



**UNITING REFORMED CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
(URCSA) GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMISSION (GSC)  
MEETING ON 19 - 21 NOVEMBER 2025  
AT URCSA AKASIA CONGREGATION IN PRETORIA**

# MINUTES

## DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025

### 1. OPENING

- 1.1 Opening prayer: The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- 1.2 Scripture reading: The GS Moderator read from Matthew 5 verse 14 and the following verses.  
Reflection: *“Encouraged everyone to be the light of the world”*
- 1.3 Closing Prayer: The GS Moderator requested the GS Assessor, Rev E Vinqi to led in prayer and close the devotions.
- 1.4 Welcoming : Rev Prof Leepo Modise takes the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the delegates present in the meeting.

### 2. ATTENDANCE AND CONSTITUTING

- To constitute to form a quorum, the meeting need to constitute with thirty-seven (37) members, half + one (1). The GS Scribe presented a list of delegates present comprising of the GS Executive members, regional representatives and the Chairpersons of the Core and Support ministries as well as the Chairpersons on the Special ministries.
- Seventeen (17) members were present at the time of constituting. The GS Actuaris confirmed the meeting short three (2) delegates to constitute.

#### 2.1 EXECUTIVE

Moderator	Rev Prof Leepo Johannes Modise	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev Elbie Vinqi	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev Dr Elias Mpolaene Monhla	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuaris	Rev Motlalentwa Godfrey Betha	<b>PRESENT</b>
Namibia	Rev S Mostert	<b>PRESENT</b>
Free State and Lesotho	Rev Langa Petrus Fokase	<b>WRITTEN APOLOGY</b>
KZN	Rev Serame Jacob Majola	<b>PRESENT</b>

## 2.2 REGIONAL SYNODS

<b>CAPE</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Hendry H Tromp	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev. Elbie Vinqi	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev. Malcolm P James	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev. Emmanuel N Fingo	<b>PRESENT</b>
Elder	Mrs. Lynette Roelfse	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>FREE STATE AND LESOTHO</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Langa Petrus Fokase	<b>WRITTEN APOLOGY</b>
Assessor	Rev. Tledima Thys Hlalele	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev Thabang Bookholane	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev. Malefetsane Khambule	<b>PRESENT</b>
Elder	Elder CL Minnie	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>KWA-ZULU NATAL</b>		
Moderator	Rev Dr Nkosinathi L Mbatha	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev Moses Ngwane	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Br. Xolani Hlatshwayo	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev Samuel T. Zuma	<b>PRESENT</b>
Elder	Sr. Nonhlanhla Myeni	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>NAMIBIA</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Soraya Vinette Mostert	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	N/A	<b>ABSENT</b>
Scribe	Deacon K.S. Rengura	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev. David Severius Majiedt	<b>ABSENT</b>
Elder	Rev. Edwin Matundu	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>SOUTHERN</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Prof Boitumelo Senokoane	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev. Sello Joseph Chomane	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev. Matshaya Fredah Pole	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev. Vuyisile Petrus Makhaya	<b>PRESENT</b>
Elder	Deacon Boitumelo Nyakane	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>NORTHERN</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Dr Elias M Monhla	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev SS Mokoena	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev Angelique Ghall	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev J R Rakoma	<b>ABSENT</b>
Elder	Mr T M Ramokgopa	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>PHORORO</b>		
Moderator	Rev. Johan Julies	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assessor	Rev. Mario Ferris	<b>PRESENT</b>
Scribe	Rev. Joseph Deon Scharneck	<b>PRESENT</b>
Actuarius	Rev. Motlalentwa G Betha	<b>PRESENT</b>
Elder	Elder E Badenhorst	<b>PRESENT</b>

## 2.3 CHAIRPERSON FROM MINISTRIES

Ministry	Abbreviation	Representative	
Core Ministry Proclamation and Worship	CMPW	Rev Monethi Moshoadiba	<b>PRESENT</b>
Ministry for Restitution		Rev Peter Maruping	<b>PRESENT</b>

Core Ministry Congregational Ministries	CMCM	Rev Jacky Molawa	<b>PRESENT</b>
Christian Woman's Ministry	CWM	Mrs Zandile Ngcobo	<b>PRESENT</b>
Christian Men's Ministry	CMM	Mr Abram Tsoone	<b>PRESENT</b>
Christian Youth Brigade	CYB	Br Japie Konstabel	<b>PRESENT</b>
Christian Youth Ministry	CYM	Br Moyahabo Ramokgopa	<b>ABSENT</b>
Christian Women League	CWL	Mrs Florence Makobonyane	<b>PRESENT</b>
Music Ministry		Rev AM Segone	<b>ABSENT</b>
Core Ministry Service and Witness	CMSW	Rev Isaac Monyatsi	<b>PRESENT</b>
Support Ministry Judicial Matters	SMJM	Rev Severius Majiedt	<b>ABSENT</b>
Support Ministry Communication, Publication and Archive	SMCPA	Rev Lysander Prins	<b>PRESENT</b>
Support Ministry Finance and Administration	SMFA	Br B Zwane	<b>PRESENT</b>
ABSA Beneficiation Team		Rev. Mabelane & ABSA team	<b>PRESENT</b>
Belhar Pension fund		Rev C Goeiman	<b>PRESENT</b>
Belhar Confession Trust		Rev Prof S Kgatla	<b>PRESENT</b>

#### **2.4 ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE SUPPORT**

GS Office Manager	Rev B Mbenenge	<b>PRESENT</b>
Assistant to GS Scribe / Finance and Communications Officer	Ms E Parker	<b>PRESENT</b>
Office administrator (Logistics)	Miss M Buys	<b>PRESENT</b>
Collections officer	Miss M Petersen	<b>PRESENT</b>
Collections officer	Mrs D Mahlangu	<b>PRESENT</b>
Volunteer	Miss B Marema	<b>PRESENT</b>

#### **3. MEETING TIMES**

The meeting commenced 1 hour and 15 minutes later than scheduled. The GSC accepts the schedule for the meeting as established in the agenda.

#### **Decision 1 Agenda and meeting Times**

GSC 2025 approves the meeting times as stipulated in the agenda.

**APPROVED**

## **REPORTS**

### **4.1 REPORT OF THE GS SCRIBE**

#### **Point 1: Meetings**

**Point 1.1: Executive (GSE) - NOTED**

**Point 1.2: Combined GS Office - NOTED**

**Point 1.3: Other meetings and Workshops - NOTED**

**Point 1.4: Upcoming meetings - NOTED**

**Point 2: Correspondence received and sent - NOTED**

**Point 3: GSC Meeting 2025 Arrangements – NOTED**

**Point 3.1: Reports received on time– NOTED**

**Point 3.2: Reports not received on time– NOTED**

**Decision 2** (*Recommendation 6*)

1. GSC takes note with thanks of the reports that was submitted on time.
2. GSC expresses sincere disappointment regarding the late receipt of reports.
3. GSC accepts the agenda as received.

**APPROVED**

**Point 4: Joint ministry meeting - NOTED**

**Point 5: GS Synod 2026 - NOTED**

**Point 6: WCRC General Assembly in Thailand 14 – 24 October 2025 - NOTED**

### 4.3 REPORT OF THE ACTUARIUS

**Point 1: Meetings Attended – NOTED**

**Point 2: Correspondence – NOTED**

**Decision 3** (*Recommendation 1*)

GSC 2025 takes note of the meetings attended by the GS Actuarial.

**NOTED**

**Decision 4** (*Recommendations 2*)

GSC 2025 takes note of both generated and received correspondence is filed with the church office and same secured by back up on cloud platform.

