16.11 RAPPORT 5 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BUITELANDS – NOORD- EN OOS-AFRIKA (Art 122)

16.11 REPORT 5 – DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY INTERNATIONAL – NORTH AND EAST AFRICA (Art 122)

A. Ds ASA de Bruyn stel die Rapport.
Rev. ASA de Bruyn tables the Report.
B. Die Rapport word staande die Sinode afgehandel.
The Report is concluded while the Synod is in session.
C. Ds Patrick Jok reageer namens die Sundanese Reformed Church en spreek sy dank uit vir die ontvangs en versorging en die gemeenskap wat ervaar word.
Rev. Patrick Jok responds on behalf of the Sudanese Reformed Church and expresses his gratitude for the hospitality and for the fellowship experienced.

D. **RAPPORT / REPORT**

Deputate verantwoordelik vir die lessenaar: Dr HPM van Rhyn(s) en ds JE Temba.	**Deputies appointed to the desk:** Dr HPM van Rhyn(c) and Rev. JE Temba.
1. Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA) – Kenia Ekumeniese eenheid	**1. Reformed Church of East Africa (RCEA) – Kenya** Ecumenical Unity
1.1 *Opdrag*	1.1 *Mandate*
1.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid/bande/kontak tussen die GKSA en RCEA	1.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity/contact/ties between the GKSA and RCEA.
1.1.2 Dat die eenheid/bande/kontak onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.	1.1.2 This unity/contact/ties is to be maintained and promoted *inter alia* by means of mutual visits and cooperation on a practical level.
1.1.3 Dat kontak tussen die kerke veral by ekumeniese liggame soos die TEA-konferensie sal plaasvind.	1.1.3 Contact between the churches is to be maintained especially at meetings of ecumenical bodies, such as the TEA.
Besluit: Punte 1.1.1 tot 1.1.3 kennis geneem	**Decision: Points 1.1.1 to 1.1.3 noted.**
<u>*Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem*</u>	<u>*Matters that the Synod takes note of*</u>
1.2 *Uitvoering van opdrag*	1.2 *Fulfilment of task*
1.2.1 Die Sinode neem kennis dat daar weens die Covid-19-pandemie geen TEA-konferensie was sedert die vorige Sinode was nie.	1.2.1 The Synod is to take note that there has not been a TEA conference since the previous Synod, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
1.2.2 Die Deputate het kennis geneem van die feit dat die kerkverband moontlik vroue in die amp begin toelaat het. Alle navrae van die Deputate in die verband het onbeantwoord gebly.	1.2.2 The Deputies have learned that this denomination has possibly admitted women to the office of minister. All enquiries in this regard went unanswered.
1.2.3 Navrae oor die belewing van ekumeniese eenheid met die kerkverband, wat deur die Deputate as eensydig van die kant van die GKSA af beleef word, het	1.2.3 Enquiry into ecumenical unity with this denomination that would seem to solely be upheld by the GKSA went unanswered.

