

28. REPORTS : APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES (Artt 32, 187, 256)

- A. Rev BR Kingma tables the First and Second Report.
- B. Rev CJ van Vuuren tables the Finale Report.
- C. The Reports will be concluded during the Synod session.

D. FIRST REPORT

1. Mandate

The appointment of Deputies as decided by Synod.

Decision: Noted.

2. Matters that the Synod take note of

- 2.1 Regarding the method the Commission adheres to the following decisions of Synods:
- 2.2 The Churches and Deputy Groups provide beforehand the names of suitable persons suggested for the Deputy Groups to the Director of the Administrative Bureau (Acta 1991:69, 3.3.12.2; 1994:727, 1.2.1). According to the Deputy Programming (General Synod) no names were received.
 - 2.2.1 Delegates to the Synod suggest persons by providing names in writing to the Commission, accompanied by a motivation.
 - 2.2.2 The following criteria is valid for appointment on a Deputy Group: Expertise, interest, study field, availability, healthy variation, continuity, addition of young forces, and distances (Acta 2000:536, 2.4).
 - 2.2.3 Before the Final Report is presented to Synod, the Report is presented to the Moderamen for final advice, after which the report serves before the assembly.
 - 2.2.4 No retired ministers or retired professors should be appointed to a Deputy Group. Serving professors should not be appointed to Deputy Groups either, as far as possible (Acta 1979:179, 8.4; 1991:69, 3.3.12.2d; 1994:729, 1.2.4). However, professors may be added to Deputy Groups as advisors.
 - 2.2.5 Stipulations for the composition of the Management of the Administrative Bureau and Trustees of different Trust Funds are compiled in accordance with the relevant sets of Stipulations.
- 2.3 Nominators and nominees should take into account that due to high travel cost, a limited number of Deputy Groups, and the possibility of oversized Deputy groups, not all those nominated will be included in a certain Deputy Group.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.3 noted.

3. Matters that the Synod to decide on

- 3.1 Synod approves the following method, with consideration of 2.1 to 2.3 above:
 - 3.1.1 Delegates have opportunity until **Thursday, 8 January 2015 at 9:00** to nominate persons for possible appointment to Deputy Groups.
 - 3.1.2 Nominations should be submitted to the Scribes of the Commission, namely reverends Reinder Kingma and Christo van Vuuren, in writing.
 - 3.1.3 Delegates should feel free to submit their own names if they would like to serve as part of a certain Deputy Group.
 - 3.1.4 In order to reach the nominees, the full initials and surnames of nominees, as well as telephone numbers and addresses should be provided.
- 3.2 The Commission will attempt to present a preliminary Report to Synod on **Saturday, 10 January 2015**. The Report is not discussed in the open assembly.

Motivation: The method of this Commission involves persons and not matters, as is mainly the case with other Commissions. The good name and honour of our fellow men are involved here (Ex 20:16, HC, Sunday 43). In obedience to the Ninth Commandment, the Commission hears recommendations and argumentations with regard to suggested persons to Deputy Groups in confidence. The Commission places a high value on maintaining this confidentiality.

- 3.3 The Commission will present the Final Report to Synod before or on **Wednesday, 14 January 2015**. No discussion follows, therefore delegates should give input at the Commission beforehand.

Decision: Points 3.1 to 3.3 approved.

E. FIRST REPORT

1. Mandate

The appointment of Deputies as decided by Synod.

Decision: Noted.

F. FINALE REPORT

1. Mandate

The appointment of Deputies as decided by the Synod.

Decision: Noted.

2.1 MANAGEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

Br LJ Kruger (Chairperson, (Randburg)), br AJ Kruger (Finances, (Kroonstad)), br P Joubert (Communication, (Randburg)), br MC Erasmus (Properties), rev W Vogel (Trustees), dr D Lartz (Curators), rev CA Jansen (Liaison Deputies), dr JA Kruger (Human Resources, (Klerksdorp-North)), dr Wymie du Plessis (Administrative Manager) and br HJD Coetzee (Financial Manager).

Advisors: prof GJ Badenhorst (Legal expertise), br WA Vogel (Financial Manager).

Secundi: Rev PJ Nel (Trustees), br HAJ Oosthuizen (Finances), dr HF van Wyk (Communication), rev RP Buys (Liaison Deputies), br F de Beer (Potchefstroom-Die Bult), G du Plessis (Human Resources).