**NOTED**

**Point 3: Declaration of Candidates for Ministry – NOTED**

**Decision 5** (*Recommendations 3*)

GSC 2025 takes note of the deferred reporting about declaration of candidates for ministry and the impact of URCSA News publication frequency.

**APPROVED**

**Point 4: Ministerial Status – NOTED**

**Decision 6** (*Recommendations 4*)

GSC 2025 takes note that all status matters were referred to GS SMJM.

**APPROVED**

**Point 5: Church Order – Reviewed Version 2022 – NOTED**

- Due to the delayed submission of the Church Order, the meeting resolved that it should not be printed. Instead, it will be uploaded to the official URCSA General Synod website for free download and access by all by 01 December 2025.
- To be attended to at a later stage, following the consideration of the SMFA and SMCPA reports on the financing of the publication.

**Decision 7** (Recommendations 5)

GSC 2025 takes note of the submission for publication CO 2022, signed Declaration page (Annexure 1), and GS SMFA's role in funding.

**NOTED**

**Point 6: Register of Ministers – NOTED**

**Decision 8** (Recommendations 6)

- GSC 2025 takes note of the challenge and interim registration requirement.
- GSC 2025 takes note that the Actuaris drafted **GUIDELINES FOR A MINISTER IN GOOD STANDING** as per **Annexure 3** for discussion and consideration by GS SMJM with feedback at the next GS for approval and refer same to GS SMJM.

**APPROVED**

**Point 7: Handover – NOTED**

**Decision 9** (Recommendations 7)

GSC 2025 takes note of the completed handover and data security measures implemented in collaboration with the GS Office.

**APPROVED**

**Point 8: Retirement Age Circular and Legal Opinion – NOTED**

**Decision 10** (Recommendations 8)

GSC 2025 takes note of the circular and legal opinion provided for BET Al Church Council and same is attached as **Annexure 4** for clarification to other church structures.

**APPROVED**

**Point 9: Letters of Good Standing – NOTED**

**Decision 11** (Recommendations 9)

GSC 2025 takes note that letters will continue to be issued unless legally restricted and must be supported by a registration form and Presbytery certificate / letter.

**APPROVED**

**Point 10: Legal Matters – NOTED**

**Decision 12** (Recommendations 10)

GSC 2025 takes note of a statement of account dated 19 May 2025 as Annexure 5 received by the GS Actuaris regarding legal fees and GSE's decision and approves actions of the GSE.

**APPROVED**

**Decision 13** (Recommendations 11)

GSC 2025 decides to:

- Reaffirm that church disputes must follow Church Order processes before civil litigation. **APPROVED**
- Direct all URCSA structures to desist from instituting premature litigation. **APPROVED**
- Strengthen internal dispute-resolution mechanisms. **APPROVED**
- Clarify that URCSA GS will not automatically fund litigation where internal remedies are ignored. **APPROVED**
- Implement training across structures on Church Order procedures by GS SMJM and RS SMJM. **APPROVED**

- GS Actuarius with assistance of RS Actuarii maintain a central registry of all litigation involving URCSA.

**APPROVED**

**Point 11: Employment Contracts – NOTED**

**Decision 14** (*Recommendations 12*)

- \* GSC 2025 takes note of the draft employment contracts review and GSE decision on same.
- \* GSC 2025 approves the actions of the GSE.

**APPROVED**

**Point 12: Specialised Ministries Congresses – NOTED**

**Decision 15** (*Recommendations 13*)

GSC 2025 takes note that no congresses were held, however, GS Actuarius continued to provide counsel to specialised ministries.

**APPROVAL**

**THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WAS TABLED AND APPROVED:**

**Decision 16 GS SCRIBE REPORT**

1. The GSC 2025 takes note of Point 6 on the report of the GS Scribe (Page 11 of the agenda book)
2. The GSC 2025 takes note that the GSE only authorised Moderator of GS (Rev Prof L Modise (and the president of the CWM (Mrs Vinqi) due to financial constraint.

Proposer: Rev MG Betha

Secunder:

**APPROVED**

**Decision 17 SMCPA - GS CO 2022**

1. The GSC decides that the SMCPA may proceed to publish the GS CO 2022 online before 01 Dec2025.
2. The GSC decides that a electronic copy of the GS 2022 be sent to all the Actuary of the different R Synods.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Secunder: Rev MP James

**APPROVED**

**Decision 18 SMCPA Publication of 2022 Church**

Taking into consideration the importance of having a functional and approved church order, we the undersigned hereby move that the sitting GSC approve the publication of 2022 Church order with immediate effect.

Proposer: Rev MI Khambule

Secunder: Rev TT Hlalele

**APPROVED**

**Decision 19 Handover Guidelines**

GSC requests the SMJM to draft handover guidelines for URCSA, with feedback to the next GS for approval.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Secunder: Rev MP James

**APPROVED**

**Decision 20 – GS Work schedule**

The GSC approves the work schedules with amendments.

Proposer: Rev AS Ghall

Seconder: Rev E Fingo

**APPROVED**

**Decision 21 – Actuarius Report**

GSC approves the report of the Actuarius.

Proposer: Rev Prof BB Senokoane

Seconder: Rev F Pole

**APPROVED**

**Decision 22 MRCC**

1. The GSC, takes note of the long outstanding engagement with MRCC with regards to the Memorandum of Agreement in particular the moratorium placed on same
2. The GSC 2025 mandates the GSE to take up the matter with the newly elected Moderamen of MRCC and to implement the MOA, as agreed upon if there is no positive response from MRCC within six months.

Proposer: Rev M Betha

Seconder: Rev Prof BB Senokoane

**APPROVED**

**Decision 23 Logistics**

The GSC approves that the meeting break for supper at 6pm during this time. Delegates be allowed to check-in to the designated accommodation.

Proposer: Rev AS Ghall

Seconder: Rev M Moshoadiba

**APPROVED**

**Decision 24- WCC Meeting/Other Meetings**

We move;

- GS to partner with Regional Synods when hosting international events or events that may need support of the Region.
- Notices of some of some above be communicated in time between GS & Region to facilitate hosting logistics.

Proposer: Rev V Makhaya

Seconder: Elder Nyakane

**APPROVED**

**Decision 25 Scribe report**

GSC 2025 accepts the report of the Scribe Synodi with gratitude.

Proposer: Rev J Julies

Seconder: Rev JDF Scharneck

**APPROVED**

## **CLOSING**

The evening devotion was led by the host Northern Regional Synod. Rev A Ghall read from John 20 verse 11 – 18. *“Encouraging everyone to be open to encountering Jesus in different forms that he comes in, instead of insisting on seeing Him an old form”*

## **Meeting Adjourned at 18h00.**

### **DAY 2 – THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025**

#### **Point 1: OPENING**

**Point 1.1:** Opening prayer: The meeting officially started at 09h00

The chairperson requested Phororo regional synod to lead the devotions. The devotions were led by the Moderator, Rev Johan Julies.

**Point 1.2:** Scripture reading: Rev Julies read from Lamentations 3 verse 22 – 23.

Reflection: *“Reminded everyone that even though we might be fatigued as the year ends, it is Gods unwavering and faithful love that that we’ve still here and able to finish the things we set to do. We’re carried by God each day.”*

**Point 1.3:** Closing Prayer: Br E Badenhorst lead in prayer and close the devotions.

The meeting decided that the Minutes of GSC2025, 19-21 November 2025, including the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary GSC OF 17 November 2024 and 22 May 2025 to be referred and approved by the General Synod Executive (GSE). The Chairperson requested that a motion must be written in this regard for approval.

