

16.19 RAPPORT 11 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BUITELANDS – VERENIGDE KONINKRYK (Artt 130, 178)

16.19 REPORT 11 – DEPUTIES ECUMENICITY INTERNATIONAL – UNITED KINGDOM (Arts 130, 178)

- 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. **Besluit:** Punt 4.4 word verwys na die Finansiële Kommissie.
Decision: Point 4.4 is referred to the Financial Commission.
- D. Ds DG Zwemtra rapporteer namens die Finansiële Kommissie.
Rev. DG Zwemstra reports on behalf of the Financial Commission.

E. RAPPORT / REPORT

<p>Deputate verantwoordelik vir die lessenaar: Ds TF Dreyer(s) en ds MA Modise.</p> <p>1. Free Church of Scotland (FCS) Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en die FCS.</p> <p>1.1.2 Dat die eenheid onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>1.1.3 Dat die opdrag om die betekenis van “kerklike eenheid” verder te bespreek om tot ‘n vergelyk te kom, kontinueer.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 1.1.1 tot 1.1.3 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Vanweë die Covid-19 situasie was dit nie moontlik om enige van die FCS Sinodes fisies by te woon nie.</p> <p>1.2.2 Aanlyngesprekke is wel gevoer met ds David Meredith, wat vir jare al dien as die kontakpersoon met die FCS. Hy het opnuut sy waardering uitgespreek vir die erns wat ons maak met kerklike eenheid en om dit in die praktyk na te streef.</p> <p>1.2.3 Elke gesprek met ds Meredith en ander broers in die kerkverband bevestig dat ons baie met hulle in gemeen het in terme van hulle erns om by Skrif en belydenis beginsels</p>	<p>Deputies appointed to this desk: Rev. TF Dreyer(c) and Rev. MA Modise.</p> <p>1. Free Church of Scotland (FCS) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>1.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity between the GKSA and FCS.</p> <p>1.1.2 This unity is to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>1.1.3 Discussions to reach agreement over the nature of “church unity” must continue.</p> <p>Decision: Points 1.1.1 to 1.1.3 noted.</p> <p><u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>1.2.1 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was not possible to attend any of the FCS Synods in person.</p> <p>1.2.2 Online discussion did however take place with Rev. David Meredith who has been the contact person at the FCS for years. He once again expressed his appreciation for how serious we take church unity and its practical application.</p> <p>1.2.3 Every conversation with Rev. Meredith and other brothers of this denomination confirms how much we have in common with them in terms of staying true to Scripture and confession</p>
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<p>te bly, terwyl hulle voortdurend reformeer. Alhoewel ons verstaan van kerklike eenheid dalk nooit 100% gaan ooreenstem nie, bly die verhouding met hierdie kerkverband vir ons van groot waarde en hulle voel in beginsel dieselfde oor ons.</p> <p>1.2.4 Informele samewerking met hierdie kerkverband vind plaas by Dumisani Teologiese Skool in die Oos-Londen area en Canada Water Church in Londen.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 1.2.1 tot 1.2.4 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)</i></p> <p>1.3.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en die FCS.</p> <p>1.3.2 Dat die eenheid onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>1.3.3 Dat die opdrag om die betekenis van "kerklike eenheid" verder te bespreek om tot 'n vergelyk te kom, kontinueer.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 1.3.1 tot 1.3.3 goedgekeur.</p> <p>2. Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) (FCS(C)) Ecumeniese eenheid</p> <p>2.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>2.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese eenheid tussen die GKSA en die FCS(C)</p> <p>2.1.2 Dat die eenheid onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>2.1.3 Dat die Deputate die opdrag kry om die betekenis van "kerklike eenheid" verder te bespreek om tot 'n vergelyk te kom.