

**16.23 RAPPORT 16 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BUITELANDS – BOTSWANA EN MALAWI (Art 75)**

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- A. Ds HS Coetzee stel die Rapport.  
Rev HS Coetzee tables the Report.
- B. Die Rapport word staande die Sinode afgehandel.  
The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

**C. RAPPORT / REPORT**

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**Deputies responsible for the desk:** Rev PM Modise (c), Prof IW Ferreira and Rev JS Temba

<p><b>1. Reformed Churches of Botswana (RCB)</b> Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag</i> Dat die opdrag tot skakeling en hulpverlening voortgesit word.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>1.1.1 Sedert 2015 is daar verskeie pogings gemaak om kontak te maak maar sonder sukses. Een kontak persoon, Jan Wessels, is nie meer in Botswana nie. Daar is mees tyd geen terugvoering op e-pos om kontak te maak.</p> <p>1.1.2 Ds HJM du Plessis het dit duidelik gemaak dat dit moeilik is om Sinodes te hou weens die hoë koste daaraan verbonde. Predikante van kerke kom wel van tyd tot tyd bymekaar.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1.1 tot 1.1.2 kennis geneem.</b></p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Aangesien daar die afgelope paar termyne geen kontak met die kerkverband gemaak kon word nie, word daar besluit om vir 'n laaste keer te probeer om skakeling te bewerkstelling.</p> <p>1.2.2 Dat daar gepoog word om een van die predikantsbyeenkomste, as daar een plaasvind, by te woon om die gesprek van daar af verder te neem.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1.2.1 en 1.2.2 goedgekeur.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Reformed Churches of Botswana (RCB)</b> Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>1.1 <i>Mandate</i> Contact and aid are continue.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>1.1.1 Regular attempts have been made since 2015 to make contact, without success. One of the contact persons, Jan Wessels, is no longer in Botswana. Little feedback has been received to e-mail enquiries.</p> <p>1.1.2 Rev HJM du Plessis indicated that high costs make arranging Synods difficult. The ministers do, however, meet from time to time.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.1.2 noted.</b></p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Recommendations (instructions to the next Deputies)</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Since contact could not be made with this denomination the past few terms, one last effort should be made to establish contact.</p> <p>1.2.2 An attempt should be made to attend one of the minister meetings, should one occur, and take it from there.</p> <p><b>Decision Points 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 approved.</b></p>
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<p><b>2. Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Malawi</b> Ekumeniese kontak</p> <p>2.1 <i>Opdrag</i> Dat die Deputate voortgaan met hulle ondersoek na die beste wyse waarop ekumeniese bande met hierdie kerkverband in Malawi (EPC) gesmee kan word.</p> <p><u>Vir kennisname</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>2.2.1 Verskeie pogings is gemaak om kontak te maak maar dit was alles net om seker te maak of die skakeling moontlik is (kyk e-pos – Bylae 2.1.2). Daar was geen terugvoering van Rev Rex Chitekwe van Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Malawi (EPC) op ons kommunikasie nie. Uitvoering van ons opdrag is bemoeilik deur geen respons van EPC op ons e-pos kommunikasie nie. Daar kon dus geen kontak gemaak word na die besoek van hulle aan ons Sinode nie.</p> <p>2.2.2 Al is dit nie deel van ons opdrag nie, het een persoon uit Malawi belangstelling gewys om kontak te begin met die GKSA. Rev Alex Benson Maulana van Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Blantyre Synod het 'n terugveroering per e-pos gegee waar hy aandui dat hulle belang stel om (in sy woorde te stel): <i>“I must right away (say) that we are interested because we as Blantyre Synod like to be in relations for the sake of growing spiritually and in wisdom. So we invite you to Blantyre, Malawi”</i> (e-pos Bylae). Na die laaste kommunikasie met e-pos (Bylae) was daar, ongelukkig, tot dusver geen kommunikasie nie.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 2.1 tot 2.2.2 kennis geneem.</b></p> <p><u>Vir besluitneming</u></p> <p>2.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i> Dat daar verder gepoog om kontak met die kerke te maak.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Goedgekeur.</b></p>	<p><b>2. Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Malawi</b> Ecumenical Contact</p> <p>2.1 <i>Mandate</i> Deputies are to continue exploring the best way to establish ecumenical ties with this denomination in Malawi.</p> <p><u>To be noted</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Execution of mandate</i></p> <p>2.2.1 A number of attempts were made to make contact, for no other reason than to ascertain whether interaction is possible (see e-mail as appendix). No reply was received from Rev Rex Chitekwe of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Malawi (EPC), which hampered the execution of the instruction. No further contact could thus be made subsequent to their visit to our Synod.</p> <p>2.2.2 Although not part of our mandate, an individual in Malawi showed interest in contact with the GKSA. Rev Alex Benson Maulana of Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Blantyre Synod responded via e-mail and indicated their interest as follows: <i>“I must right away (say) that we are interested because we as Blantyre Synod like to be in relations for the sake of growing spiritually and in wisdom. So we invite you to Blantyre, Malawi”</i> (e-mail appendix). Unfortunately, there has been no further contact since then.</p> <p><b>Decision Points 2.1 to 2.2.2 noted.</b></p> <p><u>To be decided</u></p> <p>2.3 <i>Recommendations (instructions to the next Deputies)</i> Further attempts should be made to establish contact with churches.</p> <p><b>Decision: Approved.</b></p>
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