

25. EVANGELISASIE 25. EVANGELISATION

25.1 RAPPORT SENDINGDEPUTATE – SENDINGORDE (Artt 189, 302)

25.1 REPORT MISSIONARY DEPUTIES – MISSIONARY ORDER (Arts 189, 302)

- A. Oudl AM van der Kruk stel die Rapport.
Elder AM van der Kruk tables the Report.
- B. **Besluit:** Rapport word verwys na ad hoc kommissie 3.
Decision: Report referred to ad hoc commission 3.
- C. Ds TJ van Vuuren rapporteer namens ad hoc kommissie 3.
Rev TJ van Vuuren reports on behalf of ad hoc commission 3.

D. RAPPORT / REPORT

<p>1. Opdrag Acta 2012:515 en Acta 2015:484 besluite geneem deur die Algemene Sinode: om 'n Sendingorde vir die GKSA op te stel.</p> <p>2. Agtergrond Die Algemene Sinode het in 1964 'n Sendingorde goedgekeur (Acta 1964:62; 1967:240-242). Weens die hersiening van die GKSA KO, art 52 het die Sendingorde verval (Acta 1979:554, 2.2.3.4.4). Die onderwerp is in verskeie Sinodes daarna voortgesit (Acta 1982:577, 6; 1985:153, 21; 1988:380, 4.4; 1991:357, 4; 1994:268, 4). Die saak van 'n Sendingorde is vanaf 1997 tot en met 2015 op die Sinodes bespreek. Die Algemene Sinodes van 2012 en 2015 het besluit om 'n Sendingorde op te stel om die Sendingorde in ooreenstemming met KO, art 51 te bring. Verder is besluit dat Sendingdeputate hiervoor aangewys moes word.</p> <p>3. Sendingordes geraadpleeg</p> <p>3.1 GKSA Sendingorde van 1964.</p> <p>3.2 Die Gereformeerde Kerken Vrijgemaakt (in Nederland) se Sendingorde.</p> <p>3.3 Die Christelijk Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland se Sendingorde.</p> <p>3.4 Die Sendinghandboek vir die Sinode van die Gereformeerde Kerke in Nieu-</p>	<p>1. Mandate Acta 2012:515 and Acta 2015:484 decisions by the General Synod: to set up a Missionary Order for the GKSA.</p> <p>2. Background The General Synod approved a missionary order in 1964 (Acta 1964:62; 1967:240-242). Yet, due to the revised GKSA CO, art 52, the Missionary Order expired (Synod Acts 1979:554, 2.2.3.4.4). The topic proceeded in numerous Synods thereafter (Synod Acts 1982:577, 6; 1985:153, 21; 1988:380, 4.4; 1991:357, 4; 1994:268, 4). The Missionary Order matter had been debated at the Synods 1997 up to and including 2015. The General Synods of 2012 and 2015 decided to formulate a Missionary Order to bring it in line with the new CO, art 51, and that Missionary Deputies be appointed in this regard.</p> <p>3. Missionary orders consulted</p> <p>3.1 GKSA Mission Order of 1964.</p> <p>3.2 Missionary Order of the Christian Reformed Churches Liberated in the Netherlands.</p> <p>3.3 Missionary Oder of the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands</p> <p>3.4 The Mission Handbook for Synod of the Reformed Churches in New Zealand.</p>
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<p>Seeland.</p> <p>3.5 Sendinghandboek van die HRC.</p> <p>3.6 World Reformed Fellowship se Verklaring van Geloof IX. Sending en Evangelisasie.</p> <p>3.7 Kaapstadse Onderneming I.10 van die Lausanne Evangelisasiebeweging.</p> <p>4. Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit Die Sendingdeputate stel die volgende Sendingorde voor:</p> <p><u>SENDINGORDE VAN DIE GKSA</u></p> <p>4.1 <i>Skriftuurlike begronding</i> Sending begin met die Drie-enige God in sy ewige raadsplan (Ef 1). Na die sondeval het God die sondaarmens opgesoek (Gen 3:7) en Hy het 'n volk gevorm om deel van sy sending te wees (Gen 12:1-3). Hierdie Ou Testamentiese sendingfokus word in die Nuwe Testament bevestig. Die Here Jesus het self aan sy kerk die sendingopdrag gegee (Matt 28:18-20). Naas die liefdesgebod is die opdrag tot sendingwerk dus deel van die wese van die kerk. Die kerk wat nie sendingwerk doen nie is ongehoorsaam aan die Here. Sendingwerk word nie gedoen met die primêre doel om die getalle van die kerk te vermeerder nie, maar om gehoorsaam te wees aan die opdrag van ons Here, om die Evangelie na al die nasies te neem. Sending is afgelei van die woord <i>apostello</i> wat "stuur" beteken (Joh 20:21). Sending omvat die kerk se totale gerigtheid na buite, met ander woorde nie net die uitdra van die Evangelie met woorde nie, maar ook daad van liefde en barmhartigheid waarmee die verkondiging van God se liefde en barmhartigheid met konkrete daad bevestig word (vgl Matt 5:13-16; 44-47). Ons beklemtoon die noodsaak vir alle Christene om in tye van armoede, siekte, epidemies en alle vorme van onreg teenoor mense, hulle te beklee met die liefde van Christus. Evangelisering (<i>euangelizo</i>) beteken om die Goeie Boodskap aangaande Jesus Christus, o.a. sy lyding, dood en opstanding, te verkondig (vgl Hand 4:2; 8:35; 17:3). Kortliks saamgevat kan ons dit so stel:</p>	<p>3.5 HRC Missions Handbook.</p> <p>3.6 World Reformed Fellowship Statement of Faith IX. Mission and Evangelism.</p> <p>3.7 Cape Town Commitment I.10 of the Lausanne Evangelism Movement.</p> <p>4. Matters that the Synod decide on The Deputies propose the following Missionary Order:</p> <p><u>MISSIONARY ORDER OF THE GKSA</u></p> <p>4.1 <i>Scriptural basis</i> Mission started with the Triune God in his eternal decree (Eph 1). After the Fall God engaged with the lost (Gen 3:9) and He formed a people to be part of his mission (Gen 12:1-3). This Old Testament missionary focus is confirmed in the New Testament. The Lord Jesus Himself gave his church the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). In addition to the love commandment, the Commission towards missionary work is therefore part of the essence of the church. A church not doing missionary work is disobedient to the Lord. Missionary work is not primarily done to raise the numbers of the church. It should be done in obedience to the Lord to proclaim his Gospel to all nations.</p> <p>Mission has been derived from the word <i>apostello</i> which means to "send" (John 20:21). Mission encompasses the church's total directedness to those outside; in other words, not only the carrying of the Gospel by means of words, but also by deeds of love and mercy (see Matt 5:13-16; 44-47). Therefore we affirm the great need for Christians to be clothed with compassion in the name of Christ, in the midst of poverty, disease, injustice and all forms of human misery.</p> <p>Evangelism (<i>euangelizo</i>) means to proclaim the Good Message of Jesus Christ – his suffering, death and resurrection are the contents of this message (see Acts 4:2; 8:35; 17:3). In short we may state: "Mission" is the</p>
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<p>“Sending” is die totale gerigtheid van die kerk na buite, deur Woord- en daadverkondiging. “Evangelisering” is die sentrale element van hierdie gerigtheid na buite, naamlik die verkondiging van die Evangelie. Omdat evangelisering die kern van sending is en by sending inbegrepe is, word die woord sending in hierdie Sendingorde gebruik.</p>	<p>total directedness of the church to the world outside, through proclamation by Word and action. Because “evangelism” is the core of, and included in mission, the word “<i>mission</i>” will be used henceforth in this Missionary Order.</p>
<p>4.2 <i>Doel</i> Die doel van sendingwerk is om deel van God se ewige raadsplan van vrede te wees. Sending is in die eerste plek God se aktiwiteit. Hy bring die Evangelie aan mense wat verlore is, sodat God deur hulle verheerlik kan word.</p>	<p>4.2 <i>Goal</i> The goal of missionary work is to be part of God’s eternal counsel of peace. Mission is fundamentally the activity of God. He brings the Gospel to people that are still lost, so that God can be glorified through them.</p>
