

**16.3 RAPPORT 2 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BINNELANDS – VERHOUDINGE NGK EN NHKA**

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<p><b>1. Tussenkerklike Raad</b></p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag (Acta 2015:144, 1.3.3 en 1.3.4)</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Die Sinode keur die aanbeveling insake die voortsetting van die werksaamhede van die Tussenkerklike Raad – soos hierbo gegee – goed.</p> <p>1.1.2 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort om aan die Tussenkerklike Raad deel te neem en alle opdragte soos vervat in die Grondslag van die Tussenkerklike Raad uit te voer.</p> <p>1.1.3 Die te benoeme Deputate gee binne die Tussenkerklike Raad aandag aan die nodige wysigings van die Grondslag van die Tussenkerklike Raad en lê dit aan die volgende Sinode voor vir goedkeuring.</p> <p>1.2 <u>Vir kennisname:</u> <i>Verloop van die gesprek</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Gedurende hierdie termyn het vergaderings van die TKR in 2015, 2016 en 2017 plaasgevind volgens die besluite van 2012 en 2013 om slegs een maal per jaar te vergader.</p> <p>1.2.2 Gedurende die termyn het die NGK die voorsitterskap en skribaats van die TKR beklee.</p> <p>1.2.3 Die gesprek binne die TKR is die afgelope termyn weereens gekenmerk deur indringende besinning aangaande die funksionering en toekoms van die TKR, terwyl die krities-opbouende gesprekke na die bilaterale gesprekke gekanaliseer is.</p> <p>1.2.4 Telkens is weer bevestig dat die drie kerkgemeenskappe – gegewe die geskiedenis van die pad met mekaar – hierdie gesprek nie maar net kan laat los nie.</p> <p>1.2.5 Daarmee saam is gestel dat die TKR nie sonder meer kan ontbind nie, maar ook nie sonder meer en ongekwalifiseerd kan bly voortbestaan nie.</p> <p>1.2.6 Gevolglik is ooreengekom dat die TKR hom steeds vir die huidige daarop toespits om, soos dit in die</p>	<p><b>1. Tussenkerklike Raad (Interchurch Council)</b></p> <p>1.1 <i>Mandate (Acta 2015:144, 1.3.3 and 1.3.4)</i></p> <p>1.1.1 The Synod approves the recommendation regarding the continuation of the activities of the TKR as mentioned above.</p> <p>1.1.2 The to be appointed Deputies continue to participate in the TKR and to execute all mandates as contained in the founding document of the TKR.</p> <p>1.1.3 The to be appointed Deputies give attention within the TKR to the necessary amendments to the founding document of the TKR and tables it before the next Synod for approval.</p> <p>1.2 <u>To be noted:</u> <i>Course of the discussion</i></p> <p>1.2.1 During this term meetings of the TKR took place in 2015, 2016, and 2017 in accordance with the decisions of 2012 and 2013 to only meet once annually.</p> <p>1.2.2 During the term the NGK held the positions of chair and scribe of the TKR.</p> <p>1.2.3 The discussion within the TKR during the past term was once again characterised by incisive reflection on the functioning and future of the TKR, while the critical-edifying discourses were channelled to the bilateral discussions.</p> <p>1.2.4 Time and time again it was again reiterated that the three church communities – given their shared history – cannot simply leave this discussion.</p> <p>1.2.5 In addition it was stated that the TKR cannot simply dissolve, nor continue to exist without another word and without qualification.</p> <p>1.2.6 Consequently it was agreed that the TKR continues for the time being to focus on, as it is expressed in the</p>
