

Committee for Theological Education Report to General Synod 2013

Brothers

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We submit our report, as mandated by General Synod Burlington 2010 Art 71.

In Article 71, the following recommendations were adopted.

4.3 To reappoint a theological education committee to re-examine and discuss with our brothers in the URCNA the possibilities of operating at least one theological seminary by and for the churches, to ensure that such a seminary is accountable to and properly governed by the churches. Further, that the committee promotes adequate funding for such an institution(s) by means of an assessment per communicant member.

4.4 To instruct the Theological Education Committee to encourage the brothers of the URCNA to examine and interact with the biblical, historical and practical reasons for operating one institution for the training for the ministry as described in Appendix 1 of the report of the Joint Committee, summarized in Lord's Day 38 (Question and Answer 103) and regulated in Article 19 CO of the CanRC.

The subsequent URCNA Synod 2010 decided in Art 53 of their Acts, recommendation 2:

2. That Synod declare that the Theological Education Committee's mandate has been fulfilled and is at an end.

Since we had no URCNA committee with whom to discuss our mandate, we never convened and can only report that there has been no progress in this matter.

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