### **SECOND REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (SMFA)**

- The report was presented by the Deputy Chairperson, Br B Zwane.

#### **Point 1: MEMBERS AND MEETINGS**

**Point 1.1:** Executive Members – NOTED

**Point 1.2:** Members – NOTED

**Point 1.3:** Movement of Members and Staff- NOTED

**Point 1.4:** Meetings - NOTED

#### **Point 2: REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ABSA BENEFICIATION PROJECT**

- The ABSA Beneficiation Report be presented by Rev S Mabelane and the ABSA Team

**Point 2.1:** Background to the project - NOTED

**Point 2.2:** Roll-out within the GS-SMFA – NOTED

**Point 2.3:** Progress made in negotiations - NOTED

**Point 2.4:** The contract draft - NOTED

**Point 2.5:** PROCESSES AND TIMELINES - NOTED

**Point 2.6:** THE CORE BUSINESS OF THE RELATIONSHIP- NOTED

## Point 2.7: TANGIBLE BENEFICIATION TO THE SYNOD AND ITS SUBSTRUCTURES - NOTED

### **Decision 26 – SMFA - ABSA Beneficiation Project**

1. GSC expresses itself on the Beneficiation Proposal. **APPROVED**
2. GSC mandates the GSE to revisit the proposal when the report from SMJM becomes available with a view to approve the sign off on the proposal for a rollout plan. **APPROVED**
3. GSC mandates the GSE to engage SMJM, SMFA and where necessary the Bank itself with a view to arrive at some finality on the proposed beneficiation relationship. **APPROVED**

- ABSA proposal to distributed to all delegates to make any comments or suggestions to be emailed to the GS Scriba Synodi.
- The Chairperson requested the Assessor, Rev E Vinqi to thank the invited guests from ABSA for the proposal.
- The contract was emailed to the SMJM.

*The rest of the GS SMFA Second report is standing over and referred to the GSE. The meeting continued with the Report of Belhar Pension Fund.*

## **POINT 3: REPORT OF BELHAR PENSION FUND**

- The report was presented by Rev C Goeiman.

**Point 1: Introduction– NOTED**

**Point 2: Membership and Fund Status– NOTED**

**Point 3: Update on Belhar Pension Fund Wind-Down and Section 14 Transfer – NOTED**

**Point 4: Administration and Compliance– NOTED**

**Point 5: Insurance Renewal– NOTED**

**Point 6: Operational and Governance Matters**

### **Decision 27 Operational and Governance Matters**

The GSC noted the guidelines on how suspension without pay should be handled by Employers and Presbyteries with regard to pension premium. The GSC decides to refer the guidelines to the SMJM to see whether rule changes in the stipulations of the Church order are necessary.

**NOTED**

**Point 7: Mandate for Alternate Employer Representatives**

### **Decision 28 Mandate for Alternate Employer Representatives**

The GSC approved the names of Rev Bonganjalo Mbenenge and Ms Ruth Wessie as alternate members of the Belhar Pension Fund Board and the Management Committee of the URCSA Sanlam Umbrella Fund.

**APPROVED**

## **POINT 8: REPORT BELHAR CONFESSION TRUST (Part of GSE Report)**

- The report was presented by Prof S Kgatla

**Point 1: Members of the Belhar Confession Trust: TRUSTEES – NOTED**

**Point 2: THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE OF THE TRUST- NOTED**

**Point 3: Collections- NOTED**

**Point 4: Annual Belhar Confession Lecture- NOTED**

**Point 5: Contradictions & ambivalences on the part of UWC staff - NOTED**

**Point 6: Application for Belhar Confession Chair at the university of South Africa - NOTED**

**Point 7: The attached ADDENDUM K is an application to UNISA for Belhar Chair. - NOTED**

**Point 8: Signing of Memorandum of understanding between URCSA and UNISA ADDENDUM D - NOTED**

**Point 9: Application for external and internal funding- NOTED**

Addenda D Application for Funding UEM

Annexure E Proposed Budget

Annexure F Letter of Granting and Email Cover

Annexure G Project Reporting

Annexure H Application Letter to Unisa

Annexure I Financial Statement 2022-2026

are correspondences between the Trust and Funders for notification, approval letter and conditions for reporting to UEM.

Annexure K Application to UNISA

Annexure L Abstracts to the book.

**Point 10: Belhar Confession and 40<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the confession 26 September 2026 - NOTED**

**Point 11: Participation of URCSA members at 40<sup>th</sup> Belhar Anniversary on 26 September 2026 - NOTED**

## **4.2 REPORT OF GENERAL SYNOD EXECUTIVE (GSE)**

- Report presented by the GS Scribe, Rev Dr E Monhla

**Point 1: MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE – NOTED**

**Point 1.1: MEETINGS**

**Point 1.2: OTHER MEETINGS**

**Point 2: GSC MINUTES**

**Point 2.1: GSC 2024 IN-PERSON MEETING IN FSL – NOTED**

**Point 2.2: GSC 2024 ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

The Minutes of the Extra-ordinary GSC Online Zoom Meeting of 17 November 2024 was referred to the GSE for review and approval. Before the end of the year (2025)

**Point 2.3: GSC EXTRA-ORDINARY ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

The Minutes of the Extra-ordinary GSC Online Zoom Meeting of 22 May 2025 was referred to the GSE for review and approval. Before the end of the year (2025)

**Point 3: MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BY GSC 2024 - NOTED**

**Point 4: ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS**

A detailed ecumenical report in Second GSE report.

**Point 4.1: UNITED EVANGELICAL MISSION (UEM) - NOTED**

**Point 4.2: WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCRC)**

- a) WCRC General Assembly – URCSA was represented only by Rev Prof L. Modise and Mrs V. Vinqi, as approved by the GSE - **NOTED**
- b) Affiliation fees – **NOTED**

**Point 4.3: AFRICA COMMUNION OF REFORMED CHURCHES (ACRC) - NOTED**

**Point 4.4: ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (AACC) - NOTED**

**Point 4.5: SOUTH AFRICA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (SACC)- NOTED**

**Point 4.6: CHURCH UNITY COMMISSION (CUC) - NOTED**

**Point 4.7: World Council of Churches (WCC)**

**Point 4.7.1: WCC Central Committee Meeting 18–24 June 2025 – NOTED**

Omitted to add Southern regional synod Moderamen represented at the meeting. The commission must be included in a motion.

**Point 4.7.2: WCC Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order - NOTED**

**Point 4.7.3: Weekly newsletters - NOTED**

**Point 5: CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**Point 5.1: DRC FAMILY - NOTED**

**Point 5.2: REFORMED FAMILY FORUM (RFF) - NOTED**

**Point 5.3: MARANATHA REFORMED CHURCH OF CHRIST (MRCC) - NOTED**

**Point 5.4: RHENISH CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA - NOTED**

**Point 5.5: LECSA - NOTED**

**Point 5.6: Nederduitsch Hervormde Kerk van Afrika (NHKA) – NOTED**

**Point 6: CHURCHES IN EUROPE**

**Point 6.1: LIPPISCHE LANDESKIRCHE IN GERMANY - NOTED**

**Point 6.2: KERK IN ACTIE - NOTED**

**Point 7: CAPE LOAN ENQUIRY – NOTED**

The virtual meeting took place on Monday, 17 November 2025 – **NOTED**

**B) DETAILED ECUMENICAL REPORT - *Part of Second GSE Report.***

**Point 8: BELHAR CONFESSION TRUST – Stand over to later**

**Point 9: NORTHERN SYNOD MATTER - NOTED**

*Stand over, we will discuss during the presentation of the regional synod reports.*

## **4.5 REPORT OF CORE MINISTRY PROCLAMATION AND WORSHIP (CMPW)**

- The report was presented by the Chairperson, Rev I Monyatsi

**Point 1: Introduction - NOTED**

**Point 2: Members – NOTED**

**Point 3: Task team - NOTED**

**Point 4: Activities**

**Task team of MFTT**

**a. Licensing ceremonies**

- Western Cape Synod – **NOTED**
- Northern and Southern Synod: NTS - **NOTED**
- And reinstated two candidates of their license. – **NOTED**
- Free state licences two candidates – **NOTED**

**Point 5: Doctrinal and current affairs - NOTED**

**Point 6: Content to be published - NOTED**

**Worship Book: Bokang Modimo - NOTED**

**Point 7: Challenges**

**Decision 29 CMPW – Challenges**

The Moderamen to intervene and call the ministry to address the matters that are affecting the ministry.