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<p>historiese perspektief van die huidige Grondslag van die TKR verwoord is, die verhouding tot 'n hegte kerkregtelik-verantwoorde eenheid te voer.</p> <p>1.2.7 Die wysiging van die Grondslag van die TKR in die lig van 1.2.6 is nog nie afgehandel nie.</p> <p>1.2.8 Die TKR het gedurende die termyn veral ook aandag geskenk aan feesvieringe rondom Refo 500 in 2017.</p> <p>1.2.8.1 Die sentrale byeenkoms is in die vorm van 'n massa erediens in die Moreleta Ouditorium gehou. 'n Massakoor en simfonie-orkes het die gemeentesang begelei. Prof G Breed het 'n deel van die Woordverkundiging waargeneem.</p> <p>1.2.8.2 Streeksbyeenkomste in Kaapstad, Bloemfontein, Windhoek en Potchefstroom. Dit is deur plaaslike komitees gereël.</p> <p>1.2.8.3 Die verhoogstuk <i>Uit Diep van Donker Nagte</i> onder regie van Ina Opperman wat vir vier aande in die GK Centurion opgevoer is.</p> <p>1.2.8.4 Die musiekblyspel <i>Houtkruis</i>, wat die Hervorming as agtergrond en tema het.</p> <p>1.2.8.5 'n Verhoogstuk <i>Luther</i>, geskryf deur ds C Aucamp, opgevoer deur Carel Trichardt en Petru Wessels.</p> <p>1.2.8.6 Koördinering en bekendstelling op die webblad van publikasies oor die Hervorming.</p> <p>1.2.8.7 Koördinering en bekendstelling op die webblad van plaaslike aksies rondom Refo 500.</p> <p>1.3 <u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>1.3.1 Die Sinode keur die optrede van die Deputate soos hierbo gemeld, goed.</p> <p>1.3.2 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort om aan die Tussenkerklike Raad deel te neem en alle opdragte soos vervat in die Grondslag van die Tussenkerklike Raad uit te voer.</p> <p>1.3.3 Die te benoeme Deputate gee binne die Tussenkerklike Raad verder aandag aan die nodige wysigings van die Grondslag van die Tussenkerklike Raad en lê dit aan die volgende Sinode voor vir goedkeuring.</p>	<p>historical perspective of the current Founding Document of the TKR, bringing the relationship to a more intimate unity which is grounded in terms of church polity.</p> <p>1.2.7 The amendment of the Founding Document of the TKR in the light of 1.2.6 has not yet been completed.</p> <p>1.2.8 During this term, the TKR especially focussed attention on the anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.</p> <p>1.2.8.1 The central gathering held in the form of a mass worship service in the Moreleta Auditorium. A mass choir and symphony orchestra accompanied the congregational singing. Prof G Breed led a part of the proclamation of the Word.</p> <p>1.2.8.2 Regional gatherings in Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Windhoek, and Potchefstroom. These were organised by local committees.</p> <p>1.2.8.3 The stage production <i>Uit Diep van Donker Nagte</i> under direction of Ina Opperman which was performed for four shows at GK Centurion.</p> <p>1.2.8.4 The musical <i>Houtkruis</i> which had the Reformation as background and theme.</p> <p>1.2.8.5 A stage production <i>Luther</i>, written by Rev C Aucamp, performed by Carel Trichardt and Petru Wessels.</p> <p>1.2.8.6 Coordination and promotion of the website with publications on the Reformation.</p> <p>1.2.8.7 Coordination and promotion on the website of local activities regarding Refo 500.</p> <p>1.3 <u>To be decided</u></p> <p>1.3.1 The Synod approves of the actions of the Deputies as mentioned above.</p> <p>1.3.2 The to be appointed Deputies continue to participate in the TKR and to execute all mandates as contained in the Founding Document of the TKR.</p> <p>1.3.3 The to be appointed Deputies continue to give attention within the TKR to the necessary amendments to the Founding Document of the TKR and table it before the next Synod for approval.</p>
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<p><b>2. Parlementêre Lessenaar</b></p> <p>2.1 <i>Opdrag (Acta 2015:145, 2.3.1)</i></p> <p>2.1.1 Dat die te benoeme Deputate die kontak en skakeling met die Parlementêre lessenaar van die NG Kerk op 'n informele en <i>ad hoc</i>-basis voorsit.</p> <p>2.2 <u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>2.2.1 Die Parlementêre lessenaar funksioneer nie tans op enige wyse nie.</p> <p>2.2.2 Daar was gevolglik geen noodsaak vir die Deputate om die kontak en skakeling met die Parlementêre lessenaar van die NG Kerk voort te sit nie.</p> <p>2.3 <u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>2.3.1 Dat die te benoeme Deputate die kontak en skakeling met die Parlementêre lessenaar van die NG Kerk voortsit, sou die Parlementêre lessenaar weer in die toekoms op enige wyse funksioneer.