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 2.1.1 tot 2.1.3 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>2.2.1 Vanweë die Covid-19 situasie was dit nie moontlik om enige van die FCS(C) Sinodes fisies by te woon</p>	<p>principles, while they continually reform. Although our interpretation of church unity may never correspond 100%, the relationship with this denomination remains of great value and in principle they feel the same.</p> <p>1.2.4 Informal collaboration with this denomination occurs at Dumisani Theological School in the East London area and at Canada Water Church in London.</p> <p>Decision: Points 1.2.1 to 1.2.4 noted.</p> <p><u>Matters that the Synod decides on</u></p> <p>1.3 <i>Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)</i></p> <p>1.3.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity between the GKSA and FCS.</p> <p>1.3.2 This unity is to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>1.3.3 Discussions to reach agreement over the nature of "church unity" must continue.</p> <p>Decision: Points 1.3.1 to 1.3.3 approved.</p> <p>2. Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) (FCS(C)) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>2.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>2.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical unity between the GKSA and FCS(C).</p> <p>2.1.2 This unity is to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>2.1.3 Discussions to reach agreement over the nature of "church unity" must continue.</p> <p>Decision: Points 2.1.1 to 2.1.3 noted.</p> <p><u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u></p> <p>2.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>2.2.1 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was not possible to attend any of the FCS(C) Synods in person.</p>
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<p>nie.</p> <p>2.2.2 Pogings om kontak te maak is bemoeilik deur die afsterwe van ds John MacLeod, wat vir jare lank die rol van “Principal Clerk of the Assembly” vervul het. Kort na sy afsterwe was daar ook ‘n brand wat sy studeerkamer met meeste van die notules en inligting van die kerkverband vernietig het. Dit alles het korrespondensie en kommunikasie belemmer.</p> <p>2.2.3 Met die aanwys van die nuwe “Principal Clerk of the Assembly”, ds Graim Craig, is kommunikasie herstel. Ons het ‘n uitnodiging na hulle 2022 Sinode in Mei ontvang, maar kon dit vanweë kort kennisgewing nie bywoon nie.</p> <p>2.2.4 Informele samewerking met hierdie kerkverband het plaasgevind tydens dr Heinrich Zwemstra se werk by Covenant College Zambië en vind steeds plaas ten opsigte van ds Johannes Aucamp se werk met Topia bediening in soverre sy bediening met die van Covenant College in aanraking kom.</p>	<p>2.2.2 Attempts to make contact were hampered by the passing away of Rev. John MacLeod who for years fulfilled the role of principal clerk of the assembly. Shortly after his death a fire in his study destroyed most of minutes and information on the denomination. This severely impeded correspondence and communication.</p> <p>2.2.3 The appointment of the new principal clerk of the assembly, Rev. Graim Craig, restored communication. We received an invitation to their 2022 Synod in May but could not attend on such short notice.</p> <p>2.2.4 Informal collaboration with this denomination took place during Dr Heinrich Zwemstra’s work at Covenant College Zambia and continues with Rev. Johannes Aucamp in as far as his Topia ministry relates to Covenant College.</p>
<p>Besluit: Punte 2.2.1 tot 2.2.4 kennis geneem.</p>	<p>Decision: Points 2.2.1 to 2.2.4 noted.</p>
<p><u>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</u></p>	<p><u>Matters that the Synod decides on</u></p>
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<p>Besluit: Punte 2.3.1 tot 2.3.3 goedgekeur.</p>	<p>Decision: Points 2.3.1 to 2.3.3 approved.</p>
<p>3. International Presbyterian Church (IPC)</p>	<p>3. International Presbyterian Church (IPC)</p>
<p>Ekumeniese bande</p>	<p>Ecumenical Ties</p>
<p>3.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p>	<p>3.1 <i>Mandate</i></p>
<p>3.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese bande tussen die GKSA en die IPC.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical ties between the GKSA and IPC.</p>

