

### 15.3 REPORT 3: DIACONAL MATTERS – MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTROL (Art 146)

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

#### C. REPORT

##### 1. Mandate (Acta 2006:168, 5)

- 1.1 That the financial control of all schemes under the control of the SDDS will continue to vest under the management of the Administrative Bureau.
- 1.2 That the audited statements must be submitted annually to the Management of the Administrative Bureau as well as to the Audit Committee of the Members' Meeting.

**Decision: Points 1.1 and 1.2 noted.**

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

- 2.1 *General:* The Deputies SDDS acts in a coordinating function in respect of
  - 2.1.1 Collection and handling of funds.
  - 2.1.2 Determining policies related to personnel.
- 2.2 *Collection and handling of funds:* funds have been received and administered in the following ways:
  - 2.2.1 Where specific instructions for the use of funds have been received, these instructions have been strictly adhered to.
  - 2.2.2 Where funds have been received for general use by SDDS, these funds have been distributed taking into account the following:
    - 2.2.2.1 Funds that were sent directly by the denominations to homes
    - 2.2.2.2 Specific needs at the homes.
    - 2.2.2.3 Normally the division was done on an equal basis, but distributions were also made where the deficit was the greatest at a particular time.
    - 2.2.2.4 Participation by the children's homes on funds they received.
    - 2.2.2.5 Division to provide for assistance to deacons under CO, art 25. That the audited statements are submitted annually to the Management of the Administrative Bureau as well as to the Audit committee of the Members' meeting.
- 2.3 *Subsidies:* As in the past, it has again become clear that subsidies from the government do not keep pace with inflation. As with all welfare organizations, the finances of the children's homes are put under increasing pressure year by year.
- 2.4 During the past three years, the management and staff of our children's homes have still worked together in all fields and have met regularly to discuss matters of common interest.

**Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.4 noted.**

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

###### Recommendation

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

**Decision: Approved.**