**APPROVED**

**Conclusion - NOTED**

## **4.6 REPORT OF CORE MINISTRY FOR SERVICE AND WITNESS (CMSW)**

- The report was presented by Rev F Pole

**Point 1: Introduction – NOTED**

**Point 2: Membership - NOTED**

**Point 3: Meetings - NOTED**

**Point 4: Handover - NOTED**

**Point 5: Decisions referred to Core Ministry of Service and Witness**

**Point 5.1 GS: 2022 DECISION 273: Report of the CMSW: Partnership with the Reformed Church in America - NOTED**

**Point 5.2: GS 2022 DECISION 275: CHRISTIAN DEPENDENCY MINISTRY - NOTED**

**Point 5.3: Investment for Africa – IFA (the Southern Africa Employment Development Association) -NOTED**

**Point 5.4 GS 2022 DECISION 277: URCSA NATIONAL MINISTERS RETREAT - NOTED**

**Point 5.5: GS 2022 DECISION 278: FRESH EXPRESSIONS - NOTED**

**Point 5.6: GS 2022 DECISION 280: HUMAN SEXUALITY - NOTED**

## **Point 6: SIGNATORIES**

### **Decision 30 CMSW - SIGNATORIES**

The GSC approves that Rev M Mbenenge, Rev T Monyatsi and Ms Marydith be signatories as they are all in Pretoria.

**APPROVED**

## **4.6.1 REPORT OF RESTITUTION TASK TEAM**

- Report presented by Rev P Maruping

**Committee Members – NOTED**

**Point 1: Background – NOTED**

**Point 2: Goal and Mission– NOTED**

**Point 3: Progress and Observations– NOTED**

**Point 4: Recommendation and Request to the General Synod– NOTED**

**Point 5: Conclusion– NOTED**

## **4.7 REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (SMFA)**

- Report presented by the Deputy Chairperson Br B Zwane

**Point 1. MEMBERS AND MEETINGS**

**Point 1.1 Executive Members – NOTED**

**Point 1.2 Members – NOTED**

**Point 1.3 Movement of Members and Staff – NOTED**

*The office staff were excused from the meeting to allow for the discussion of staff-related matters.*

**Point 1.4: Meetings – NOTED**

**Point 2: GS 2022 DECISIONS REFERRED TO SMFA AND PROGRESS – NOTED**

**FINANCIAL REPORT – NOTED**

**Point 2.1: Introduction - NOTED**

**Point 3.2: Banking signatories – NOTED**

**Point 3.3: GS Budget projection for 2025/2026 - NOTED**

**Point 3.4: Fundraising plan for 2025/2026 - NOTED**

**Point 2.5: Levies – NOTED**

**Point 2.6: Love offering – NOTED**

**Point 2.7: Minister's contribution – NOTED**

**Recommendation 4 Minister's Contribution**

1. The GSC approves the annual registration fee of R1 500 of all URCSA ministers by the end of April of every year. ~~For Approval~~
  2. Non-compliance with recommendation 1 will affect a Minister's Good Standing. ~~For Approval~~
- NOT APPROVED**

**Point 2.8: Ecumenical membership fees – NOTED**

**Point 3: Pension funds**

Point 3.1 Belhar Pension fund – stand over will follow later

**Point 4: Emoluments and allowances for 2025/2026 – NOTED**

**Point 5: General Synod Financial strategic plan - NOTED**

**Decision 31 SMFA - General Synod Financial strategic plan**

1. Salary increases of 5% is recommended for 2025/2026 **APPROVED**
2. Benefits increase as indicated above is recommended for 2025/2026 **APPROVED**
3. R1500 Minister contribution was **NOT APPROVED**

**Point 6: GS SMFA CHALLENGES – Standing over, referred to the GSE.**

**4.8 REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION, PUBLICATION AND ARCHIVES (SMCPA)**

- Report presented by the Chairperson Rev L Prins

**Point 1: SMCPA MEMBERS – NOTED**

**Point 2: URCSA MEDIA TEAM MEMBERS - NOTED**

**Point 3: PUBLICATIONS - NOTED**

**Point 4: YEARBOOK - NOTED**

**Point 5: STRATEGIC REPORT: URCSA WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY - NOTED**

**Point 6: ETHICAL CLEARANCE – NOTED**

**Point 7: LIGDRAER – NOTED**

**■ POLICY ON THE USE OF URCSA EMBLEM**

Point 1 – 7 - NOTED

**Decision 32 SMCPA – Policy on the use of URCSA emblem**

The policy should be sent to the SMJM for review and implementation.

**APPROVED**

**Point 8: SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT**

#### **Decisions 33 SMCPA – Social media report**

1. A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be signed with CLF to provide assistance with the publication of the Yearbook. - **NOTED**
2. A database should be created. - **NOTED**
3. The development of URCSA materials should be encouraged. - **NOTED**
4. The Regional Scribe should ensure that all **archival material** is sent to the Archive Office in Stellenbosch, and should supply, by the end of March each year, a list of all documentation sent to the Archives. - **NOTED**
5. The GSC takes note that, due to financial challenges, the publication of URCSA News is currently on hold. - **NOTED**
6. The GSC takes note that an urgent strategic workshop should be held for the scribes of regional synods, with the aim of strengthening communication within the Synod. - **NOTED**
7. The GSC takes note that, due to financial constraints, no progress has been made in providing equipment to the Scribes to improve their work. – **NOTED**
8. The GSC takes note that the 30th Anniversary publication, titled “*Fragility of Social Order & Stability of Faith: URCSA at 30 Years*”, edited by Dr. Eugene Fortuin, has been published. URCSA expresses its sincere gratitude to him. – **NOTED**

#### **CORRECTION - NOTED**

In the Free State & Lesotho Regional Synod, the Regional Synod Scribe, Rev T. Bookholane, replaced Rev D. Serekego.

### **4.4 REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES**

- Report presented by the Chairperson Rev J Molawa

**Point 1: Members - NOTED**

**Point 2: Special Ministries' Reports- NOTED**

**Point 2.1 Sunday School Material**

#### **Decision 34 CMCM -Sunday school material**

The meeting allows the CMCM to present a late report on the matter of Sunday School Material.

**NOTED**

**Point 2.2 Music Report**

CMCM recommends that Music should be under the Core Ministry for Proclamation and Worship.