<p>3.1.2 Dat die bande onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 3.1.1 en 3.1.2 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u></p> <p>3.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>3.2.1 Vanweë die Covid-19 situasie was dit nie moontlik om enige van die IPC Sinodes fisies by te woon nie.</p> <p>3.2.2 Daar is wel aanlyngesprekke gevoer met ds Paul Levy wat nog altyd dien as ons kontakpersoon met die IPC en kontak vind ook plaas via ds Kruger de Kock (CWC)</p> <p>3.2.3 Ons is opreg dankbaar vir die Gereformeerde getuienis wat hierdie kerkverband uitdra in Engeland, sowel as vir hulle ondersteuning aan Canada Water Church al is hulle nog nie formeel deel van die kerkverband nie.</p> <p>3.2.4 Hierdie kerkverband bly na ons mening die beste opsie vir 'n tuiste vir Canada Water Church en ds Kruger de Kock en ons is dankbaar dat CWC wel met die aansporing van GK Randburg aansoek gedoen het om deel te word van hierdie kerkverband.</p> <p>3.2.5 Die onderneming is om in die tweede helfte van die jaar (2022) gesprekke te hê met die oog daarop en om dan aan die Sinode aanbevelings te maak oor kerklike eenheidsbande.</p> <p>3.2.6 In die lig van die verwickelinge het ons die Deputate van die IPC opnuut uitgenooi om die Sinode van 2023 by te woon met die oog op finale gesprekke rondom ekumeniese eenheid.</p>	<p>3.1.2 These ties are to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>Decision: Points 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 noted.</p> <p><u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u></p> <p>3.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>3.2.1 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible to attend any of the IPC Synods in person.</p> <p>3.2.2 Online discussions did however occur with Rev. Paul Levy who still remains our contact person at the IPC and contact also occurs via Rev. Kruger de Kock (CWC).</p> <p>3.2.3 We are sincerely grateful for the Reformed testimony that this denomination demonstrates in England and also for their support of Canada Water Church, even if they are not yet formally part of the denomination.</p> <p>3.2.4 This denomination remains in our opinion the best choice for Canada Water Church and together with Rev. Kruger de Kock. We are grateful that CWC has applied, with the encouragement of GK Randburg, to become part of this denomination.</p> <p>3.2.5 The intention is to hold talks during the second half of the year (2022) in this regard and then to offer recommendations over ecumenical ties.</p> <p>3.2.6 In light of these developments, we have invited the Deputies of IPC anew to attend Synod 2023 to create the opportunity for final discussions over ecumenical unity.</p>
<p>Besluit: Punte 3.2.1 tot 3.2.6 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</u></p> <p>3.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoemde Deputate)</i></p> <p>3.3.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese bande tussen die GKSA en die IPC.</p> <p>3.3.2 Dat die bande onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wederstydse besoeke van Deputate</p>	<p>Decision: Points 3.2.1 to 3.2.6 noted.</p> <p><u>Matters that the Synod decides on</u></p> <p>3.3 <i>Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)</i></p> <p>3.3.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical ties between the GKSA and IPC.</p> <p>3.3.2 These ties are to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a</p>

<p>en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 3.3.1 en 3.3.2 goedgekeur.</p> <p>4. Londenbediening (Canada Water Church) Ekumeniese eenheid</p> <p>4.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>4.1.1 Dat die Sinode met dank kennis neem van die voortgaande bediening onder Suid-Afrikaners sowel as die bediening binne die gemeenskap waar hierdie gemeente hulleself bevind.</p> <p>4.1.2 Dat die Deputate in samewerking met die GK Randburg vir Canada Water gemeente begelei in hulle inskakeling by 'n plaaslike kerkverband.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 4.1.1 en 4.1.2 kennis geneem.</p> <p><u><i>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</i></u></p> <p>4.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>4.2.1 Vanweë Covid-19 kon geen besoeke by ds Kruger de Kock en die gemeente in Londen (Canada Water Church) afgelê word nie.