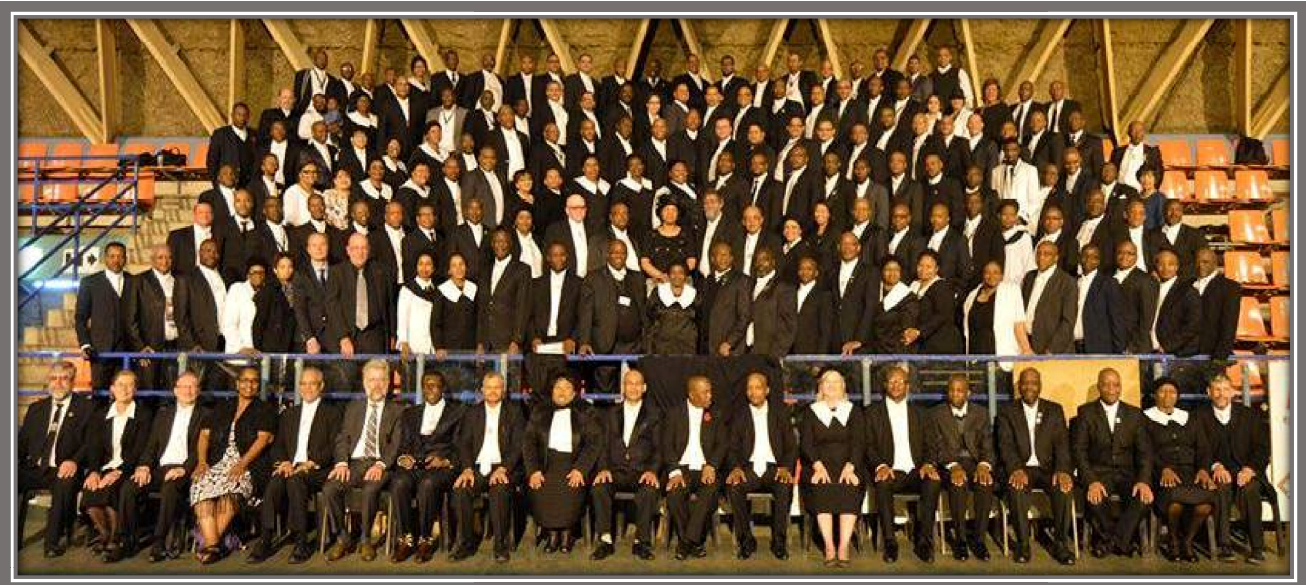




**SEVENTH GENERAL SYNOD OF THE UNITING REFORMED  
CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**ACTA 2016**



**Celebrating 30 years of the Belhar Confession:  
Unity, Reconciliation and Justice in obedience to Christ**

**03 – 09 OCTOBER 2016**



**KAPONANG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**BENONI, SOUTH AFRICA**

# **THE MODERAMEN 2016-2020**



## **FOREWORD**

The Seventh General Synod of URCSA stands out as a Synod of historic proportions and remarkable decisions that will have tremendous impact on the future of the church and her role in a world, a world that has become so complex and full of challenges.

This Synod was historic in the sense that we have celebrated the 30th anniversary of our Belhar Confession. This celebration was a friendly reminder of the basic values that we are proclaiming and confessing in the modern society in which we live today. In times like this we are fortunate as the Church of Jesus Christ to confess that we truly believe in “unity, reconciliation and justice in obedience to Christ”. This confession has never been more relevant than it is today. May God help us to never forget that! Synod 2016 was permeated and infused by speeches and devotions based on the Confession of Belhar. The impact of the Confession of Belhar on Synod was also reflected in our decision making and the spirit in which the Synod took place.

The General Synod re-affirms that diversity is a gift of God and commits itself to embracing the cultural diversity of the URCSA and to actively work towards the expansion of the inclusive identity of the church. Synod also declared that the Word of God and the Confession of Belhar compels us to remain obedient and faithful to His call for unity within the Church of Christ, and that we remain committed to the process. Synod acknowledges that we cannot control the processes of others, but it is our duty to provide a positive environment for reunification. In this respect Synod adopted a Provisional Church Order which allows for joint ministry which goes beyond mere agreements of cooperation.