**NOTED**

### **REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM)**

- Report presented by the Vice Chairperson, Br L Khumalo

**Point 1: FOREWORD, INTRODUCTION, AND GREETINGS - NOTED**

**Point 2: MOTIVATION OF CYM IN THE CHURCH - NOTED**

**Point 3: COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD EXECUTIVE & CENTRAL EXECUTIVE- NOTED**

**Point 4: REGIONAL SYNODS COMPRISING THE GENERAL SYNOD- NOTED**

**Point 5: MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES- NOTED**

**Point 6: PROGRESS ON CONGRESS DECISIONS- NOTED**

**Point 6.2: Regional Synod Guardianship- NOTED**

**Point 6.3: CYM 30th Anniversary (2025) - NOTED**

**Point 6.4: Social Visibility & Conversations- NOTED**

**Point 6.5: Service Groups- NOTED**

**Point 6.6: CYM Database- NOTED**

**Point 7: ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS- NOTED**

**Point 8: GENERAL CONGRESS (ADDENDUM): ROADMAP TO NAMIBIA CONGRESS 2026- NOTED**

## **REPORT OF THE CHRISTIANS WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)**

- **Report presented by the President Mrs F Makobonyane**

**Point 1: COMPOSITION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NOTED**

**Point 2: REGIONAL STATISTICS (\* as at 31 March 2025) - NOTED**

**Point 3: MEETINGS – NOTED**

**Point 4: PLANNED ACTIVITIES - NOTED**

**Point 5: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – NOTED**

**Point 6: REGIONAL / PRESBYTERIES INVITATIONS HONOURED – NOTED**

**Point 7: FINANCIAL STATUS- NOTED**

**Point 8: CHALLENGES - NOTED**

### **Decision 35 CWL – Bank account**

GS SMFA to provide the 'authority letter' to allow the GS CWL to open its own account that will be linked to GS SMFA, with approvals being the ministry itself. GS CWL will add the GS Office Administrator to the account for visibility of activities.

**APPROVED**

## **REPORT OF THE CHRISTIANS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CWL)**

- **Report presented by the Treasurer Mrs. Z Ngcobo**

**Point 1: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - NOTED**

**Point 2: MEETINGS- NOTED**

**Point 3: MEMBERSHIP - NOTED**

**Point 4 : FINANCES- NOTED**

**Point 4.1 Status of the Regional Levies to GS 2023/24 and 2024/25 - NOTED**

**Point 4.2 LOAN TO GS SMFA - NOTED**

**Point OTHER CWM ACTIVITIES**

**Point 4.3 : 2023 – 2026 CWM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

**Decision 36 CWM - 2023 – 2026 CWM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

The GSC approves the actions and plans of the GS CWM.

**APPROVED**

**Point 4.4: TRANSLATION OF THE CWM CONSTITUTION - NOTED**

**Point 5: ECUMENICAL PARTICIPATION**

- **PARTICIPATION IN THE SACC - NOTED**
- **WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WWDP) – NOTED**
- **UNITED EVANGELICAL MISSION (UEM) – NOTED**

**Point 6: REGIONAL CONGRESSES) – NOTED**

**Point 7: 2026 GSCWM CONGRESS) – NOTED**

**REPORT OF THE CHRISTIANS MEN MINISTRY (CMM)**

- **Report presented by the President Br A Tsoone**

**Point 1: INTRODUCTION – NOTED**

**Point 2: Composition of the Ministry – NOTED**

**Point 3: REGIONAL SYNODS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES – NOTED**

**Point 4: MEETINGS HELD**

**Point 4.1: EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – NOTED**

**Point 4.2: CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING – NOTED**

**Point 5: Statistics of CMM General Synod – NOTED**

**Point 6: REGIONAL SYNOD ACTIVITIES – NOTED**

**Point 7: GS Executive Members responsible for Commissions – NOTED**

**Point 8: Launch of the Namibian Regional Synod as the seventh Region – NOTED**

**Point 9: CMM ATTENDANCE TO OTHER MINISTRY MEETINGS – NOTED**

**Point 10: Regional oversight/ guardian model – NOTED**

**Point 11: NEW MATTERS**

**Point 11.1: OPENING OF THE NEW BANK ACCOUNT – NOTED**

The chairperson requested motion to be written in this regard.

**Point 11.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN – NOTED**

**Point 12: CHALLENGES – NOTED**

**Point 13: SUGGESTIONS / PROPOSALS – NOTED**

### **LATE REPORT CHRISTIAN YOUTH BRIGADE (CYB)**

- **Report presented by Colonel J Konstabel**

**Point 1: MEMBERS OF THE MAIN COUNCIL - NOTED**

**Point 1.1. Membership in Regions - NOTED**

**Point 2: Activities and meetings - NOTED**

**Point 2.1: CAPE SYNOD BRIGADE - NOTED**

**Point 2.2: PHORORO REGION - NOTED**

**Point 2.3: SOUTHERN & NORTHERN SYNODS (GAUTENG REGIONAL BRIGADE)- NOTED**

**Point 2.4: OTHER CYB ACTIVITIES - NOTED**

**Point 3: MEETINGS & DISCUSSION - NOTED**

**Point 4: FINANCES – NOTED**

### **REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

The Chairperson of CMCM moved that the GSC must take note of whole report until the financial report is received. **NOTED**

### **SECOND REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SYNOD EXECUTIVE (GSE)**

- **Report presented by the GS Scribe Rev Dr E Monhla**

**ADDENDUM 4 – ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS REPORT - NOTED**

**ADDENDUM 4.1 – HOSTING OF GSC2025 - NOTED**

#### **Decision 37 GSE - Hosting of GSC2025**

The GSC 2025 accepts and approves with appreciation of the contribution of the Northern Regional Synod and

GSC approves the recommendation of GSE regarding that, money spend in hosting the meeting (GSC) will be credited against NS levy

**APPROVED**

### **4.9 REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY JUDICIAL MATTERS (SMJM)**

- **Report presented by the GS Actuarial, Rev MG Betha**

**Point 1: MEETINGS HELD - NOTED**

**Point 2: MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRY AS APPROVED BY THE GS 2022 WITH FILLING OF VACANCIES - NOTED**

## Point 2.1. Members- NOTED

### **Decision 38 SMJM – KZ Members**

GSC takes note of the GS SMJM meetings held and that Rev Zuma from KZN replaced Br Sangweni as RS KZN Actuarium.

**APPROVED**

## Point 2: Regulation regarding Activities of the Executive and the GSC Regulation 2.2.2 - NOTED

## Point 3: MATTERS REFERRED TO GS SMJM DURING GSC 2024 SESSION – NOTED

## Point 4: FEEDBACK ON MATTERS REFERRED - NOTED

### Point 4.1: BELHAR PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES - NOTED

#### **Decision 39 SMJM - Belhar Pension fund management committee guidelines**

- GS takes that the GS SMJM took note of the Belhar Pension Fund Management Committee Guidelines and same still receiving attention with feedback at the next GSC 2025 meeting. **[Approved by Extra ordinary GSC 2025] - NOTED**
- GSC 2025 allows GS SMJM to table the Belhar Pension Fund Management Committee Guidelines via a second report. **APPROVED**

### Point 4.2: MOU BETWEEN URCSA AND UNISA

#### **Decision 40 SMJM - Approved by Extra ordinary GSC 2025**

- GSC takes that the GS SMJM discussed MOU between URCSA and UNISA and found same to be in order except the background history to refer to Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa. The latter to be included.
- GSC approves the MOU between URCSA and UNISA

**NOTED**

### Point 4.3 : REPORT OF NS - FORFEITURE OF STATUS MATTER -

#### **Decision 41 : SMJM - Approved by Extra ordinary GSC 2025 with an Amendment**

- GSC takes note that the Presbytery of Saulspoor was advised to sent out a notice inviting the two Ministers of the Word to submit reasons within twenty one days why the should not be be dismissed as the Ministers of the word and subsequently recommendation be forwarded to Northern Synod for loss of status (unfrocking) in terms GS CO Stipulation 83.2 read with NS CO Stipulations.
- GSC further takes note that latter was reported to be finalised by both the Presbytery of Saulspoor and the Northern Synod.
- GSC approves the actions of the GS SMJM and mandates the GS Actuarium to publish forfeiture of status of the two brothers after informing them accordingly (*audi alteram partem rule*).
- See Amendment in the GSC Minutes: In the event that affected Ministers submit representation same must be referred to GS SMJM for analysis with feedback to the next GSC sitting.

