

20.3 REPORT DEPUTIES FOR LEGAL MATTERS (Art 98)

- A. Prof J Smit tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Assignment

Acta 2003:454-458.

Acta 2009:361.

Acta 2012:260.

Decision: Noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

2.1 *Nature of the activities of the Deputies for Legal Matters*

Several churches and ecclesiastical institutions, including local churches, Deputy groups, the Administrative Buro and the Curatorium approached the Deputies for legal advice. The following report lists the most important matters for which advice or guidance were asked, shows what the Deputies were busy with in completing the assignment. The nature of the activities are of such a nature that advice is provided telephonically and/or verbally, in as far as possible. The Deputies convened several times in order to discuss more complicated or important requests. Some of the matters listed in (2.2) have still not been concluded, but are in the process of completion.

2.2 *The following matters have been attended to:*

2.2.1 GK De Hoop.

2.2.2 GK Atteridgeville.

2.2.3 GK Tshiawelo.

2.2.4 GK Boipatong.

2.2.5 Training of women as candidate students.

2.2.6 Deputies Authority.

2.2.7 Appearance of a person(s) before the Human Rights Commission.

2.2.8 Research Chair: Ecumenicals Pentacostalism and Neo-Pentacostalism.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.2.8 noted (amendment already added – Deputies Acta).

3. Matters for decision

Synod again appoints Deputies for Legal Matter with the assignment to offer churches, church assemblies, Deputies, and institutions such as the Administrative Bureau and the Curatorium legal advice for urgent matters and necessary cases, and/or to assist them in obtaining legal advice.

Decision: Approved with thanks expressed towards the Deputies who provide this service, especially the jurists.