Audit committee: Brr JP Snyman (Koster), HAJ Oosthuizen, (Finance, (Klerksdorp)) and secundus R van der Kooy (jr).

Liaison Deputies: Rev W Vogel (c), dr W du Plessis and rev CA Jansen (scribe).

Representatives from Regional Synods will be advised to appoint representative Liaison Deputies.

2.2 DEPUTIES EMERITAATSVERSORGING REGARDING CO, ARTT 11, 13 AND 20

Elected members Trustees PPF: Revs CA Jansen, PJ Nel, W Vogel (c) and N Boy.

Secundus: Rev JA Berg.

Experts named: Brr JJ Howell (Randburg, vice chairperson), BD Bakker (Standerton), AJ Kruger (Kroonstad) and J Smit (Laeveld).

Advisor: Br BG Kukuk (Meyerspark).

Elected members: Rev JP Sithole.

Principal Officer: Dr Wymie du Plessis.

Assistant Scribe and Fund Manager: Dr Wymie du Plessis.

Secundus for possible co-opting: Br B van der Merwe (Rietvallei), GJ Beumer (Centurion).

Actuary: Mr N Strohmer.

2.3 DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY (Inlands)

Rev C Aucamp (Chairperson), dr H Goede (scribe), rev PW Kurpershoek, dr RM van der Merwe, rev PJ (Petrus) Venter, br PWH Aucamp, rev ASA de Bruyn (liaison abroad).

Secundi: Dr PH Heystek, rev TJ Potgieter.
Advisors: Proff J Smit, SP van der Walt.

2.4 DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY (Abroad)

Dr DG Breed (Chairperson), rev HS Coetzee (scribe), dr HM Zwemstra, revs TF Dreyer, HPM van Rhyn, ASA de Bruyn (liaison), MA Modise, HJP de Beer, dr WC Opperman (Namibia), revs PM Modise, JE Temba.

Secundus: Rev RP Buys.

Advisors: dr PJ Buys, proff IW Ferreira, HG Stoker, SP van der Walt, J Smit, RS Hobyane.

2.5 DEPUTIES AUTHORITIES

Prof N Vorster (c), revs RP van Wyk (v/c), C Aucamp (scribe), br Bingle Kruger, elder Dirk Hermann, dr JV Fatuse, prof Marinus Wiechers and dr SN Jooste.

Secundi: Rev HJP de Beer, br AB du Plessis (Bothaville).

Advisors: Prof DF Muller.

2.6 DEPUTIES PUBLICATIONS

2.6.1 Church Magazines

Dr J Lion-Cachet (c), revs JC van Dyk, SD de Kock and the following editors: Prof CFC Coetzee (*Die Kerkblad*), dr HF van Wyk (*Slingerveel*), sr C Steyn (*Vroueblad*), sr K Bain (*Kruispad*), rev MM Molekwane, sr Joey Fourie and br Johan Coetzee.

Secundus: Rev SJB Lee.

2.6.2 Almanac

Revs W Vogel (Chairperson), RA Bain, dr W du Plessis (scribe), br MC Erasmus, revs PT Masase and CC Mathundela.

Secundus: Rev PA Coetzee.

2.6.3 Deputies Reformed Publications

Dr GJ Meijer (Chairperson), brs WJ Swanepoel (scribe), JM Earle, revs CJH Breed, RA Bain, S Hibbert, dr HF van Wyk, rev E Pelele, br MC Erasmus (Admin Bureau)

Secundus: Rev JF Mouton.

Advisors: Proff GJC Jordaan and LH Moretsi.

2.7 THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Curatorium

Regional Synod Bushveld

Primi: Revs HJP de Beer, CJJ Putter, dr EJ de Beer.

Secundi: Dr DJ de Kock, revs PJ Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen, CJ van Vuuren.

North West Regional Synod

Primi: Revs ED Pelele, P Venter. drr J Lion-Cachet, P Fanoy.

Secundi: Revs HS Coetzee, AB van der Walt, OL Moncho, TJ Maletsane.

Eastern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs EJ Tiemensma, CJH Breed, MA Modise.

Secundi: Revs CA Jansen, PW Kurpershoek, LSD du Plessis.

Southern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs BR Kingma, TJ Potgieter, J Malan.

Secundi: Revs JP Fleischmann, JJ de Kock.

Randvaal Regional Synod

Primi: Drr D Lartz, H Goede, rev PM Modise.

Secundi: Rev HC van Rooy, dr G van Wyk, rev JA Schutte.