**NOTED**

#### **Decision 42 GS SMJM – Second report**

- GSC 2025 takes note that the GS Actuarium received timeously representations from the four brothers, to with, Revv RS Kwape, DM Tukisi; MS Maponya and NR Neluheni and same referred and handled by GS SMJM for analysis.

- GSC 2025 decides to allow GS SMJM to provide feedback on the latter via a second report.

**APPROVED**

**Point 4.4 : URCSA GS OFFICE INVESTIGATION**

All staff was released to leave the meeting.

**Point 5: CHURCH ORDER – REVIEWED VERSION 2022 - NOTED**

**Point 5; DEVELOPMENT ON REGISTER OF MINISTERS DURING THE RECESS - NOTED**

**Point 6: APPLICATION FOR STATUS OF MINISTERS**

**Point 6.1: CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY- NOTED**

**Point 6.2: RETENTION OF STATUS- NOTED**

**Point 6.3: FORFEITURE OF STATUS - NOTED**

**Decision 43 SMJM – Forfeiture of status**

GSC takes note that the GS SMJM will report on forfeiture of status section with a second report to be submitted after consolidation during GSC 2025 meeting.

**APPROVED**

**Point 7: MATTERS REFERRED TO SMJM BY GS - NOTED**

**Point 7.1: GS 2022 Decisions - NOTED**

**Point 7.2: GSC 2023 Decisions - NOTED**

**Point 7.3: GSE Decisions - NOTED**

**Point 7.3.1: Contract of employment for URCSA Employees - NOTED**

**Point 8: GS SMJM work session - NOTED**

**Point 9: SIGNING OF A REVIEWED AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF) AND URCSA - NOTED**

**Point 10: SECOND GS SMJM REPORT**

**Decision 44 SMJM - Second GS SMJM Report**

GSC takes note that the GS SMJM need to consolidate outstanding matters grants submission of a second report to GSC2025

**APPROVED**

**10. SECOND REPORT OF SUPPORT MINISTRY OF JUDICIAL MINISTRY (SMJM)**

- Report presented by the GS Actuarial, Rev MG Betha

The chairperson asks the members of the specialised ministry members, office staff, Northern Synod delegates and all visitors that was in the meeting, was ask to leave the meeting. The Actuarial continued to report.

**Point 1. FEEDBACK ON MATTERS REFFERED**

**Point 1.1 Belhar Pension Fund – NOTED**

**Decision 45 (Recommendation 1) : Second report SMJM - Belhar Pension Fund**

GSC 2025 approves the guidelines of the Belhar Pension Fund Management Committee.

**APPROVED**

**Point 1.2** Report regarding Northern Synod Forfeiture of Status Matter – **NOTED**

**A: ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATION BY REV RS KWAPE REGARDING OF FORFEITURE OF STATUS**

**SMJM Recommendation**

In light of the representation and supporting documentation:

- It is recommended that the GS Actuarial defer publication of forfeiture of status pending:
  - Finalization of Part B of the High Court matter (Case No. 2024-144764).
  - Clarification of jurisdictional authority and Moderamen legitimacy.
  - Verification of whether any valid disciplinary process was initiated by Bojanala Presbytery or the recognized Moderamen.
- Alternatively, the GS Actuarial proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2, should jurisdictional clarity be established.

**NOTED**

**B: ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATION BY REV MAPONYA REGARDING DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE OF STATUS**

**SMJM Recommendation**

In light of the representation and supporting documentation:

- It is recommended that the GS Actuarial defer publication of forfeiture of status pending:
  - Verification of the mediation agreement and its terms, including signatories and compliance.
  - Clarification of the legal status of the referenced court order and its implications for ecclesiastical jurisdiction.
  - Assessment of procedural compliance with URCSA Church Order, especially regarding the role of the presbytery and regional synod.
- Alternatively, the GS Actuarial proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2, on the basis of jurisdictional clarity established.

**NOTED**

**C: ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATION BY REV NELUHENI REGARDING DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE OF STATUS**

**SMJM RECOMMENDATION**

In light of the representation and supporting documentation:

- It is recommended that the GS Actuarial defer publication of forfeiture of status pending:
  - Verification of the mediation agreement and its terms, including signatories and compliance.
  - Clarification of the legal status of the referenced court order and its implications for ecclesiastical jurisdiction.
  - Assessment of procedural compliance with URCSA Church Order, especially regarding the role of the presbytery and regional synod.
- Alternatively, the GS Actuarial proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2, should jurisdictional clarity be established.

**NOTED**

**D: ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATION BY REV D.M. TUKISI DATED 05 JUNE 2025 REGARDING  
DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE OF STATUS**

**SMJM RECOMMENDATION**

In light of the representation and supporting documentation:

- It is recommended that the GS Actuarius defer publication of forfeiture of status pending:
  - Clarification of the legal status of the referenced court order and its implications for ecclesiastical jurisdiction.
  - Assessment of procedural compliance with URCSA Church Order, especially regarding the role of the presbytery and regional synod.
- Alternatively, the GS Actuarius proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2, based on jurisdictional clarity established. - - Rev Tukisi admitted unprovoked that his congregation was under the supervision of Bojanala Presbytery and not the recognised Saulspoort Presbytery by GS.

**NOTED**

**E: ANALYSIS OF THE APPEAL BY PROF. ST KGATLA**

**SMJM RECOMMENDATION**

1. Receives and notes the appeal submitted by Prof. ST Kgatla, including all attached documentation (Addenda A–Q, 1–4). 2. 3. 4. 5.
2. Acknowledges the procedural irregularities and lack of response at the Presbytery level as outlined in the appeal.
3. Mandates the Regional Synod of NS to:
  - Submit a full report on the disciplinary and administrative processes followed.
  - Clarify the legal and ecclesiastical basis for the removal of Prof. Kgatla’s name from church buildings and the issuing of banning orders.
  - Engage both the Polokwane Congregation and Prof. Kgatla in a process of truth-seeking and reconciliation.
4. Suspends the enforcement of the banning orders and symbolic erasures pending the outcome of the review.
5. Reports back to the GSC within six months (6) with findings and recommendations for final adjudication.

**NOTED**

The Chairperson welcomed the Northern RS delegates back into the meeting, and the Northern synod delegation requested feedback on the above matter and the response was that, they will receive the feedback once the minutes has been approved. The Actuarius continues with the report of the investigation of the office.

**Decision 46 (Recommendation 2): Forfeiture of status of Br Eddie Leeuw**

- \* GSC 2025 takes note of forfeiture of status of Br Eddie Leeuw as processed by the Presbytery of Steinkopf and approved by the Cape Synod.
- \* GSC 2025 mandates the GS Actuarius to publish forfeiture of status of Br Eddie Leeuw accordingly.