General Synod decided to refer the matter regarding homosexuality back to congregations, presbyteries and regional synods for dialogue and engagement. Congregations, presbyteries and regional synods are requested to seriously engage on this matter during the following four years until the next General Synod.

Last but not least, we want to thank Northern Synod for hosting us. You did a wonderful job and we want to express our sincere gratitude to you. We would also like to express our



gratitude to all our ecumenical partners who attended the synod and who brought greetings on behalf of their organizations and denominations. Unfortunately some of these greetings are not reflected in our minutes. We apologize for that. Once again we want to reaffirm our commitment to all our partners.

May God bless the decisions of ACTA 2016 and may He guide us on this new journey.

Rev W J Julius

Scribe: General Synod



## ECUMENICAL GUESTS

INVITEE	
1. WCRC	Prof Jerry Pillay (Send greetings)
2. PCUSA (Presbyterian Church in USA)	<b>Rev. Robina Marie Winbush:</b> Associate Stated Clerk and Director Ecumenical Relations
3. PCB (Protestant Church in Belgium)	<b>Arjan Knop</b> <b>Johan Troukens,</b> <b>Marc Loos .</b>
4. PCN (Protestant Church in the Netherlands)	<b>Evert Overeem</b> <b>Prof Leo Koffeman</b>
5. Ev.-Reformierte Kirche	<b>Helge Johr,</b> Vice President of the Evangelical Reformed Church, <b>Verena Hoff-Nordbeck</b> the South Africa Representative,
6. Lippische Landeskirche	<b>Moderator Dietmar Arends</b> <b>Reverend Stefanie Rieke-Kochsiek</b>
7. DRC	<b>Nelis Janse van Rensburg</b> <b>Chris van Wyk</b>
8. Calvyn Protestantse Kerk	<b>Rev Darrell Mackriel.</b> Scribe <b>Ds Deon Jantjies</b> (aktuaris)
9. Maranatha Reformed Church in Christ	<b>Prof Matsobane Manala</b>
10. Evangelical Church in Lesotho	<b>Rev. Nelson Khethang Posholi</b> <b>Evangelist James Machaea Mokaeanne</b>
11. DRCA	Rev Sidumo
12. United Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa	Rev Lungile Mpetsheni
13. SACC	General Secretary Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana



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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH GENERAL SYNOD 2016**

**BENONI**

**3-9 October 2016**

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**1. MINUTES DAY ONE**

**03 OCTOBER 2016**

**1. OPENING**

The Moderamen and delegates marched to the hall accompanied by the Brigade. The cultural dancers entertain the delegates with dances and songs. A short video clip is shown about the development of the DRCA in Transvaal and later URCSA. The Moderator thanks Rev Solly Mabelane and his team for their presentation. The delegates sing all the verses of Re a o boka, Morema. The Assessor, Rev M G Betha, leads the opening with a prayer. His message from 1 Peter 2:1-5 and article 5 of Confession of Belhar. (Addendum 1)

The Moderator thanks the assessor for his reflection on obedience.

**2. CONSTITUTING OF THE SEVENTH GENERAL SYNOD**

The Scribe, Dr DA Kuyler, presents the list of delegates as per credentials from the regions and the following delegates presence are approved: (Those in bold letters)

**2.1 CAPE SYNOD**

Moderator	<b>Rev. Pieter Grove</b>	
Assessor	<b>Rev. Barnabas Ngqozela</b>	
Scribe	<b>Rev. Elbie Vinqi</b>	
Actuary	<b>Rev. Dawid P Carelse</b>	

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Aliwal Noord</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Mkhusele Boyce Masele	Rev. Bradley Stoffels



Church council	<b>Deacon Esme Boss'r</b>	Eld. Michael May
<b>Amandelboom</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Fabian Clyde Kotze</b>	Rev. Pieter West
Church council	<b>Eld. Andries Tieties</b>	Eld. Abraham J Leukes
<b>Cala</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Zandisile Moses Bokoda</b>	Rev. Jacob Fredrick Strauss Myburgh
Church council	<b>Eld. Bulelani Caleb Mateta</b>	Eld. Momakhaya Thelma Tsotso
<b>Caledon</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Carnavon</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Clanwilliam</b>	Primarius	Secundus
Minister	<b>Rev. Donovan Koordom</b>	Rev. Klaas Keffers
Church council	<b>Eld Hermanus Bienes</b>	Eld. Isak Goes
<b>Colesberg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Carel Andries van der Merwe	Rev. Willem Jacobus Avenant
Church council	<b>Eld. Ndoyithini Richard Vers</b>	Eld. Edwin Fernandez Vries
<b>Ebenezer</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>George</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Charlton Crowley	<b>Rev. Bonga Mbenenge</b>
Church council	<b>Deacon Esterina Bowie</b>	Deacon Thando Sicwele
<b>Graaff-Reinet</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Clive Donald Jacobs</b>	Rev. Charles Petrus du Toit
Church council	<b>Eld. Deveraux Haig Bosch</b>	Eld. David Jacobus Plaatjies
<b>Kraaifontein</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Prof. Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel</b>	Dr Nathan Carolus Philander





