

16.15 REPORT 10: DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY ABROAD – MISSIONARY WORK COORDINATION DESK (Art 56)

- A. Rev HS Coetzee tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

Deputies responsible for this desk: Rev CB Swanepoel (s), dr PJ Buys.

For notice

1. *Mandate*

- 1.1 The Gereformeerde Kerk Wapadrant is to head the creation of a database.
- 1.2 The Synod is to thank the Gereformeerde Kerk Wapadrant for funding and doing this work.
- 1.3 The Deputies Ecumenicity: Abroad are to continue coordinating Reformed missionary work in Africa and keep the GKSA abreast of developments.
- 1.4 The Deputies are to obtain information about the initiatives of churches engaged in missionary work in Africa.

Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.4 noted.

2. **Execution of the mandate**

- 2.1 The Deputies helped facilitate the creation of cooperation agreements. The Kosin Presbyterian Church and the GK Rustenburg were able to enter into an agreement in which rev Chun was called and ordained as missionary minister, in accordance with CO, art 7 successfully working towards establishing new congregations under the supervision of the GK Rustenburg.
- 2.2 Upon request from br Koos Hagg and an emergent house church in Hanoi, Vietnam (where less than 2% of the population are Christian), the Deputies approached GK Potchefstroom-Die Bult to support the work in Hanoi and consider the possibility of establishing a Reformed Church there in future.
- 2.3 The Deputies are in talks with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Uganda, a new church in a poverty-stricken area, about providing aid in the form of theological training and community development projects.
- 2.4 The database on the missionary work of the GKSA that the GK Wapadrant wished to create could, not as yet undertaken.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.4 noted.

For decision making

3. **Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Deputies are to be instructed anew to coordinate missionary work cooperation among foreign churches in South Africa and other African countries as well as other parts of the world, by make information available to the churches and, where possible, offer advice in order to facilitate good and proper cooperation agreements between nationally and internationally affiliated churches.

3.2 The Deputies are to continue their discussions with Wapadrant, other Reformed Churches and Missionet about creating a database containing information about South African churches' involvement in missionary work abroad. Should Wapadrant be unable to finalise the matter, the deputies attend to it themselves.

Decision: Points 3.1 and 3.2 approved (amendments already added – Deputies Act).