</p> <p>4.2.2 Ds De Kock en sy familie kon egter wel Suid-Afrika besoek tydens die afsterwe van sy vader en het 'n geruime tyd hier deurgebring. Kontak is verder onderhou deur gereelde e-pos en aanlyn gesprekke.</p> <p>4.2.3 Dit is met dankbaarheid dat ons getuig dat dit goed gaan met die gemeente ten spyte van die groot uitdagings wat die Covid tyd meegebring het. Hulle het onder andere hulle bymekaarkomplek in die ouditorium van die plaaslike biblioteek verloor en moes baie vinnig planne maak met aanlynbediening en daarna die huur van ander ruimtes. Hulle kom tans weer in die ouditorium van die biblioteek bymekaar, reg by die Canada Water moltreinstasie. Dit is 'n baie sentrale en sigbare bymekaarkomplek wat hulle help om mense te bereik en bekend te raak in die gemeenskap.</p> <p>4.2.4 Canada Water Church is 'n gemeente in 'n groot wêreldstad wat tot gevolg het dat daar 'n geweldige deurvloei van mense is. Dit maak dat die gemeente vol is met jongmense wat natuurlik 'n bepaalde dinamika en</p>	<p>practical level.</p> <p>Decision: Points 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 approved.</p> <p>4. London Ministry (Canada Water Church) Ecumenical Unity</p> <p>4.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>4.1.1 The Synod is to take note, with thanks, of the continued ministry among South Africans and also the ministry within the community in which the congregation is located.</p> <p>4.1.2 The Deputies, in collaboration with GK Randburg, are to guide Canada Water in joining a local denomination.</p> <p>Decision: Points 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 noted.</p> <p><u><i>Matters that the Synod takes note of</i></u></p> <p>4.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>4.2.1 Due to Covid-19, no visits could be made to Rev. Kruger de Kock and the church in London.</p> <p>4.2.2 Rev. de Kock and his family could, however, visit South Africa with the passing away of his father and spent some time here. Contact was also maintained through regular e-mail and online discussions.</p> <p>4.2.3 We are glad to report that things are going well with this congregation despite the huge challenges that the Covid pandemic posed. They <i>inter alia</i> lost their gathering spot in the auditorium of the local library and had to quickly arrange for an online ministry and then to rent other gathering space. They are at present again gathering in the auditorium of the library, close to the Canada Water tube station. It is a central and visible gathering spot, which enables them to reach out to and become known in the community.</p> <p>4.2.4 Canada Water Church is a church in one of the major cities of the world, which means a steady flow-through of people. The congregation is, therefore, full of young people that naturally brings with it a certain dynamic and</p>
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<p>lewendigheid bring, maar dit bring ook die uitdagings van 'n tekort aan lidmate wat lank bly en vestig en daarmee saam kom 'n tekort aan volwasse leierskap. Gesinne wat kies om daar te vestig en kinders groot te maak is ook min, maar wel besig om toe te neem. Ons is dankbaar vir mense wat wel, saam met ds De Kock en sy gesin, teen groot persoonlike koste kies om daar te bly om seker te maak dat die Gereformeerde verstaan en utoeleef van die Evangelie in die hartjie van Londen plaasvind.</p>	<p>liveliness. It also however means a constant outflow of members and few long-term members, which results in a shortage of adult leadership. There are very few families settling in to raise children, although they are on the increase. We are thankful for those who, together with Rev. De Kock and his family, choose to stay at great personal cost to ensure that the Reformed doctrine and practice of the gospel continue in the heart of London.</p>
<p>4.2.5 Ds Andy Longwe, wat die nuwe predikant van die Free Church of Scotland se gemeente in London is, naamlik die London City Presbyterian Church, het onlangs verhuis na die Canada Water area. Daar is 'n opgewondenheid oor die moontlikhede vir wedersydse aanmoediging tussen LCPC en CWC.</p>	<p>4.2.5 Rev. Andy Longwe, the new minister of the Free Church of Scotland's congregation in London – the London City Presbyterian Church, recently moved to the Canada Water area creating excitement over possible opportunities for mutual encouragement between LCPC and CWC.</p>
