

## 15. Diaconal Matters

### 15.1 REPORT 1: DIACONAL MATTERS – DIACONAL INSTITUTIONS (Art 143)

- A. Rev MJ Erasmus tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

#### C. REPORT

##### 1. Mandate (Acta 2003:146, 2.2)

- 1.1 The Deputies control all diaconal institutions of the GKSA in cooperation with the local church under which the particular institution resorts.
- 1.2 To, regarding diaconal institutions, act coordinately, liaise with the denomination, offer financial aid, arrange the administration and organization by a Liaison Deputy, and administrate funds collected for the institutions.
- 1.3 To, as representatives of the denomination, control all properties that have been acquired according to their assignment, and correctly act on its behalf.
- 1.4 To act proactively through liaison and coordination of all diaconal work of the Reformed Churches.
- 1.5 To liaise with the government and other institutions of compassion and charitable institutions according to CO, art 26.

**Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.5 noted.**

##### 2. Matters that the Synod take note of

###### 2.1 *Liaison inside the church*

- 2.1.1 The timely release of financial information. The Administrative Bureau has taken over the financial administration of SDDS (Acta 2003:149, 3.1) and has provided assistance to the homes with regards to this.
- 2.1.2 Drawing up the necessary budgets and the release of monthly financial information.
- 2.1.3 Telephonic liaison with the homes as well as visits once or twice a year.
- 2.1.4 Presentations have been given at the Diaconal Conferences.
- 2.1.5 Letters have been address to deacons and Church Councils regarding various matters. There are deacons who respond faithfully about certain matters and also provide assistance. Yet it is clear that letters generally do not receive the necessary attention and the denomination should take note of this.

###### 2.2 *Liaison outside the church*

###### 2.2.1 Liaison with the Government

Where necessary, the orphanages have liaised directly with Provincial Departments of Welfare.

**Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.2.1 noted.**

##### 3. Matters that the Synod decide on

###### Recommendation

That the to-be-appointed Deputies continue with the assignment (pt 1).

**Decision: Approved.**