



*Suid-Afrikaanse
Sendingdeputate*

MDSA Report Synod 2017

Presented at Synod 2017 –

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• Deputies MDSA

Pre 2014

Roel Snijder (Convener)
Jaap Smit/ Lodewijk Ijlst
Tanya Bijker (PR)
Tjeerd de Wit
Harm Snijder (treasurer)
Alfred Haak (Secretary)

Proposed to Synod

Only replace Roel Snijder
with Harry Pouwels

Synod appointed

Tjeerd de Wit (Convenor)
Harry Pouwels
Christien Agema Resigned – Already PR in MB Maranata
Jan Willem Roos Resigned – Impractical
Tanya Bijker

Previous synod decision to appoint MDSA as a regional deputyship was ignored. Secondly, MDSA cannot operate without an accountant – International Accounting Principle knowledge.

2016 Deputies

Tjeerd de Wit, Tanya Bijker, Harry Pouwels, Co-opted: Harm Snijder and Lodewijk Ijlst.

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Deputies MDSA

2016

Harry Pouwels (Convener)
Lodewijk Ijlst
Tanya Bijker (Secretary)
Tjeerd de Wit
Harm Snijder (treasurer)
Martin Boersma (co-opted)

Proposed to Synod 2017

Harry Pouwels (Convener)
Lodewijk Ijlst
Tanya Bijker (Secretary)
Tjeerd de Wit
Harm Snijder (treasurer)
Martin Boersma
Marianne Roose

Synod decision 2002: MDSA is a regional deputyship.

MDSA cannot operate without an accountant – International Accounting Principle knowledge.

It takes at least 3 years to get acquainted with the procedures and work methods.

MDSA tries to get younger persons involved.

MDSA is to find an alternative for Harm Snijder.

Tjeerd de Wit to serve another term to get younger deputies acquainted

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New extended Mandate to MDSA by Synod 2014

Main reason for the expansion was the surpluses (reserves).

New projects should be:

- Related to the spreading of the gospel - ultimate goal the conversion of sinners and the gathering of Christ's church.
- May not jeopardising current mission work.
- The approval of ZDNL (Dutch Deputies)
- The Agreement of Cooperation has to be extended to cover this additional mandate.

Two of the three new projects were approved: (based on the reserve funds)

- Missionary with special task : Training. (Rev H Breytenbach)
- Missionary with special task: Reformed Study Centre (Rev J vd Linden)

Changes in Holland after 2014 GK(v) Synod

1. From a “Church Structure” (churches, classis and PS) to an “Organizational structure” or “Business set-up”.
 - DVN is the model to follow. ZAM (RSV) reports to LSV.
 - No deputies anymore – synod GK(v) has no jurisdiction or guiding function.

