

26. REPORTS: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES (Artt 12, 103, 245, 309, 316, 344)

- A. Rev P Fanoy delivers the First Commission Report.
- B. Dr CJ Smit delivers the Second Commission Report.
- C. Rev SD Snyman delivers the Third Commission Report.
- D. Rev EJ Tiemensma reports on behalf of the Commission Appointment of Deputies (2.27).
- E. Rev CA Jansen reports on behalf of the Order Commission (2.9).
- F. Dr D Lartz reports on behalf of the Order Commission regarding the appointment of secundi.
- G. **Decision:** Appointment of secundi to Deputy Groups: Deputy Groups are free to co-opt experts for advice in cases where it is really necessary. The persons who are co-opted do not become permanent members of the Deputy Group, but are used on an ad hoc basis.

H. FIRST REPORT

1. Assignment

The appointment of Deputies as decided by Synod.

Decision: Note taken.

2. Matters for notice

- 2.1 Regarding the method the Commission adhered to the following decisions of previous National Synods:
 - 2.1.1 Churches and Deputy Groups provide names of suitable persons that could serve in Deputy Groups to the Director of the Administrative Buro (Acta 1991:69, 3.3.12.2; 1994:727, 1.2.1). In this regard the Commission wants to thank the Director who addressed several calls to Churches and Deputy Groups for such names. This call was made in adherence to previous Synod decisions, and for this reason the Commission regrets the fact that it has now happened for the second consecutive time that very little reaction on the requests came forward. This complicates the task of the Commission to appoint Deputy Groups.
 - 2.1.2 Delegates to the Synod suggest persons by providing the Commission with names and a motivation in written format.
 - 2.1.3 The following criteria is valid for appointment to a Deputy Group: Expertise, interest, study field, availability, healthy variation, continuity, involvement of young energy, and distances (Acta 2000:536, 2.4).
 - 2.1.4 Before the final Report is presented to Synod, the Report is offered to the Moderamen for final advice, after which the report serves before the assembly.
 - 2.1.5 No retired ministers or professors should be appointed to Deputy Groups. In addition, service professors should not serve in Deputy Groups either (Acta 1979:179, 8.4; 1991:69, 3.3.12.2d; 1994:729, 1.2.4). However, professors may be added to Deputy Groups as advisors.
 - 2.1.6 Stipulations for the composition of the Management of the Administrative Buro and the Trustees of the different Trust Funds are compiled according to the different regulations.
- 2.2 Nominators and nominees should take into account that due to high travel cost due to distances, a limited number of Deputy Groups and the possibility of groups that are too large, it is not obvious that all those suggested will be appointed to a certain Deputy Group.

Decision: Note taken – amendments already included – Deputies Acta.

3. Matters for decision

- 3.1 Synod approves the following method, with consideration of 2.1 to 2.6 above:

- 3.1.1 Delegates have opportunity until Thursday, 8 January 2009 at 20:30 to hand in more names of persons for possible appointment to Deputy Groups.
- 3.1.2 It should be submitted in writing to the Scribe of the the Commission, namely dr HG Stoker and revs BR Kingma and P Fanoy.
- 3.1.3 Delegates should feel free to also enter their own names if they would like to serve on a Deputy Group themselves.
- 3.1.4 In order to be able to reach the nominees, nominators are requested to provide full initials and surname, as well as phone numbers and an address.
- 3.2 The Commission presents a preliminary Report to Synod on Wednesday, 14 January 2009. The Report is not discussed in the open assembly.
Argumentation: As part of the method of this Commission, persons, and not issues, are discussed, which differs from all other Commissions. The good name and honour of my neighbour is at stake (Ex 20:16, HC, So 43). In order to obey the Ninth Commandment, the Commission hears recommendations and arguments with regard to the suggested persons for the Deputy Groups in confidentiality. The Commission places a high premium on maintaining this confidentiality.
- 3.3 The Commission presents the Final Report to Synod on Friday 16 January 2009. No discussion will follow, and therefore delegates are requested to give input at the Commission beforehand.