Church council	<b>Deacon. Doris Monica Neewat</b>	Eld. Christo Adams
<b>Malmesbury</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Monti</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Bulelani Vete</b>	Rev. Vuyani Minya
Church council	<b>Eld. Bonisile Mlungwana</b>	Eld. Raymond Kentyo
<b>Mthatha</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Joseph Konzekile Ntlatywa</b>	Rev. Vilkus van der Walt
Church council	<b>Eld. Kwezi Giba</b>	Eld. Mzonke Matshona
<b>Port Elizabeth</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Luxolo Titimani</b>	Rev. Hendry Tromp
Church council	<b>Eld. Theresa Heydenrycht</b>	Eld. George Kleinhans
<b>Porterville</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Kobus Phillipus Franz	Rev. Francis Samson
Church council	Eld. Sarel Heynse	
<b>Rietvlei</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>SA Gestig</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Brian Handel</b>	Dr Llewellyn Lloyd Macdodds Macmaster
Church council	<b>Deacon Cila Opperman</b>	Eld. Nozuko Faith Fassie
<b>Sarepta</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Gerald David Swartz</b>	Rev. Jetro Zebastian Cloete
Church council	<b>Eld. Sarina Thelma Hamman</b>	Eld. Nomvusi Maria Soldate
<b>Steinkopf</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Moses Samuel Baartman	<b>Rev. Jacques Warrant Jacobs</b>
Church council	<b>Eld. Bernard Stephen Engel</b>	Eld. Timotheus van Wyk
<b>Stellenbosch</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>



Minister	<b>Rev. Daniel Carlo Bock</b>	Dr Sipho Sidwell Mahokoto
Church council	<b>Eld. Phillipus Jacobus van Wyk</b>	Eld. Andries Matheus
<b>Tulbagh</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Uitenhage</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Mark Peter Manasse</b>	Rev. Stephen Wilhelm Jonas
Church council	<b>Eld. Dawid James Hoffman</b>	Eld. John Prins
<b>Visrivier</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev.Lulama Plaatjie	Rev. Daniel Base
Church council	Eld.Tembile J. Konki	Eld. Zalisile Colani
<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Dr.Jacques Walter Beukes</b>	Rev. Emil de Wet
Church council	Eld.Adam de Vries	Deacon Heirich Peter-John Smith
<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev.Malcolm Patrick James</b>	Rev. John Reynold Willemse
Church council	Eld.Chrisjan Jacobs	<b>Eld. Wilfred Johannes Hartman</b>
<b>Wynberg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Zoar</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Zuurbraak</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Jacobson Andy Strauss</b>	Rev. Dawid Nico Eyssen
Church council	<b>Eld. Absalom Willemse</b>	Eld. Cupido Curnel de Koker



## 2.2 FREE STATE AND LESOTHO

Moderator	<b>Rev. Isaac Khambule</b>	
Assessor	Rev L Lebakeng	Apology
Scribe	<b>Rev. BCT Mochekoane</b>	
Actuary	<b>Rev. Langa Petrus Fokase</b>	
<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Bethlehem</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. W Maphisa	Rev J Mokgomo
Church council	SA Mofokeng	NE Mkhwanazi
<b>Bethulie</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council	<b>Eld. NA Makhosane</b>	Eld. MH Fokase
Church council	<b>Eld. R Power</b>	Eld. ME Koaheng
<b>Bloemfontein</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev MTJ Letsie</b>	Rev. Anlene Taljaard
Church council	<b>Eld. L Masoetsa</b>	Deacon N Kok
<b>Botshabelo</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. BP Staat</b>	Rev. TD Molatodi
Church council	<b>Eld. TS Matlokotsi</b>	Eld. Kolobe
<b>Heilbron</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev LI Tabi</b>	Rev TN Seotsanyane
Church council	<b>Eld. T Motaung</b>	Eld. PS Tshabalala
<b>Kroonstad</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. MG Mohoje</b>	
Church council	<b>Eld. PD Mosiane</b>	Eld. QG Lebona
<b>Thabong</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. TG Lekoala</b>	Rev MJ Sello
Church council	Eld. MP Mlangeni	Eld. EM Makhasane
<b>Vrede</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. SRH Ntilane	
Church council	Eld. KT Monyatsi	



