16.27 RAPPORT 7 – DEPUTATE EKUMENISITEIT BINNELANDS – *SINODE SOUTPANSBERG* (Art 209)

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A. Ds PW Kurpershoek stel die Rapport.
Rev. PW Kurpershoek tables the Report.

B. Die Rapport word staande die Sinode afgehandel.
The Report is concluded while the Synod is in session.

C. **RAPPORT / REPORT**

1. Sinode Soutpansberg	**1. Synod Soutpansberg**
1.1 *Opdrag (Acta 2018:304, 3.3.1)*	1.1 *Mandate (Acta 2018:304, 3.3.1)*
1.1.1 Dat die te benoeme Deputate as punt van kontak verdere korrespondensie van Sinode Soutpansberg afwag.	1.1.1 That the to be appointed Deputies await further correspondence from Synod Soutpansberg as point of contact.
1.2 *Vir kennisname*	1.2 *To be noted*
1.2.1 Die GKSA het op 25 Maart 2020 ‘n brief ontvang vanaf die Deputate KO, art 48 Kerkeenheid en Ekumenisiteit van Sinode Soutpansberg.	1.2.1 On 25 March 2020 the GKSA received a letter from the Deputies CO, art 48, Church Unity and Ecumenicity of Synod Soutpansberg.
1.2.2 In hierdie brief word spesifiek vir ‘n gesprek gevra met die volgende doel: *To ensure peaceful co-existence and to explore areas of possible partnership or collaboration with your Synod.*	1.2.2 This letter specifically asks for a meeting: *To ensure peaceful co-existence and to explore areas of possible partnership or collaboration with your Synod.*
1.2.3 ‘n Ontmoeting van die Deputate met Deputate van Sinode Soutpansberg het op 30 November 2020 plaasgevind.	1.2.3 A meeting of the Deputies with Deputies of Synod Soutpansberg took place on 30 November 2020.
1.2.4 Tydens hierdie ontmoeting was daar positiewe momente waarvoor ons die Here dankbaar is.	1.2.4 During this meeting there were positive moments for which we are grateful to the Lord.
1.2.5 Tog was daar ook vrae oor presies wat bespreek moes word, aangesien die Deputate van Sinode Soutpansberg die gesprek sterk vanuit KO, art 48 wou benader, terwyl die Deputate van die GKSA daarop gewys het dat dit ‘n ekume-niese gesprek tussen twee selfstandige kerkgemeenskappe was.	1.2.5 Yet there were also questions about exactly what had to be discussed, as the Deputies of Synod Soutpansberg wanted to approach the discussion as an CO, art 48 meeting, while the Deputies of the GKSA pointed out that it was an ecumenical discussion between two separate church communities.
1.2.6 Uiteindelik is ooreengekom dat die twee groepe mekaar weer sou ontmoet en dan gesprek voer rondom die vraag: *Hoekom en hoe kan die gesprekke plaasvind?*	1.2.6 At the end it was agreed that the two parties would meet again and then discuss the question: *Why and how can the discussions take place?*
1.2.7 Geen verdere gesprek het plaasgevind nie.	1.2.7 No further discussions took place.
1.2.8 Intussen het van die Deputate in Desember 2021 gesprek gevoer met GK Tshiawelo (GKSA) oor hul plaaslike verhouding met ‘n gemeente vanuit Sinode Soutpansberg. Die versoek was dat die Deputate hierdie saak met tydens die gesprekke met Sinode Soutpansberg sou opneem. Die	1.2.8 Meanwhile, in December 2021, some of the Deputies had a discussion with GK Tshiawelo (GKSA) about their relation-ship with a congregation from Synod Soutpansberg. The request was that the Deputies would take up this matter during the discussions with Synod Soutpans-berg. However, the Deputies responded

Deputate het egter aangetoon dat dit nie binne hul mandaat is om spesifieke kerke se problematieke rondom kerkgeboue te hanteer nie, maar dat hulle wel sou kyk of hulle die algemene probleem kon bespreek.	that it was not part of their mandate to discuss specific churches' issues about their church buildings, but that they would try to discuss the matter as a general problem.
Besluit: Punte 1.1 tot 1.2.8 kennis geneem.	**Decision: Points 1.1 to 1.2.8 noted.**
1.3 *Vir besluitneming*	1.3 *To be decided*
1.3.1 Die Deputate se optrede word goedgekeur.	1.3.1 The actions of the Deputies are approved.
1.3.2 Die te benoeme Deputate gaan voort met gesprekke met Sinode Soutpansberg.	1.3.2 The to be appointed Deputies continue with discussions with Synod Soutpans-berg.
Besluit: Punte 1.3.1 en 1.3.2 goedgekeur.	**Decision: Points 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 approved.**