der Merwe (S)
 Members: Rev MJJ Erasmus (O); Elders AJ du Plooy (NW), CHJ Kruger (B), H van der Wateren (B), A du Plessis (S), GJ Swanepoel (S), P van Emmenis (P)
 Advisor: Prof BJ de Klerk

5. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 2

Assignment: A18.2, A18.3, A18.4, AA18.5 (NP Kruger)
Venue: Office, Reformed Church Potchefstroom North
Chairperson: Rev HPM van Rhyn (B)
Scribe: Rev PW Kurpershoek (O)
Vice Scribe: Dr JA Erasmus (VKN)
Members: Rev PJ Venter (B); Elders DP Lessing (sek)(B), TF Schutte (NW), H Wait (VKN), AP Erasmus (RV), JG Voster (S), AT van der Wetering (P)

6. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 3

Assignment: A14.5, A14.6, A14.7 (art 48), AA19.1, AA19.2
Venue: P15
Chairperson: Dr CJ Smit (NW)
Scribe: Rev C Kruger (O)
Vice Scribe: Rev FM Dreyer (RV)
Members: Revs LSD du Plessis (O), PA Odendaal (VKN), VA Rankotha (VKN); Elders F vd B Postma (O), JC van der Walt (VKN), MJ Naledi (VKN), FJ Greyling (RV), SJM Swanepoel (B), SJP du Plessis (VKN)
Advisor: Prof A le R du Plooy

7. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 4

Assignment: A15.13, A15.14, AA15.16 (women)
Venue: P16 (Admin Bureau)
Chairperson: Dr JH Howell (O)
Scribe: Rev JG Noëth (B)
Vice Scribe: Rev TJ van Vuuren (VKN),
Members: Rev WGM Kotze (P); Elders TS Miya (O), WJ Cilliers (P), JL du P Ligthelm (O), SE Masakane (VKN), JG Opperman (B), BJ Kruger (P)
Advisor: Prof PP Kruger

8. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 5

Assignment: A9.5, A9.6, A9.7 (SARK)
Venue: P17 (Admin Bureau)
Chairperson: Rev PK Lourens (VKN)
Scribe: Rev HC van Rooy (S)
Vice Scribe: Rev GS Kruger (P)
Members: Revs OJ Struwig (O), HL Stavast (P); Elders B Moshia (sek)(O), J Malunga (NW), CS van Heerder (sek)(VKN), P Greyling (RV), P Aucamp (B), JF Mulder (P)
Advisor: Prof TD Mashau

9. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 6

Assignment: A16.5, A16.6, A16.7
Venue: Reformed Church Potchefstroom North (Consistory)
Chairperson: Rev CB Swanepoel (B)
Scribe: Dr AL Rheeder (RV)
Vice Scribe: Rev Ds JH Grobler (B)
Members: Revs PC van Rooy (O), MS Mbatha (VKN); Elders BJ Vorster (O), SC van der Walt (VKN), T van Eeden (sek)(VKN), DB van der Merwe (RV), JP Viljoen (B), W Heystek (P)
Advisor: Prof PH Fick

10. COMMISSION PETITIONS OF PROTEST 7

Assignment: A15.15, AA14.8
Venue: Children's room, Reformed Church Potchefstroom North
Chairperson: Rev SA Cilliers (B)
Scribe: Rev AB van der Walt (NW)
Vice Scribe: Rev CJJ Putter (B)
Members: Rev B Companie (S); Elders JJA van Wyk (O), JF Venter (VKN), HJ Kruger (RV), JC Oosthuizen (RV), R Boshoff (B), W Prinsloo (P)
Advisor: Prof PH Fick

11. COMMISSION BIBLE MEDIA/TRANSLATION

Assignment: A7.1, AA7.1, A7.2
Venue: TSP SBB Tearoom
Chairperson: Dr WC Vergeer (RV)
Scribe: Dr J Lion-Cachet (sek)(NW)
Vice Scribe: Dr SF Kruger (O)
Members: Rev HJ Stoltz (sek)(VKN); Elders BA Potgieter (RV), DJ Coetzee (VKN), K van der Merwe (RV), J Groothof (B), J Coetzee (P), P van Staden (P)
Advisor: Prof GJC Jordaan

12. DEACONAL MATTERS (& Ad Hoc)

Assignment: A8.1, AA8.1
Venue: Reformed Church Potchefstroom North Classroom
Chairperson: Rev TC de Klerk (NW)
Scribe: Dr EJ de Beer (B)
Vice Scribe: Rev AF Berg (VKN)
Members: Revs N Boy (B), DJP Erasmus (S); Elders HCC Kruger (O), MW Kgaue (sek) (O), G Floors (NW), P Magonare (NW), J van Milligen (S)

