

## 19.14 REPORT 6: DEPUTIES YOUTH CARE – MULTI-CULTURAL NATURE OF GKSA YOUTH (Art 169)

- A. Rev HC van Rooy tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

### C. REPORT

#### 1. Mandate

The Deputies are to keep in mind the multi-cultural nature of the youth in GKSA in all its endeavours (Acta 2009:333, 4.2; continued in Acta 2012:247,3.1).

**Decision: Noted.**

#### 2. Execution of the mandate

##### 2.1 *Matters that the Synod take note of*

2.1.1 The Deputies take into account the multi-cultural nature of the GKSA youth in all its planning – especially in terms of English literature, topical themes, launching of activities via social media, etc. Yet, contact between the different culture remains inadequate.

2.1.2 The black churches in the GKSA established the youth movement (Reformed Church Youth Movement (RCYM)) in 1993, to minister to all Reformed youth.

2.1.2.1 Virtually all the black churches are involved in the RCYM and regularly interact on provincial level at conferences.

2.1.2.2 A National Youth Conference will be held in 2015 to celebrate its 21 anniversary.

2.1.2.3 Although some of the Deputies from the black churches are involved with the RCYM, no formal contact has been made as yet. Revs Charl van Rooy and George Mduli (GKSA Deputies: Youth Care) were invited to a planning meeting on 5 July 2014 to establish such ties with this youth movement.

##### 2.1.3 Crossroad

2.1.3.1 In the past, youth from the black churches (especially theological students) were contracted by the *Kruispad* magazine editorial staff to write culturally specific articles (usually the magazine reserved two pages for English articles).

2.1.3.2 The Deputies launched a brand new English magazine, viz. *Crossroad*, in 2013 – specifically aimed at this market.

2.1.3.2.1 The magazine is distributed free of charge digitally or sold at R10 per hardcopy (a black-and-white photocopied magazine).

2.1.3.2.2 Two issues were already published in 2013 and two issues are planned for 2014. At present the content is translated, but English writers are being sought out.

**Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.1.3.2.2 noted.**

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

3.1 The yet to be appointed Deputies are to continue with the above initiatives (as per 2.1.2 and 2.1.3), above and beyond the general instruction to take into account the multi-cultural nature of the GKSA youth.

**Decision: Approved.**