<b>Wesselsbron</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. MP Moahloli</b>	Rev. MI Ramapaeyane
Church council	Eld. LJ Setsetse	Eld. RS Makhetha
<b>Winburg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. MD Selekisho</b>	Eld. NC Mohapi
Church council	Eld. Moholo	Eld. SS Mosala
<b>Witsieshoek</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. MS Mothopeletsi</b>	Rev. LP Nhlapo
Church council	<b>Eld. CS Kolobe</b>	Eld. ME Mabesele

### 2.3 KWAZULU NATAL

Moderator	<b>Rev. TE Ngema (Acting Moderator)</b>	
Assessor	Rev. TE Ngema	
Scribe	Rev. SJ Majola	
Actuary	<b>Rev. HA Mbatha</b>	

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Durban</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Greytown</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Nhlanhla Nicholas Chamane</b>	Rev. ZZ Zondi
Church council	Eld. James Ndlovu	Eld. Quinton Brien
<b>Utrecht</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Thulane Samuel Zuma</b>	Rev. Fani Thela
Church council	<b>Eld. Gladys Visagie</b>	Eld. Nelly Zulu
<b>Thekwini</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Pieter D Khanyile</b>	Rev SK Dlamini
Church council	Eld. SS Masuku	Eld. JM Zoko
<b>North Coast</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Vusumuzi Prince Zulu	Rev. Daliso Kunene



Church council	Eld. Moses Sangweni	
<b>Thukela</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Isaac Ngema</b>	Rev. BA Mchunu
Church council	Eld. Phindile Lucky C Mazibuko	Eld. Xolani Hlatswayo
<b>Vryheid</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Pieter Kriel</b>	Rev. Siphon Mathenjwa
Church council	<b>Eld. Nonhlanhla I Myeni</b>	Eld. Joseph Nxumalo
<b>Zululand</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Skhumbuzo Jeremiah Ndlovu</b>	Rev. Meshack Sibeko
Church council	<b>Eld. Mandla Nxumalo</b>	Eld. Phillip Valoyi

## 2.4 NAMIBIA

Moderator	Rev. Leon Lourens Husselmann	URCSA Karasburg
Assessor	<b>Rev. Edwin Matundu</b>	URCSA Opuwo
Scribe	<b>Rev. William Johannes Julius</b>	URCSA Walvisbay
Actuary	<b>Rev. Adriaan A Du Plessis</b>	URCSA Windhoek

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Mariental</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Dawid Petrus Mouton</b>	Rev. David Severius Majiedt
Church Council	<b>Eld. Andre Diergaardt</b>	Eld. Geraldine Waterboer
<b>Ngweze</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Martin Mombela	Rev. Austin Mutakaliluma
Church council	Eld. Bornwell Sinvula	Eld. Oscar Nyambe
<b>Orumana</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Lisias Aupokolo	
Church council	Eld. Santos Mahenje	Rev. Rehabeam Ruhozo
<b>Oshakati</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. George Paulus Shinexungi Hikumwah	
Church council	<b>Eld. Reinoldt Hashetu Nghikofa</b>	Eld. Saima Kamati Sanders
<b>Takwasa</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>



Minister	<b>Rev. Matthias Sitarara Sikanga</b>	Rev. Laurentius Hausiku
Church council	Eld. Nginga Paulus Mbangu	
<b>Windhoek</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Jan Johannes Nel</b>	Rev. Boas Roree Eliphas Tjingaete
Church council	<b>Eld. Florida Cisseline Beukes</b>	Eld. Frans Adolf Freeman

