

9. REPORT OF THE DEPUTIES FOR CORRESPONDENCE OF THE AGENDA (Artt 6, 7)

- A. Rev CA Jansen tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

Acta 1991:60, 5.4 and Acta 1997:37, 3.3.12.2.

- 1.1 Invitation to churches, organisations and Synods to convey greetings.
- 1.2 Invitation to send representatives.
- 1.3 Invitation to include observers.
- 1.4 To receive documents pertaining to the Agenda, to sort out such documents, prepare them for printing, have them printed and to send them to the representatives.
- 1.5 To convene a meeting with the purpose of attending to the programming of the Agenda.
- 1.6 *Listing and Confirmation of Deputies*
 - 1.6.1 Notify Deputies of the Synod to confirm that they had been listed.
 - 1.6.2 List Deputies in the event of the Synod having failed to do so.
- 1.7 Arrange for greetings to be conveyed on behalf of the Reformed Churches of the General Synod.
- 1.8 Registration of performers of the solemnisation of marriage by the Administrative Bureau at Potchefstroom.
- 1.9 Deputies receive the correspondence and process it within the parameters of their capacity, or refer it to other Deputies who are in charge of the specific matters.

Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.9 noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

2.1 *Invitation to the Synod*

- 2.1.1 Greetings: Arrangements will be made with delegates from other churches to transfer their greetings. During planning there will be ample notice so that those who want to transfer greetings, can do their planning.
- 2.1.2 Invitation for representatives to be sent (see Supplementary Report).
- 2.1.4 Invitation for observers to be sent (see Supplementary Report).

2.2 *Documentation for the Agenda*

- 2.2.1 Those listed below received notification with regard to the call to attend Synod:
 - the Deputies who had been appointed by Synod and who had been allocated certain tasks
 - the Board of Curators of the Theological Seminary
 - the Regional SynodsInformation as listed below was supplied:
 - 2.2.1.1 Deadline for Reports
 - for Agenda – 30 June 2014
 - Supplementary Agenda – 5 November 2014
 - 2.2.1.2 Deadline for documentation pertaining to the Regional Synods – 7 days after their meetings.
 - 2.2.1.3 Information on what to include in the Supplementary Agenda (Acta 1967:39, 6 and 7).
 - 2.2.1.4 Guidelines for compiling the Reports (Acta 1991:57, 4.4 and 59, 5.3.4).
- 2.2.2 Notification in *Die Kerkblad*: Information as mentioned above was published in the mentioned church magazine dated March 2014.

- 2.2.3 The Agenda for the Regional Synods' representatives was forwarded directly to each Regional Synod to be made available to such representatives. Each Church Council was also provided with an electronic Agenda.
- 2.3 *The to-be-appointed Deputies by the Regional Synods:* Regional Synods were requested to:
 - 2.3.1 appointed Deputies for programming: in accordance with the decision of Synod 1976, art 12 the Deputies are of the opinion that entire Synod should not be divided into Commissions. To save costs, the Deputies should use only expertise to appoint 4 Commissions: Order Commission, Petitions of Protest, Appeals, Finances, and Appointment of Deputies. For all other matters Commissions will be appointed to act as ad hoc commissions, when required. Programming is planned for Friday 5 December 2014 at 09:00.
 - 2.4 *Press release:* The Agenda is made available on request on condition that it is not made public before the Synod has been constituted (Acta 2009:20–21).
 - 2.4.1 Motivation
 - 2.4.1.1 This matter is already known from the assignments of Synod 2009.
 - 2.4.1.2 Ministers and elders are delegated and should therefore be prepared beforehand.
 - 2.5 *Appointment of Deputies:* Deputies fulfilled the following tasks:
 - 2.5.1 All convenors of Deputies, as indicated by Synod, have been notified about the appointments. Information on tasks, as allocated with appointment, has been made available to chair persons.
 - 2.5.2 Attended to the appointment of Deputies in the event of Synod failing to do so. There were, however, no such cases.
 - 2.6 Appointment of correspondents for purposes of collecting news for Radio and TV. The Administrative Bureau will be processing the matter on a continuous basis by forwarding news reports to all radio stations that are prepared to broadcast news of the GKSA.
 - 2.7 Registration of performers of solemnisation of marriage by the Administrative Bureau at Potchefstroom. Such matters will be dealt with on a continuing basis.
 - 2.8 Deputies receive correspondence, process it within the parameters of their capacity or refer it to other Deputies who do deal with the Regional matters. Such matters will be dealt with on a continuing basis.
 - 2.9 Finances: Both the Agenda and the Supplementary Agenda have been compiled by the Administrative Bureau and printed by V+R printers. Costs incurred have been passed to the debit of the Synod's budget of costs. To save costs, it is duplicated in a A5-format.
 - 2.10 Processing of Commission Reports and Minutes: In order for Acts to be made more efficient it is requested that references be used to correspond with references as used in the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda, e.g. A=Agenda and SA=Supplementary Agenda. Furthermore, should something like Report of the Deputies for Superannuation be in the Agenda as Agenda 12.1, it should also be referred to as 12.1 in the SA (Supplementary Agenda). The Commission will then report and refer to A12.1 and SA12.1. The same would apply to references made in articles of the Minutes, i.e.:
 - Article 26
 - A 12.1 Report Deputies Superannuation
 - AA 12.1 Supplementary Report
 - Decision:**