<p>4.2.6 Canada Water is 'n omgewing in sentraal Londen wat 'n hele aantal tersiêre instellings huisves en wat ook geormerk is vir geweldige verdere ontwikkeling. Daar word tans gewerk om die inwoners hier te verdubbel deur 'n hele paar wolkekrabbers op te rig. Die voorsienigheid van die Here is duidelik sigbaar gegewe die area waarin hierdie gemeente gevestig is.</p>	<p>4.2.6 Canada Water is an area in central London housing a number of tertiary institutions and is marked for great development. Quite a few skyscrapers are being erected to double the number of residents. The Lord's provision can clearly be seen given the area in which this church is located.</p>
<p>4.2.7 Die gemiddelde bywoning het soos elders vir 'n tyd lank skerp gedaal, maar dit is terug na normaal en selfs beter. Daar sal op 'n Sondagoggend erediens in die omgewing van 80 mense wees, wat die gemiddelde erediens bywoning in Engeland met 40-50 mense oorskry.</p>	<p>4.2.7 Average attendance fell for a time, as elsewhere, but has returned to normal and even improved. Approximately 80 people attend the Sunday morning service, which exceeds average church attendance in England with 40-50 people.</p>
<p>4.2.8 Wat die finansiële situasie betref is die volgende van belang: Soos by baie gemeentes het Covid-19 'n negatiewe impak gehad op beide die inkomste en uitgawes van die gemeente. Ons is egter dankbaar dat hulle van daardie kant af hulle verpligtinge teenoor ds De Kock kon nakom. Die praktiese gevolge was egter dat ds de Kock oor die laaste klompie jare geen verhoging kon kry nie. Die gedeelte wat GK Randburg elke jaar bydra tot die versorging van</p>	<p>4.2.8 When it comes to finances, the following is of interest: As with many churches, Covid-19 had a negative impact on both the income and expenditure of the congregation. We are, however, grateful that they are fulfilling their obligations toward Rev. De Kock on that side. The practical implication is however that Rev. De Kock has not received an increase over the past few years. The amount that GK Randburg contributes every year to Rev. De Kock and his family has kept</p>

<p>ds De Kock en sy gesin het met inflasie gestyg en beloop in die omgewing van R200 000 per jaar. Dit behels sy pensioenbydrae en 'n behuisingstoelaag. Die hoop was dat dit teen hierdie tyd reeds oorgedra kon wees aan die gemeente daar, maar as gevolg van omstandighede kon dit nie. Die doelwit is om die koste binne die volgende 2-3 jaar heeltemal oor te dra.</p> <p>4.2.9 Ten slotte is ons dankbaar dat CWC onder aanmoediging van GKR aansoek gedoen het om deel te word van die IPC. GK Randburg se toesig was tot op hede belangrik maar dit bly 'n uitdaging om van so 'n afstand af sinvol betrokke te wees. Die bystand van 'n plaaslike kerkverband is wat, na ons mening, nodig is om die gemeente te help in sy verdere groei.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 4.2.1 tot 4.2.9 kennis geneem. <i>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</i></p> <p>4.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)</i></p> <p>4.3.1 Dat die Sinode met dank kennis neem van die voortgaande bediening van Canada Water Church onder leiding van ds Kruger de Kock.</p> <p>4.3.2 Dat die Deputate in samewerking met die Gereformeerde Kerk Randburg vir Canada Water Church begelei om by die IPC in te skakel.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 4.3.1 en 4.3.2 goedgekeur.</p> <p>4.4 <i>Finansiële implikasies</i></p> <p>4.4.1 Die versoek is dat daar vir nog 'n termyn (in die lig van die koste vir GKR) 'n vrywillige kollekte goedgekeur word en dat die Deputate in samewerking met GK Randburg toesien dat hierdie fondse ten beste vir daardie bediening bestee word.</p> <p>Besluit: Punt 4.1 word verwys na die Finansiële Kommissie. Besluit: Die versoek in Punt 4.4.1 word nie goedgekeur nie (Acta 13.2).</p> <p>5. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW) Ekumeniese kontak</p> <p>5.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>5.1.