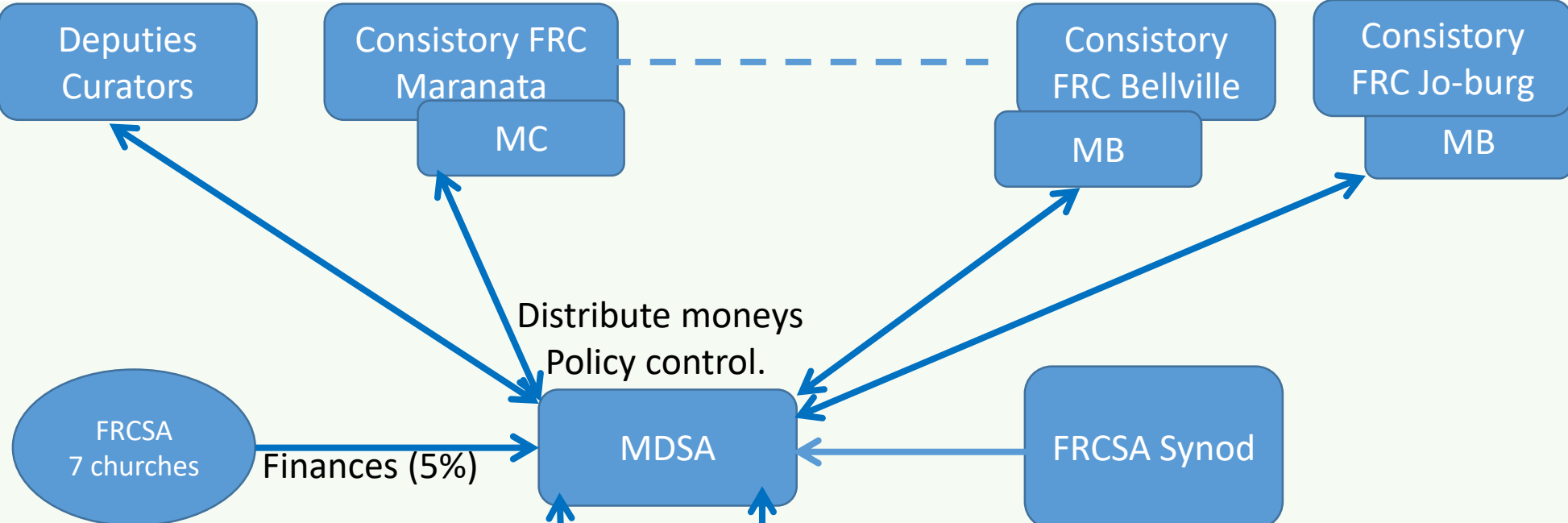
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2. From: “Moneys collected in a certain region were transferred to MDSA”
To: “Only what is requested and approved will be made over to MDSA”
In other words: A new funding model : from a Supply to a Demand model.

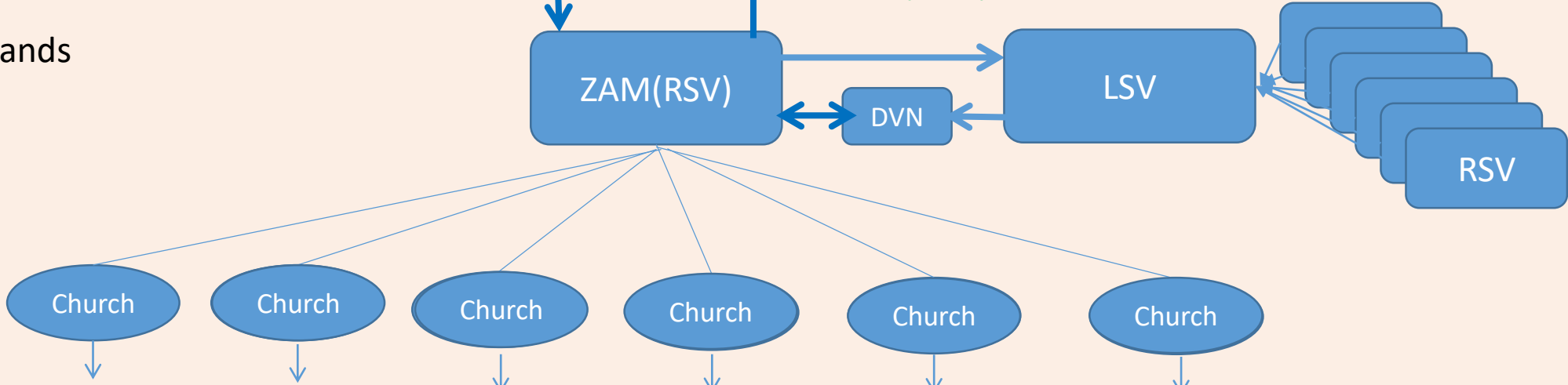
ZAM wanted MDSA to act as a SA partner for all project.
MDSA stuck to only Mission related projects within FRCSA.

Structures and representation

South-Africa



Holland/ the Netherlands



Total of 43 Churches

Changes in Holland after 2014 GK(v) Synod

There are positives and negatives about the changes:

1. MDSA has no concerns for money from Netherlands.
 - a) ZAM (DVN) will pay what is approved.
 - b) No Rate of Exchange risks!
2. Project owners are assured about the annual budgeted financial requirements.
3. Project owners (church or deputies) still decides the project's objectives.
4. MDSA has to ensure that SA projects are managed by sound project principles.
 - a) Reporting (information), financial rules, sustainable and strategic plans.
 - b) Sponsors want trusted projects, transparent and well managed
 - c) New projects: motivation, properly planned & sustainable.
5. MDSA to approve projects every year (new & running).