13. COMMISSION ECUMENICITY

Assignment: A9.1, AA9.1, A9.2, A9.3, AA9.8
Venue: Reformed Church Potchefstroom North Church building
Chairperson: Rev RG Aucamp (S)
Scribe: Rev IW Ferreira (P)
Vice Scribe: Dr SJ van der Merwe (NW)
Members: Revs KA J van Rensburg (S), DG Zwemstra (VKN), HH Sehoole (P); Elders F Kruis (S), S Oostruis (NW), JJ Pretorius (VKN), J van der Walt (RV), HLM Erasmus (B), T Mathibe (P)

14. COMMISSION RETIREMENT CARE

Assignment: A10.1, AA10.1, A10.2, A10.3, A10.4
Venue: Vice Director's Office (Admin Bureau)
Chairperson: Rev CJH Breed (O)
Scribe: Rev JC Aucamp (NW)
Vice Scribe: Rev HW Schutte (S)
Members: Revs JP Sithole (sek)(VKN), NN Ligege (B), HG Schutte (RV), PG Geertsema (P); Elders NJ Hartung (O), G van der Walt (NW), JA van Jaarsveld (S), HAH de Klerk (VKN), HJ Prinsloo (B), NJ van Rensburg (RV), MJL van der Meer (P)
Advisor: Br BG Kukkuk

15. COMMISSION FINANCES

Assignment: A11.1, AA11.1, A11.2, AA11.2 and financial statements
Venue: Admin Bureau P7
Chairperson: Rev W Vogel (NW)

Scribe: Rev J van Schaik (O)
Vice Scribe: Rev PJ Nel (P)
Members: Revs P Lubbinge (S), L Kruger (RV), JA Berg (B), JA du Preez (VKN), MR Ramalisa (NW); Elders PWH Aucamp (NW), BD Bakker (O), IJ Lessing (S), PWB Kruger (P), JJ Howell (RV), LJE Venter (B), MN Hermann (VKN)
Advisors: Brs L Kruger, WD van der Walt, HSJ Vorster

16. COMMISSION: YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Assignment: A12.1, A12.2, A12.3, AA12.4, AA12.5
Venue: TSP Seminar room
Chairperson: Rev TJ Potgieter (S)
Scribe: Dr EJ Smit (RV)
Vice Scribe: Rev HS Coetzee (NW)
Members: Revs AP Tredoux (RV), JH Venter (S), DF Coetzee (O); Elders S Klaas (S), FPC Viljoen (O), JA Kruger (sek) (VKN), G J van Vuuren (RV), HJ Briel (sek)(B)
Advisor: Prof FW de Wet

17. COMMISSION CHURCH MATTERS: HISTORICAL AND CHURCH LAW

Assignment: A5.2, A13.1, A14.1, A14.2, A14.3, A14.4, AA14.9, AA14.10
Venue: Classroom 110 TSP
Chairperson: Dr DG Breed (P)
Scribe: Dr WC Opperman (NW)
Vice Scribe: Dr N Vorster (VKN)
Members: Revs HJP de Beer (P), WM Snyman (B), dr JV Fatuse (S); Elders F Venter (NW), MC Duvenage (B), R Muller (VKN), GWP van Wyk (RV), JTS van der Merwe (B)
Advisor: Prof A le R du Plooy

18. COMMISSION DOCTRINAL 1

Assignment: A15.1, A15.2, A15.3, A15.4, A15.5
Venue: Classroom 111 (TSP)
Chairperson: Dr G Breed (RV)
Scribe: Rev BCG Fourie (P)
Vice Scribe: Dr ALA Buys (B)
Members: Revs HV Venter (S), LH Moretsi (RV), dr DM Nkulu (RV), rev SL Oostruis (NW); Elders B Jager (S), HS van der Walt (P), JA Coetzee (NW), OFJ Hartung (O), MC Hattingh (B)
Advisor: Prof CFC Coetzee

19. COMMISSION DOCTRINAL 2

Assignment: A15.6, A15.7, A15.8, A15.9, A15.10
Venue: Classroom 112 (TSP)
Chairperson: Rev JJ Cloete (NW)
Scribe: Rev L du P van der Vyver (P)
Vice Scribe: Rev D van 't Zand (RV)
Members: Revs AP de Jager (VKN), PJJ van Nieuwenhuizen (B), DHP Wijnbeek (S); Elders G Kotzee (RV), DF du Toit (NW), DE Niemand (O), AJ van Wyk (NW)
Advisor: Prof CFC Coetzee