</p>	<p><b>2. Parliamentary Desk</b></p> <p>2.1 <i>Mandate (Acta 2015:145, 2.3.1)</i></p> <p>2.1.1 That the to be appointed Deputies continue the contact and liaison with the Parliamentary Desk of the NGK on an informal and ad hoc basis.</p> <p>2.2 <u>To be noted</u></p> <p>2.2.1 The Parliamentary Desk is currently not functioning in any manner.</p> <p>2.2.2 There is subsequently no necessity for the Deputies to continue contact and liaison with the Parliamentary Desk of the NGK.</p> <p>2.3 <u>To be decided</u></p> <p>2.3.1 That the to be appointed Deputies continue the contact and liaison with the Parliamentary Desk of the NGK, should the Parliamentary Desk function again in any manner in future.</p>
<p><b>3. Bilaterale gesprek: <i>Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika</i></b></p> <p>3.1 <i>Opdrag (Acta 2015:145, 3.3.1)</i></p> <p>3.1.1 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort met bilaterale gespreksvoering met die NHKA.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>3.2.1 Gedurende die afgelope drie jaar het die NHKA 'n rustiger tyd beleef na die interne spanning van die vorige drie jaar.</p> <p>3.2.2 'n Enkele bilaterale byeenkoms het in 2015 plaasgevind. Tydens hierdie byeenkoms het die Kerke onderneem om die gesprek nuwe momentum te gee met 'n memorandum van ekumeniese verhouding as einddoel.</p> <p>3.2.3 Gedurende 2016 kon die gesprek nie verder gevoer word nie, en die Deputate het gehoop om voor die einde van 2017 wel so gesprek te reël. Sodanige gesprek sal indringende invra oor die NHKA se 2016-besluit oor selfdegeslagverhoudings insluit. Hieroor sal, indien nodig, aanvullend rapporteer word.</p> <p>3.2.4 Gesprek met die Geloofsbond van Hervormde Gemeentes (gemeentes wat voorheen deel van die NHKA was) word nie prinsipieel deur die Deputate uitgesluit nie (daar bestaan voorbeelde uit die buitelandse kerke</p>	<p><b>3. Bilateral Discussion: <i>Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika</i></b></p> <p>3.1 <i>Mandate (Acta 2015:145, 3.3.1)</i></p> <p>3.1.1 The to be appointed Deputies continue with bilateral discussions with the NHKA.</p> <p>3.2 <u>To be noted</u></p> <p>3.2.1 During the past three years the NHKA experienced a calmer period after the internal tensions of the previous three years.</p> <p>3.2.2 A single bilateral meeting was held in 2015. During this meeting the Churches undertook to give new momentum to the discussion with a memorandum of ecumenical relation as end goal.</p> <p>3.2.3 During 2016 the discussion could not be taken forward, and the Deputies hoped to arrange a meeting before the end of 2017. Such a discussion would include intensive questions regarding the NHKA's 2016 decision on same-sex relationships. On this meeting a supplementary report will follow, if necessary.</p> <p>3.2.4 Discussions with the <i>Geloofsbond van Hervormde Gemeentes</i> (congregations that previously formed part of the NHKA) are not ruled out by the Deputies (there exist examples from churches abroad where relations with</p>

<p>waar verhoudinge met kerke of kerklike groeperinge na skeuring of afskeiding gehandhaaf is). Sodanige gesprek sal met sensitiwiteit teenoor bestaande ekumeniese verhoudings gevoer word.</p> <p>3.2.5 'n Versoek is vanaf die Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika ontvang om 'n groeteboodschap namens die GKSA oor te dra tydens hul Algemene Kerkvergadering gedurende September 2016. Die Deputate het ds C Aucamp en prof J Smit afgevaardig om die Algemene Kerkvergadering by te woon, en ds C Aucamp het die groeteboodschap oorgedra.</p> <p>3.3 <u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>3.3.1 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort met bilaterale gesprekvoering met die NHKA.</p> <p><b>4. Bilaterale Gesprek: Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk</b></p> <p>4.1 <i>Opdrag (Acta 2015:149, 4.3.2)</i></p> <p>4.1.1 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort met bilaterale gesprekvoering met die NGK.