**APPROVED**

**Point 1.3 URCSA General Synod Office Investigation – NOTED**

**Point 2. APPLICATION FOR STATUS OF MINISTERS - NOTED**

**Point 2.1 Candidates for Ministry - NOTED**

**Point 2.2 Retention of Status No Application - NOTED**

**Point 2.3 Received Forfeiture of Status – NOTED**

**Point 2.4 Movement of Ministers – NOTED**

**Point 2.5 Ordination with Laying of Hands– NOTED**

**Point 3: Conclusion- NOTED**

**Point 4.4 URCSA GS OFFICE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**Point 1: INTRODUCTION – NOTED**

**Point 2: ASSIGNMENT / MANDATE TO SMJM – NOTED**

**Point 3: PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION– NOTED**

**Point 4: METHODOLOGY – NOTED**

**Point 4.1.1 Meetings– NOTED**

**Point 4.1.2 Interviews – NOTED**

**Point 4.1.3 Perusal of documents – NOTED**

**Point 5: PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION– NOTED**

**Point 5.1.3: WAY FORWARD AGREED UPON DURING MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2025 – NOTED**

**Point 5.1.4: PROGRESS AS ON 13 MARCH 2025 – NOTED**

**Point 6: FINDINGS – NOTED**

**Point 7: GS SMJM ANALYSIS / COMMENTS / OBSERVATION / REMARKS – NOTED**

**Point 8: CONCLUSION – NOTED**

**Point 9: RECOMMENDATIONS – APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT**

**Point 9.1 Church Office:**

**Point 9.1.1** The GSE is instructed to ensure the restructuring of URC Church Office within six months with feedback report to the GS SMFA and GSE. [External service provider may be insourced for capacity building and training].

**Point 9.1.2** The GSE to ensure proper implementation of the church order regulations wrt finance management, meeting procedures, basic church administration and accountability.

**Point 9.1.3** Strict compliance of the church order and Finance Policy should be enforced to instil discipline and maintain order in the church office.

**Point 9.1.4** Targeted workshops for the entire office personnel and the GS SMFA members to be conducted within six months.

**Point 9.1.5** Healing and reconciliation session [Team Building] to be arranged for the office personnel with feedback report to the GSE and GSC respectively.

**Point 9.1.6** All funds must be deposited and administered from the church bank account with immediate effect and report should be handed in at each GS SMFA meeting. A business plan and policy to be developed for the office.

**Point 9.1.7** The GSE and GS SMFA is urged to ensure deductions and payments of tax to SARS for all liable employees.

**Point 9.1.8** The Office Manager and Finance Administrator with the assistance of the Auditors to calculate total amount due to Ms Marydith Buys in terms of the contract as at 2017 and annexed hereto with deduction permissible in law.

**Point 9.2 For the GS SMFA:**

**Point 9.2.1** The GS SMFA to monitor implementation of aforementioned recommendations with feedback to the GSE within six months.

**Point 9.2.2** The GS SMFA signatories to be held liable for all the irregular payments and/or authorisations.

**Point 9.2.3** The Cyber Fraud case be reopened and the Senior Public Prosecutor be consulted based on the fact that the suspect is identified and known and what is outstanding is tracing of same.  
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**Point 10: CLOSING REMARKS “CONFIDENTIAL”**

**Point 10.1** The GS Support Ministry for Judicial Matters (SMJM) believes it has carried out its mandate.

**Point 10.2** The SMJM present this report for adoption by the GSC and be communicated to the GS SMFA and Office Church personnel.

**Decision 47 GS SMJM – GS Church Office**

- GSC takes note that the GS SMJM was mandated by the GSC and GSE to investigate the matter of URCSA GS Church Office after being reported by the GS SMFA during an Extra Ordinary GSC meeting.
- GSC 2025 further takes note that the GS SMJM investigated the matter on 11-13 March 2025 and decided to classify the report as “CONFIDENTIAL” and decides to handle same as such. **Report is handled separately as Annexure A.**

**APPROVED**

## 5.REGIONAL SYNOD REPORTS

### 5.1. CAPE REGIONAL SYNOD REPORT

- Report presented by the Rev M James

**Pages 121 – 129 – From the first page to the last page – NOTED**

### 5.5. FREE STATE & LESOTHO REPORT

- Report presented by the Rev T Bookholane

**Point 1: LEADERSHIP OF REGIONAL SYNOD – NOTED**

**Point 2: EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – NOTED**

**Decision 48 FSL RS Report**

1. GSC 2025 takes note of the FS/L Presbyteries Contact Details. **NOTED**
2. GSC 2025 takes note of the Presbyteries Visitation initiative. **NOTED**
3. GSC 2025 to take notes and approve that all official communication from the General Synod Office and its Ministries to Congregations and Presbyteries be routed through the Regional Synod Office. This will ensure that proper channels of communication are maintained, enhance coordination between church structures, and prevent unnecessary misunderstandings or duplication of efforts.

**APPROVED**

Page 131– Name changed of one of the Presbytery names. **APPROVED**

**Pages 176 – 193 – NOTED**

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

## 5.2 KWA-ZULU NATAL RS

- Report presented by the Br X Hlatswayo

Report 179 – 188 - NOTED

Point 11. Training of Church Leaders – Trained

Pages 129 – 138 – NOTED

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

## 5.6. NAMIBIA RS REPORT

- Report presented by the Br S Rengura

Page 195 – 260 - NOTED

(NRS EXECReport) GSC2025MEETING APPROVES THE SUBSTITUTION OF REV SHIHUNGU WITH REV MATUNDU AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO NAMIBIA REGIONAL SYNOD MODERATURE AS PER CHURCH ORDER. – NOTED

Page 198 – 32 Congregations – NOTED

Page 204 - No.5 – NOTED

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Point 2.3.7. The Moderature meeting no 7 after RSC 2024 - NOTED

Point 2.3.8. The Moderature meeting no 8 after RSC 2024 – NOTED

Page 217 – No.9 9.1.3. LICENSING OF PROPONENTS – NOTED

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Point 9.1.6. ORDINATION WITH THE LAY OF HANDS OF PROPONENT VAUGHAN REVALDO BOCK

Point 9.1.9. EMERITUS STATUS FOR REVEREND MARTIN MOMBELA First page to last page – NOTED

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

## 5.4 NORTHERN RS REPORT

- Report presented by the Rev AS Ghall

Pages 162 – 174 - NOTED

Page 163 Office Space - NOTED

Page 172 No.12 - NOTED

Page 172 No.13 Legal matters - NOTED

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

### 5.3 PHORORO RS REPORT

- Report presented by the Rev D Scharneck

Page 140 – 160 -NOTED

Page 148 – Celebration – NOTED

Page 146 Point 5.2.2 Unity talks with DRC Northern Cape - NOTED

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

### 5.7 SOUTHERN RS REPORT

- Report presented by the Rev F Pole

Page 262 – 297 - NOTED

Page 266 - Recent movement of ministers – NOTED

Page 275 – Point no.5 – Appointment of new audit firm - NOTED

Page 279 – New matters – Establishment of new congregations – NOTED

Page 279 - New Church order - NOTED

From the first page to the last page – NOTED

### Motions tabled and approved by GSC

#### **Decision 49 GSC Minutes**

GSC decides to refer the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary GSC2025 meeting dated 22 May 2025 and the Minutes of the GSC2025 (19 – 21 November 2025) to the GSE for review and approval before the end of the end of the year 2025.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Seconder; Rev MP James

**APPROVED**

#### **Decision 50 Staff contracts**

The GSC expresses their dismay and strong disapproval of the non-action of the GS SMFA relating to the handling of the contracts of Rev Mbenenge and Sr Parker that ended in September 2025.

The GSC mandates the GSE to facilitate and approve the contracts for Rev Mbenenge and Sr Parker after a thorough report from SMFA.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Seconder ; Rev MP James

**APPROVED**

#### **Decision 51 Belhar confession lecture**

The GSC accepts the online lecture of Belhar Confession annually on the last week of the month in March.

