

11.3 POINT OF DESCRIPTION REGIONAL SYNOD PRETORIA – SPECIAL SYNODS (Artt 12, 245)

- A. Rev SD Snyman tables the Point of Description.
- B. See decisions at 21.1, Report Unity in Diversity.

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That all unfinished and possible new matters relating to the question of women in office be referred to a Special Synod, as proposed in Point of Description 11.2. Unresolved matters are the Petitions of Protest that were on the Agenda of the General Synod of 2012, as well as the Reports of the relevant Commissions of that Synod.

2. Motivation

- 2.1 The decades-long struggle in the GKSA relating to this matter, in particular the accusations from both sides regarding the view and usage of Scriptures on the other side, and the resultant discord in the churches, shows that this issue is a classical example of the type of matters that should be referred to a Special Synod.
- 2.2 To put all these unfinished matters back on the Agenda of the General Synod 2015, will be a step backwards, as we will again be at the impasse experienced by the General Synod 2012, which led to the extraordinary decision of appointing Deputies for Unity in Diversity.

3. Explanatory notes of Point of Description

- 3.1 The delegates for this first Special Synod will be chosen at the Regional Synods of November 2015. Thereafter this Synod can start working. General Synod 2015 may, however, consider asking the delegates of the respective Regional Synods at the General Synod to appoint the delegates for this first Special Synod.
- 3.2 Until this Special Synod has concluded its work, all the decisions and requests of previous National and General Synods regarding this matter remains valid.