

**16.16 AANVULLENDE RAPPORT 10b – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT
BUITELANDS – NOORD-AMERIKA EN KANADA**

**16.16 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT 10b – DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY –
INTERNATIONAL – NORTH AMERICA AND CANADA**

<p>1. Prysberian Churches in America (PCA) Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Die Sinode met dank van ekumeniese eenheid met die PCA kennis neem wat verder uitgebou moet word deur besoeke deur die Deputate, waar moontlik, en die ernstige oorweging van praktiese samewerking veral op terreine van gemeenskaplike belang soos sendingwerk.</p> <p>1.1.2 Die Sinode met dank kennis neem van die PCA se besluit om die mees doeltreffende samewerking met Ekumeniese Deputate tydens hulle Sinodes te ondersoek.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i> Die Deputate kon nie in die termyn 'n afgevaardigde na die PCA se Algemene Sinode in 2017 stuur nie. Die PCA se CECCA-komitee is hieroor in kennis gestel. Hulle is in kennis gestel dat die GKSA beplan om 'n afgevaardigde na hulle Algemene Sinode in 2018 te stuur.</p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>1.3.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en PCA.</p> <p>1.3.2 Dat die eenheid onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>2. Reformed Church of US (RCUS) Ekumeniese kontak</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>2.1 <i>Opdrag</i> Dat kontak met die RCUS uitgebou word deur samewerking in die ICRC en waar die geleentheid hom voordoen met besoeke aan ander kerke in die VSA en Kanada met wie die GKSA</p>	<p>1. Presbyterian Churches in America (PCA) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>1.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>1.1.1 The Synod is to note with gratitude that ecumenical unity with the PCA is to be further strengthened by visits of Deputies, where possible, and practical cooperation is to be seriously considered, especially in areas of common interest such as mission work.</p> <p>1.1.2 The Synod is to note with gratitude the decision of the PCA to look at how they can optimally involve (make use of) fraternal delegates during their Synod assemblies.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Execution of the mandate</i> The Deputies were unable to send a delegate to the PCA's General Synod in 2017, duly conveyed to the PCA's CECCA Committee. They were also informed that the GKSA intends to send a delegate to their General Synod in 2018.</p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Recommendations (instructions to next Deputies)</i></p> <p>1.3.1 The ecumenical unity between the GKSA and PCA should be noted with gratitude.</p> <p>1.3.2 This unity is to be maintained and promoted by means of mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>2. Reformed Church of US (RCUS) Ecumenical Contact</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>2.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>2.1.1 Contact with the RCUS is to be promoted by means of cooperation at the ICRC and whenever an opportunity presents itself during visits to other churches in the USA and Canada with</p>
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<p>kerklike bande het.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>2.2.1 Geen formele kontak of besoeke is nog met die RCUS gemaak nie, maar drr DG Breed en HPM van Rbyn het gedurende die ICRC-konferensie in 2017 'n gesprek met die RCUS-afgevaardigde gehad. Die GKSA-deputate is daartoe verbind om in die volgende termyn die aangaan van formele ekumeniese kontak met RCUS met ywer op te volg.</p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>2.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>Die Sinode neem met dank kennis van die Deputate se kontak/gesprek met die RCUS tydens die ICRC-konferensie en dat formele kontak gebou moet word, dmv wedersydse besoeke en praktiese samewerking, veral op die terrein van sendingwerk.</p> <p>3. Christian Reformed Churches in North America (CRCNA) Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>3.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>3.1.1 Die Sinode met dank kennis neem van die CRCNA se besluit om nie die Belhar-belydenis deel van hulle eenheidstandaarde (as 'n vierde belydenis) te maak nie, maar dit as 'n geloofsgetuienis/-verklaring te ag.</p> <p>3.1.2 Die Sinode neem kennis van die besinning wat onder leiding van die CRCNA plaasgevind het met betrekking tot die plek en betekenis van "Ecumenical Faith Declarations" in Gereformeerde Kerke.