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The second day of the 9th General Synod, held on 29 September 2026, commenced with a welcoming address by Rev. Moshuadiba, who welcomed delegates and members to the morning devotion.

Rev. Moshoadiba opened the devotion with prayer, followed by the singing of Hymn 20 from the devotional booklet. The Bible study was facilitated by Prof. T. Kgatla (Belhar Confessional Trust) and Rev. S. Koschiek (Lippische Landeskirche), focusing on Acts 8:25–40 and Article 1 of the Confession of Belhar. The reflection provided an opportunity for members to engage with Scripture and the theological foundations of the Confession of Belhar, particularly as the Church commemorates its 40th anniversary.

The Scribe, Rev. Dr. Monhla, formally welcomed the ecumenical guests present at the General Synod. These included Rev. Dr. Laura Osborne (Reformed Church in America), Rev. Adriana Veerman, Rev. Stefanie Koschiek (Lippische Landeskirche), Rev. Jan Lubbe (Dutch Reformed Church), Br. Ruben Inganji (UEM) and Rev. Kutumela (LECSA). Their presence reaffirmed the importance of ecumenical relationships, partnerships and continued collaboration within the broader Christian community.

The Synod also received the Report of the Temporary Commission for Elections, which dealt with matters relating to the electoral processes of the Church.

During the day's proceedings, the 9th General Synod received and considered reports from the respective office bearers and structures, including the Scribe's Report, Actuarius's Report, General Synodical Commission's Report and General Synod Executive Committee's Report. The reports provided updates on the work, administration, governance and activities of the Church. Members engaged with the matters presented, and various resolutions and decisions were adopted. These will be formally recorded in the Acta of the 9th General Synod.



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The General Synod Executive Report continued with matters numbered 11.1 to 11.11. These covered Executive Committee activities, General Synodical Commission meetings, Joint Ministry, the UEM Workshop on Capacitating Leadership Ambassadors, the Partnership Conference with URCSA during its 30th Anniversary, the position of the General Secretary and related handover arrangements. The matters presented were noted by the Synod, with relevant decisions and resolutions to be reflected in the official Acta.

The evening devotion was led by the Cape Synod under the theme “A Radical Community.” The reflection invited members to consider the Church's calling to embody a community shaped by faith, unity, service and the transformative message of the Gospel. It provided an opportunity for spiritual reflection as delegates continued their deliberations on the life, mission and witness of the Church.
The day's proceedings concluded with the singing of the hymn “Ons gaan Kanaän toe.” Rev. Moshuadiba led the closing prayer, bringing the second day of the 9th General Synod to a close. The meeting adjourned at 21h30.

As URCSA continues its journey through the 9th General Synod while commemorating 40 years of the Confession of Belhar, the deliberations of the day reflect the ongoing responsibility of the Church to remain faithful to its confessional foundations, strengthen its ecumenical partnerships and discern its calling as a community of faith in a changing world.



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