Decision: Approved.

I. SECOND REPORT

1. Assignment

The appointment of Deputies as decided by Synod.

Decision: Note taken.

2. Matters that Deputy Groups should consider

- 2.1 Deputies should complete their assignments in a manner that is cost friendly. This entails that travel cost be kept to the minimum and e-mail and telephone conference facilities be used as much as possible. The request is directed in light of the fact that the high number of Deputy Groups can incur high costs for the denomination.

Decision: Approved.

- 2.2 Deputies should pay careful attention to their assignments and should adhere to them. In this way Synod decisions are properly enacted and unhappiness about the expansion or continuation of assignments are prevented.
- 2.3 When there are deviations with regard to the assignment from Synod, these should be properly motivated in the report to the next Synod.

Decision: Note taken of 2.2 and 2.3.

J. THIRD REPORT

1. Assignment

The appointment of Deputies as decided by Synod.

Decision: Note taken.

2. Suggested Deputy groups

NOTE: Deputy Groups are free to co-opt experts in cases where it is really necessary. The persons who are co-opted, do not become permanent members of the Deputy Group, but are used on an ad hoc basis.

2.1 MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE BURO

Rev EJ Tiemensma (Chairperson), Vice-director (Secretary), Director, br LJ Kruger (Finances), elder NJ van Rensburg (IT and Systems expert), Rev W Vogel (Trustees), elder MC Erasmus (Properties), prof G Pienaar (Legal expert), elder JH van der Merwe (Ontdekkers – Human resources), revs MA Modise (Curators) and LH van Schaik (Liaison Deputy).

Sekundi: Revs PA Coetzee (Curator), CA Jansen (Trustees), brothers P Roos (Human Resources), GJ Badenhorst (Properties), dr PWB Kruger (Pretoria-Brooklyn) and Rev ME Makhobosi.

Audit committee: Brothers JP Snyman (Koster) and JA Venter (Klerksdorp).

Liaison Deputies: Revs LH van Schaik (Chairperson), CA Jansen (Scribe) and W Vogel. Further representatives from the Regional Synods.

Representatives from the Regional Synods

Southern Regional Synod: Rev KAJ van Rensburg (p).

Regional Synod Pretoria: Rev PJ Nel (p).

Eastern Regional Synod: Rev J van Schaik (p).

Regional Synod Randvaal: Dr D Lartz (p).

Regional Synod North-West: Prof SJ van der Merwe (p).

Regional Synod Bushveld: Rev N Boy (p).

Regional Synod Free State and Natal: Rev AF Berg (p).

Decision: For the Sekundi: Sekundi are appointed by the relevant Regional Synods and classes.

2.2 DEPUTIES RETIREMENT CARE ACCORDING TO CHURCH ORDER, ARTICLES 11, 13 and 20

Elected member Trustees PPF: Revs LH van Schaik (Chairperson), PA Coetzee (Scribe/Scribe medical and Thuso), W Vogel (Scribe EVT) and CA Jansen (Scribe PPF).

Sekundi: Rev CJH Breed and dr EJ de Beer.

Experts appointed: Brothers JJ Howell (Randburg, Vice-chairperson), BD Bakker (Standerton), JH van der Merwe (Ontdekkers) and AJ Kruger (Kroonstad).

Advisor: Br BG Kukkuk (Meyerspark).

Appointed members: Revs JP Sithole and HH Sehoole.

Head officer: Are appointed by new Trustees according to the regulations.

Vice-Scribe and Fund manager: Dr W du Plessis.

Sekundi for possible co-opting: Br B van der Merwe (Rietvallei).

Actuary: Mr C Heymans.

2.3 DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY (National)

Revs PW Kurpershoek (Chairperson), H Goede (Scribe), drs CJ Smit, JV Fatuse, MJ du Plessis, Revs TE Gxotani and C Aucamp.

Advisors: Proff CFC Coetzee, A le R du Plooy, FW de Wet and RS Letšosa.

Sekundi: Rev TJ Potgieter and dr G Breed.

