

10.2 POINT OF DESCRIPTION OF REGIONAL SYNOD RANDVAAL REGARDING THE HANDLING OF CONTENTIOUS MATTERS (Art 16)

- A. Rev D van 't Zand presents the Point of Description.
- B. **Decision:** The Point of Description will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. POINT OF DESCRIPTION

That the following be presented to the National Synod: The Moderamen gives opportunity for Bible Study and prayer in groups before contentious matters are discussed.

Motivation

The testimony of rev M Rebel in his article in *Die Kerkblad* (June 2008:35-36) indicates that this approach bore great fruits in the Christelik Gereformeerde Kerk in Nederland's Synod of 2007.

It could be that some delegates arrive at the Synod in a combative mode. This approach offers the opportunity of the delegates to see each other as fellow fighters and not opponents.

If the one group should defeat the other with a majority of votes, it does not serve God's honour. It is probable that no persuasion would take place. The opposite will probably happen: the "groups" will move further away from each other. We have been called to find each other in Christ.

Decision: In the light of art 32 CO, which provides for this, the Point of Description is not given effect to.