

13.11 REPORT 1 – DEPUTIES: PRE-ADVICE FOR FINANCES (Art 214)

- A. Rev PJ Nel tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

- 1.1 Receive and review the annual Financial Statements for feedback to the churches (Acta 2012:64, 6.1).
- 1.2 Once the Financial Statements and Agenda are available at the General Synod, assess the statements and make a recommendation to the Synod as well as recommendations about other financial matters (Acta 2012:64, 6.2).
- 1.3 Consider the option of meeting electronically and refer to the Commission for the appointment of Deputies (Acta 2012:64, 6.3).

Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.3 noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

- 2.1 The motivation for the appointment of the “Deputies: Pre-advice for Finances” is as follows: *The Financial Commission at Synods are not able to make the Reports available to the Synod in time. Speedier completion of Financial Reports will be of great benefit to the Synod session* (Acta 2012:64).
- 2.2 *Instruction 1*
 - 2.2.1 The Chairman of the Deputies, rev PJ Nel, realised that it is not practical to execute the instruction on an annual basis.
 - 2.2.2 An alternative route was followed. The Administrative Bureau held an annual meeting and all members of the GKSA were welcome to attend. Delegates from Regional Synods were specifically invited to the meeting. The meeting provided a competent and transparent Report on the financial affairs of the GKSA. There was opportunity for questions, which were duly answered. Thank you for the thorough work.
- 2.3 *Instruction 2*

See Report 2.
- 2.4 *Instruction 3*
 - 2.4.1 The instruction to consider meeting electronically was complied with as much as possible.
 - 2.4.2 This is, however, a newly appointed group of Deputies and closer interaction was needed. The Chairman and the two Scribes met in person and the greater assembly met via telephone conference.
 - 2.4.3 This instruction, however, relates to all GKSA deputies and need not be reiterated.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.4.3 noted.

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

Recommendations

- 3.1 *Instruction 1*

The Deputies, in cooperation with the Administrative Bureau, are to ensure that the congregations of the GKSA are kept up to date regarding all financial statements.
- 3.2 *Instruction 3*

This is only for the Synod’s information and the instruction will not be repeated.

Motivation: It is a request to all Deputies to meet electronically, as cost-saving measure.

Decision: Points 3.1 and 3.2 approved.