

23.5 REPORT 5: DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS – CJBF – CHURCH ORDER BOOKLET (Art 120)

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

C. REPORT

1. Mandate

- 1.1 The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to thoroughly revise the Church Order Booklet and publish in an appropriate way.
- 1.2 The to-be-appointed Deputies are given the assignment to translate the revised Church Order Booklet into English. Investigation must also be done as to the desirability and possibility of translations into other African languages (Acta 2012:434-435).

Decision: Points 1.1 and 1.2 noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

2.1 *Revision of Church Order Booklet*

The following corrections and changes have been made to the Church Order Booklet:

- 2.1.1 Each listing of “Particular Synod” in the Afrikaans text has been replaced with “Regional Synod”.
 - 2.1.2 Each listing of a “National Synod” has been deleted. Where necessary, “National Synod” has been replaced with “General Synod”.
 - 2.1.3 Article 5: the last sentence (English) has been inserted.
 - 2.1.4 Article 25: From now on only the new version will be published. In 1997, this version was accepted and the amendment was passed on to Synod Midlands and Soutpansberg. These words are deleted in light of the fact that there is now only a General Synod.
 - 2.1.5 Article 29: the reference to “National Synod” falls away.
 - 2.1.6 Article 31: the new wording of the article has been inserted.
 - 2.1.7 Article 41: In the Church Order Book of 1998 there is a comment that the Deputies could not determine why the wording [*en dit mag nie meer as 3 maande uitgestel word nie*] was not included in some Psalm books. It has, however, been determined that in the Acta 1964:71 and 73, it was decided to omit the words, with the motivation that it could seem like over-regulation.
 - 2.1.8 Article 51: The wording has been removed as this article in its present form is no longer relevant. The new wording of the article has been inserted.
 - 2.1.9 Article 52: The brackets in the Afrikaans text have been removed because it does not functionally make any difference to the meaning.
 - 2.1.10 Article 57: In the African text the word “*aanvra*” has been replaced with the word “*aanbied*” – compare Acta 2003:465-467.
 - 2.1.11 Article 61: In 1997 it was decided to delete the words [*van dieselfde kerkverband*] and pass the amendment on to Synod Midlands and Soutpansberg. These words are deleted in light of the fact that there is now only a General Synod.
 - 2.1.12 Article 69: The new wording of the article has been inserted.
 - 2.1.13 Articles 76, 77: In 1997 it was decided to delete the word [*nagmaal*] and pass the amendment on to Synod Midlands and Soutpansberg. These words are deleted in light of the fact that there is now only a General Synod.
- ##### 2.2 *New Church Order Booklet*
- 2.2.1 The Church Order Booklet has been updated with the latest Formularies and Rules. A glossary has been inserted as an Appendix.

- 2.2.2 A printed copy has been prepared and is available at the Administrative Bureau.
- 2.2.3 The full electronic version of the Church Order Booklet is also available on the CJBF website.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.2.3 noted with gratitude.

3. Matters that the Synod decide on

- 3.1 The Synod again appoints Deputies to carry out assignments that are in the process of being handled, including:
 - 3.1.1 the translation of the Appendices to the Church Order in English
 - 3.1.2 the translation of the Church Order in other African languages
 - 3.1.3 publication of changes in the Church Order.

Decision: Points 3.1 to 3.1.3 approved.