20. COMMISSION LITURGICAL 1

Assignment: A16.1, AA16.1, A16.2, AA16.2,
Venue: Student Tearoom (TSP)
Chairperson: Dr AJ Krüger (O)
Scribe: Rev JP van der Walt (S)

Vice Scribe: Rev JA Schutte (RV)
Members: Dr JM van Tonder (RV), revs JL van der Schyff (VKN), AH Steyn (O), SJMS Smit (B); Elders HF Kruger (B), TE Gxotani (S), DJ Taljaard (NW), TM Buys (O), P Welken (sek)(VKN), I du Preez (P)
Advisor: Prof FP Viljoen

21. COMMISSION LITURGICAL 2

Assignment: A16.3, A16.4, A16.8, AA16.9, AA16.10
Venue: Reformed Church Potchefstroom North Hall
Chairperson: Dr ME Schalekamp (RV)
Scribe: Rev LJ Buys (NW)
Vice Scribe: Rev DJ Bakker (O)
Members: Revs CJ van Heyningen (P), J Malan (S), OI Rooibaadjie (NW); Elders CJH Schutte (S), THB van Dam (P), W Smit (O), DJ de Klerk (VKN), L van den Brink (VKN), G Schoeman (P)
Advisor: Prof FP Viljoen

22. COMMISSION MEDIA EN PUBLICATIONS

Assignment: A17.1, A17.2, A17.3, AA17.3, A17.4, A17.5, A17.6, AA17.7
Venue: Additional hall Reformed Church Potchefstroom North
Chairperson: Dr SJ van der Walt (VKN)
Scribe: Rev AP Kruger (VKN)
Vice Scribe: Rev JP Fleischmann (S)
Members: Revs DP Prinsloo (B), SP Venter (B); Elders WJ Steyn (S), PJ Jones (NW), HG Kruger (VKN) F J van Vuuren (RV), F du Toit (P), DL de Beer (sek)(O)
Advisor: Prof GJC Jordaan

23. COMMISSION THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Assignment: A18.1, AA18.1, AA18.6
Venue: Senate hall TSP
Chairperson: Rev SD Snyman (P)
Scribe: Dr PH Heystek (P)
Vice Scribe: Rev PJ van der Walt (O)
Members: Rev PM Modise (RV), dr VE d'Assonville (B), rev ED Pelele (NW), MP Fourie (S), MJ Temba (VKN); Elders J Brouwer (VKN), GJ Oosthuizen (P), C Reinecke (RV), BH Venter (O), JA Hoogenboezem (B), PJ Snyman (NW), JA Niesing (S)

24. COMMISSION APPOINTMENT DEPUTIES

Assignment: Appoint Deputy groups as decided by the Synod
Venue: Festival office (Admin Bureau)
Chairperson: Rev EJ Tiemensma (O)
Scribe: Rev P Fanoy (RV)
Vice Scribe: Rev BR Kingma (S)
Members: Dr HG Stoker (P), revs JC Erasmus (NW), LAS Nel (B), MJ Smidt (VKN); Elders JJ van Niekerk (O), JH van der Merwe (RV), FJ Kruger (S), GL Erasmus (P), MC Erasmus (NW), CNW Ligthelm (B), PJ Manake (VKN)

G. REPORT OF THE MODERAMEN IN CONSULTATION WITH DR KOBUS VAN DER WALT AND REV CASSIE AUCAMP WITH REGARD TO THE ORDER OF THE MEETING

The following method is recommended do Synod:

1. that every reporter of a Deputy report, elucidator of a Petition of Protest and protestor receive 5 minutes to give a short summary of the matter

2. that the Report / Point of Description / Petition of Protest is immediately referred to the relevant commission, unless the reporter indicates that the matter can be concluded immediately
3. that Reports not be dealt with or referred partially, but as a whole
4. that the Chairperson will judge when it is necessary that a Report earmarked for immediate conclusion, be referred to a Commission
5. that a reporter, elucidator or protestor who feels that he needs more than 5 minutes will present his case to the Order Commission, who will then advise the Chairperson on the matter
6. that a Report be referred to a certain Commission in its entirety and that the Commission takes the responsibility to bring matters that should be dealt with by another commission (such as finances or deputies) under the attention of the relevant commission.
7. that appealants and elucidators of the decisions that are appealed, each receive 10 minutes for a summarising presentation of the essence of their cases to Synod
8. that the Chairperson will see that the questions asked by members of the meeting during the initial presentation of the Appeal and elucidation are *bona fide* information questions
9. that this will from now onwards be the method of this Synod and that this replaces all previous decisions regarding this meeting's method.

Decision: Approved – amendments have been made already – Deputies Acta.