2.4 DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY (Abroad)

Dr DG Breed (Chairperson), Rev HS Coetzee (Scribe), drs HG Stoker, CJ Smit, Revs IW Ferreira, CB Swanepoel, S Hibbert, TF Dreyer, drs PJ Buys, J Lion-Cachet, Revs BCG Fourie (responsible for liaison), ASA de Bruyn, MA Modise, RS Hobyane, N Boy, drs J Smit and SP van der Walt.

Advisors: Proff A le R du Plooy, CFC Coetzee and D Mashau.

Correspondents: Rev MJ du Plessis (Australia), dr VE d'Assonville (Europe), Revs HK de Kock (United Kingdom), JAT van Blerk (USA), A Jansen (The Netherlands) and R Khumar (East).

Sekundi: Revs PG Geertsema and E Kayayan.

2.5 DEPUTIES GOVERNMENT

Rev C Aucamp (Chairperson), dr N Vorster (Scribe), Revs RP van Wyk, DF Muller, prof M Wiechers, dr PWB Kruger (Pretoria-Brooklyn), Rev ED Pelele and dr JV Fatuse.

Sekundi: Rev CJH Breed and br MN Hermann.

Advisors: Prof JM Vorster and dr PJ Buys.

2.6 DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS

2.6.1 Church Journals

Rev P Venter (Chairperson), Revs NW Ligthelm, JG Noëth (Scribe), MR Ramalisa, The three editors of Journals, Mrs J Fourie (Vice-editor) and Vice-director of the Administrative Buro.

Advisors: Proff CFC Coetzee and RS Letšosa.

Editors: *Die Kerkblad* – Dr CN van der Merwe; *Die Gereformeerde Vroueblad* – Mrs C Steyn; *Die Slingervel* – Dr CN van der Merwe; *Kruispad* – Mrs Maureen van Helden.

2.6.2 Almanak

Revs W Vogel (Chairperson), CA Jansen, MR Ramalisa and dr W du Plessis (Scribe).

2.6.3 CJBF, Church Order and Evangelisation Media

Drs GJ Meijer (Chairperson), VE d'Assonville (Scribe), Revs SD de Kock, S Hibbert, br JM Earle, Revs PG Geertsema, LH Moretsi and the Director of the Administrative Buro.

Advisors: Proff GJC Jordaan and DF du Plessis (Pretoria-Alkantrant).

Experts revision Totius versification: The Deputies should involve experts to take care of the evaluation of the Totius text before the assignment to complete it can be fulfilled. The numbering of the Psalms was given to the CJBF as assignment.

2.7 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

2.7.1 Curatorium

Regional Synod Bushveld

Primi: Revs SA Cilliers, CB Swanepoel, dr VE d'Assonville.

Secundi: Revs HPM van Rhyn, JG Noëth, dr ALA Buys.

Regional Synod North-West

Primi: Revs PA Coetzee, ED Pelele, drr WC Opperman, CJ Smit.

Secundi: Rev MR Ramalisa, dr SJ van der Merwe, Revs JB du Plessis, PM Lekgetho.

Eastern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs LH van Schaik, EJ Tiemensma, MA Modise.

Secundi: Revs CJH Breed, PJ van der Walt, CA Jansen.

Regional Synod Free State and KwaZulu-Natal

Primi: Revs MJ Smidt, MJ Temba, dr SJ van der Walt.

Secundi: Revs JA du Preez, SJ Ntuli, dr HF van Wyk.

Regional Synod Pretoria

Primi: Drr DG Breed, HG Stoker, PH Heystek.

Secundi: Dr GJ Meijer, Revs MA Sekhoalelo, C Aucamp.

Regional Synod Randvaal

Primi: Drr G Breed, D Lartz, Rev PM Modise.

Secundi: Drr WC Vergeer, J Pretorius, Rev LH Moretsi.

Southern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs RG Aucamp, BR Kingma, MP Fourie.

Secundi: Revs TJ Potgieter, JP van der Walt, DHP Wijnbeek.

