

Report of the Education Resource Committee

Mandate

The 2005 Synod charged the Education Resource Committee (Lampstand) “to evaluate and promote Reformed bible study material within our denomination and beyond.”

The following people were appointed: Richard Vanderpyl (Convener), Jim Klazinga, Vicki Chapman and Sally Davey.

During the inter-Synodical period, Colleen Berends took over the Lampstand Bookshop from Vicky Chapman. Vick Chapman has served in the capacity of Lampstand Coordinator for many years and on behalf of the Education Resource Committee we thank her for her tireless work in this area.

Colleen has made a substantial contribution to the Lampstand and we now carry a wider range of books available for Bible Study in our Churches. Stock was moved from the Reformed Church of Christchurch to the Reformed Church of Bishopdale. It is our intention to start advertising in the Faith in Focus to let Churches as well as individual members become aware of the range of stock.

Jim Klazinga has decided not to continue serving on this committee and we thank him for his work over the many years that he was on this committee.

Under Standing Orders from a previous Synod, the Lampstand receives an annual quota of \$500 per annum. Given the healthy state of the Lampstand we recommend to this Synod that the annual quota discontinue.

Financial report* for the Lampstand

	1/4/06 to 31/03/07	1/4/07 to 20/02/08
Opening bank balance	32,928.56	18,802.30
Income for period	17,762.18	7,007.43
Expenditure for period	6,888.44	9,574.56
Net income/deficit	10,873.74	-2,567.13
Closing bank balance	18,802.30	16,235.17
Money was transferred to a		
Term Deposit	25,000.00	26,857.95

*Clear financial records showing Income and expenditure prior to 1/4/06 were unable to be determined therefore only finances from 1/4/06 are shown. The accounts for the period shown above will be audited.

The Lampstand exists to purchase Reformed teaching material from various sources and make these available for churches and individuals to buy from a local source rather than from overseas. The Lampstand carries stock for Sunday School children, catechism age children and young people, as well as Bible Study material. Resources are available to meet the wide range of circumstances people or Churches may wish to use stock for, for example, group bible study, personal devotions, Church history etc. This takes up most of the work of the Education Resource Committee.

Recommendations

- 1. That Synod discharge the current committee from its 2005 mandate.*
- 2. That Synod agree to the aim of the Education Resource Committee which is, “To make available for Churches and individuals, Reformed Teaching material for all ages and circumstances.”*
- 3. To discontinue the annual quota of \$500 to The Lampstand.*
- 4. To appoint a new convenor for the Education Resource Committee.*