

## **22.4 REPORT 2: DEPUTIES LITURGICAL MATTERS – SUBGROUP AFRIKAANS SONGS INTERIM VOLUME CONTAINING NEWLY APPROVED SONGS (Art 192)**

- A. Rev JL van der Schyff tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

### **C. REPORT**

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

- 1.1 *Instruction: Acta 2012:425, 2.6:* Publishing and making available a volume of the newly approved songs (including those approved by Synod 2009), together with their sheet music, to congregations and organists in hardcopy form and electronically on the GKSA website in cooperation with the Administrative Bureau.
- 1.2 The interim volume, containing the newly approved songs, was published at R20 per issue. Bybel-Media was requested in advance to publish the newly approved songs in an interim volume, since Bybel-Media owns the licensing rights, copy- and publishing rights to many of these songs. Bybel-Media obliged, without payment of any royalties.
- 1.3 The newly approved songs were also loaded onto the CJBF website in PDF format.
- 1.4 All churches that obtain a Song book licence from CCLI receive an electronic edition (CD) of the “green”Psalm book as well as all songs in the Song book of the church. The CD contains the Power Point documents of all the Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and songs of the Song book of the church, showing the music with all the verses. It is the work of the music project of the service group for media and electronics of the GK Krugersdorp, led by sr Hettie Boshoff and completed in cooperation with Bybel-Media. Churches who don’t have a Song book licence from CCLI can obtain the Power Point documents of all the Psalms and Scriptural hymns,of which Bybel-Media doesn’t own the copyright, from sr Hettie Boshoff.
- 1.5 The composing of the sheet music for the newly approved songs is virtually complete and should already be available at Synod 2015.
- 1.6 A letter regarding alternative arrangements for organ accompaniment during services was received from GK Louis Trichardt. It explained that this congregation does not have an organist at present. Discussions with a number of other congregations that face the same dilemma indicate the real need for church organ music for use during services and they present the following request to the Deputies:
  - 1.6.1 There are quite a number of organ recordings on the Internet that could be used during services. What would be deemed suitable to use?
  - 1.6.2 Would the Deputies be willing to consider creating a Reformed database or website where congregations could access such music?
  - 1.6.3 Would it be possible to approach professionals to develop a special electronic programme for organ accompaniment for the GKSA?
  - 1.6.4 Could the Deputies compile a CD with organ music for congregations to use in services?
  - 1.6.5 Could the Deputies possibly place this matter on the Agenda for Synod 2015?
- 1.7 The Deputies received the letter too late to address it properly. The Deputies are aware of projects by the Deputies Publications, but are not up to date with all projects out there.

**Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.7 noted.**

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

- 2.1 The Synod is to instruct the to be appointed Deputies to address the problems set out in the letter from GK Louis Trichardt, since it appears to be a more widespread problem and not just a local one.

**Decision: Approved.**