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>4.2.1 Die bilaterale gesprek met die NGK is die afgelope termyn oorheers deur die NGK se besluite van 2015 en 2016 oor selfdegeslagverhoudings.</p> <p>4.2.2 Die memorandum van Ekumeniese Verhouding wat deur Sinode 2015 goedgekeur is, het die basis van hierdie gesprekke gevorm. Die memorandum maak spesifiek voorsiening vir sodanige gesprekke: "Ons onderneem om binne die raamwerk van die Gereformeerde Belydenis en Kerkregering met mekaar en ook onderling binne een kerkverband verskille wat die belydenis in gedrang kan bring, aan te spreek" (par 2(e)).</p> <p>4.2.3 Die Deputate het afgevaardigdes na die NGK se Algemene Sinode in Oktober 2015 afgevaardig waar insette oor spesifiek selfdegeslagverhoudings gelewer is. 'n Groeteboodschap is ook oorgedra.</p> <p>4.2.4 Na aanleiding van die NGK se besluit van 2015 is indringende gesprek oor selfdegeslagverhoudings op 12 Febr-</p>	<p>churches or church groupings after chasm or breakaway were maintained). Such discussions will be conducted with sensitivity towards existing ecumenical relations.</p> <p>3.2.5 A request was received from the Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika to convey greetings on behalf of the GKSA during their <i>Algemene Kerkvergadering</i> in September 2016. The Deputies delegated Rev C Aucamp and prof J Smit to attend the meeting and Rev C Aucamp conveyed greetings.</p> <p>3.3 <u>To be decided</u></p> <p>3.3.1 The to be appointed Deputies continue with bilateral discussions with the NHKA.</p> <p><b>4. Bilateral Discussion: Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk</b></p> <p>4.1 <i>Mandate (Acta 2015:149, 4.3.2)</i></p> <p>4.1.1 The to be appointed Deputies continue with bilateral discussions with the NGK.</p> <p>4.2 <u>To be noted</u></p> <p>4.2.1 The bilateral discussion with the NGK was dominated during this term by the NGK's decisions of 2015 and 2016 on same-sex relationships.</p> <p>4.2.2 The memorandum of Ecumenical Relations approved by Synod 2015 formed the basis for these discussions. The memorandum specifically makes provision for such discussions: "We undertake to address difference with one another as well as mutually within one church denomination that may compromise the confession within the framework of die reformed confession and church polity" (par 2(e)).</p> <p>4.2.3 The Deputies delegated deputies to the NGK's General Synod in October 2015 where input was provided specifically on same-sex relationships. Greetings were also conveyed.</p> <p>4.2.4 Subsequent to the NGK's decision in 2015 incisive discussions were held on 12 February 2016 regarding same-sex</p>
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<p>uarie 2016 gevoer waartydens die Deputate die GKSA se besluit van 2003 (Acta 2003:748, 12.4.26) gestel het. Gesprek is ook oor die hermeneutiese en Skrifbeskoulike vertrekpunte onderliggend aan die NGK se besluit van 2015 gevoer. Hierdie gesprek is voortgesit op 26 Augustus 2016.</p> <p>4.2.5 Tydens 'n spesiale Algemene Sinode in Oktober 2016 het die NGK sy besluit van 2015 omgekeer. Ds C Aucamp en prof J Smit het hierdie Sinode namens die Deputate bygewoon en daar insette gelewer.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>4.3.1 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort met bilaterale gesprekvoering met die NGK.</p>	<p>relationships during which the Deputies stated the decision of the GKSA of 2003 (Acta 2003:748, 12.4.26). Discussions were also held regarding the hermeneutic and Scriptural points of departure underlying the decision of the NGK in 2015. This discussion continued on 26 August 2016.</p> <p>4.2.5 During a special General Synod in October 2016 the NGK reversed its decision of 2015. Rev C Aucamp and prof J Smit attendance this Synod on behalf of the Deputies and delivered inputs.</p> <p>4.3 <u>To be decided</u></p> <p>4.3.1 The to be appointed Deputies continue with bilateral discussions with the NGK.</p>
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