2.7.2 Broad Curatorium

Regional Synod Bushveld

Primi: Revs HPM van Rhyn, JG Noëth, dr ALA Buys.

Secundi: Revs PJJ van Nieuwenhuizen, G Opperman, CJJ Putter.

Regional Synod North-West

Primi: Rev MR Ramalisa, dr SJ van der Merwe, Revs JB du Plessis, PM Lekgetho.

Secundi: Rev W Vogel, dr AH Grové, Revs AB van der Walt, TC de Klerk.

Eastern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs CJH Breed, PJ van der Walt, CA Jansen.

Secundi: Drs AJ Krüger, JH Howell, Rev LSD du Plessis.

Regional Synod Free State and Kwa-Zulu-Natal

Primi: Revs PK Lourens, JP Sithole, dr HF van Wyk.

Secundi: Revs WJ Botha, MJ Letebele.

Regional synod Pretoria

Primi: Dr GJ Meijer, Revs MA Sekhoalelo, C Aucamp.

Secundi: Revs BCG Fourie, IW Ferreira, HJP de Beer.

Regional Synod Randvaal

Primi: Drs WC Vergeer, J Pretorius, Rev LH Moretsi.

Secundi: Drs ME Schalekamp, FP Kruger, Rev P Fanoy.

Southern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs TJ Potgieter, JP van der Walt, DHP Wijnbeek.

Secundi: Revs P Lubbinge, RP van Wyk, JH Venter.

2.8 DEPUTIES HISTORICAL MATTERS GKSA

Church archive and museum

Revs G Opperman (Chairperson), C Jooste (Scribe), srs C Huisman, R van der Walt (Potchefstroom), Revs JG Noëth, AH Stavast, dr J du Plooy (Krugersdorp), brs J Verhoef (Potchefstroom-North), J Malunga (Ikageng-Bophirima), AB du Plessis (Bellville-East) and Rev J Malan.

Secundus: Rev PJ Venter.

Advisors: Dr JM van Tonder and prof PH Fick.

Note: It has been brought to the attention of the commission that the current curator of the Church Museum, sr M Coetsee, will retire after the Festival. It is therefore recommended that the Deputies appoint a replacement in collaboration with the Administrative Buro.

2.9 DEPUTIES LITURGICAL MATTERS

Dr EJ Smit (Chairperson), Rev JL van der Schyff (Scribe), proff PGW du Plessis (Potchefstroom-North), H du Plooy (Noordbrug), br PH Roodt (Meyerspark), dr J van Rooy (Noordbrug), srs WJC Schoombée (Rooihuiskraal), A Viljoen (Potchefstroom-North, Revs BC Smit, JM Letebele and dr JA Erasmus.

Secundi: Rev D Pansegrouw, sr D Pretorius (Ontdekkers), brs D Strydom and W Luiting (Rietvallei).

Advisors: Proff BJ de Klerk, HF van Rooy and RS Letšosa.

Assignment from Art 69: Dr ME Schalekamp (Chairperson), Revs JH Grobler (Scribe), HLJ Momberg, drr SJ van der Walt, EJ Smit, JV Fatuse, Revs JM Letebele, NN Ligege and S Phungula.

Advisors: Dr J van Rooy, prof RS Letšosa and dr DG Breed.

Decision: The decisions remain valid. **Motivation:** the principle design and eventual effect on CO, art 69 is a prerequisite for the evaluation of all songs for church use.

Decision: Approved.

2.10 DEPUTIES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Drs DJ de Kock (Chairperson), EJ de Beer (Scribe), prof PJ Mentz (Potchefstroom), br R Boshoff (Waterberg Dissenting), prof AJ Viljoen (Noordbrug), Rev LSD du Plessis, br K Ndou, dr ALA Buys, Rev DP Prinsloo, drr M van Loggerenberg, M Kirsten, br MAL Linde (Messina) and P Bisschoff.

Advisors: Proff CJ Reinecke (Noordbrug) and PP Krüger.

Secundi: Dr L Swanepoel and br A Swaters.