<p>Verder is die doel om nuwe kerke te plant. As dit vir ‘n “sturende kerk/gemeente” duidelik word dat daar genoeg lede is, asook lede met die gawes om ouderlinge en diakens te wees, moet hulle aangemoedig word om ‘n kerk/gemeente te vorm. Terwyl die gemeente tot stand kom, is die nuwe gelowiges deel van die sturende kerk/gemeente. Die bediening van sakramente geskied onder toesig van die sturende kerk/gemeente.</p>	<p>Furthermore, the goal is to plant new churches. If it becomes clear to a “sending church” that there are enough members, as well as members gifted to be elders and deacons, they have to be encouraged to institute a church/congregation. While being established, the new believers have to be part of the sending church/congregation. The ministry of the sacraments are under the supervision of the sending church/congregation.</p>
<p>4.3 <i>Sendelinge</i> Sendelinge is bedienaars van die Woord wat volgens die bepalings van die Kerkorde deur die plaaslike kerk (of ‘n kombinasie van plaaslike kerke) uitgestuur word en met die bepaalde Formulier vir die Bevestiging van Sendelinge bevestig word. Die roeping/beroeping en uitstuur geskied met of sonder die samewerking van ander kerke, en op advies van die Klassis. Sendingwerkers is persone wat behulpsaam is met sendingwerk, maar nie bevestigde bedienaars van die Woord is nie. Sulke sendingwerkers staan onder die toesig van ‘n plaaslike kerk (of ‘n kombinasie van plaaslike kerke).</p>	<p>4.3 <i>Missionaries</i> Missionaries are ministers of the Word who, according to the provisions of the Church Order, are sent from local churches (or a combination of local churches) and who are ordained with the specific Formulary for the Ordination of Missionaries. The calling and sending happen with or without the cooperation of other churches, and upon the advice of the Classis. Missionary workers are non-ordained ministers involved in mission. Such missionary workers fall under the supervision of a local church (or a combination of local churches).</p>
<p>4.4 <i>Sendingopdrag</i> Dit is God wat stuur en die sturende kerk definieer die inhoud van die opdrag aan die sendeling. Indien nodig, kan die Sendingdeputate vir advies genader word. Die duidelik omskrewe sendingopdrag word in die beroeps-</p>	<p>4.4 <i>Missionary assignment</i> It is God that sends and the sending church defines the content of the assignment of the missionary. If necessary, the Missionary Deputies can be asked for advice. The assignment should be thoroughly formulated in the</p>

<p>brief uiteengesit. Indien dit nodig raak om die sendingopdrag te verander, word dit op advies van die Klassis gedoen, volgens KO, artt 7, 10 en 11. Sendingwerkers moet ook uitgestuur word met 'n duidelik omskrewe sendingopdrag, tesame met advies van die Klassis indien nodig.</p> <p>4.5 <i>Samewerking met ander kerkverbande</i> Sendingwerk word onderneem met inagneming van kerkverbande met wie die GKSA ekumeniese bande het. Indien sendingwerk in samewerking met ander kerke en kerkverbande onderneem word, word dit gedoen volgens die advies van die Sendingdeputate asook die Deputate vir Ekumeniese Sake (binnelands of buitelands). Die nodige dokumentasie wat die verpligtinge van die verskillende partye bevat, moet gereed wees, geteken wees en in bewaring gehou word.</p> <p>As 'n gemeente, kerkverband of sendingorganisasie wat saam met die GKSA-gemeentes wil werk, hulp of advies met sendingwerk in 'n spesifieke area benodig, kontak hulle die Sendingdeputate.</p> <p>4.6 <i>Nuwe kerke en kerkverbande</i> Nuwe kerke word volgens die bepalings van die Kerkorde gestig. Indien nuwe kerke wat tot stand gekom het nog nie in 'n eie kerkverband georganiseer is nie, vorm daardie kerke deel van die Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika, totdat die nuwe kerkverband gevestig is.</p> <p>4.7 <i>Opleiding en toerusting van sendelinge en sendingwerkers</i> Sturende kerke moet toesien dat sendelinge en sendingwerkers die nodige opleiding ondergaan, volgens advies van die Sendingdeputate en die Teologiese Skool.</p> <p>4.8 <i>Koste van sending</i> Die versorging van sendelinge en sendingwerkers, en ander kostes vir sending, bly die verantwoordelikheid van die sturende kerk(e). Kerke kan vir sustentasie aansoek doen vir die versorging van sendelinge.