## 2.5 NORTHERN SYNOD

Moderator	<b>Rev. Dr RE Moraka</b>	
Assessor	<b>Rev. Morwameno Hendrik Moima</b>	
Scribe	<b>Dr. Winnifred Motsei Moime</b>	
Actuary	<b>Rev. Prof Christina Landman</b>	

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Amersfoort</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council	<b>Eld. M P M Maboea</b>	Eld. M L Mahlangu
<b>Barberton</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. J P Kriel</b>	
Church council	<b>Eld. P R Mathenjwa</b>	Eld. Q F Nkosi
<b>Bethesda</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M T Xaba</b>	Rev. S K Tlhakola
Church council	<b>Eld. R W Segooa</b>	Eld. M W Moloto
<b>Brits</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. LT Motaung</b>	Rev. D Senthle
Church council	<b>Eld. MK Kgasi</b>	
<b>Burger</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M J Moroaswi</b>	
Church council	<b>Eld. S S Maesela</b>	
<b>Galina</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		



Church council	Eld. N R Makuwa	Eld. S J Nkosi
<b>Ga-Rankuwa</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. J R Rakoma</b>	Rev. S D Olivier
Church council	<b>Eld. E Ngwenya</b>	Eld. M A Nyamane
<b>Hammanskraal</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. E M K Maphike</b>	Rev. T T Robinson
Church council	<b>Eld. Z Thibedi</b>	Eld. M Moloane
<b>Kranspoort</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M A Magwira</b>	Rev. H E Nengenani
Church council	Eld. A Nevhufumba	<b>Eld. SA Maputla</b>
<b>Letaba</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. M R I Motloustsi	<b>Rev. M R C Mokhele</b>
Church council	<b>Eld. M W Mdungazi</b>	Eld. H E Sambo
<b>Lydenburg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. S S Mokoena</b>	
Church council	Eld. M B Mokoena	<b>Eld. D P Mnisi</b>
<b>Mamelodi</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. S Makulubele</b>	Rev. T J Molaba
Church council	<b>Eld. C F Matuludi</b>	Eld. K Mahlangu
<b>Middelburg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. P P Molehe</b>	Rev. T I Monyatsi
Church council	Eld. N E Mntambo	<b>Eld. A M Segone</b>
<b>Mokopane</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. L J Nthoesane	Rev. M A Mhango
Church council	Eld. K P Mocheke	Eld. S A Ledwaba
<b>Polokwane</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. V D Mabuza</b>	Eld. R R Mashilo
Church council	Eld. M A Rasegala	Eld. G P Mashamaite
<b>Saulspoort</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. O E Ditshwene</b>	Rev. B F Moalusi



Church council	<b>Eld. K T Masisi</b>	Eld. M S Malope
<b>Tshwane</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M J Molawa</b>	
Church council	<b>Eld. G E M Ngwenya</b>	Eld. M C Poto
<b>Warmbad</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. J B Maluleka</b>	Rev. P P Mosima
Church council	<b>Eld. M J Mabusela</b>	Eld. S S Mhloki
<b>Zeerust</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M L Foko</b>	Rev. V A Magagula
Church council	<b>Eld. O E Mokotedi</b>	Eld. J R Moloi

## 2.6 PHORORO

Moderator	<b>Rev. M G Betha</b>	
Assessor	<b>Rev. D S Willemse</b>	
Scribe	<b>Rev. J Julies</b>	
Actuary	<b>Rev C J Cornelissen</b>	

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Kimberley</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. P B Makoko</b>	Rev. J F Rosant
Church council	<b>Eld. N Snyders</b>	Eld. L A Sokatsha
<b>Kuruman</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Eld. H Swartland	<b>Eld. E Mokwena</b>
Church council	<b>Eld. O J Mokgweetsi</b>	Eld. M P Dooring
<b>Prieska</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev S M Terhart</b>	Rev. D Isaks
Church council	Eld. M Kotze	<b>Eld. R A Simon</b>
<b>Upington</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. E R Julius</b>	Rev. M W C Abels
Church council	<b>Deac. A Willemse</b>	Eld. H Freeman





## 2.7 SOUTHERN SYNOD

Moderator	<b>Rev. Prof. L J Modise</b>	
Assessor	<b>Rev. B B Senokoane</b>	
Scribe	<b>Rev. K S Mabelane</b>	
Actuary	<b>Rev. L Kekana</b>	

