

**Reformed Churches of New Zealand**  
**Agenda of the Twenty Sixth Synod**  
**To Be Convened at the Reformed Church of Hastings**  
**6 September 2008 to 12 September 2008**

### **Opening of Synod**

Synod will be opened, D.V., on Saturday, 6 September 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Hastings by the Rev. Bruce Hoyt on behalf of the convening church, the Reformed Church of Hastings. After examination of credentials, the election of the moderamen will take place and the newly elected moderator will constitute the Synod.

### **Prayer Service**

A prayer service for synod will be held, D.V., on Sunday, 6 September 2008, at 4:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church of Hastings. The service will be led by the previous moderator, Rev. John Haverland. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Bruce Hoyt.

### **Agenda**

1. Opening and welcome by Rev. Bruce Hoyt
2. Examination of credentials
3. Election of moderamen
4. Constitution of Synod
5. Declaration of agreement with the confessional standards
6. Appointments by Moderamen
  - a. Reporter for the public
  - b. Reporter for Faith in Focus
  - c. Message of loyalty to H. M. Queen Elizabeth
  - d. Advisory committees for synod, as necessary
  - e. Appointments committee
  - f. Finance/Budget committee
7. *Late* correspondence:
8. Presentation and adoption of agenda
9. Overtures 1-11, Reports 1-21, Addenda 1-3 and Communications 1 & 2
10. Appointments
  - a. Appointment of standing and study committees
  - b. Appointment of Stated Clerk
  - c. Appointment of Synodical Treasurer
  - d. Appointment of Synodical Archivist
  - e. Appointment of Deputies for candidates for the ministry
  - f. Appointment of fraternal delegates to sister-churches
  - g. Other appointments as necessary
11. Adoption of Budget
12. Date and place of next synod
13. Final approval of minutes
14. Closing of synod by the moderator

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