</p> <p>3.1.3 Die Deputate ontvang opdrag in opvolging van vorige gesprekke verder met die CRCNA gesprek te voer oor die CRCNA se vertaling van die Belydenisskrifte.</p> <p>3.1.4 Die eenheid tussen die GKSA en CRCNA moet verder uitgebou word dmv besoeke, waar moontlik en praktiese samewerking, veral op die terrein van sendingwerk in die Afrika-lande waar die GKSA en CRCNA betrokke is.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>3.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>3.2.1 Proff RS Hobyane en HG Stoker het</p>	<p>which the GKSA has ties.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Execution of mandate</i></p> <p>2.2.1 There has been no formal contact or visits by GKSA deputies to the RCUS, but drs DG Breed and HPM van Rbyn had talks with the delegate of the RCUS during the ICRC's conference in 2017. The GKSA deputies resolved to decisively follow up on the establishment of formal ecumenical contact with the RCUS in the next term.</p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>2.3 <i>Recommendations (instructions to the next Deputies)</i></p> <p>The Synod is to note with gratitude the contact/talks made by the Deputies during the ICRC's conference and that formal contact with the RCUS is to be strengthened through visits and practical cooperation, especially in the area of mission.</p> <p>3. Christian Reformed Churches in North America (CRCNA) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>3.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>3.1.1 The Synod is to note with gratitude the decision of the CRCNA to not adopt the Belhar Confession as part of their standards of unity (as a fourth confession), but accepted it as a testimony/declaration of faith.</p> <p>3.1.2 The Synod is to take note of deliberations led by the CRCNA over the place and meaning of "ecumenical faith declarations" in Reformed Churches.</p> <p>3.1.3 The Deputies are to continue talks with the CRCNA over the CRCNA's translation of the articles of faith.</p> <p>3.1.4 The unity between the GKSA and CRCNA is to be further strengthened by visits, where possible, and practical cooperation, especially in the area of mission work in some of the African countries where the GKSA and CRCNA are involved.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>3.2 <i>Execution of mandate</i></p> <p>3.2.1 Proff RS Hobyane and HG Stoker</p>
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<p>die CRCNA se Algemene Sinode in Palos Heights, Chicago (VSA) in Junie 2017. Die twee afgevaardigdes is die geleentheid gegee om die GKSA se groetwense aan die CRCNA oor te dra asook om met die CRCNA se “Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee” sake van gemene belang te bespreek.</p> <p>3.2.2 Die CRCNA het die verwydering van die “Ekumeniese Geloofsverklaring” kategorie, waaronder die Belhar-belydenis tydens hulle 2012 Sinode geval het, goedgekeur.</p> <p>3.2.3 Die CRCNA het besluit om die Belhar-belydenis as ‘n “eietydse getuienis”, nie as ‘n belydenis nie, te ag.</p> <p>3.2.4 Die Deputate het ook gedurende hierdie besprekings die ontwikkelinge rondom die groei in ekumeniese verhouding tussen die CRCNA en die Reformed Church in America (RCA) opgemerk.</p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>3.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>3.3.1 Die Sinode neem met dank kennis van die CRCNA se besluit om nie die Belhar-belydenis deel van hulle eenheidstandaarde (as ‘n vierde belydenis) te maak nie, maar dit as ‘n geloofsgetuienis/-verklaring te ag.</p> <p>3.3.2 Die Sinode neem kennis van die besinning wat onder leiding van die CRCNA plaasgevind het met betrekking tot die plek en betekenis van “Ecumenical Faith Declarations” in Gereformeerde Kerke.</p> <p>3.3.3 Die Deputate ontvang opdrag in opvolging van vorige gesprekke verder met die CRCNA gesprek te voer oor die CRCNA se vertaling van die Belydenisskrifte</p> <p>3.3.4 Die eenheid tussen die GKSA en CRCNA moet verder uitgebou word dmv besoeke, waar moontlik, en praktiese samewerking, veral op die terrein van sendingwerk in die Afrika-lande waar die GKSA en CRCNA betrokke is.</p> <p>3.3.5 Die GKSA moet die groei in ekumeniese verhouding tussen die CRCNA en RCA, veral in terme van</p>	<p>attended the CRCNA’s General Synod in Palos Heights, Chicago (USA) in June 2017. The two delegates had an opportunity to convey the GKSA’s greetings to the CRCNA. The delegates were also able to meet with the CRCNA’s Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee, to discuss matters of common interest.