8. RAPPORT VAN DIE ROEPENDE KERKRAAD / REPORT OF THE CALLING CHURCH COUNCIL

1. Oproep Die oproep van die Sinode is vroegtydig in *Die Kerkblad* (Julie 2017) gepubliseer, terwyl oproepe later aan al die Deputate vir Korrespondensie van die Streek-sinodes gestuur is.	**1. Calling** The calling with regard to the Synod was published in good time in *Die Kerkblad* (July 2017). Later on calls were sent to all Deputies for Correspondence of the Regional Synods.
2. Kredensiebriewe Hieroor sal tydens die vergadering gerapporteer word.	**2. Credentials** Report will be provided during the meeting.
3. Huisvesting Die Universiteitskoshuis, Dennepark, is tot die beskikking van die Roepende Kerkraad gestel. Etereëlings sal in die Aanvullende Rapport bekendgemaak word. Vir die buitelandse besoekers is ook verblyf gereël. Die Sinodegangers kan van die Universiteitskoshuis gebruik maak van Maandag 8 Januarie tot Donderdag 18 Januarie 2018.	**3. Accommodation** One of the North-West University residences (*'Dennepark'*) has been made available to the Calling Church Council. Arrangements with regard to meals will be announced in the Supplementary Report. Accommodation for visitors from abroad has been arranged. Synod attendees may make use of the university hostels from Monday, 8 January to Thursday, 18 January 2018.
4. Verversings Die susters van die Potchefstroomse gemeentes sal aan die afgevaardigdes koffie, tee en vrugtesap tydens die pouses verskaf.	**4. Refreshments** Sisters of the Potchefstroom congergations will provide coffee, tea and fruit juice during intervals.
5. Godsdiensoefening In ooreenstemming met die besluit van die Nasionale Sinode 1967 is gereël dat die Sinode op die openingsaand (9 Januarie 2018) om 19:00 in die kerkgebou van Potchefstroom-Die Bult saamkom. Die godsdiensoefening staan onder die toesig van Potchefstroom-Die Bult.	**5. Opening Service** In agreement with the decision of the National Synod 1967 an assembly for all Synod attendees has been arranged to take place in the Potchefstroom-Die Bult church building on the opening evening (9 January 2018) at 19:00. Potchefstroom-Die Bult will take responsibility for the supervision of the opening service.
6. Sittingstye Die Roepende Kerkraad beveel, in ooreenstemming met die sittingstye van die vorige Sinode, die volgende tye aan: Weeksdae: 08:00 – 10:30 (Teepouse) 10:45 – 12:45 14:30 – 16:00 (Teepouse) 16:15 – 17:45	**6. Session Times** In accordance with the times as scheduled for the previous Synod, the Calling Church Council would recommend the following times: Weekdays: 08:00 – 10:30 (Tea break) 10:45 – 12:45 14:30 – 16:00 (Tea break) 16:15 – 17:45

19:00 – 21:00 Saterdag: 08:00 – 10:30 10:45 – 12:45	19:00 – 21:00 Saturday: 08:00 – 10:30 10:45 – 12:45
7. Verwelkoming Alle afgevaardigdes en besoekers is hartlik welkom op Potchefstroom en die Roepende Kerkraad sal graag u verblyf so aangenaam as moontlik maak. Ons bid dat die Here sy seën sal gee sodat hierdie vergadering die instandhouding en groei van die Gereformeerde Kerke sal dien.	**7. Word of Welcome** A hearty welcome is extended to all representatives and visitors. The Calling Church Council would like to make your stay at Potchefstroom as pleasant as possible. We pray that God will bestow his blessings on this meeting so that it will contribute towards securing and advancing the maintenance and growth of the Reformed Churches.
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