

23.3 REPORT 3: DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS – CALVIN JUBILEUM BOOK FUND (Artt 116, 117)

- A. Dr GJ Meijer tables the Report.
- B. The Report will be concluded during the Synod session.

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

- 1.1 The assignment is contained in the Rules of the CJBF (Acta 1982:226-227 and Acta 2006:759-760). The assignment includes that future publications are considered, selected and published within the framework of the objectives of the CJBF. The control of the book stocks of the CJBF as well as the control of the CJBF funds rest with the Deputies. The administration is handled by the Administration Bureau on behalf of the Deputies.
- 1.2 Red and Blue booklets (abridged, simplified versions of Heidelberg Catechism (Acta 2012:432, 2.11). The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to further handle the English translation of the Red and Blue booklets.
- 1.3 Sermon collection by rev E Kayayan (Acta 2012:432, 2.12). The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to further handle the project.
- 1.4 Publication of an exposition of the Canons of Dort (Acta 2012:433, 2.13). The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to further handle the project.
- 1.5 Marketing. The execution of the following decisions taken by the Deputies is passed on to the new Deputies: The introduction of all CJBF publications and projects in as many as possible ecclesiastical and theological journals, both locally and abroad (eg. Netherlands). The printing of the covers of CJBF publications on a poster for marketing in congregations and elsewhere.

Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.5 noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

- 2.1 The Deputies have selected all manuscripts submitted for publication in accordance with the rules and, if possible, published them. Preference is given to small edition hard copy books. We're constantly looking at the possibility of digitization of books and the electronic distribution of material through the CJBF website. In certain cases, the Deputies decided to recommend that, because of the nature of the works, the author should only make the books available electronically.
- 2.2 The Deputies proposed that the PCA's version of the Confessions be used as English text by the GKSA. The proposal was submitted to the Deputies Liturgical Matters and if they agree the PCA will be approached for permission to use their text.
- 2.3 Rev E Kayayan's sermon collection – *Onder die Vaandel van die Kruis* – has been printed and published in cooperation with Foi te Vie Reformée.
- 2.4 The publication of the Exposition of the Canons of Dort had not been finalized at the time of the preparation of the report. We will report further in the Supplementary Report.
- 2.5 *Marketing*: The Deputies make all possible attempts at marketing publications locally as well as abroad.
- 2.6 *1536 Edition of Calvin's Institutes*: The 1536 edition of the Institutes, translated by professor HW Simpson, was scanned and converted to text format after which it was made available on the CJBF website in PDF format. It can be downloaded for free. With the kind assistance of dr VE d'Assonville a small number of misprints were eliminated during the scanning and editing.

- 2.7 *Electronic 1559 Edition of Calvin's Institutes*: The Deputies have been reflecting on the reprint of the four-volume Simpson edition of the Institutes. The electronic text of the printed version is no longer available and it has also been established that the text obtained from Logos South Africa is not the latest text. The only option for a reprint was therefore to print a facsimile edition. For this it had to be scanned and the images printed in book form.

Due to the fact that the original electronic version is no longer available and the high cost of facsimile printing, the Deputies decided to also make this work only available electronically.

To make the task easier a high quality scanner was bought and the four volumes were scanned. A first stage character recognition was also done on the scanned PDF files which allows for searches to be done in the text. The full Institutes are available on the CJBF website and can be downloaded in its entirety or specific chapters only. It was decided to make available a user-friendly version that can be loaded onto a CD or data stick or used directly on a computer. This includes both versions of the Institutes and has been fully indexed so that searches can be done either in Adobe Reader or in a web browser.

- 2.8 *Reprinting of the abridged Institutes, rev A Duvenhage*: There was a renewed demand for this work and the deputies approved a print run of 100. Unfortunately it was noted after the reprint of the book that the text used contained many errors. The print was withdrawn. In view of the large number of errors in the reprint it was decided to scan the original book by rev Duvenhage and make it available electronically. It will not be reprinted.

- 2.9 *Reprint of "Soeklig" series*: All available books in the Bible study guides of the "Soeklig" series were scanned, converted to text format and made available on the CJBF website and can be downloaded for free. The following are available:

2.9.1 *"Fokus op Daniël"* – Rev LD Aucamp

2.9.2 *"Fokus op Obadja"* – Rev TJJ Kruger

2.9.3 *"Fokus op Jona"* – Dr AH Bogaards

2.9.4 *"Fokus op Matteus"* – Dr JL Venter

2.9.5 *"Fokus op Kolossense"* – Prof Fika van Rensburg

- 2.10 *Reprint of "Woord voor die Ja-Woord" by rev Egbert Brink*: A further print run of 100 of this book was reprinted to supply in the demand.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.10 noted.

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

- 3.1 The Synod again appoints Deputies to carry out assignments as described in the Rules of the CJBF, as well as give attention to matters that are in the process of being handled.

Decision: Approved.

D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1. Matters that the Synod take note of

- 1.1 The scanning and converting to text of the abridged version of the Institute by rev A Duvenhage has been completed. It is now also available on the CJBF webpage and is fully included in the user friendly edition of the Institute. This edition thus includes three complete editions with built-in search function.

- 1.2 The Red- and Blue Catechism Booklets have been translated into English. The booklets are available electronically on the CJBF webpage. Paper copies are printed on request.

Decision: Points 1.1 and 1.2 noted.

2. Matter that the Synod decide on

- 2.1 The Synod again appoints Deputies to carry out assignments as described in the Rules of the CJBF, as well as give attention to matters that are in the process of being handled, the following in particular:
- 2.1.1 The printing and publishing of the publication about the exposition of the Canons of Dort by rev SD de Kock.
- 2.1.2 The printing and publishing of a volume about the Heidelberg Catechism – a collection of papers rendered during a series of conferences to commemorate the 450-year existence of the Catechism.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.1.2 approved.