Free State / KZN Regional Synod

Primi: Revs WJ Botha, AL Pelsler, SZ Pungula.

Secundi: Rev MJ Smidt, dr RM van der Merwe, rev TJ van Vuuren.

Pretoria Regional Synod

Primi: Drr DG Breed, GJ Meijer, PH Heystek.

Secundi: dr JH Howell, revs BCG Fourie, HPM van Rhyn.

Extended Curatorium

Regional Synod Bushveld

Primi: Dr DJ de Kock, revs PJ Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen, CJ van Vuuren.

Secundi: Revs JA Berg, LJ Erasmus, N Boy.

North West Regional Synod

Primi: Revs HS Coetzee, AB van der Walt, OL Moncho, TJ Maletswane.

Secundi: Revs W Vogel, RA Bain, dr GJ van Wyk, rev FJ van Dyk.

Eastern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs CA Jansen, PW Kurpershoek, LSD du Plessis.

Secundi: Rev PJ van der Walt, dr AJ Kruger, rev DJ Bakker.

Southern Regional Synod

Primi: Revs MP Fourie, JP van der Walt, CCA Vrey.

Secundi: Revs JP Fleischmann, JJ de Kock.

Randvaal Regional Synod

Primi: Rev HC van Rooy, dr G van Wyk, rev JA Schutte.

Secundi: Revs ASA de Bruyn, TF Dreyer, LP Baloyi.

Free State / KZN Regional Synod

Primi: Dr JA Erasmus, revs DE Franck, PT Hlela.

Secundi: Revs AP Kruger, OJ Struwig, AH Stavast.

Pretoria Regional Synod

Primi: Dr JH Howell, revs BCG Fourie, HPM van Rhyn.

2.8 DEPUTIES HISTORICAL MATTERS

Church Archive and Museum

Rev SD de Kock (c), dr Janet du Plooy (scribe; Museum expertise), br Joseph Malunga (Potchefstroom), dr Poen Coetzee (digitalisation Potch), rev J Malan (Burgersdorp Museum), br Abie du Plessis, sr Carmie Huisman (archive), br Japie Verhoef (archive Potch), rev Petrus Venter (historical), sr Alet-Elize van Jaarsveld (Archive and Museum) and rev JG Noëth.

Secundus: Rev AH Stavast.

Advisors: Proff DF Muller, LH Moretsi, dr JM van Tonder, rev G Opperman (advisor Burgersdorp).

2.9 DEPUTIES LITURGICAL MATTERS

Dr EJ Smit (c), rev JL van der Schyff (scribe) with the following sub-groups:

For Afrikaanse Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Dr JA Erasmus (c), revs JC van Dyk (scribe), JH Grobler, sr Adri Breed, sr Elma de Kock (Potchefstroom-Die Bult), brs Willem Luitting, Nannes Van der Walt (Vanderbijlpark), Pieter van der Walt (Centurion), sr Jetty van Rensburg, sr Anja Viljoen Potchefstroom-Die Bult).

Secundus: Rev D Pansegrouw.

Advisors: Proff PC van der Walt, SP van der Walt.

For Sesotho Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Revs Masilo Letebele (c), MG Mdluli, TP Diphoko, PM Modise, prof RS Letsosa (Advisor).

For Thshivenda Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Revs PT Masase (c), NR Makungo, NM Muhadi, dr TD Mashau (Advisor), rev NN Ligege (Advisor).

For Xitsonga Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Rev L Baloyi (c), dr ME Baloyi (Unisa), prof RS Hobyane (Advisor), dr TD Mashau (Advisor).

For Setswana Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Revs E Makhobozi (c), ED Pelele, M Molokoane, prof LH Moretsi (Advisor).

For Sepedi Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Dr DK Semenya (c), prof RS Letsosa (Advisor).

For Xhosa Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Dr VJ Fatuse (c), br TE Gxothani.

For isiZulu Psalms, Scriptural Hymns and other spiritual hymns

Revs S Phungula (c), MS Mbatha.

For English hymns: Drr DM Nkulu, SN Jooste, rev WJ Steyn, dr TD Mashau.

Deputies have the right to co-opt.

2.10 DEPUTIES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Revs JG Noëth (c); J van Schaik (scribe), dr ALA Buys, rev LSD du Plessis, br CD (Nelis) Coetzee, dr Marina van Loggerenberg, prof PJ (Kobus) Mentz, brs MAL Linde, DP Prinsloo (Namibia), TT Mulungwa.

