



## CLASSIS NORTH OF THE FREE REFORMED CHURCHES OF SOUTH AFRICA

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To the Clark of the Synod of the Free Reformed Church in SA  
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### **Report deputy day of prayer to FRCSA Synod Belhar April 2021**

#### **Introduction**

The FRCSA Synod 2017 appointed classis North as deputy for proclaiming a day of prayer in time of war, general calamities and other great afflictions, the presence of which is felt throughout the churches. This appointment is in line with what article 69 CO stipulates regarding days of prayer:

*In times of war, general calamities and other great afflictions the presence of which is felt throughout the churches, the classis which has been appointed for this purpose by the last **synod**, shall nominate a day of prayer. (Edition 2005, Acts Synod 2005, article 25, page 36).*

#### **Instruction**

The instructions from synod 2017 were:

Synod decides to appoint classis North with the following mandate:

1. To nominate, in line with article 69 CO a day of prayer.
2. To report to the next synod and formulate recommendations according to article 11 of the Rules of Synod.

#### **Activities**

1. The Classis requested Pretoria consistory to initiate the day of prayer for the federation of the FRCSA.

2. With gratitude to the Pretoria consistory a letter relevant to the Covid pandemic has been sent to the bond of churches in SA. See the attached letter.
3. The Classis is aware that several churches in its federation has honored this request and held a service of prayer but do not know if all churches held a day of prayer.
4. The Classis noted from its Joy and Sorrow agenda points that young churches and the mission churches in the federation are severely affected by the pandemic. Affected in the form of members who were ill because of Covid and some who also passed away. Furthermore, there was a lower number of church attendance and lower financial income.

### **Proposal**

Synod appoints urgently in perspective of the ongoing pandemic and its effect on the country and churches, in line with article 69 CO, a classis again. Soon another day of prayer because of the Corona pandemic can again be necessary, and hopefully also in the near future a day of thanksgiving, when the pandemic will God willing calm down again.

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