

## 24.3 REPORT 3: CURATORS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL POTCHEFSTROOM – SHORTFALL IN STUDENT AID FUND (Art 178)

- A. Dr D Lartz tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

### C. REPORT

#### 1. Mandate

“The shortfall is to be supplemented by the SDDS” the Synod decided: *Referred back to the Commission with the Synodal deputies for diaconal affairs (SDDS) for a recommendation (Acta 2012:488-490, 24.8, 1.5).*

The Synod also decided at 3.1 *that the Deputies of the SDDS and the Curators confer on possible solutions.*

**Decision: Noted.**

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

The Curators completed the task as follows:

A Commission made up of rev EJ Tiemensma (s) and dr D Lartz was mandated to confer with the Deputies of SDDS. The Commission met on 31 August 2012 at GK Centurion and the following Report of the Commission was approved by the Management committee of the Curators and the Curators:

### REPORT ON DISCUSSION BETWEEN KDB AND SDDS

#### 1. Instruction

- 1.1 Actions of the General Synod 2012:488-490, 24.8.

#### 2. Execution of the task

- 2.1 The Deputies, rev EJ Tiemensma and dr D Lartz, had a meeting with the Deputies of SDDS at GK Centurion on 31/08/2012.
- 2.2 During the discussion, the following items were noted:
  - 2.1.1 SDDS sent a letter to the Deacons of the congregations of Potchefstroom (29 February 2012) to enquire whether any students of the congregations are in need, with which the SDDS could aid local Deacons. In pre-emptive cases the following method (according to the Regulations of the SDDS) is followed: Assistance will be given from the Emergency fund, after the SDDS has investigated with the Deacons such need, where applicable. No request for aid has to date (31/08/2012) been made to the SDDS.
  - 2.1.2 The Rector of the TSP circulated a letter within the GKSA in which the need of students in terms of life necessities are spelt out. Currently aid is given to students by means of the “food bank”, an initiative of the Commission for Financial Support (KFO) through private donations and donations from Deaconries.
  - 2.1.3 No information is available on the state of affairs related to the Deputies: Student Aid Fund, appointed at General Synod 2012.
  - 2.1.4 The Deputies informed the Deputies of the SDDS of how the KFO manage contributions from the TSK and the Deputies of the SDDS mentioned the following from their side:
    - (a) If the SDDS should see a way to obtain further funds from the church to support students in need, together with the Emergency aid they provide, these funds would come from a separate trust fund and be specifically allocated to students.

- (b) There is also the possibility of offering assistance to students by having a congregation “adopting” a student, arranged in conjunction with the TSP.
- (c) It is also emphasised that students need to realise their responsibility in funding and meeting their study and life costs.

**Decision: Point 2 noted.**

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The task of the Management committee of the Curators to confer with the SDDS is considered completed, given that the SDDS is addressing this matter as per the Regulations of the SDDS.
- 3.2 Should matters arise in relation to the abovementioned discussion, it is to be followed up by the member of the Management committee of the Curators responsible for finances with the SDDS for reporting to the Management committee of the Curators.  
Rev EJ Tiemensma, dr D Lartz.

**Decision: Points 3.1 and 3.2 approved.**