

20. Church Polity

20.1 REPORT DEPUTIES LEGAL MATTERS: SOUTPANSBERG (Art 250)

- A. Dr PH Heystek tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

Synod 2012 (Acta 2012:281, 4.2.1) gave the following assignment: "The General Synod appoints Deputies with knowledgeable persons that can coordinate the support given to congregations where problems are experienced after the breaking of ties between the GKSA and Synod Soutpansberg and who can also, upon request, give congregations advice if needed with the advice of the Legal Deputies.

Decision: Noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

- 2.1 Upon request, advice has been given to the following congregations:
 - 2.1.1 GK De Hoop
 - 2.1.2 GK Atteridgeville
 - 2.1.3 GK Tshaiwelo
 - 2.1.4 GK Boipatong
- 2.2 In litigation the following congregations were advised upon request and financially (Acta 2012:281, 4.2.3) assisted.
 - 2.2.1 GK Atteridgeville
 - 2.2.2 GK De Hoop

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.2.2 noted.

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

- 3.1 The Synod decides if Deputies should be appointed again.

Decision: Approved.