

Calvinist Cadet Corps and Gems (CCC&G)

Esteemed Brothers,

Synod 2011 re-appointed Martin de Ruiter Synodical Liaison to the CCC&G.

The mandate according to the CCC&G Constitution Article VIII is: “The movement shall report on its activities to the Synod of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand through its appointed deputies.”

The past inter-synodical period has seen the numbers in the movement decline slightly. The number of clubs currently sit at 15 with about 280 Cadets and Gems

We are thankful that many members of our churches are willing to give of their time and talents for this work, but would continue to encourage younger men and women, particularly our older youth, to consider getting involved as well!

The National Board changed Presbyteries in 2013 and currently consists of Danny den Harder as President, Richard Wharekawa as Vice President, Lisa de Jonge as Treasurer and Rebecca Williams as Secretary, all from the Wellington Presbytery. At the 2014 Executive Rebecca Williams stepped down and Lola Kleinjan was approved as her replacement

Since last Synod, the Counsellors have held three National Conferences, as required in the Constitution. The first was in 2012, in Auckland, the second in 2013 in Christchurch, and just recently in March 2014 in Wellington. At the 2013 conference one counsellor was awarded a Gold Star and Life Membership to the movement, for his contribution to the movement over many years – He was Paul Lubbers from the Christchurch club. These conferences provide an opportunity for sharing resources, discussing issues that affect the clubs as a whole, and are also put to good use with Counsellor training and Bible study relevant to the needs of the clubs.

Every three years a national camp is held, this time in January 2012 at Otaki, Hamilton. Approximately 200 children, and 230 campers in total, were challenged and encouraged through the activities, fellowship and Bible studies, led by Rev Andre Holtslag.

The ministers of the RCNZ supply studies for In Touch and these are greatly appreciated. We continue to encourage ministers to provide these studies when requested, realising that this comes on top of an already heavy workload. Furthermore, if any of the ministers have material they think is suitable, please send it through even if you have not been asked!

The money that Synod has granted to help cover the costs of the IN TOUCH magazine has been appreciated and has allowed the Board to maintain the subscriptions at an affordable level for the majority of clubs.

On the whole, most sessions support their clubs, and we are thankful that this work can continue to be done in our churches. Cadet and Gems counsellors are committed to their task, and without their dedication this ministry would soon disappear.

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The CCC&G movement continues to provide a vital ministry within our churches, which incorporates a thoroughly reformed and biblical teaching programme, while at the same developing life skills and friendships. It has also proved to be an effective outreach ministry as community children are drawn in and taught the truths of the gospel, to the praise and glory of God.

On behalf of the Calvinist Cadet Corps and Gems

Respectfully submitted,

Martin de Ruiter

CCC&G Synodical Liaison

Recommendations

That Synod

- 1. Receive this report.*
- 2. Continue to encourage the local churches to prayerfully and financially support their local Cadet and Gems Clubs.*
- 3. Make available an annual grant of \$500.00 to the CCC&G Board help cover the costs of the IN TOUCH magazine.*
- 4. Make available an annual grant of \$1000.00 to the CCC&G Board to assist clubs who struggle financially in sending delegates to the Annual Executive.*