Changes in Holland after 2014 GK(v) Synod

Impact on MDSA (Belville, Johannesburg, Belhar, Pretoria-Maranata):

1. Keep Holland informed!! PR!!
 - a) No info – no budget approval, no money.
 - b) PR is part of the Missionary job description!
 - c) Missionaries have to do PR in Holland – linked to a group of churches
 - d) All missionaries to submit two reports per annum – reader is Holland!
2. Transparency – sustainability - accountability.
3. Proper planning – short term and 5 year rolling budget.
4. No new projects or sub-projects :
 - a) No reserves in RSA
 - b) Cannot use money outside agreed budget positions.
 - c) No changes to budget without proper plan and motivation.

SENDING SUID-AFRIKA									
BEGROTING SENDING VGKSA SUID-AFRIKA - 2017-23			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
			ZAR	ZAR	ZAR	ZAR	ZAR	ZAR	ZAR
Uitgawes - lopende kostes			5,271,124	5,719,687	6,213,932	6,753,016	6,463,251	6,336,039	6,739,409
Deelbegroting Maranata per 2017			3,100,000	3,530,513	3,914,372	4,225,558	4,507,919	4,863,150	5,088,689
Deelbegroting Bellville per 2017			1,993,303	2,146,674	2,253,661	2,427,887	1,901,795	1,415,068	1,528,274
Spesiale projekte - Boesack			120,000						
Deelbegroting SD-SA			57,821	42,500	45,900	99,572	53,538	57,821	122,446
Uitgawes - projekte			500,000	726,569	779,113	823,181	882,451	967,678	-
Pretoria - Ds Breytenbach				376,141	399,168	403,309	428,667	455,950	
Johannesburg - RSC			500,000	350,428	379,946	419,871	453,784	511,728	
TOTALE LOPENDE UITGAWES			5,771,124	6,446,256	6,993,046	7,576,197	7,345,703	7,303,717	6,739,409
Inkomste			389,000	285,720	263,778	268,280	289,342	312,090	336,657
Bydrae - VGKSA			209,000	225,720	243,778	263,280	284,342	307,090	331,657
Rente verdien			180,000	60,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAAL BENODIG - LOPENDE BEGROTING			5,382,124	6,160,536	6,729,268	7,307,917	7,056,361	6,991,628	6,402,752

10 missionaries are supported (7 full, 3 partly) . Total of R7.0 million.

To ponder about:

Is this abundance of money from Holland really supportive to self support?

- Are we really contributing to our ability for mission projects in SA?
- Are we as critical about spending mission money as our own church money?
- Are we not too dependant on Holland?
- If there is a break the correspondence with Holland GK(v) what will happen?