Doing so will have the advantage of making it easier for corrections/changes/decisions to be inserted on the word processor. A chronological list of articles is provided and an index compiled.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.10 noted (amendments already added – Deputies Acta)

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

Recommendations

- 3.1 The assignment (in 1.7) make arrangements that greetings from the Reformed Churches of the General Synod be transferred.

Decision: Approved.

D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1. Matters that the Synod take note of

1.1 *Greetings received for the official opening*

The following churches sent messages of regards that will be included in the Acta:

- Eglise Reformee Confessante au Congo (ERCC)
- Gereformeerde Evangeliese Kerk van Australië (GEKA)

1.2 *Invitation to send a delegate*

1.2.1 Churches with which the GKSA experience Ecumenical unity

The following Deputies of Churches received invitations:

- Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland (CGK)
- Reformed Church in Japan (RCJ)
- Christian Reformed Churches of Australia (CRCA)
- Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA)
- Eglise Reformée Confessante au Congo (ERCC)
- Free Church of Scotland (FCS)
- Free Church of Scotland [continuing] (FCS(C))
- Reformed Church Botswana (RCB)
- Gereformeerde Kerken Nederland (Vrijgemaakt) (GKv)
- Nederlands Gereformeerde Kerken (NedIGK)
- Orthodox Presbyterian Church in America (OPC)
- Reformed Churches of New Zealand (RCNZ)
- Kosin Presbyterian Church in Korea (KPCK)
- Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA)
- African Evangelical Presbyterian Churches (AEPC)
- Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC)
- Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
- Presbyterian Church Australia (PCAus)

1.2.2 Churches with which the GKSA has Ecumenical ties

The following Deputies of Churches received invitations:

- United Reformed Churches of North America (URCNA)
- International Presbyterian Church (IPC)
- United Reformed Church of Congo (URCC)
- Gereformeerde Evangeliese Kerk van Australië (GEKA)
- Igreja Presbiteriana do Brasil (IPB)
- Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana de México, A. R. (INMP)
- Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NG Kerk)
- Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk in Afrika (NHKA)
- Vrye Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika (VGKSA)
- Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk (AP Kerk)
- Calvin Protestantse Kerk (CPKvSA)
- Rynse Kerk

1.3 *Nominations from Regional Synods*

1.3.1 Deputies for susceptibility of Appeals and Petitions of Protest

The following nominations have been received and passed on to the chairman, rev PA Coetzee:

Bushveld	Revs HJP de Beer and SA Cilliers
North West	Rev SD de Kock
Eastern	Rev PW Kurpershoek

Free State and KwaZulu-Natal	Dr RM van der Merwe
Pretoria	Dr GJ Meijer
Randvaal	Rev ASA de Bruyn
Southern	Rev JJ de Kock

1.3.2 Deputies for Programming

The following nominations have been received and passed on to the chairman, rev

CA Jansen:

Bushveld	Rev CJ Nagel (jr)
North West	Rev W Vogel
Eastern	Revs CA Jansen and GC Coetzee
Free State and KwaZulu-Natal	Dr JA Erasmus
Pretoria	Dr PH Heystek
Randvaal	Dr D Lartz
Southern	Rev W Jobse

Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.3.2 noted.