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>East Rand</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Dr. M.T Masuku</b>	Rev. MV Makhetha
Church council	Eld. G Shaikh	<b>Eld. S Thage</b>
<b>Ennerdale</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Evaton</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Dr. T Lephakga</b>	Rev. V P Makhaya
Church council	<b>Eld. S Ntshala</b>	Eld. Mokoena
<b>Eikenhof</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council		
<b>Far East Rand</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. T I Leputla</b>	Rev. B P Primo
Church council	<b>Eld. M D Ruiters</b>	Eld. V Sibande
<b>Johannesburg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M D Shai</b>	Rev. R J Lithebe
Church council	<b>Eld. Maake</b>	Eld. R Cox
<b>Lichtenburg</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Mpembe</b>	Rev Mpembe
Church council	Eld. Kubelo	<b>Eld. Sewedi</b>
<b>Meadowlands</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. M E Kanyane	Rev. Chabane
Church council	<b>Eld. Makobonyane</b>	Eld. Molomo



<b>Ottosdal</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Ev. Moshele</b>	
Church council	<b>Eld. Lolwane</b>	
<b>Potchefstroom</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. D J Taiwe</b>	Rev. M S Bosman
Church council	Eld. P Kabai	<b>Eld. D C Seihehlo</b>
<b>Sharpeville</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. M D Makgene</b>	Rev. O J Thebe
Church council	Eld. V Morabe	Eld. Tsotetsi
<b>Standerton</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. L D Makoena	Rev. M A Zwane
Church council	Eld. O S Hlatswayo	Eld. L A Khoabane
<b>Wes Rand</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. L Z Morabe	<b>Rev. A M Foba</b>
Church council	Eld. T D Tholwana	Eld. C Theko
<b>Witwatersrand</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	Rev. Dr. Tsiu	Rev. D A Thejane
Church council	Eld. Shale	Eld. Louw
<b>Wolmaranstad</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. J Bodibe</b>	Ev. SJ Maleshane
Church council	Eld. K M Silaulane	Eld. Motswakae

## THE SECOND REPORT OF THE ORDER COMMISSION

### 2.1.1 CAPE SYNOD

<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	<b>PRIMARIUS</b>	<b>SECUNDUS</b>
<b>Caledon</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister		
Church council	<b>Sr. Gladys Cryer</b>	Sr. Ellie Davids
<b>Carnavon</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Deon Scharneck</b>	Rev. Kenny van Rensburg



Church council		
Ebenezer	Primarius	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Vivaldo Jacques Valentine</b>	Rev. Peter September
<b>Church council</b>	<b>Eld. Millicent Valda Pockpas-Jolay</b>	Eld. Anthony William Lernerts
<b>Malmesbury</b>	<b>Primarius</b>	<b>Secundus</b>
Minister	<b>Rev. Lysander Leonardo Prins</b>	Rev. Eugene Etienne Beukes
Church council	Deac. Edwina Noordeman	Deac. Salie Solomons

After discussion about the presence of two church council members representing a presbytery, the Moderator makes a ruling that it will be referred when we get to that part of the Second report of the Commission of Order.

#### **Constituting of Synod:**

The Moderator declares that the Seventh General Synod of URCSA is duly constituted with a 147 delegates.

#### **TEA**

When the meeting starts, the Scribe acknowledges the presence of the following members of partner churches:

- Protestant Church in Belgium:  
Arjan Knop (for the partnership Southern Synod - district UPCB O.W.VL. He will be the next coordinator for C.C&W; .Johan Troukens, the liaison in SA and Rev Marc Loos
- Protestant Church in the Netherlands  
Rev. Evert Overeem  
Prof. Leo Koffeman
- Ev.-Reformierte Kirche  
Helge Jahr, Vice President of the Evangelical Reformed Church, and the South Africa Representative, Verena Hoff-Nordbeck,
- Lippische Landeskirche  
Moderator Dietmar Arends and Stefanie Rieke-Kochsiek
- Dutch Reformed Church  
Rev. Nelis Janse van Rensburg



**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF ORDER TO THE SEVENTH  
GENERALSYNOD**

1. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SYNOD. **Noted**
2. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING. **Noted**
3. DELEGATES and CREDENTIALS. **Noted**
4. REGISTRATION and INDUCTION COURSE. **Noted**
5. OPENING. **Noted**
6. DURATION OF SESSIONS. **Approved**
7. WORKING SCHEDULE. **Approved**
8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. **Noted**
9. AGENDA OF SYNOD. **Approved**
10. TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS. **Noted.**

