

## OOS-KAAPSE KONVENT VIR EENHEID

### NOTULE VAN 'N VERGADERING TE BYBELHUIS, PORT ELIZABETH, 25 OKTOBER 2006

#### 1. OPENING EN REËLINGS

##### 1.1 Opening

1.1.1 Ds Hansie Schutte lees voor uit Efesiërs 3:20 - 4: 17

1.1.2 Hy beklemtoon dat die kerk nie aan ons behoort nie, maar aan Christus. Hy bring die teks in verband met die apostoliese belydenis: ons glo aan een, heilige, algemene, Christelike kerk. Alles op aarde word onder een Hoof, Christus, verenig. In Christus is die kerk heilig. Die kerk is vir almal, altyd en oral - algemeen - mure van skeiding is afgebreek. Die kerk is Christelik: Christus is die Hoof, en die kerk is/wil soos Christus wees. Die kerk is ook gemeenskap van die heiliges: uit Hom groei die hele liggaam.

1.1.3 Hansie heet almal welkom by hierdie historiese geleentheid waar ons vir die eerste keer gesamentlik besin oor kerkhereniging in die Oos-Kaap.

1.1.4 Ds Lukas Plaatjie open met gebed.

##### 1.2 Voorsitterskap

1.2.1 Ooreengekom dat voorsitterskap roteer tussen die NGK, VGK en RCA, soos die verskillende kerke as gashere optree. Vandag tree die NGK as gasheer op, sodat ds Schutte vandag die voorsitterstoel inneem en ds Mouton as die skriba optree.

##### 1.3 Doel

1.3.1 Hierdie vergadering bestaan primêr om die goedgekeurde doelwitte van die UK Konvent vir Eenheid effektief uit te voer, eerder as om selfstandige besluite te neem.

##### 1.4 Mandaat

1.4.1 Die NGK Oos-Kaapland en VGK-leierskap in die Oos-Kaap is by die vorige UK Konvent vir Eenheid, 17 Oktober 2006 te Stellenbosch, versoek om op hierdie wyse bymekaar te kom.

1.4.2 Schalk du Toit beveel aan dat die NGK en VGK-lede, asook die RCA-lid, amptelike magtiging van hul mandaathouers verkry om die vergaderings van die Oos-Kaaplandse Konvent by te woon en met die werksaamhede daarvan voort te gaan. Dit word so goedgekeur.

1.4.3 We report all decisions to our respective synodical commissions, and will keep presbyteries

and congregations informed.

#### 2. PRESENSIE

##### 2.1 VGK-Kaapland

Ds Fezile Mbenenge  
Ds Andrew Fransman  
Ds Enoch Kibito  
Ds Edward Thaane  
Ds Lucas Plaatjie

##### 2.2 RCA

Ds Wikus van der Walt

##### 2.3 NGK Oos-Kaapland

Ds Hansie Schutte  
Dr Chris van Wyk  
Dr Schalk du Toit  
Ds Danie Mouton

#### 3. NOTULE VAN DIE VORIGE VERGADERING - 2006-10-17

3.1 Die notule van die eerste byeenkoms, op 17 Oktober 2006 te Stellenbosch, dien voor die vergadering en word goedgekeur.

#### 4. SAKE VIR BESPREKING

##### 4.1 Central management of the process of unification

4.1.1 The need to have mini-convention meetings on a regional level was identified at the EC Convention for Unity.

4.1.2 The EC Convention for Unity previously appointed a task team which developed an appreciative inquiry process in order to create sustainable momentum for unification. The Esselen Park meeting between the DRC and URCSA leadership eventually created this energy and moved the process tremendously forward.

4.1.3 The building of relationships is now of the utmost importance, and should be linked to the creation of unified presbyteries. We should look for energy points in presbyteries, which will provide the momentum to bring the churches together. Presbyteries will inform and energise in two directions - both synods and congregations.

4.1.4 The RCA is committed to the process of unity, and will partake fully in the process.

4.1.5 Presbytery-commissions, therefore, should be informed of the developments at synodical level. They need to know about the process, who are mandated to take the process forward, and - broadly speaking - what the plans and strategies are.