Secundi: Morne Diedericks, Albert Swaters.

Advisors: Proff CJ Reinecke (Potchefstroom-Die Bult) and PP Krüger.

2.11 DEPUTIES YOUTH CARE

Dr AJ Coetsee (c), revs C de Beer, DG Zwemstra, RB Fourie, RA Bain, OJ Struwig, ED Pelele, sr Anneke van der Walt, revs MG Mduli (RCYM), TP Diphoko.

Secundi: Revs GP van Rhyn and WJ Steyn.

Advisors: Rev HC van Rooy.

Editor *Kruispad*: Sr K Bain.

Advisor *Kruispad*: Dr AJ Krüger.

2.12 DEPUTIES CATECHISM

Revs PJ Nel (c), BR Kingma (scribe), W van den Heever, br J Dreyer, revs TP Diphoko, PM Modise, PJ van Blerk, OL Moncho, JJJ Erasmus, GJ Erasmus, sr L van der Kooy and sr S Meijer.

Secundus: Rev PGP le Roux.

Advisors: Prof FP Kruger, rev JG Noëth.

2.13 DEPUTIES LEGAL MATTERS

Dr RM van der Merwe, adv JL Gildenhuys (Pretoria-Alkantrant), adv LS de Klerk (Pretoria-Brooklyn), adv GL Grobler (Pretoria-Alkantrant), adv LI Vorster (Pretoria-Rietvallei), judge JJ Swanepoel (matters relevant to Namibia), prof F Venter (Potchefstroom-Die Bult) and professor in Church Polity (c).

Secundus: dr JH Howell.

2.14 DEPUTIES DEACONAL MATTERS

Revs MJ Erasmus (chairperson) and GS Kruger (o-chairperson), SO Oostruis, Deacons (preferable): sr Izelle Vierbergen, brs Kobus Vorster, Koos Pretorius, Floris Venter, Gert Pool, revs VA Rankgotha. Executive officer / liaison: br HSJ Vorster. Manager Childrens Homes ex officio.

Advisor: Br CJH Kruger.

2.15 DEPUTIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

2.15.1 Publication of Acta

Rev HJP de Beer (chairperson), dr D Lartz, revs MA Modise, CA Jansen, dr W du Plessis.

Advisor: Prof SP van der Walt.

2.15.2 Agenda, correspondence and programming of Synod

Rev GC Coetzee (chairperson), dr D Lartz (scribe), rev CJ (jr) Nagel, dr W du Plessis, rev MM Molokwane and one member appointed (programming) by each Regional Synod.

Secundus: Rev FJ Potgieter.

2.15.3 Appeal Deputies of General Synod

Dr GJ Meijer (c), rev CA Jansen, drr JH Howell, RM van der Merwe, prof F Venter, rev MP Fourie.

Secundi: Revs SA Cilliers, PW Kurpershoek, AL Pelsler, dr DJ de Kock, revs J Malan, AB van der Walt and PM Modise.

2.15.4 Deputies regarding Receptivity of Petitions of Protest

Drr RM van der Merwe (c), JH Howell (scribe). Each Regional Synod appointed one deputy for the deputy meeting – afternoon before General Synod.

2.15.5 Deputies Pre Advice Finances

Rev PJ Nel (chairperson), ASA de Bruyn, JA Berg, SP Venter, br DM Kruger, rev PJ Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen as well as the following elders: brs WD van der Walt (Southern Regional Synod), JTS van der Merwe (Bushveld), JJ Howell (Randvaal), BD Bakker (Eastern), HJA Oosthuizen (North West), N Meijer (Free State / Natal) and GJ Beumer (Pretoria).

2.16 DEPUTIES BIBLE

Revs MA Modise (chairperson), DJ Bakker LP van Jaarsveld (scribe), dr AJ Krüger.

Liaison Deputy Bible Society: Br H Dekker.

Secundi: Revs TJ Potgieter, MM Molokwane.

Advisors: Proff GJC Jordaan, PP Krüger.

2.17 DEPUTIES : EVALUATION isi-ZULU BIBLE TRANSLATION

Revs S Phungula, JP Sithole, brs ES Phungula, J Sithole.

Advisors: Prof RS Letsosa, Rev MA Modise.

2.18 DEPUTIES EVALUATION DIRECT AFRIKAANSE TRANSLATION

Drr AJ Kruger (c), J Lion-Cachet (scribe), H Goede, AJ Coetsee, revs CCA Vrey, ASA de Bruyn.

