

**16.21 RAPPORT 13 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BUITELANDS – RES VAN EUROPA (Art 132)**

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- 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 Imre Szöke reageer namens die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe en is dankbaar vir die gemeenskap wat in Christus beleef word.  
Rev. Imre Szöke responds on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe and is grateful for the fellowship experienced in Christ.

**D. RAPPORT / REPORT**

<p><b>Deputate verantwoordelik vir die lessenaar:</b> Dr DG Breed(s) en prof J Smit.</p> <p><b>1. Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</b> Ekumeniese kontak</p> <p>1.1 <i>Opdrag</i></p> <p>1.1.1 Deputate Ekumenisiteit buitelands kry opdrag om deurlopend kontak te maak met Gereformeerde buitelandse kerkgemeenskappe oor sake van dringende en gemeenskaplike belang kragtens KO, art 49 (Acta 1997:176, 3.1.1).</p> <p>1.1.2 Dat die aangewese Deputate die kontak wat met die RPCCEE gemaak is, opvolg.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1.1.1 en 1.1.2 kennis geneem.</b> <u>Sake waarvan die Sinode kennis neem</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Uitvoering van opdrag</i></p> <p>1.2.1 <u>Kennisname van die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> In 2017 het ds Imre Szöke die vergadering van die International Conference of Reformed Churches, waarvan die GKSA ook 'n lid is, bygewoon. Tydens die geleentheid het hy die geskiedenis van die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe vertel en 'n pleidooi gelewer dat lidkerke hulle sal ondersteun met die opleiding van hulle predikante. Ds Szöke is uitgenooi om die Algemene Sinode van die GKSA aan die begin van 2018 by te woon, wat hy ook gedoen</p>	<p><b>Deputies appointed to this desk:</b> Dr DG Breed(c) and Prof J Smit.</p> <p><b>1. Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</b> Ecumenical Contact</p> <p>1.1 <i>Instructions</i></p> <p>1.1.1 The Deputies are instructed to regularly make contact with international Reformed church communities over matters of urgent and common interest, in accordance to CO, art 49 (Acta 1997:176, 3.1.1).</p> <p>1.1.2 The appointed Deputies are to follow up on the contact made with the RPCCEE.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 noted.</b> <u>Matters that the Synod takes note of</u></p> <p>1.2 <i>Fulfilment of task</i></p> <p>1.2.1 <u>Introduction to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> In 2017, Rev. Imre Szöke attended the International Conference of Reformed Churches, of which the GKSA is a member. During this conference he related the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe and made a plea for member churches to support them with the training of their ministers. Rev. Szöke was invited to the General Synod of the GKSA at the beginning of 2018, which he did. There he repeated his plea and requested the GKSA to also support them in the important</p>
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<p>het. Daar het hy sy pleidooi herhaal en ook die GKSA versoek om hulle by te staan in die belangrike saak van predikantsopleiding.</p>	<p>matter of theological training.</p>
<p>1.2.2 <u>Afvaardiging na die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> In opdrag van die Deputate Ekumeniese Sake het dr Malan van Rhyn en dr Douw Breed op 18-25 Junie 2018 'n besoek aan die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe met gemeentes in Hongarye, Roemenië en die Oekraïne gebring. Die GKSA se afvaardiging is hartlik ontvang. Dit was duidelik dat die kerke ernstig is oor die Gereformeerde leer en dat hulle doodseker wil wees dat hulle predikante Skrifgetroue opleiding ontvang. Die toewyding van die predikante en hulle eggenotes en hulle bereidheid om opofferings te maak ter wille van die wel wese van die kerk van die Here, het ook duidelik geblyk.</p>	<p>1.2.2 <u>Delegation to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> Upon instruction from the Deputies: Ecumenical Affairs, Dr Malan van Rhyn and Dr Douw Breed visited the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe, with congregations in Hungary, Romania and the Ukraine, from 18-25 June 2018. The GKSA's delegation was warmly received. It was clear that the churches take Reformed doctrine seriously and that they wish to ensure that their minister receive Scripturally true training. The devotion of the ministers and their spouses as well as their willingness to sacrifice for the sake of the well-being of the Lord's church were clearly evident.</p>
<p>1.2.3 <u>Inligting oor die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> Die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe het meer as 20 jaar gelede afgeskei van die Hungarian Reformed Church. Dit was vir die GKSA se afgevaardigdes duidelik dat die kerke ernstig is oor die Gereformeerde leer. Die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe se Belydenisskrifte: Second Helvetic Confession, die Heidelbergse Kategismus asook die Westminster Confession en die Shorter en Larger Catechism. Anders as die Hungarian Reformed Church ontvang die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe geen staatshulp nie. Ds Imre Szöke het die afgelope tyd met die oorlog in Oekraïne die GKSA se Deputate vir Ekumeniese Sake op die hoogte gehou van die situasie en in besonder van die vlugtelingte uit die Oekraïne. Relevante inligting vanaf ds Szöke is ook deurgegee aan</p>	<p>1.2.3 <u>Information on the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe</u> The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe broke away from the Hungarian Reformed Church more than 20 years ago. It was clear to the GKSA delegates that these churches take Reformed doctrine seriously. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe's confessions are: the Second Helvetic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism as well as the Westminster Confession and Shorter and Larger Catechism. Unlike the Hungarian Reformed Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe receives no aid from the state. Rev. Imre Szöke has kept the GKSA's Deputies informed of developments since the start of the war in the Ukraine and especially about refugees fleeing the Ukraine. Relevant information from Rev. Szöke was also conveyed to the churches of the GKSA. Financial aid</p>

<p>gemeentes van die GKSA. Vanuit die SDDS is daar ook finansiële hulp verleen aan die kerke.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1.2.1 tot 1.2.3 kennis geneem.</b></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 daar ekumeniese bande (vlak 2) met die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe aangegaan word.</p> <p>1.3.2 Dat die bande tussen die GKSA en die Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe onderhou en verder uitgebou word, onder andere deur wedersydse besoeke van Deputate en deur samewerking in teologiese opleiding.</p> <p><b>Besluit: Punte 1.3.1 en 1.3.2 goedgekeur.</b></p>	<p>has furthermore been provided from the SDDS.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 1.2.1 to 1.2.3 noted.</b></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 Ecumenical ties (level 2) are to be established with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central and Eastern Europe.</p> <p>1.3.2 These ties are to be sustained and bolstered by <i>inter alia</i> mutual visits by Deputies and collaboration on theological training.</p> <p><b>Decision: Points 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 approved.</b></p>
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