

### **13.4 REPORT 4: MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU – DEPUTIES: LIAISON (Art 209)**

- A. The Synod enters member's meeting of the Administrative Bureau.
- B. Rev CA Jansen tables the Report.
- C. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

#### **D. REPORT**

##### **1. Mandate**

Acta 2009:288-289, 6.

**Decision: Noted.**

##### **2. Matters that the Synod take note of**

- 2.1 Three workshops were presented in Classes Griqualand West, Waterberg and Namibia. Classes East Free State and North Free State were also visited, during which information conveyed during workshops were imparted to the delegates of the different Classes and specific enquiries were addressed.
- 2.2 The most important matters, in need of attention, are: church administration, church assemblies, financial management and administration, estimates, funds, archive, church property, financial care of ministers (CO, art 11, 13 & 20) and the GKSA Ministers Pension Fund. The goal is to offer support.
- 2.3 The feedback from most of the churches were very positive, since a great deal of assistance could be offered and information conveyed.
- 2.4 Workshops still to take place:
  - 2.4.1 Western Cape
  - 2.4.2 Eastern Cape
  - 2.4.3 Bushveld
  - 2.4.4 Venda
- 2.5 The Deputies are working on an information booklet, for use by the churches.
- 2.6 Public relations work is ongoing and the Deputies visit local churches upon request, during which advice is sought and given on the following: salaries; calling and call letters; church finances; financial cooperation; combinations and deeds; ministry models, etc. Such advice is also given via e-mail and telephonically (as cost-saving measure).
- 2.7 Meeting with Church Councils may lead to the collection of certain outstanding ramings.
- 2.8 The Deputies have set a timeframe in which to visit churches to recover outstanding ramings and collections.
- 2.9 The Deputies: Liaison wish to contribute to the vision of service of the Administrative Bureau and as such be Kingdom directed. Within the framework of Synod 2012's decision on the "turnaround strategy", these Deputies are willing to aid churches in the development of their ministries towards the growth of God's Kingdom.

**Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.9 noted.**

**3. Matters that the Synod decide on**

- 3.1 Deputies for this kind of work are to be appointed again with the instruction (Acta, 2009:285-289).
- 3.2 To offer assistance and advice to local churches upon request.

**Decision: Points 3.1 and 3.2 approved.**