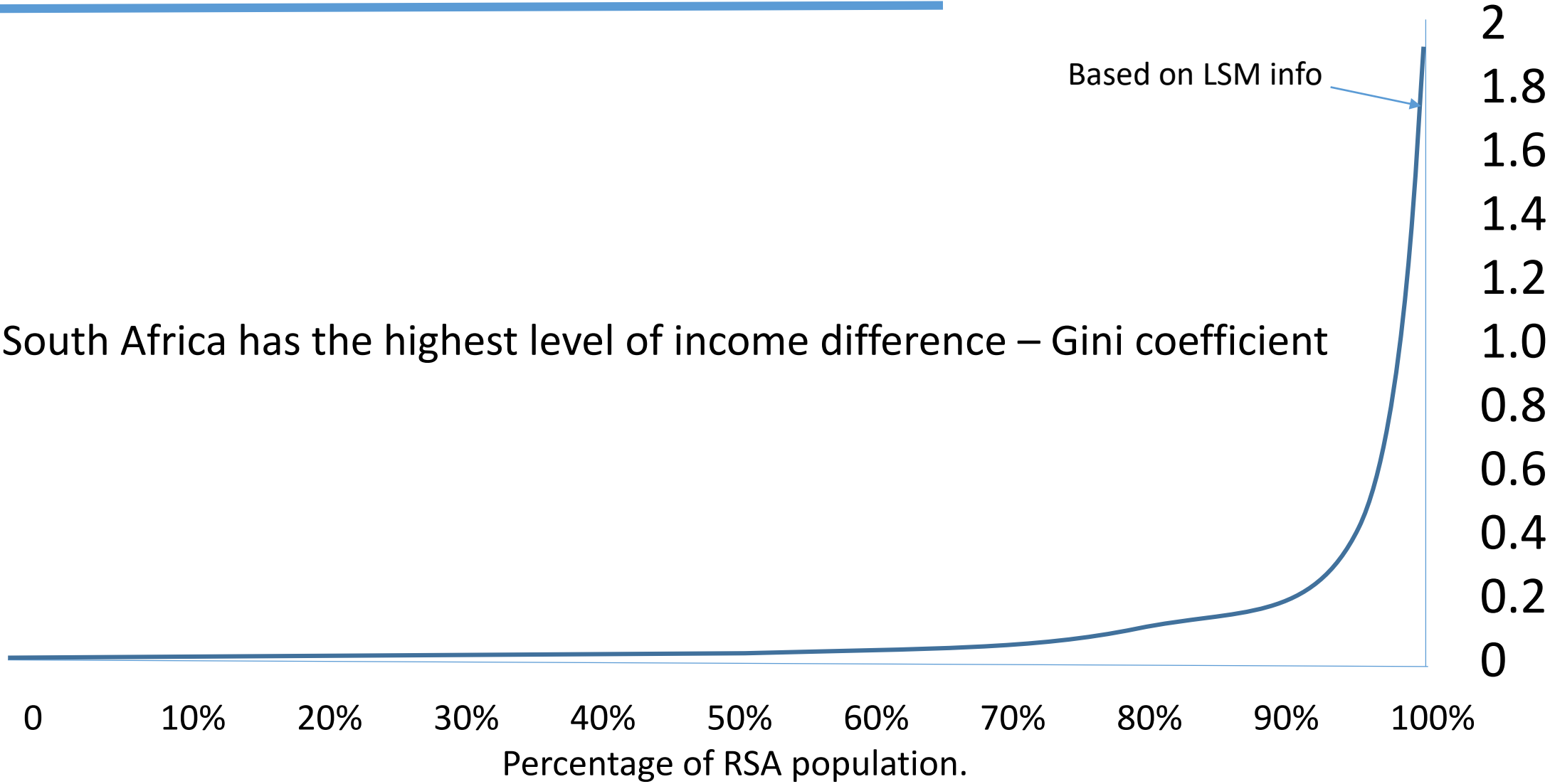
The Federation only supports 3 ministers (could be 5) by own FRCSA funds.

Holland supports 7 missionaries fully and 3 partly: Total of 10.

Is it a blessing or an affliction/burden for the future of the FR churches?

Will the young congregations be self supportive?

