

23.8 REPORT 2: DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS – CHURCH MAGAZINES – *DIE KERKBLAD* (Art 124)

- A. Rev JG Noëth tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Matters that the Synod take note of

1.1 *Report by the Editor of Die Kerkblad*

Upon the sudden passing away of dr CN van der Merwe, prof Callie Coetzee was appointed as Editor as of 1 November 2013. Dr Van der Merwe had by that time already finalised the December 2013/January 2014 issue. Prof Coetzee thus assumed full editorial control with the February 2014 issue. The invaluable work of dr Van der Merwe is called into remembrance with sincere gratitude.

It is a tremendous privilege to serve the churches in this manner. *Die Kerkblad* appeared regularly, through the grace of the Lord. The editorial staff has remained unchanged and the work of mrs Johanna Fourie is of unparalleled value to the editor.

The content of *Die Kerkblad* comprises of current affairs and topics. The writers are made up of members of the GKSA and also experts outside the GKSA. Their willingness and contributions are highly prized. Aside from the abovementioned current affairs and topics, the magazine also provides a Reformed perspective on reports from other church and public media.

In June 2014 the editor requested contributions, commentary and input as well assistance from all the ministers of the GKSA with the marketing and introduction of the *Die Kerkblad* in their congregations. Only three ministers responded to the letter, one of which suggested that *Die Kerkblad* be provided electronically, free of charge, to all members. This suggestion naturally has financial implications, but is nevertheless presented to the synod for consideration.

It is our prayer that our heavenly Father will continue to use *Die Kerkblad* as instrument of blessing and growth for our members.

Decision: Noted with special thanks to prof CFC Coetzee for his work with *Die Kerkblad* as well as his appearances during radio broadcasts.