Proposer: Rev S Majola

Seconder : Rev S Mostert

**APPROVED**

**Decision 52 ABSA Beneficiation project**

**GSC decides to:**

1. Strengthen the current SMFA report on the benefication project with ABSA bank with accurate information in terms of the number of accounts held by congregations, presbyteries, synods and URCSA membership in order to use these figures as leverage in negotiations with ABSA.

Allow other financial institutions to present the same concept to GSE/GSC.

Proposer: Rev D Scharneck

Seconder : Rev SS Mokoena

**APPROVED**

**Decision 53 Levies**

The GSC mandate the Southern synod SMFA and the General SMFA to reconcile synod levies as per decision 227,381.

Proposer: Rev S Chomane

Seconder : Elder B Nyakane

**APPROVED**

**Decision 54 Belhar Pension Fund report**

The GSC 2025 approves the Report of the management Committee: SANLAM Umbrella Pension fund – URCSA

Proposer: Rev T Bookholane

Seconder : Rev SS Mokoena

**APPROVED**

**Decision 55 Belhar Trust report**

GSC approves the Report of the Belhar Trust with much appreciation to Prof Kgatla and the trustees.

Proposer: Rev A Ghall

Seconder : Elder B Nyakane

**APPROVED**

**Decision 56 Prof S Kgatla**

I am requesting to be released from the meeting at 3:00 (this afternoon). I have other pressing matters tomorrow at Turfloop Theological Seminary Centre in Turfloop.

I greatly appreciated the hospitality and reception I have received from your meeting. I will convey all I have received to the Belhar Confession Trust.

May God of all mercies be with you as you are continuing with your meeting.

Proposer: Prof S Kgatla

Seconder :

**APPROVED**

**Decision 57 Investment for Africa (IFA)**

1. The GSC 2025 takes note of the poor reporting of CM Service and Witness with regards to the activities of IFA.

2. The GSC 2025 decides to employ on CMSW to expedite drafting of MOU.

3. The GSC 2025 to employ on GS CMSW to ensure that in MOU funds are administrated in terms of IM Model.

4. The GSC mandates the GS Actuarious to assist with the investigation of the two bank account referred to in the report of the GS CMSW.

Proposer: Rev MG Betha

Seconder : Rev S Mostert

**APPROVED**

**Decision 58 Report of CMPW**

GSC 2025 decides to accept the report of the Core Ministry for Proclamation and worship.

Proposer: Br X Hlatshwayo

Seconder : Br KS Rengura

**APPROVED****Decision 59 Handover of GS CMSW**

The GSC 2025 to approve that the Actuarius (GS) must engage and facilitate the process of handing over from former members of the GS CMSW to current members and report to the GSE.

Proposer: Rev T Bookholane

Seconder : Rev SS Mokoena

**APPROVED****Decision 60 Fresh Expressions – GS CMSW**

GSC decides to add Rev Scharneck to CMSW to assist the ministry on the matter of Fresh expressions.

Proposer: Rev M Ferris

Seconder : Br E Badenhorst

**APPROVED****Decision 61 Youth Brigade (CYB) Report**

GSC approves the late submission of the report of the Youth Brigade.

Proposer: Rev Prof BB Senokoane

Seconder : Rev F Pole

**APPROVED****Decision 62 CMM GS**

GSC instruct the CMM GS to convert or transfer its accounts under the main account of URCSA GS as per the Church order and decisions of URCSA. This should be done in 21 days from today, Failure to comply, the GSE to freeze the accounts until there is compliance.

Proposer: Rev Prof BB Senokoane

Seconder : Rev F Pole

**APPROVED****Decision 63 SMFA GS Second report**

GSC decided to refer the rest of the GS SMFA Second report to the GSE for finalization.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Seconder : Rev Prof BB Senokoane

**APPROVED****Decision 64 Forfeiture of status Northern RS**

1. GSC approves that the GS Actuarius proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2 for Rev KS Kwape and Rev DM Tukisi.
2. GSC approves that the GS Actuarius proceed with publication of forfeiture of status based on the RS NS decision under Stipulation 83.2 for on the condition jurisdictional clarity be established for Rev Neluheni and Rev Maponya.

**Proposer: Rev Prof BB Senokoane**

**Seconder : Rev HH Tromp**

**APPROVED****Decision 65 SMCPA – Guidelines Online meetings**

The GSC 2025 meeting instructs the SMCPA to implement Decision 285 of GS 2022 by submitting the guidelines for online meeting to GS SMJM within 4 weeks after the GSC 2025 meeting.

Proposer: Rev SS Mokoena

Seconder : Rev AS Ghall

**APPROVED****Decision 66 GSE supplementary report**

The GSC approves the GSE supplementary report with regard to implications, both church order/legal (internal to URCSA) and civil law.

Proposer: Rev SJ Chomane

Seconder : Elder Nyakane

**APPROVED**

**Decision 67 Report CYB**

The GSC accepts with gratitude the report of the Christian Youth Brigade.

Proposer: Elder Nyakane

Seconder : Rev v Makhaya

**APPROVED**

**Decision 68 SMCPA Yearbook**

The GSC decides to:

1. Negotiate with CLF for a higher royalty as an option to print and sell the URCSA Yearbook.
2. Mandate SMCPA to investigate all costs involved in printing and distributing the yearbook in house.
3. Belhar Trust to test the possibility with UNISA Press.

Proposer: Rev D Scharneck

Seconder : Rev Prof BB Senokoane

**APPROVED**

**CLOSING**

The Chairperson requested the Namibia Regional synod Scribe, Br S Rengura to close the meeting with a prayer.

**The meeting adjourned at 02h45am on 21 November 2025**

<b>DAY 3 – FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025</b>
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**Point 1: CLOSING REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- The GS Moderator concluded the meeting with final remarks, expressing gratitude for the commitment and participation of all delegates throughout the GSC 2025 sitting. He requested the Assessor, Rev E. Vinqi, to formally thank the GSC delegation and the General Synod Executive (GSE) for their dedication and contributions.
- The Moderator further requested the Actuarius, Rev M. Betha, to extend words of appreciation to all, URCSA Akasia congregation, support staff, and individuals who contributed to the smooth running of the meeting.
- A special word of thanks was extended to the ushers who diligently assisted during the proceedings. In recognition of their service, a monetary token of appreciation was presented as a gesture of gratitude by Rev F Pole.
- The Northern Synod Scribe, Rev A. Ghall, together with the Assessor, Rev SS. Mokoena, also expressed sincere appreciation to the GSE for their leadership, hard work, and commitment in ensuring the successful preparation and execution of the GSC 2025 meeting.

**Point 2: LIST OF DECISIONS APPROVED BY THE GSC 2025****Decision SMJM Report**

GSC accepts the report of the SMJM with gratitude.

Proposer: Rev HH Tromp

Seconder: Rev MP James

**APPROVED**

**Decision Reinstatement of Rev J Williams**

GSC Approves the reinstatement of Sr Janine Williams from URCSA Cape Region

Proposer: Rev MP James

Seconder: Rev HH Tromp

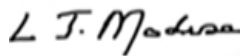
**APPROVED**

**Point 3. CLOSING**

The GS Moderator delivered the closing remarks and officially declared the meeting adjourned.

*Meeting closed at 12H00*

Signed and approved by the General Synod Executive (GSE) on the Zoom online platform on 03 December 2025.



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**Moderator**  
**Rev Prof L Modise**



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**Assessor**  
**Rev E Vinqi**




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**Scribe**  
**Rev Dr E Monhla**



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**Actuarius**  
**Rev M Betha**



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**Rev S Majola**



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**Rev LP Fokase**



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**Rev S Mostert**