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS (Second report of Commission of Order)

INTRODUCTION **Noted**

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

- 10.1 Temporary Ministry for Judicial Matters: **Approved**
- 10.2 Temporary Ministry for Finance and Administration. **Approved**

**Rev. Thulane Samuel Zuma** (KZN is appointed as co-coordinator)

**Order motion;** the regions will fill the places of delegates that are not here. **Approved**

- 10.3 Temporary Commission for Elections
- 10.4 Temporary Commission for Minutes
- 10.5 Temporary Ministry for Pastoral Letter, Doctrinal Matters and Resolutions
- 10.6 Temporary Commission for Nomination of Permanent Ministries
- 10.7 Temporary Ministry for In Memoriam

Composition: Rev. BP Makoko withdraws from the Temporary Commission and the meeting appoints Rev. Pieter Kriel as co-coordinator.

10.7.1 Agenda



### **GS 2016 Decision 1: Temporary Commissions GS 2016: Approved**

The GS approves the temporary commissions and ministries as compiled by the Second report of the Commission of Order. The Moderator presents the Temporary Commission for elections to the meeting.

Rev. Deon Scharneck says grace for food.

## **SUPPER**

### **SECOND REPORT OF ORDER COMMISSION (Continued)**

#### **2.1.2 FREE STATE AND LESOTHO**

##### **GS 2016 Decision 2: Second Report of Order Commission 2016 Recommendation 2: Sitting rights of Presbytery of Botshabelo: Approved**

The Commission of Order refers this to the Temporary Commission for **SMJM** at GS 2016 to make a recommendations if the delegates from the Presbytery of Botshabelo has sitting rights or not. The Regional Synod needs to supply the necessary documentation supporting their decision and the Temporary **SMJM** allows the delegation from Botshabelo opportunity to state their case.

#### **2.1.3 DELEGATES FROM PRESBYTERIES WITHOUT MINISTERS**

The recommendation is not approved because the Church Order can only be changed by two thirds majority.

**Ruling by Moderator:** The primarius member of a Presbytery with two church council members: The primarius is allowed and the secundus member has observer status.

##### **GS 2016 Decision 3: Delegates from Presbyteries without ministers: Approved**

GS decides that in relation to the reality that some Presbyteries does not have ministers as pointed out in 2.1.3 of the Addendum Order Commission report, that the issue be referred to the **SMJM** to consider a provision in the Church Order addressing the situation.

The Commission of Order refers this to the Temporary Commission for **SMJM** at GS 2016.

Proposed: Rev. Zack Mokgoebo and Seconded: Rev. P F Kriel

Elections: Rev Barnabas Ngqozela explains the process to the house and he requests Rev. Modibe to say a prayer.



- 11. “AGENDA BOOK” AND ACTA. Noted**
- 12. SPIRITUALITY OF THE SYNOD. Noted**
- 13.5.2 Worship sessions in morning. Noted**
- 13.5.3 Presentation of reports. Noted**
- 13.6 Personal commitment and spirituality. Noted**
- 13.7 Ministry for Proclamation and Worship. Noted**
- 13. ECUMENICAL GUESTS. Noted**
- 14. MEDIA. Noted**
- 15.1 Bulletin. Noted**
- 15.2 Photos and Videos. Noted**
- 15.3 Facebook Page. Noted**
- 15. EXHIBITIONS. Approved**
- 16. MEMORABILIA. Noted**
- 17. DRESS CODE. Approved**
- 18. CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION. Approved**
- 19. BUDGET OF SYNOD. Noted**
- 20. GREETINGS. Noted**

A Question is raised by Dr. Masuku why the Heads of Chaplaincies is not invited. The Scribe makes an apology for the oversight.