</p> <p>4.9 <i>Eiendomme</i> Eiendomme wat in die sendingveld bekom is behoort aan die sturende kerke,</p>	<p>calling letter. If it becomes necessary to change the assignment, it is done upon the advice of the Classis according to CO, arts 7, 10 and 11.</p> <p>Missionary workers are also sent out with a well-formulated assignment, together with the advice of the Classis if necessary.</p> <p>4.5 <i>Cooperation with other denominations</i> Missionary work may be initiated with the cooperation of denominations with whom the GKSA have ecumenical ties. If, however, missionary work is undertaken in cooperation with churches with whom the GKSA do not have ecumenical ties, it should be done upon advice from the Missionary Deputies as well as the Deputies for Ecumenical Matters (domestic as well as foreign). The necessary documents, outlining the commitments of the relevant parties, should be drawn up, signed and filed.</p> <p>If a congregation, denomination or a missionary organisation who wants to work with GKSA churches requires help or advice with missionary work in a specific area, they have to contact the Missionary Deputies.</p> <p>4.6 <i>New churches and denominations</i> New churches are established according to the provisions of the Church Order. New churches that have been planted but have not yet established own denominations, form part of the GKSA until a new denomination has been established.</p> <p>4.7 <i>Training and equipping of missionaries and missionary workers</i> Sending churches have to ensure that missionaries and missionary workers receive the necessary training, according to the advice of the Missionary Deputies and the Theological Seminary.</p> <p>4.8 <i>Costs of missionary work</i> The financial care of missionary workers and missionaries, and other costs involved in missionary work, remain the responsibility of the sending church(es). Churches could apply for sustentation for the care of missionaries.</p> <p>4.9 <i>Properties</i> Properties acquired in the mission field belong to the sending churches, but</p>
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<p>maar behoort binne 'n redelike tyd aan die nuutgestigte kerk oorgedra te word.</p> <p>4.10 <i>Die Sendingdeputate van die Algemene Sinode</i></p> <p>4.10.1 <u>Aanwys van Deputate</u> Die Algemene Sinode wys 5 Deputate 2 adviseurs aan.</p> <p>4.10.2 <u>Koördinerings</u> Die Sendingdeputate koördineer alle sendingwerk binne die GKSA, sodat onnodige duplisering voorkom kan word. Skakeling met kerkverbande met wie die GKSA ekumeniese bande het, word deur die Sendingdeputate in samewerking met die Deputate vir Ekumeniese Sake gedoen. Sendingwerk wat onderneem word in samewerking met kerkverbande met wie die GKSA nie ekumeniese bande het nie, word gedoen op advies van die Sendingdeputate asook die Deputate vir Ekumeniese Sake (binnelands of buitelands).</p> <p>4.10.3 <u>Sendingkantoor</u> Die Sendingdeputate vestig en hou 'n sendingkantoor in stand. Hierdie kantoor verskaf aan al die kerke in die GKSA inligting oor sendingwerk, met die doel om te ondersteun en toe te rus. Die sendingkantoor help die Sendingdeputate in die uitvoer van hul mandaat. Die Algemene Sinode stel fondse vir die funksionering van hierdie sendingkantoor beskikbaar.</p> <p>4.10.4 <u>Toerustingsmateriaal</u> Die Sendingdeputate stel toerustingsmateriaal aan plaaslike kerke beskikbaar sodat die plaaslike kerke hul verantwoordelikheid kan nakom. Die sendingkantoor bring 'n databasis op die been wat uit Bybelse, Gereformeerde materiaal saamgestel word.</p> <p>4.10.5 <u>Toerusting</u> Die Deputate adviseer kerke en meerdere vergaderings insake die opleiding van sendelinge en sendingwerkers.