Advisor: Prof PP Kruger.

2.19 DEPUTIES APPLICATION CO, ART 66

Classis Potchefstroom.

2.20 DEPUTIES MEDIA

2.20.1 RADIO AND TV

Revs WGM Kotze (c), HL Stavast (scribe), P van Wyk, BC Smit, PJ Venter, CD Jaftha, dr P Fanoy (Namibia).

Secundus: Rev C Jooste.

2.21 DEPUTIES RETRANSLATION OF ARTICLES OF FAITH AND FORMULARIES

Drr HF van Wyk (c), GJ Meijer, VE d'Assonville (advice), rev E Kayayan (advice).

Deputies have the right to co-opt.

Advisors: Proff PH Fick, SP van der Walt.

2.22 DEPUTIES CHURCH GROWTH (TURN AROUND STRATEGY)

Dr G (Griffel) van Wyk (c), revs D Pansegrouw (scribe), TF Dreyer, P Venter, RA Bain, HM Nkoana, drr DK Semanya, P Fanoy (Namibia), TD Mashau, rev C de Beer, dr Phia van Helden.

Advisors: Proff HG Stoker, IW Ferreira, G Breed.

2.23 DEPUTIES PRINCIPLES REGARDING CHURCH ORDER

Dr RM van der Merwe (c), rev HJP de Beer, drr JH Howell, DJ de Kock, GJ Meijer.

Secundi: Revs CA Jansen, MJ Smidt.

Advisor: Prof J Smit.

2.24 DEPUTIES ECOLOGY

Rev HS Coetzee (c), proff IJ (Kobus) van der Walt (Potchefstroom), AL Rheeder and dr LJ (Loutjie) Coetzee (Randburg).

Deputies have the right to co-opt.

Advisor: Prof HG Stoker.

2.25 DEPUTIES “SAAIERS VAN DIE WOORD”

Br J (Koos) Smit (Laeveld) (c), rev W Vogel, dr EJ de Beer, br JJ Howell.

2.26 DEPUTIES PROMOTION OF UNITY

Rev CD Jaftha (c), dr JV Fatuse, revs MM Molokwane, D Pansegrouw, TJ van Vuuren, PW Kurpershoek, SZ Phungula.

Secundi: Rev ED Pelele, dr GJ van Wyk.

Advisors: prof J Smit, dr PJ Buys.

2.27 DEPUTIES: LEGAL MATTERS

Drr JH Howell (c), DK Semenya (v/c), H van Wyk, De W Saaiman, revs PC van Rooy, (scribe), RN Makungo, GP van Rhyn.

Secundus: Rev TP Diphoko.

Advisor: Prof SP van der Walt.

2.28 MISSIONARY DEPUTIES

Revs M van Helden (c), GP van Rhyn, dr HM Zwemstra, br AM van der Kruk (Derdepoort), rev TA Moswubi (scribe).

Advisors: Prof IW Ferreira, drr GJ Meijer, PJ Buys.

2.29 DEPUTIES LEGAL MATTERS : SOUTPANSBERG

Prof J Smit (c), adv Peet Steyn, prof Gerrit Pienaar, dr PH Heystek, revs MA Modise (liaison), CB Swanepoel and dr DK Semenya.

Advisor: Prof A le Roux du Plooy.

2.30 DEPUTIES FINANCIAL HELP : SOUTPANSBERG

Rev MA Modise (c) drr EJ de Beer, PH Heystek, revs MN Muhadi, NN Ligege.

Decision: Points 2.1 to 2.30 approved.

29. WORDS OF GRATITUDE (Art 263)

The chairperson, dr DG Breed, address suitable words to the following:

- The ministers who will retire within the next three years.
- Br B van der Walt.
- Sisters of respective local churches for tea service.
- Administrative Bureau.
- Dr W du Plessis.
- The Order Commission.
- Claudi from Beeld for objective reporting.
- Rev C Aucamp for assistance to the press.
- The sextons of the Synod.
- Translators.
- Moderamen.

The deputy-chairperson, rev SD Snyman, thanks the chairperson, dr DG Breed, for his special guidance to the meeting.

30. CLOSING (Art 265)

The chairperson, dr DG Breed, reads from Ephesians 1, direct a few relevant words, leads in prayer, and in singing from Ps 43 verse 3.

SYNOD CLOSED