

26.3 REPORT DEPUTY FOR ECOLOGY (Art 151)

- A. The Report is deemed to have been tabled.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

Acta 2012:512.

The intention of the Point of Description is:

- (a) The General Synod of the GKSA makes a decision about the matter and then sends a testimony into the world.
- (b) This Description as stimulus can serve so that the Synod can develop a solid confession or position for the GKSA.

Decision: Noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

The Definition in the Description as it was refined on the Synod can be used as first testimony. It is not necessary to refine it further, because it touches so many facets that it becomes impossible to include everything. The formulation as it was before the Synod is sufficient as first testimony in the world.

The further task to serve as stimulus so that the GKSA should be able to develop a solid confession or position about this matter, is a very extensive task. When viewpoints develop about matters, the danger exists that the Scripture could be subordinated, resulting that the believer shifts his responsibility to direct his daily testimony according to Scripture, to a Synod. Therefore a proper and good exegetical study essential. The Deputy was not able to complete this because of various factors.

Decision: Noted.

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

The Synod takes note of the Report.

3.1 Recommendations:

- 3.1.1 The Description as it served before the Synod of 2012 is used as a testimony of the GKSA in the world.
- 3.1.2 Churches and members are called up to testify responsibly every day according to Scripture for the preservation and protection of Gods' creation.
- 3.1.3 That Deputies be nominated again in order to develop a more complete position about this matter that is true to Scripture and also contextual

Decision: Points 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 noted.