</p> <p>4.10.6 <u>Sendingkonferensies</u> Die Deputate organiseer gereelde kursusse en sendingkonferensies om plaaslike kerke, lidmate en leiers in die GKSA te ondersteun en te moti-</p>	<p>should, after a reasonable period, be transferred to the newly instituted church.</p> <p>4.10 <i>The Missionary Deputies of the General Synod</i></p> <p>4.10.1 <u>Appointment of Deputies</u> The General Synod appoints 5 Deputies with and 2 advisors.</p> <p>4.10.2 <u>Coordination</u> The Deputies coordinate all the missionary work in the GKSA, so that unnecessary duplication could be avoided. Consultation with churches with whom the GKSA have ecumenical ties, are done by the Missionary Deputies in collaboration with the Deputies for Ecumenical Matters (domestic as well as foreign). Missionary work which is undertaken in cooperation with churches with whom the GKSA do not have ecumenical ties, is done upon the advice of the Missionary Deputies as well as the Deputies for Ecumenical Matters (domestic as well as foreign).</p> <p>4.10.3 <u>Mission office</u> The Missionary Deputies establish and maintain a mission office. This mission office provides all the GKSA churches with information on missionary work with the purpose of mutual support and preparation. The mission office assists the Deputies in the execution of their mandate and the General Synod makes funds available for the functioning of this office.</p> <p>4.10.4 <u>Training material</u> The Deputies provide preparatory material through the mission office so that local churches can execute their responsibilities. The mission office has to establish a database composed of sound Biblical and Reformed material.</p> <p>4.10.5 <u>Equipping</u> The Deputies advise churches and major assemblies regarding the training of missionaries and missionary workers.</p> <p>4.10.6 <u>Missionary conferences</u> The Deputies organise regular courses and missionary conferences to assist and motivate local churches, members and leaders in the GKSA in</p>
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veer om die sendingopdrag wat die Here Jesus Christus aan ons gegee het, effektief uit te leef.	order to execute the great commission given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ effectively.
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E. RAPPORT VAN DIE AD HOC KOMMISSIE / REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMISSION

<p>1. Opdrag Die Sinode verwys Rapport 25.1 in geheel na die Kommissie vir advies. Besluit: Kennis geneem.</p> <p>2. Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</p> <p>2.1 Die Kommissie is gelei deur die bespreking in die Sinode. 2.2 Die Kommissie het die saak deeglik bespreek en advies ontvang van proff J Smit en HG Stoker. Besluit: Punte 2.1 en 2.2 kennis geneem.</p> <p>3. Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</p> <p>3.1 Pt 4.1. Die Kommissie beveel aan dat die opskrif “Missio Dei/missio ecclesiae” vervang word met “Skriftuurlike begroting”. <u>Motivering:</u> ‘n Eenvoudige opskrif voorkom enige misverstand oor die begrippe wat deur die Deputate voorgestel word. Besluit: Goedgekeur (wysiging reeds aangebring – Deputate Handeling).</p> <p>3.2 Pt 4.4. Die Kommissie beveel aan dat die bewoording van pt 4.4. van die Rapport soos volg gewysig word: die woorde “Die sturende kerk bepaal die sendingopdrag van ‘n sendeling” word vervang met: “Dit is God wat stuur en die sturende kerk definieer die inhoud van die opdrag aan die sendeling”. <u>Motivering:</u> Die voorgestelde bewoording voorkom enige misverstand oor die Skrifbeginsel dat God die Een is wat roep en stuur en nie die Kerkraad nie. Besluit: Goedgekeur (wysiging reeds aangebring – Deputate Handeling).</p> <p>3.3 Pt 4.10.1 (aanwys van Deputate) beveel die Kommissie aan dat die opdragte verwys word na 5 Deputate en twee Adviseurs. Besluit: Goedgekeur (wysiging reeds aangebring – Deputate Handeling).</p>	<p>1. Assignment The Synod refers Report 25.1 in its entirety to the Commission for advice. Decision: Noted.