

# Report of the Church Order Sub Committee to Synod Edmonton 2019

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## 1. Mandate

Synod Dunnville 2016 made the following decisions:

1. To accept the report and recommendations as a response to the mandate given by GS 2013 and therefore to refrain from entertaining further changes to the Proposed Joint Church Order ((PJCO) at this time;
2. The reappoint the Subcommittee for the Church Order of the Committee for Church Unity (CCU-SCO), with an additional member, to be available to work with a corresponding committee of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) should an upcoming URCNA Synod reappoint the corresponding committee;
3. To mandate this committee to work with the corresponding committee to finalize the PJCO, the Forms of Discipline, and the Synodical Regulations.

(Acts of General Synod Dunnville 2016, Article 80, p. 86).

## 2. The Committee and its activities

The committee members are Dr. Gijsbert Nederveen, Mr. Gerard J. Nordeman, Rev. Anthony Roukema, Rev. John VanWoudenberg (convener), and Dr. Art Witten.

Since neither Synod Wyoming 2016 nor Synod Wheaton 2018 of the United Reformed Churches reappointed a corresponding subcommittee (see decision 2 above), the committee did not meet and did not incur any expenses.

## 3. Committee Composition

Should General Synod Edmonton 2019 follow General Synod Dunnville 2016 in reappointing “the Subcommittee for the Church Order of the Committee for Church Unity (CCU-SCO)...to be available to work with a corresponding committee of the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) should an upcoming URCNA

Synod reappoint the corresponding committee,” then please note that Mr. Gerard J. Nordeman, who was first appointed to this committee by General Synod Neerlandia 2001, has indicated that he will no longer be available to serve.

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