

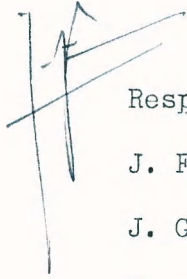
Recommendations:

Although we sincerely hope that the churches will be able to study this draft-revision and submit their comments, we realize that there may not be sufficient time for a thorough examination before Synod convenes.

We therefore wish to recommend to Synod that

1. Synod appoint a committee to evaluate this draft-revision.
2. Synod do not, however, devote a detailed discussion to the matter, but send this proof, after it has evaluated and, where necessary, revised it, to the churches for further examination and comment,
3. Synod recommend that this revision be tested in Catechism classes.
4. If Synod should make this recommendation, it decide that the draft be printed in the Acts, preferably in a form that makes it easier for the students to memorize the questions and answers. We are thinking of a set-up comparable to that used in the rev. Scholten's The Heidelberg Catechism with explanatory questions and answers.
The undersigned are willing to prepare the draft for publication along these lines.
They suggest that, for the time being, the prooftexts given in our present version be used.
The printer of the Acts might be asked to publish this part of the Acts in a separate edition, possibly with the full wording of one or two of the prooftexts of each answer printed on the left page.
5. Synod appoint new deputies to whom the churches can send their comments.
6. These deputies receive the mandate to present the next Synod with a revised draft of the new translation, to draw up a proposal about the prooftexts to be used in the definitive edition, and to send copies of their draft and proposal to the churches at such a time that it can be examined by the churches before Synod convenes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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