</p> <p>3.2.2 Regarding the status of the Belhar Confession: The CRCNA has approved the discontinuance of the “Ecumenical Faith Declaration” category in which the Belhar Confession was placed at their Synod 2012.</p> <p>3.2.3 The CRCNA has decided to accept the Belhar Confession as a “contemporary testimony” not as a confession.</p> <p>3.2.4 During this meeting the Deputies also noted the developments around the growth of the ecumenical relationship between the CRCNA and the Reformed Church in America (RCA).</p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>3.3 <i>Recommendations (instructions to the next Deputies)</i></p> <p>3.3.1 The Synod is to note with gratitude the decision of the CRCNA to not adopt the Belhar Confession as part of their standards of unity (as a fourth confession), but accepted it as a contemporary testimony.</p> <p>3.3.2 The Synod is to take note of deliberations led by the CRCNA over the place and meaning of “ecumenical faith declarations” in Reformed Churches.</p> <p>3.3.3 The Deputies are to follow up on previous talks with the CRCNA over their translation of the Articles of faith.</p> <p>3.3.4 The unity between the GKSA and CRCNA is to be further strengthened by visits of Deputies, where possible, and practical cooperation, especially in the area of mission work in some of the African countries where the GKSA and CRCNA are involved.</p> <p>3.3.5 The GKSA is to continue to monitor the development around the growth of the ecumenical relationship between the</p>
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<p>die implikasies daarvan op ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en CRCNA.</p> <p>4. Heritage Reformed Church (HRC) Ekumeniese kontak</p> <p>4.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>4.1.1 Die GKSA Sinode neem met dank kennis van die HRC se oorweging van formele ekumeniese kontak met die GKSA.</p> <p>4.1.2 Formele ekumeniese kontak moet tussen die GKSA en HRC gemaak word en deur besoeke van die Deputate bevorder word.</p> <p>4.1.3 Praktiese samewerking, veral op die gebied van sendingwerk, moet oorweeg word.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>4.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i> Die GKSA Deputate het nie oor die laaste drie jaar formele kontak of besoeke met die HRC gemaak nie. Drr DG Breed and HPM van Rhyn het egter tydens die ICRC-konferensie in 2017 'n gesprek met die HRC afgevaardigdes gevoer. Die GKSA Deputate is daartoe verbind om in die volgende termyn die aangaan van formele ekumeniese kontak met die HRC met ywer op te volg.</p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>4.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>4.3.1 Die Sinode neem met dank kennis van die HRC se oorweging van formele ekumeniese kontak met die GKSA.</p> <p>4.3.2 Formele ekumeniese kontak moet tussen die GKSA en HRC gemaak word en deur besoeke van die Deputate bevorder word.</p>	<p>CRCNA and RCA and its implications for ecumenical unity between the GKSA and CRCNA.</p> <p>4. Heritage Reformed Church (HRC) Ecumenical Contact</p> <p>4.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>4.1.1 The GKSA Synod is to note with gratitude the consideration of the HRC to establish formal ecumenical contact with GKSA.</p> <p>4.1.2 Formal ecumenical contact between the GKSA and HRC is to be established and further strengthened by visits from Deputies, where possible.</p> <p>4.1.3 Practical cooperation, especially in the area of mission work, is to be seriously considered.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>4.2 <i>Execution of the mandate</i> The GKSA deputies have not made any formal contact or visits to the HRC in the past three years. Dsr DG Breed and HPM Van Rhyn did, however, have talks with the delegate from the HRC during the ICRC's conference in 2017. The GKSA deputies resolved to follow up on the establishment of formal ecumenical contact in the next term.</p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>4.3 <i>Recommendations (instructions to the next Deputies)</i></p> <p>4.3.1 The Synod is to note with gratitude the consideration of the HRC to establish formal ecumenical contact with the GKSA.</p> <p>4.3.2 Formal ecumenical contact between the GKSA and HRC is to be established and further strengthened by visits of Deputies, where possible.</p>
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