Report of Deputy Day of Prayer to Synod Mamelodi September 2024

Introduction

The FRCSA Synod 2021 held in Cape Town appointed Classis South as deputy for proclaiming a day of prayer in time of war, general calamities and other great afflictions, the presence of which is felt throughout the churches. This appointment is in line with what article 69 CO stipulates regarding days of prayer:

In times of war, general calamities and other great afflictions the presence of which is felt throughout the churches, the classis which has been appointed for this purpose by the last synod, shall nominate a day of prayer. (Edition 2005, Acts Synod 2005, Article 25, page 36).

Instruction

Synod 2021 decided (Article 40):

To appoint Classis South as the classis responsible for Days of Prayer.

There is an urgent need for a Day of Prayer to place the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on the country and churches into perspective, in line with CO Art 69.

Due to Covid-19 another Day of Prayer may soon be necessary, and hopefully also in the near future a Day of Thanksgiving, when God willing the pandemic will decline.

Activities

A Day of Prayer was called by the church of Johannesburg for Sunday 25th July 2021.

From the minutes of Classis South of 22 October 2021 the following:

"Benoeming van Klassis Suid vir uitroep van Biddag volgens artikel 69 KO

Sinode 2021 het Klassis Suid benoem as klassis om 'n biddag volgens artikel 69 KO uit te roep. Daar was alreeds 'n versoek tot 'n spesiale biddag in Julie a.g.v. die onluste in Kwazulu-Natal en Gauteng, nog voordat 'n kerk aangewys kon word. Met dankbaarheid kan gemeld word dat Johannesburg bereid was om dit te reël en ook bereid is om dit weer te doen indien nodig."

Proposal

Synod appoints, in line with article 69 CO, a classis that can nominate a Day of Prayer.

Classis South is willing to perform this task again.

For Classis South

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