

**UNITING REFORMED CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
GENERAL SYNOD**

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**TO ALL REGIONAL SCRIBES, MODERATORS, MINISTRIES AND DELEGATES OF  
GENERAL SYNOD 2022**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers**

**RE: GS 2022 COMMUNICATION 1 GENERAL SYNOD 2022**

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the church. We would like to share a few very important issues regarding General Synod 2022.

**1. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SYNOD**

- 1.1 The General Synod 2016 decided to have the Eighth General Synod of the URCSA in the Cape Synod region. The Special General Synod 2021 had set the date for the eighth General Synod for September / October 2022. The GSC 2021 has set the date for General Synod 2022 **for** 3-9 October 2022.
- 1.2 In collaboration with the Cape Synod leadership the Order Commission has booked the Protea Hotel in Stellenbosch. This was after many other options were explored.
- 1.3 Arrival and registration should be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022, if possible, to commence the Synod sitting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 and end Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 following the Sunday holy communion service.

**2. COST PER DELEGATE.**

The cost per delegate will be R13 000.00 /N\$ 13000.00 (Thirteen Thousand Rand/Namibian Dollars). This includes the accommodation, meals, shuttle service and the cost for the Agenda. The Presbyteries must send their monies (delegate fees) to the Regional Synods who will then make the direct payment to the General Synod. The due date for payment is 01 July 2022. The hotel payment needs to be finalized as soon as possible in order to secure this booking.

**3. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETING**

The official notification to the Eight General Synod, 3-9 October 2022 was announced at the GSC 2021 and was also communicated via the Minutes of GSC 2021 to all the delegates, Ministries, Scribes and Moderators of Regional Synods.

#### 4. Due dates for reports from Regions and Ministries

- i. Each regional synod must provide us with a list of the delegates from their regions before **1 July 2022**. Ensure that each Presbytery sends a credential letter to the regional scribe and thereafter a credential letter will be compiled on behalf of the region. Keep in mind the GS 2005 decision that gender and age need to be considered as representatives to General Synod
- ii. According to the Church Order the Agenda must be sent to delegates one month in advance. Delegates need to receive the Agenda by **03 September 2022**.
- iii. In order for the Scribe to prepare the Agenda and to have it printed and dispatched, all reports must reach him by **1 July 2022**. Ministries and Regional Synods need to plan timeously so that their reports can be on time.
- iv. According to the Church Order, all proposals that are proposing a change in the Church Order and Regulations should reach the Scriba Synodi three months before the General Synod. The due date for such proposals is **1 June 2022** in order for the Permanent Support Ministry for Judicial Matters to provide it in time to the Scriba Synodi in order to be incorporated it in the Agenda.

#### 5. DELEGATES and CREDENTIALS

Each Presbytery need to elect two delegates: One minister and one church council member. Each of these delegates should also have a secundus. Please take into consideration that we need females and young representatives amongst our delegates as was decided by General Synod in 2005.

**The credential letter from the Regions needs to reach the Scribe at the latest on 1 July 2022** in order for the Permanent Order Commission to prepare their report for the General Synod Agenda.

Thanking you in anticipation

**In His service**



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