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis</p>	<p>up with inflation and comes to approximately R200 000 per annum. This includes his pension contribution and housing allowance. It was hoped that by this time this responsibility could be given over to the congregation, but due to prevailing circumstances it could not. The intention is that this be given over entirely to the congregation within the next 2-3 years.</p> <p>4.2.9 In conclusion, we are grateful that CWC decided, with the encouragement of GKR, to seek integration with IPC. GK Randburg's oversight has up to now been hugely important, but it remains difficult to meaningfully engage at such a distance. In our opinion the support of a local denomination is necessary for the congregation's continued growth.</p> <p>Decision: Points 4.2.1 to 4.2.9 noted.</p> <p><i>Matters that the Synod decides on</i></p> <p>4.3 <i>Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)</i></p> <p>4.3.1 The Synod is to take note, with thanks, of the continuing ministry of Canada Water Church, led by Rev. Kruger de Kock.</p> <p>4.3.2 The Deputies, in collaboration with GK Randburg, are to guide Canada Water in joining the IPC.</p> <p>Decision: Points 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 approved.</p> <p>4.4 <i>Financial Implications</i></p> <p>4.4.1 It is requested that (in light of the cost to GKR) a further voluntary collection be approved for the coming terming and that the Deputies, in collaboration with GK Randburg, see to it that these funds are spent in the best interest of the ministry.</p> <p>Decision: Point 4.1 is referred to the Financial Commission. Decision: The request in Point 4.4.1 not approved (Acta 13.2).</p> <p>5. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW) Ecumenical Contact</p> <p>5.1 <i>Mandate</i></p> <p>5.1.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the</p>
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<p>geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese kontak tussen die GKSA en die EPCEW.</p> <p>5.1.2 Dat die kontak onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 5.1.1 en 5.1.2 kennis geneem. <u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u></p> <p>5.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>5.2.1 Geen verdere kontak kon in die termyn met hierdie kerkverband gemaak word nie.</p> <p>5.2.2 Die EPCEW is 'n baie klein kerkverband met 13 gemeentes in Engeland en Wallis tesame en 2 gemeentes in Swede wat onlangs by hulle aangesluit het. Hulle beperkte hulpbronne (menslike en finansiële) maak dit vir hulle moeilik om noemenswaardige ekumeniese verhoudings aan te gaan met buitelandse kerke, maar hulle waardeer ons belangstelling.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 5.2.1 en 5.2.2 kennis geneem. <u>Sake waaroor die Sinode besluit</u></p> <p>5.3 <i>Aanbevelings (Opdragte aan te benoeme Deputate)</i></p> <p>5.3.1 Dat met dankbaarheid kennis geneem word van die bestaande ekumeniese kontak tussen die GKSA en die EPCEW.</p> <p>5.3.2 Dat die kontak onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking op praktiese vlak.</p> <p>Besluit: Punte 5.3.1 en 5.3.2 goedgekeur.</p>	<p>ecumenical contact between the GKSA and EPCEW.</p> <p>5.1.2 This contact is to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>Decision: Points 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 noted. <u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u></p> <p>5.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>5.2.1 No further contact could be made with this denomination during this term.</p> <p>5.2.2 The EPCEW is a very small denomination with 13 congregations in England and Wales as well as 2 congregations in Sweden that recently joined them. Limited resources (human and financial) make it very difficult to establish meaningful ties with foreign churches, but they appreciate our interest.</p> <p>Decision: Points 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 noted. <u>Matters that the Synod decides on</u></p> <p>5.3 <i>Recommendations (Mandate to the to be appointed Deputies)</i></p> <p>5.3.1 Note is to be taken, with thanks, of the ecumenical contact between the GKSA and EPCEW.</p> <p>5.3.2 This contact is to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and cooperation on a practical level.</p> <p>Decision: Points 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 approved.</p>
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