

16.16 REPORT 11: DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY ABROAD – COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY DESK (Art 57)

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

C. REPORT

Deputies representing this desk: Prof HG Stoker (s), dr DG Breed (law on co-option).

For notice

1. Mandate

- 1.1 The Nederduitsch Gereformeerde (NGK) and Nederduitsch Hervormde (NH) churches are to be thanked for their warm cooperation in supporting expatriate South Africans to become part of churches abroad. Thanks is also to be given for the funds that are set aside for visits and the like.
- 1.2 The GKSA are to contribute, as much as possible, to the potential training and sending of young people to Australia to aid for a time in locating, contacting and ministering to former GKSA members and other South Africans.

Decision: Points 1.1 and 1.2 noted.

2. Execution of the mandate

- 2.1 Regular meetings were held with commissions of the NG and NH churches to formulate ways of supporting and drawing expatriate South Africans to churches abroad.
- 2.2 After conferring with overseas churches, it was decided to shelve the idea of an organised initiative to send young people to Australia and leave it to congregations to arrange it themselves for the time being.

Decision: Points 2.1 and 2.2 noted.

For decision making

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The NG and NH churches are to be thanked for their generous assistance in supporting and drawing expatriate South Africans to churches abroad.
- 3.2 The Deputies Ecumenicity are to be instructed to continue work with the NG and NH (and other) churches.

Decision: Points 3.1 and 3.2 approved.