Evolution Theory: Prof PH Stoker (convenor), br AT van de Wetering (Die Kandelaar), Rev PJ Venter, br L Coetzee (Randburg), prof L Coetzee (Rietvallei), dr AG Miskin, Rev A Sekhalelo and prof G Kruger (Pinetown).

2.11 DEPUTIES YOUTH CARE

Revs HC van Rooy (Chairperson), TJ van Vuuren (Scribe), RA Bain, LJ Buys, G Mtuli, LH Moretsi, brs G Jooste (Wapadrant), W Smit (Middelburg-North), GLM Erasmus (Pretoria-Brooklyn), Revs G van Wyk and HV Venter.

Secundi: Revs RB Fourie and HL Stavast.

Advisors: Rev BCG Fourie, dr DG Breed and prof RS Letšosa.

Editor Kruispad: Sr M van Helden.

Advisor *Kruispad*: Dr AJ Krüger.

2.12 DEPUTIES CATECHISM

Dr FP Kruger (Chairperson), Rev BR Kingma (Scribe), dr PC van der Walt, Rev JP van der Walt, br J Dreyer, Revs PJ Nel, TP Liphoko, PM Modise, brs DJ Coetzee (Bloemfontein-North), A van Wyk (Rietvallei), Rev PJ van Blerk, sr R Steenkamp (Rietvallei) and elder P Bisschoff (Die Kandelaar).

Advisors: Dr G Breed and prof RS Letšosa.

2.13 DEPUTIES DOCTRINAL MATTERS

Revs HPM van Rhyn (Chairperson), DF Muller (Scribe), dr N Vorster, Rev HLJ Momberg, dr De W Saaiman, Revs HH Sehoolle, JP Sithole and PC van Rooy.

Advisors: Proff PH Fick, CFC Coetzee, JJJ van Rensburg and PP Krüger.

Alternative Formularies for the Holy Communion: Dr N Vorster (Chairperson), Revs JP Kruger (Scribe), SJMS Smit, proff H Du Plooy, HF van Rooy and JJJ van Rensburg.

2.14 DEPUTIES LEGAL MATTERS

Rev RM van der Merwe (convenor), dr J Smit (Scribe), adv JL Gildenhuys (Pretoria-Alkantrant), adv LS de Klerk (Pretoria-Brooklyn), adv GL Grobler (Pretoria-Alkantrant), adv LI Vorster (Pretoria-Alkantrant), adv JJ Swanepoel (Windhoek), prof F Venter (Potchefstroom-North) and professor in Church Polity.

Secundus: Dr JH Howell.

Note: The Deputies Legal Matters should find a knowledgeable lawyer to assist them in matters where necessary.

2.15 DEPUTIES DEACONAL MATTERS

Revs MJ Erasmus (Chairperson), LAS Nel (Vice-chairperson), GS Kruger, Director of Administrative Buro (Liaison Deputy), I Minnie (Glenzicht), two heads of the children's homes, deacon G Pool (Kemptonpark), deacon F Pretorius (Odendaalsrus), deacon J Pretorius (Akasia), Revs VP Rankgotha (Bloemfontein) and SM Nhlongo.

Advisor: Br CJH Kruger (Waterkloofrand).

Secundus: Deacon J Beumer.

2.16 DEPUTIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

2.16.1 Publication of the Acta

Scribe of the Synod (2009) (Chairperson), Vice-Scribe (2009), Chairperson and Scribes of the Order Commission (2009), and dr W du Plessis.

Advisor: Prof CFC Coetzee.

Note: The Deputies should do an extensive study with regard to alternative time and logistic arrangements for future Synods.

2.16.2 Agenda, correspondence and scheduling of Synod

Rev CA Jansen (Chairperson), drs D Lartz (Scribe), SP van der Walt, Director of the Administrative Buro, dr W du Plessis and two representatives (scheduling) from each Regional Synod.

Advisor: Rev LH van Schaik.

2.16.3 Adjudication of Appeals and Petitions of Protest

Revs PA Coetzee (Chairperson), RM van der Merwe (Scribe), J Temba and a representative of each Regional Synod.

