

## 23.2 REPORT 2: DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS – CJBFB – TOTIUS FUND (Artt 102, 103)

- A. Dr GJ Meijer tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

### C. REPORT

#### 1. Mandate

- 1.1 The assignment is contained in the Rules of the Totius Fund (Acta 1982: 226-227, and Acta 2006:756-758). The control of Psalm Book stock as well as control over the Totius Fund rests with these Deputies. The administration is handled by the Administrative Bureau on behalf of the Deputies.
- 1.2 That the CJBFB deputies (Totius Fund), in consultation with the Deputies Liturgical Matters, continue with the publication of the Psalm book (Acta 2012:416, 2.3, and Acta 2012:433, 3.4).
- 1.3 That talks with Naspers is conducted to ensure that Psalm books will still be printed affordably upon request (Acta 2012:430, 2.1.1 and 2.1.2):
  - 1.3.1 Ensure that the copyright arrangements regarding the 2009 Psalm book and the reflection thereof are corrected in the Psalm book.
  - 1.3.2 Enter into discussion with Naspers on acquiring rights to electronically distribute the Scriptural hymns of which the GKSA does not hold the copyright.
  - 1.3.3 The copyright on the parts in the 2010 Psalm Book (“Green” Psalm Book) that do not appear in the 2009 Psalm Book as well as the Scriptural hymns referred to in 2.1.2.2 (Acta 2012:430) belongs to Naspers, who took it over from Lux Verbi BM. The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to engage with Naspers on acquiring rights to electronically distribute the Psalm-versifications and Scriptural hymns of which the GKSA does not hold the copyright.
- 1.4 The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to liaise with Naspers (text) and mr Colin Campbell (music portion) to obtain the master copies of the Psalm Books and to store it (Acta 2012:430, 2.2).
- 1.5 The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to complete the project “Electronic availability of Psalm notation to congregations for use with projectors” (Acta 2012:430, 2.3).
- 1.6 Revised Totius-text (Acta 2012:431, 2.4.3):
  - 1.6.1 The revised text (according to the final version, dated 9 September 2011) of the 1936/7-Psalms versification is hereby submitted to the Synod with the recommendation that the revised text may be used as alternative text by the congregations.
  - 1.6.2 The revised 1936/7-Psalms versification as full text is made available in electronic format only for use by congregations (see the decision of Synod 2009:716, 5.2).
  - 1.6.3 The assignment of Synod 2009 regarding the glossary continues. The Deputies can indicate words by way of footnotes or endnotes.
- 1.7 Choral book addendum (Acta 2012:431, 2.5). An addendum to the accompanist books (Choral books), in which the additional melodies for Psalms and Scriptural hymns are contained, should be created. The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to complete the project in collaboration with the Deputies Liturgical Matters.
- 1.8 “*Leer my Heer*” (Acta 2012:432, 2.7). Project to promote the singing of Psalms and the Genevan melodies, especially among children. The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to investigate and further handle the second phase of the project, namely the inclusion of 20 additional Psalms.

**Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.8 noted.**

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

- 2.1 *Printing of Psalm books:* The 2009 (“Black”) Psalm book is in the process of being reprinted.
- 2.2 *Collaboration with Deputies Liturgical Matters:* The Deputies CJBF-Totius-Fund has had precious collaboration with the Deputies Liturgical Matters throughout the 2012-2015 term. Mutual attendance of meetings made the collaboration much easier. The mutual agreement is that the Deputies Liturgical Matters will from now on provide the Deputies CJBF-Totius-fund with the copy of the Psalms, Scriptural hymns and Scriptural faithful songs with the purpose of printing.
- 2.3 *Acquisition and storage of master copies:* The Supplementary Report will contain a report on this.
- 2.4 *Electronic availability of Psalm notation to congregations for use with projectors:* Sr Hettie Boshoff of GK Krugersdorp, in collaboration with the Deputies Liturgical Matters, handled and completed this project.
- 2.5 *Revised Totius text:* The text of the revised 1936 Psalm versification has been finalized and the glossary incorporated by way of footnotes. The text was reformatted so that it could be placed on the CJBF web page for churches to download and print. Congregations can also order the CJBF printed copies that will be printed on request.
- 2.6 *Choral book addendum:* The addendum to the Psalm book (songs approved by Synod 2012), has been printed and made available to the churches in collaboration with the Deputies Liturgical Matters and the Administrative Bureau.
- 2.7 *“Leer my Heer”:* The Supplementary Report will contain a report on this.
- 2.8 *Copyright and Licensing Rights:* Following inquiries from the churches and in consultation with Deputies Liturgical Matters, clarity was gained regarding the copyright and licensing rights to hymns in the Psalm book. A letter was sent to all the churches, bringing their attention to re-established compliance with license rights of Psalms and Scriptural hymns, especially when electronic media are used. License Rights to *Liedboek* hymns that are used by the churches belongs to *Bybel-Media*.

**Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.8 noted.**

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

- 3.1 The Synod again appoints Deputies to carry out assignments as described in the Rules of the Totius Fund, as well as give attention to matters that are in the process of being handled.
- 3.2 *Discussions with Naspers:* Since Synod 2012 *Bybel-Media* has bought the rights to print and publish Psalm books from Naspers. There have been discussions with dr Pieter Fourie, the head of *Bybel-Media*, regarding the further publication of Psalm books and the accompanying rights. All the rights have been acquired to publish the interim supplementary Psalm book.  
Recommendation: The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to, in collaboration with the Deputies Liturgical Matters, stay in contact with *Bybel-Media* regarding the publishing of the Psalm books and to ensure that all the necessary rights are adhered to.
- 3.3 *Royalties – versified hymns:* The standing arrangement in the GKSA is that no royalties are paid to those who versify hymns, as this work is done *Pro Deo*. If a hymn is approved by the General Synod to be included in the Psalm book, it is assumed that the copyright is also transferred to the churches.  
Recommendation: that no royalties are paid to those who versify hymns and that copyright of hymns is transferred to the churches.

**Decision: Points 3.1 to 3.3 approved.**

## **D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

### **1. Matters that the Synod take note of**

#### 1.1 *Printing of Psalm books*

No Psalm books have been reprinted. The reprint has been put on hold because of the current lack of clarity about the numbering/rubricating of the Scriptural Hymns.

1.2 A new translation of the Confessions has not yet been received from the Deputies assigned with the task.

1.3 The Point of Description of dr HF van Wyk that was approved at Synod 2012 to expand the Scripture references/Scriptural basis of the Confessions, has already been handled and completed by the Deputies Doctrinal Matters and is ready to be included in a reprint of the Psalm book.

1.4 *Psalm book in electronic format for cell phones/Kindle/etc*: Progress with this project is slow, but a person who is willing to assist with it has been identified.

**Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.4 noted.**

### **2. Matters that the Synod decide on**

2.1 The Synod again appoints Deputies to carry out assignments as described in the Rules of the Totius Fund, as well as give attention to matters that are in the process of being handled. This includes among others:

2.1.1 Psalm book for cell phones

2.1.2 Expanded Scripture references to Confessions

2.2 The Synod gives the assignment to the Deputies Doctrinal Matters to supply the appointed Deputies with the following documents in all the languages used by the churches:

2.2.1 Confessions

2.2.2 Liturgical Formularies

2.2.3 Prayers

2.3 The Synod gives the assignment to the Deputies Doctrinal Matters and the to-be-appointed Deputies to establish formal liaison between them.

2.4 *Page layout: Psalm book and Choral book*: The Synod gives the assignment to the to-be-appointed Deputies to give attention to the page layout of the Psalm book and Choral book and include br Fanie Jooste in the process.

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