#### **4.1.6 Recommendations:**

**4.1.6.1 The respective synodical commissions mandate the Eastern Cape Convent for Unity to embark on a process of relationship-building at presbytery-level, which includes a process to demarcate new boundaries for unified presbyteries.**

**4.1.6.2 To launch the process of relationship building, we firstly plan one region-wide informative meeting. That will be followed up with various localised mini-conventions.**

**4.1.6.3 The first region-wide meeting will involve all presbytery-commissions and will be held in Cradock at the DRC Cradock-East, which will also host the meeting.**

##### **4.1.6.4 Practical detail:**

**\*1 Date: 23 and 24 February 2007.**

**\*2 Accommodation to be provided as far as possible by members of the five Cradock congregations of the DRC Family. Additional accommodation can be organised at a special tariff, e.g. at the Cradock Hotel in Michausdal.**

**\*3. Guidelines for the program: Delegates arrive the Friday night from 19:00, while the opening starts at 20:00. On Saturday the meeting starts at 08:30 and will conclude with lunch at 13:00. Holy Communion can be included at the end of the program, e.g. at 12:00.**

**\*4. Cost: Presbyteries will be asked to finance their own cost.**

**4.1.6.5 The respective synodical commissions will be asked to send the moderator and assessor of their synod to attend the meeting and to guide us by introducing the process of unification.**

**4.1.6.6 An introduction to church unification by the leadership will be followed by small group discussions and time for questions. We can end by celebrating Holy Communion.**

**4.1.6.7 The goal of the meeting is to build relationships and to end with a clear picture of the priorities regarding first steps.**

**4.1.6.8 NGKA: The question of inviting the NGKA-leadership is pending the outcome of the meeting of the 6-8 November at Krugersdorp and a decision will be reached during that meeting. The members present at Krugersdorp will be responsible for the final**

**decision.**

**4.1.6.9 This initial region-wide meeting will be followed by smaller, localised meetings, where initiatives such as appreciative processes, and "healing of the memories" can receive attention. We will invite as many members as possible from all the groupings in congregations.**

**4.1.6.10 Presbytery-Commission notify us not later than 23 January 2007 who will attend the meeting..**

#### **4.2 Gemeentelike indeling in ringsverband**

4.2.1 Die moontlike herindeling van ringe sal veral in die tweede rondte van gesprek aandag geniet.

4.2.2 Edward en Chris word versoek om 'n moontlike nuwe ringsindeling as riglyn vir voorlegging aan ringe op te stel, met as riglyn 10-12 gemeentes per ring.

#### **4.3 Verwagtinge van 'n herenigde Oos-Kaapse sinode**

4.3.1 Die NG Kerk in Oos-Kaapland het in 1973 afgestig van die Wes-Kaap. Intussen het die sinode haar sinodale struktuur radikaal aangepas. Die sinode het net 'n DA en sekretaresse in diens. Die vraag aan die ander deelnemers aan die eenheidsproses wat hul verwagtinge van 'n herenigde sinodale struktuur in die Oos-Kaap is?

4.3.2 Hierdie tema maak deel uit van die tweede rondte van gespreksvoering.

#### **4.4 Onderlinge ondersteuning in die interim**

4.4.1 Hierdie tema is bedoel vir 'n tweede rondte van gesprek.

#### **4.5 Nie-rassige gemeentelike bedieningspunte**

4.5.1 Nie-rassige gemeentelike bedieningspunte moet geïdentifiseer en ondersteun word.

4.5.2 Geleentheid moet geskep word vir die leierskap van multikulturele-gemeentes om hul verhare met ander gemeentes te deel.

#### **4.6 Shared communication**

4.6.1 Written documentation will be processed by Danie, Fezile and Wikus with a view to the accommodation of the different constituencies.

#### **4.7 Budget**

4.7.1 Presbyteries will be asked to fund their own expenses for the first round meeting at Cradock.

4.7.2 Financial support for presbyteries : Danie

will ask the EC Convention for Unity for financial support for the meeting at Cradock, intended for those presbyteries unable to fund their own expenses. The DRC EC may also consider support.

4.7.3 Moderamens / Synodical Commissions will be asked to fund the catering and to send their moderators and assessors at their own expense.

4.7.4 Each church will carry it's own cost for meetings of the EC Convention for Unity (this meeting)..

#### **4.8 Volgende vergadering**

4.8.1 Woensdag 31 Januarie by RCA Malabar, 15:00.

#### **4.9 NGKA**

4.9.1 Reeds afgehandel by punt 4.1.6.8.

#### **5. AFSLUITING**

5.1 Die vergadering word met gebed afgesluit.