

## **24.9 REPORT 5: CURATORS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL POTCHEFSTROOM – PLANNED RESEARCH CHAIR OF FACULTY THEOLOGY REGARDING ECUMENE: PENTECOSTALISM AND NEO-PENTECOSTALISM (Artt 43, 92, 198, 199)**

- A. The chairperson, dr DG Breed, gives the chair to the deputy-chairperson, rev SD Snyman.
- B. The meeting continues in camera.
- C. Dr DG Breed tables the Report.
- D. **Order Proposal:** That the whole matter is referred to Confidential Commission to advise the meeting regarding the balance of the Report and to hear and account for further information.
- E. **Decision:** Order Proposal approved.
- F. The deputy-chairperson, rev SD Snyman, puts the following Commission to the meeting: Revs W Vogel (s), MA Modise, HPM van Rhyn and elder JJ Howell.
- G. **Decision:** Approved.
- H. Recommendation: That the newly formulated proposal replaces the original 24.10.
- I. **Decision:** Approved.
- J. Rev W Vogel reports on behalf of the Confidential Commission.

### **K. REPORT**

The Curators hereby bring to the attention of the Synod that there are according to Article 2.3 of the Agreement between the NWU and the GKSA currently ongoing discussions between the Curators and the Faculty of Theology regarding the Faculty's planning for the formation of a Research Chair in "Ecumenical: Pentacostalism and Neo-Pentacostalism", founded within the Research Programme "Ecumenical perspectives on the development of society", within the Research Unit for Reformatory Theology and the development of the South African society.

The Curators and Faculty of Theology together named four law experts to give advice regarding the achievability of this research initiative given the Agreement between the NWU and the GKSA.

After the advice is gained (probably by middle February), the Curators and the NWU will meet again and take a decision based on the advice.

### **Recommendations**

1. The Synod notes the report, and that the Curators and the NWU will take their decisions on the matter after middle February 2015.

**Decision: Approved (amendments already added – Deputies Acta).**

2. The Curators request the Moderamen of the General Synod 2015 to appoint a Confidence Commission. The Executive Committee of the Curators (2012-2014) will provide further elucidation to the Commission.

**Decision: Approved.**

**L. REPORT CONFIDENTIAL COMMISSION**

**1. Mandate**

The new Report, as approved by the Synod, was referred to the Commission.

**Decision: Noted.**

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

2.1 The report was dealt with by the Commission.

2.2 Legal advice on the matter is being awaited and is only expected in February 2015.

The matter has thus not been finalised and a final decision cannot yet be taken.

**Decision: Points 2.1 and 2.2 noted.**

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

3.1 The Synod again voices its appreciation for the agreement between the GKSA and the NWU, and regards it as a precious treasure that must remain intact.

3.2 The Synod prays those involved (the four legal experts, the Curators and the NWU) wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the completion of this matter.

**Decision: Approved (amendments already added – Deputies Acta).**