

Committee for Church Unity

Theological Education Subcommittee

Report to General Synod Dunnville 2016

Esteemed Brothers:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Synod 2013 decided “to reappoint the Theological Education Subcommittee, should an upcoming URCNA synod re-appoint the corresponding committee and to continue with the mandate as given by Synod Burlington 2010.”

That continuing mandate was as follows:

*The “theological education committee [is] to reexamine 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.*

*The Theological Education Committee [is] 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.*

However, our brothers in the United Reformed Churches did not mandate a committee with whom we could discuss these matters. Therefore we never convened, and can only report that there has been no progress in this matter.

With Christian greetings:

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