onbeantwoord gebly.	
1.2.4 Dat die Deputate besluit het om nie afgevaardigdes na hierdie Sinode uit te nooi nie, aangesien die ekumeniese eenheid tans as eensydig beleef word en navrae onbeantwoord bly.	1.2.4 The Deputies decided to not invite delegates to the coming Synod, since ecumenical unity seems to be one sided and enquiries have gone unanswered.
Besluit: Punte 1.2.1 tot 1.2.4 kennis geneem.	**Decision: Points 1.2.1 to 1.2.4 noted.**
<u>*Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit*</u>	<u>*Matters that the Synod decides on*</u>
1.3 *Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)*	1.3 *Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)*
1.3.1 Dat die Deputate voortgaan om kontak met die kerk te probeer maak en bogenoemde sake met die kerk op te neem.	1.3.1 The Deputies are to try and make contact with this denomination and take up the abovementioned matters with them.
Besluit: Goedgekeur.	**Decision: Approved.**
2. African Evangelical Presbyterian Churches (AEPC)	**2. African Evangelical Presbyterian Churches (AEPC)**
Ekumeniese eenheid	Ecumenical Unity
2.1 *Opdrag*	2.1 *Mandate*
2.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid/bande/kontak tussen die GKSA en AEPC	2.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity/contact/ties between the GKSA and AEPC.
2.1.2 Dat die eenheid/bande/kontak onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.	2.1.2 This unity/contact/ties is to be maintained and promoted *inter alia* by means of mutual visits and cooperation on a practical level.
2.1.3 Dat kontak tussen die kerke veral by ekumeniese liggame soos die TEA-konferensie sal plaasvind.	2.1.3 Contact between the churches is to be maintained especially at meetings of ecumenical bodies, such as the TEA.
Besluit: Punte 2.1.1 tot 2.1.3 kennis geneem.	**Decision: Points 2.1.1 to 2.1.3 noted.**
<u>*Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem*</u>	<u>*Matters that the Synod takes note of*</u>
2.2 *Uitvoering van opdrag*	2.2 *Fulfilment of task*
2.2.1 Die Sinode neem kennis dat daar weens die Covid-19-pandemie geen TEA-konferensie was sedert die vorige Sinode was nie.	2.2.1 The Synod is to take note that there has not been a TEA conference since the previous Synod, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
2.2.2 Navrae oor die belewing van ekumeniese eenheid met die kerkverband, wat deur die Deputate as eensydig van die kant van die GKSA af beleef word, het onbeantwoord gebly.	2.2.2 Enquiry into ecumenical unity with this denomination that would seem to be upheld solely by the GKSA went unanswered.
2.2.3 Dat die Deputate besluit het om nie afgevaardigdes na hierdie Sinode uit te nooi nie, aangesien die ekumeniese eenheid tans as eensydig beleef word en navrae onbeantwoord bly.	2.2.3 The Deputies decided to not invite delegates to the coming Synod, since ecumenical unity seems to be one sided and enquiries have gone unanswered.
Besluit: Punte 2.2.1 tot 2.2.3 kennis	**Decision: Points 2.2.1 to 2.2.3 noted.**

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Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit	*Matters that the Synod decides on*
2.3 *Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)*	2.3 *Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)*
2.3.1 Dat die Deputate voortgaan om kontak met die kerk te probeer maak en bogenoemde saak met die kerk op te neem.	2.3.1 The Deputies are to try and make contact with this denomination and take up the abovementioned matter with them.
Besluit: Goedgekeur.	**Decision: Approved.**
3. Reformed Presbyterian Church in Africa (RPCA) Uganda	**3. Reformed Presbyterian Church in Africa (RPCA) Uganda**
Kontak	Contact
3.1 *Opdrag*	3.1 *Duties*
Dat die kontak gehandhaaf word en dat kontak tussen die kerke veral by ekumeniese liggame soos die TEA-konferensie sal plaasvind.	Contact between the churches is to be maintained especially at meetings of ecumenical bodies, such as the TEA.
Besluit: Kennis geneem.	**Decision: Noted.**
Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem	*Matters that the Synod takes note of*
3.2 *Uitvoering van opdrag*	3.2 *Fulfilment of task*
Die Sinode neem kennis dat daar weens die Covid-19-pandemie geen TEA-konferensie was sedert die vorige Sinode nie.	The Synod is to take note that there has not been a TEA conference since the previous Synod, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Besluit: Kennis geneem.	**Decision: Noted.**
Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit	*Matters that the Synod decides on*
3.3 *Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)*	3.3 *Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)*
Dat verdere pogings om met die kerk kontak te handhaaf laat vaar word, behalwe op ekumeniese liggame.	Further attempts at contact with the church are to be abandoned, except by way of ecumenical bodies.
Besluit: Goedgekeur.	**Decision: Approved.**
4. Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC) Suid–Soedan	**4. Sudanese Reformed Churches (SRC) South Sudan**
Ekumeniese eenheid	Ecumenical Unity
4.1 *Opdrag*	4.1 *Mandate*
4.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en SRC.	4.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity between the GKSA and SRC.
4.1.2 Dat die eenheid onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.	4.1.2 This unity is to be maintained and promoted *inter alia* by means of mutual visits and cooperation on a practical level.
4.1.3 Dat kontak tussen die kerke veral by ekumeniese liggame soos die TEA-konferensie, ICRC en WRF sal plaasvind.	4.1.3 Contact between the churches is to be maintained especially during meetings of ecumenical bodies such as the TEA, ICRC and WRF.
4.1.4 Dat die nood van die SRC gereeld onder die aandag van kerke gebring en voorbidding vir die kerke gedoen word.	4.1.4 The needs of the SRC are to be brought to the attention of the churches on a regular basis and prayers be offered for these churches.