</p> <p>2. Matters that the Synod take note of</p> <p>2.1 The Commission were led by the discussion in the Synod. 2.2 The Commission discussed the matter thoroughly and received advice from proff J Smit and HG Stoker. Decision: Points 2.1 and 2.2 noted.</p> <p>3. Matters that the Synod decide on</p> <p>3.1 Pt 4.1. The Commission recommends that the heading “Mission Dei/missio ecclesiae” is replaced with “Scriptural basis”. <u>Motivation:</u> A simple heading prevents any misunderstanding on the ideas proposed by the Deputies. Decision: Approved (amendment already added – Deputies Acta).</p> <p>3.2 Pt 4.4. The Commission recommends that the wording of pt 4.4 of the Report be changed as follow: the words “<i>The sending church determines the assignment of a missionary</i>” be replaced with “<i>It is God that sends and the sending church defines the content of the assignment of the missionary</i>”. <u>Motivation:</u> the proposed wording prevents any misunderstanding of the Scripture-principle that God is the One that calls and sends and not the Church Council. Decision: Approved (amendment already added – Deputies Acta).</p> <p>3.3 Pt 4.10.1 (appointment of Deputies) the Commission recommends that the assignments be referred to 5 Deputies and 2 Advisors. Decision: Approved (amendment already added – Deputies Acta).</p>
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<p>3.4 Met verwysing na 4.10.2 beveel die Kommissie aan dat die opdrag gekontinueer word.</p>	<p>3.4 With reference to 4.10.2 the Commission recommends that the mandate is continued.</p>
<p>Besluit: Goedgekeur.</p>	<p>Decision: Approved.</p>
<p>3.5 Met verwysing na 4.10.3 (sendingkantoor) voorsien die Kommissie dat hierdie versoek finansiële implikasies het en beveel aan dat die Deputate in samewerking met Deputate Kerkgroei (Expando) alternatiewe moontlikhede kan ondersoek.</p>	<p>3.5 With regards to 4.10.3 (mission office) the Commission foresee that this request has financial implications and propose that the Deputies in conjunction with Deputies Church Growth (Expando) investigate alternative possibilities.</p>
<p>Besluit: Goedgekeur.</p>	<p>Decision: Approved.</p>
<p>3.6 Oor 4.10.4 tot 4.10.6 (verdere opdragte) kry die Deputate opdrag om dit in samewerking met Expando uit te voer.</p>	<p>3.6 With regards pts 4.10.4 to 4.10.6 (further assignments) the Deputies receive the mandate to execute in cooperation with Expando.</p>
<p>Besluit: Goedgekeur.</p>	<p>Decision: Approved.</p>
<p>3.7 Die Deputate kry die volgende opdragte om die Sendingorde te verfyn vir goedkeuring deur die volgende Sinode:</p>	<p>3.7 The Deputies receive the following assignments in order to refine the Missionary order for the following Synod:</p>
<p>3.7.1 Om die doel van die Sendingorde duidelik te beskryf en as 'n inleidende artikel by die dokument te voeg.</p>	<p>3.7.1 To describe the goal of the Mission order clearly and to add it in as an introductory article to the document.</p>
<p>3.7.2 Om die begrip “<i>sendingwerkers</i>” in pt 4.7 duidelik te definieer binne die konteks van die Kerkorde en die verskillende dienste wat bestaan.</p>	<p>3.7.2 To clearly define the concept “<i>missionary workers</i>” in pt 4.7 within the context of the Church Order and the different offices that exist.</p>
<p>3.7.3 Om tersaaklike besluite van vorige Sinodes insake sendingwerk as 'n Bylae by die Sendingorde te voeg. <u>Motivering:</u> Hierdie besluite kan tot groot hulp wees van kerke in die uitvoering van hulle sendingopdrag en bring alle sake saam in een dokument.</p>	<p>3.7.3 To add relevant decisions of previous Synods as an addendum to the Missionary Order. <u>Motivation:</u> These decisions can be of great help to churches in the execution of their missionary-assignment and gathers all relevant matters in the same document.</p>
<p>Besluit: Punte 3.7 tot 3.7.3 goedgekeur.</p>	<p>Decision: Points 3.7 to 3.7.3 approved.</p>