2.17 DEPUTIES BIBLE

Revs DJ Bakker (Chairperson), J van Schaik (Scribe), dr AJ Krüger and Rev AM Sekhaulelo.

Liaison Deputy Bible Society: Br H Dekker.

Secundi: Rev CJC Roets and dr AH Bogaards.

Advisors: Proff GJC Jordaan and PP Krüger.

2.18 DEPUTIES APPLICATION CO, ART 66

Classis Potchefstroom.

2.19 DEPUTIES MEDIA AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2.19.1 Radio and TV

Revs HJP de Beer (Chairperson), HL Stavast (Scribe), P van Wyk, SZ Phungula, LH Moretsi, NN Ligege, VA Rankhotha, B Companie, WGM Kotze, JP Sithole, HH Sehoolle, JH Grobler, brs SO Oostruis and TE Xotani.

Note: The Deputies receive the assignment to appoint an executive management to do the coordination while the others are employed in the regions.

2.19.2 Information technology

The Administrative Buro has the assignment to appoint a webmaster. Until such time the Deputies appointed by Synod 2006 will serve.

2.20 DEPUTIES CO, ART 48

Rev MA Modise (Chairperson), dr PH Heystek (Scribe), Rev A Venter, dr EJ de Beer, Rev HH Sehoolle and dr JV Fatuse.

Advisors: Proff RS Letšosa, A le R du Plooy and dr PJ Buys.

2.21 DEPUTIES RETRANSLATION OF CONFESSIONS AND FORMULARIES

Drs VE d'Assonville (Chairperson), AH Bogaards and Rev E Kayayan.

Advisor: Prof PH Fick.

2.22 DEPUTIES: EQUIPPING ELDERS AND ASSISTANCE TO CHURCHES WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Rev IW Ferreira (Chairperson), drr FP Kruger (Scribe), PJ Buys, B de Vries, Revs MA Sekhaulelo, LH Moretsi and br PWB Kruger. Two Curators appointed by the Curatorium.

Advisors: Proff TD Mashau, BJ de Klerk and SJ van der Merwe.

Regional representatives

Bushveld: Revs CB Swanepoel and NN Ligege.

Pretoria: Revs TP Liphoko, E Kayayan, C Aucamp, OJ Oosthuizen and br O Nkoana.

Namibia: Dr WC Opperman and Rev PJ de Bruyn.

North-West: Revs JJ Venter, S Hibbert and prof RS Letšosa.

Randvaal: Drr HM Zwemstra, G Breed, DN Nkulu, EJ Smit and Rev PT Hlela.

Freestate: Revs TJ van Vuuren and PA Odendaal.

KwaZulu-Natal: Dr De W Saaiman, Revs SZ Phungula and DG Zwemstra.

Boland: Revs JP van der Walt and JP Fleischmann.

Eastern Cape: Rev DJP Erasmus and dr JV Fatuse.

Mpumalanga: Revs PC van Rooy and J Mhlangu.

East Rand: Rev CJC Roets.

2.23 STUDY DEPUTIES: APPEAL PROCEDURES AND CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE CONCEPT "RECOMMENDATION"

2.24 AS WELL AS "RECEPTIVITY OF PETITIONS OF PROTEST" AND REVISION OF ART. 31 CO (POTCHEFSTROOM)

Revs PA Coetzee (Chairperson), RM van der Merwe (Scribe), HJP de Beer, HH Schoole, dr GJ Meijer, Revs H Reinecke, FM Dreyer and PK Lourens.

Advisors: Proff A le R du Plooy and CFC Coetzee.

2.25 DEPUTIES RECONCILIATION WATERBERG AND ETOSHA

Rev MJ Smidt (convenor), dr G Breed and br PWB Kruger.

Note: It is preferable that the group should already report on progress after the continuation meeting in 2010.

2.26 STUDY DEPUTIES – PROTEST AGAINST 2001-VERSIFICATION (IF NECESSARY!)

Revs TJ Potgieter (Chairperson), JP van der Walt (Scribe), RG Aucamp, FM Dreyer, dr MJ du Plessis and Rev PA Coetzee.