Besluit: Punte 4.1.1 tot 4.1.4 kennis geneem.	**Decision: Points 4.1.1 to 4.1.4 noted.**
<u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u> 4.2 *Uitvoering van opdrag* 4.2.1 Die Sinode neem kennis dat daar sedert die vorige Sinode weens die Covid-19-pandemie geen TEA, ICRC of WRF-konferensie gehou is, waar kontak met die kerk ook gemaak kon word nie. 4.2.2 Dr Flip Buys kon die kerke besoek in 2017. 4.2.3 Gereëlde korrespondensie tussen die GKSA en die SRC het plaasgevind. 4.2.4 Die nood in die kerke is gereeld onder die aandag van gemeentes van die GKSA gebring. Die Deputate het ‘n noodlenigingsplan van die SRC aangevra, sodat die fondse wat geskenk is, oorbetaal kon word. Die plan is ontvang en ‘n groot bedrag is in 2021 oorbetaal. Met groot dank aan Johan Coetzee en sy span van die Admin Buro wat groot moeite hiermee gedoen het.	*<u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u>* 4.2 *Fulfilment of task* 4.2.1 The Synod is to take note that the TEA, ICRC or WRF have not held conferences, where contact could be made with this church, since the previous Synod due to the Covid-19 pandemic. 4.2.2 Dr Flip Buys visited these churches in 2017. 4.2.3 Regular correspondence continued between the GKSA and SRC. 4.2.4 The needs of these churches were regularly brought to the attention of the churches of the GKSA. The Deputies requested an emergency loan plan from the SRC that the funds donated may be paid over. They submitted such a plan and a large amount was paid over in 2021. Sincere thanks to Johan Coetzee and his team at the Admin Bureau for all the effort they put in.
Besluit: Punte 4.2.1 tot 4.2.4 kennis geneem.	**Decision: Points 4.2.1 to 4.2.4 noted.**
<u>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</u> 4.3 *Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)* 4.3.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en SRC 4.3.2 Dat die ekumeniese eenheid met die kerk gehandhaaf en verder uitgebou word en ‘n besoek so gou doenlik aan die kerkverband gebring word. 4.3.3 Dat kontak tussen die kerke veral by ekumeniese liggame soos die TEA-konferensie, ICRC en WRF sal plaasvind.	*<u>Matters that the Synod decides on</u>* 4.3 *Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)* 4.3.1 Noted is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity between the GKSA and SRC. 4.3.2 This unity is to be maintained and promoted. This denomination should also be visited as soon as possible. 4.3.3 Contact between the churches is to be maintained, especially during meetings of ecumenical bodies such as the TEA, ICRC and WRF.
Besluit: Punte 4.3.1 tot 4.3.3 goedgekeur. Neem kennis dat TEA nie meer funksioneer nie.	**Decision: Points 4.3.1 to 4.3.3 approved. Take note that TEA is no longer functioning**