Income in Rand
Mil./annum



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Income in Rand
Mil./annum

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1.8

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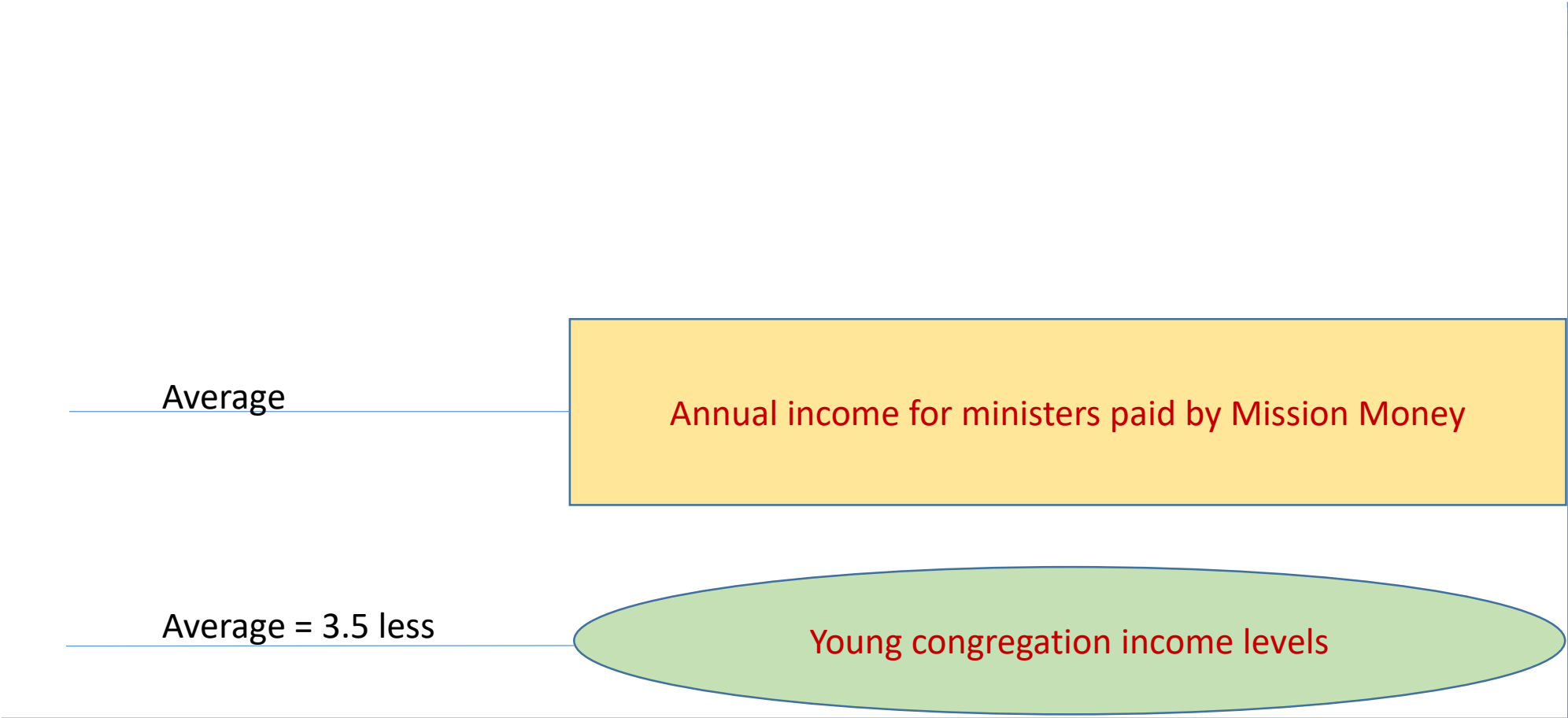
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Average

Annual income for ministers paid by Mission Money

Average = 3.5 less

Young congregation income levels



MDSA request synod to:

1. To appoint new deputies, see point 8 of this report
2. To approve proposed “FRCSA policy for supported mission projects”. (Appendix 1)
3. To approve and sign the new “Akkoord van Samewerking” with ZAM. (Appendix 4)
4. To take note of the changes in the “Agreement of co-operation between local churches”. (Appendix 2)

To approve the proposed MDSA mandate:

- a. To sustain and enhance the contacts between the mission churches of the FRCSA, the supporting churches abroad and the local supporting churches.
- b. To act in accordance with the Agreement of Co-operation between:
 1. MDSA and ZAM/DVN,
 2. the FRCSA churches and the mission between.
- c. To execute the “FRCSA policy for supported mission projects” for all supporting projects.
- d. To approve proposals for possible new mission projects.

These projects have to be related to the spreading of the gospel, have as ultimate goal the conversion of sinners and the gathering of Christ’s church.

It further must be proved to be sustainable and executable.
- e. To assess the different congregations according to the newly adopted differentiated contribution model as per budget: R263 280 for 2018, R284 342 for 2019 and R312 090 for 2020
- f. To report to the next synod and formulate recommendations according to Article 11 of the Rules of Synod and report to the next Indaba.