- 21. ACTS OF SYNOD. Noted**
- 22. THANKS. Noted**

**ADDENDA OF SYNOD**

**GS 2016 Decision 4**

**Addenda for General Synod 2016: Approved:**

The Commission of Order requests the GS 2016 to accept the Addenda for GS 2016

**GS 2016 Decision 5**

**Addenda for General Synod 2016: Approved:**

The GS adopts the First and Second Reports of the Order Commission

Proposed by: Rev. B B Senokoane and Seconded: Elder. Sewedi



## **REPORT OF THE SCRIBE OF URCSA TO THE GENERAL SYNOD 2016**

- 1. Meetings of Executive. Noted**
- 2. Correspondences received and send. Noted**
- 3. GSC 2013, 2014, 2015**

### **GS 2016 Decision 6: General Synodical Commissions 2013, 2014 and 2015: Approved**

The GS approves the Scribe's work regarding the arrangements of meetings for the General Synodical Commission.

### **4. GS 2016**

#### **GS 2016 Decision 7: Approved**

1. The GS takes note that notice of the GS 2016 was given ample time according to the Church Order and that Regional Synod and ministries were reminded on a regular basis.
2. The GS condones the fact that the agenda was not made available in the timeframe set by the Church order

The GS accepts the agenda as received

- 5. Appointment of a General Secretary. Noted**
- 6. Representing URCSA. Noted**
- 7. A Word of thanks. Noted**

### **GS 2016 Decision 8: Acceptance of the report of the Scribe**

The GS approves with appreciation and thanks the report of the Scribe of GS.

Proposed by Rev LL Prins and Seconded: Rev W Hartman

## **REPORT OF THE ACTUARIUS SYNODI TO THE GENERAL SYNOD**

- 1. Meetings. Noted**
  - 1. Correspondence**
    - 1.1 The following correspondence was generated: **Noted**
    - 2.1** The following correspondence was received: **Noted**
  - 3 Declaration of Candidates for Ministry
    - 3.1 Candidates list 2012
    - 3.2 Candidates list 2013



(The Actuarium is asked to check if the list is complete)

3.3 Candidates list 2014

3.4 Candidates list 2015

4. STATUS OF MINISTER

5. PUBLICATION OF URCSA CHURCH ORDER (CO) 2012

6. REGISTER OF MINISTERS OF THE WORD

7. HANDINGOVER

**GS 2016 Decision 9: Handover arrangements. Approved**

Following point 7 in the Actuarium report, it be referred to the **SMJM** to make a provision in the Church Order similar to point 7 and that this be made mandatory to all the reports of officials of the Executive dealing with documents

Proposed by Rev ZE Makgoebo

Seconded: Rev MG Betha

**8. CONCLUSION**

**GS 2016 Decision 10: Acceptance of the report of Actuarium. Approved**

The GS approves with gratitude the report of the Actuarium

Proposed by Rev. B P Makoko

Seconded Rev. M G Mohoje

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMISSION TO URCSA GENERAL SYNOD 2016**

The Scribe presents the report

**1. Meetings**

**1.1 General remarks**

**2. GSC 2013 21-24 NOVEMBER 2013 AT GLENMORE PASTORAL CENTRE IN DURBAN**

**3. GSC 2014: 22-25 NOVEMBER 2014 AT MAMELODI DIENSENTRUM**

**4. GSC 2015: 22-25 NOVEMBER 2015 AT BE MY GUEST HOUSE IN BLOEMFONTEIN**

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**





**GS 2016 Decision 11: Report of the Synodical Commission. Approved**

1. The GS takes note of the meetings of the General Synodical Commission.
2. The GS approves the decisions of the Synodical Commission
3. The GS accepts the report of the Synodical Commission

**GS 2016 Decision 12: Acceptance of the Synodical Commission. Approved**

The GS approves with gratitude the report of the General Synodical Commission.

Proposed by Rev. B P Makoko

Seconded: Rev. M G Mohoje

**Motion: GS 2016 Decision 13: Appreciation for Scribe and Actuaris**

1. This General Synod recognizes the outstanding work done by the Scribe and Actuaris of GS during the recess.
2. GS expresses its deep appreciation for the service and example of these Christian leaders
3. GS also decides to recognize their service with a token of appreciation in the form of a certificate and gift by the Moderamen.

Proposed by Rev. P Grove

Seconded: J K Ntlatywa

**Report from Election Committee:**

157 people voted. It is 10 more than who is eligible.

Ruling by Moderator: The voting will continue tomorrow

The Opening service is led by the Moderator. (Addendum 2)

The meeting adjourned at 22h00 with the Moderator by pronouncing blessings upon the house.

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**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**