Advisors: Proff FP Viljoen and PP Krüger.

2.27 DEPUTIES MATTERS OF CHURCH POLITY

Dr J Smit (Chairperson), Revs CA Jansen, PK Lourens, dr JH Howell.

Advisor: Prof A le R du Plooy.

Note: Investigate to which degree the application of CO, art 38 is affected by the fact that women may serve as deacons and make relevant recommendations.

3. Matters that Deputy Groups should consider

- 3.1 Deputy Groups should complete their assignments in a cost-friendly manner. This entails that travel cost should be kept to a minimum and that e-mail and telephone conference facilities should be used as much as possible. The request is directed in light of the fact that the high number of Deputy Groups can incur high costs for the denomination.
- 3.2 Deputies should pay careful attention to their assignments and keep to them. In this manner Synod's decisions can be enacted thoroughly and unhappiness about the extension or continuation of assignments can be prevented.
- 3.3 When there are deviations with regard to the assignments of Synod, this should be discussed in the Report to the next Synod.

4. Concluding remark

We pray that all Deputies receive the blessing and guidance of the Lord in completing their assignments to the glory of the King of the Church and in the interest of the GKSA.

27. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (Artt 288, 290, 292, 293, 346)

Br F Slabbert thanks the car guards and hands them an amount.

Word of thanks to dr W du Plessis for the Agenda in Braille.

Word of thanks from Synod Midlands for the trouble taken so that they may take part in the meeting in a meaningful manner.

Word of thanks to Mr Neels Jackson for his attendance of Synod and his positive reporting.

Word of thanks to dr SP van der Walt with assistance with the minutes.

Word of thanks to the Order Commission.

Prof E Peels directs a word of thanks for his reception and participation to the Synod.

Dr SJ van der Walt directs a word a thanks on behalf of Synod to the chairperson, dr CJ Smit, vice-chairperson, Rev SD Snyman, Scribe Rev LH van Schaik, assistant-scribes Revs HJP de Beer and MA Modise.

Word of thanks to prof A Combrink of the NWU as well as mr W de Klerk and C Gentle.

Word of thanks to the staff of the Administrative Buro, especially mr HSJ Vorster and dr W du Plessis; advisors and international representatives, interpreters, translators, o.a. Rev H Goede, sextons – Victor Correia, Johan Engelbrecht, Lohan Linde and Nobington Murambadoro, all the Commissions with their chairpersons and scribes, Order Commission under the guidance of Rev CA Jansen, the sisters of the different

congregations (correspondence Adminburo) Calling Church Councils, typists – Silvia Martens and Marlise Venter, Pieter van Schaik [duplication of Commission Reports and Minutes] persons who staffed the Festival booth – Lydia Vogel, Cecile Kinghorn and Paul Vogel.

Thanks to our Heavenly Father for his blessing of the Synod.

The following professors will retire before the next Synod: Proff A le R du Plooy, BJ de Klerk, CFC Coetzee and JM Vorster, as well as the following ministers: drr CJ Smit, JM van Tonder, MJ du Plessis, Revs RG Aucamp, DHP Wijnbeek, JC Erasmus, KAJ van Rensburg, Peet J van der Walt, B Companie, NN Ligege and PM Lekgetho.

The following ministers who were not delegated to Synod 2009, will retire before the following Synod: Drr DJS Steyn, AH Grové, IL Bekker, Revs JPB van der Walt and PGW de Beer.

28. CONCLUSION (Artt 294, 347)

The Chairperson, dr CJ Smit, directs a few words of thanks to the Synod, the Order Commission, dr W du Plessis, Rev SD Snyman for his assistance, Revs LH van Schaik, MA Modise and HJP de Beer.

The Chairperson closes Synod by reading from Ephesians 3, directing a few words to the Synod and giving up Scripture Hymn 4:6 for singing, after which a prayer followed.

SYNOD ADJOURNS