

Synodical Interim Committee

The Synodical Interim Committee is made up of the members of the moderamen of the previous synod. In this last inter-synodical period (2005-2008) they were Rev John Haverland (moderator), Rev Michael Flinn (vice-moderator), Rev Bruce Hoyt (first clerk) and Elder Roy de Vries (second clerk).

We have sought to follow the synodical rules for our committee (see Officebearers Handbook, p. 2-19) and in keeping with the RCNZ's understanding of our church order and church government have sought to keep our role to a minimum.

Confirmation of Changes to Committees

The following changes to committees were endorsed by the SIC.

- September 2005 - Chris van Tonder was added to the National Diaconate Committee.
- November 2005 - Rev Gary Milne agreed to join the Political Contacts Committee.
- April 2007 – Rev John Goris replaced Rev John Haverland on the Hymnody Committee.
- 2 May 2007 – Rev. Peter Kloosterman to be added to the OMB.
- 30 May 2007 – letter from H de Jonge and M Munroe informing us that Rev Gary Milne and Br. John Haakma resigned from the Political Contacts Committee leaving them as the remaining two members.
- 14 November 2007 – Approval given for Alice Saathof (Hastings) to replace Richard Vanderpyl (Bishopdale) as Synodical Treasurer. We acknowledge the fine work Richard Vanderpyl has done in this role over a number of years and thank him for his work.
- November 2007 – Approval given for Rosalind Cressy to be appointed as an administrator for the Overseas Mission Board.
- November 2007 – With sadness we record the sudden death of Jeremy Bosma (Dovedale) who served on the Church Extension Committee.
- January 2008 – Approved Rev. Reiner Noppers to replace Rev Klazinga on the Interchurch Relations Committee.

Matters of Correspondence

- 13 September 2005 – letter to the previous Church Extension Committee thanking them for their faithful service and informing them synod had relocated the committee; reply from Br. A Nugteren (19 Sept 2005).
- October/November 2005 – correspondence with the Reformed Church of Foxton re. the Political Contacts Committee. Replied.
- 7 February 2006 – letter from the OMB re. their mandate to “draw up regulations for RCNZ members who wish to be missionary associates.”
- 7 February 2006 – letter from Reformed Church of Silverstream seeking advice on the voluntary contribution to the RTC.
- 20 Feb 2006 – letter from the Emeritus Fund re. incorporation of the fund under the Charitable Trusts Act.
- June 2006 – Request from Ref Church of Palmerston North re. a profile for Rev Ed Rademaker on the RCNZ website. Request declined.
- 18 October 2006 – Request from Rev P Archbald for clarification regarding the minutes of the Church Order report on the nature of the final examination.
- 12 Dec 2006 – A request from the Hymnody Committee for the purchase of an extra Sibelius programme. Request approved.

Movements of Ministers

- October 2005 – Rev Peter Kloosterman was installed in the Reformed Church of Masterton coming from a URC in Wisconsin USA.
- March 2006 – Rev Robert van Wichen was ordained as the minister of the Reformed Church

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- May 2006 – Rev John ter Horst left the Reformed Church of Avondale to take a call to the Christian Reformed Church of Blaxland.
- 4 September 2006 – Rev Gary Milne wrote to the members and session of the Reformed Church of Palmerston North; *“It is with a great deal of sadness after much prayer, reflection and counsel that Carol and I write to you to inform you all that I have decided to retire from the ministry and that we have withdrawn from your group and the RCNZ.”*
- Dec 2006 – Rev John Goris retired from the ministry of the Reformed Church of Wellington after 40 years of service to the Reformed Churches of Australia and New Zealand. We thank the Lord for his long and fruitful service in the RCNZ.
- March 2007 – Rev Michael Willemse was ordained as the minister of the Reformed Church of Hamilton.
- April 2007 – Rev Andrew Nugteren was ordained as the minister of the Reformed Church of Wellington.
- April 2007 – Rev Michael Flinn was installed as the minister of the Reformed Church of Palmerston North.
- August 2007 – Rev Pieter van Huyssteen was ordained as the minister of the Reformed Church of Foxton.
- August 2007 – Rev Jim Klazinga was granted release from the ministry in the Reformed Church of Christchurch under Art 16B of the C.O. Approved by the Christchurch Presbytery on 25th August 2007.
- Feb 2008 – Rev Hans Vaatstra left the Reformed Church of Dunedin to move to the ??? Christian Reformed Church of Gosnells W.A.
- March 2008 – Rev Ralph Adams retired from the ministry and returned to Brisbane, Australia.

Recommendations

1. *That Synod receive this report.*
2. *That Synod endorse the actions and advice of the SIC.*

Rev J. Haverland (Reporter)

Rev M Flinn

Rev B. Hoyt

Elder R de Vries