

Reverend Peter Verhoeff new chairman of the general synod (23-4-2009)

In her assembly of Thursday April 23rd the general synod of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands has chosen rev. Peter Verhoeff, vicar in Alkmaar, as her moderator. Further the synod elected elder/steward mister Bert van Bokhoven as new member of the synod board. Re-elected were three members of the board: Mrs. Rev. Susanne Freytag, Dean Mrs. Ria de Jong LL.M. and Dean Drs. Hans Kapteyn. In 2007 Mrs. Rev. Arenda Haasnoot has been elected vice-moderator till 2011. Further the secretary, dr. Arjan Plaisier, is part of the synod board.

Brief curriculum vitae members of synod board

Rev. Peter Verhoeff

Rev. Peter Verhoeff (1962) studied theology in Leiden, was vicar in Halle and is vicar of the Protestant Congregation in Alkmaar since 2000. He is a member of the general synod since 2006 and member of the small synod since 2008. Peter Verhoeff is member of the broad moderamen of the classis Alkmaar and member of the Regional Board of Supervision Noord-Holland. In the past he occupied various governmental offices in the church and he was chairman of the vicar-movement 'Op Goed Gerucht' (On Good Rumour).

Elder-steward B. van Bokhoven

Bert van Bokhoven (1945) has been secretary Finances, Personnel and Organization of the Reformed Mission Association. He served in several positions in the church on local and higher level. He served amongst other member of (the broad moderamen of) the general synod of the Netherlands Reformed Church (1989-1993) and member of (the broad moderamen of) the classical assembly Woerden (1992-1996); at present he serves as member of the Solidarity Fund, of the Committee Special Care for reformed congregations and the committee separated congregations. Further he served and serves in various management functions elsewhere. He was delegated to the general synod since 2009 by the (protestant) classical assembly Woerden.

Mrs. Rev. S. Freytag

Since 1996 Susanne Freytag (1962) is vicar of the Evangelical-Lutheran congregation in Groningen. She serves as a member of the Evangelical-Lutheran synod since 1997 (2002-2005: vice-president) and was member of (the board of) the general college for admission to the profession of vicar. Since 2005 she is member of the general synod of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands and since 2006 member of the synod board.

Mrs. Rev. A. Haasnoot

Rev. Arenda Haasnoot (35) is vicar in Geldermalsen since 2004. Rev. Haasnoot served as delegate of the classical assembly Bommel as member of the general synod of the Protestant Church since 2005. She was elected in 2007 as assessor (vice-chairman) in the synod board for the period of 4 as established in the church order.

Dean Mrs. R. de Jong LL.M

Ria de Jong LL.M. (1954) works as a part-time notarial lawyer in the office of notary and studies theology at the University of Utrecht. She has a lot of experience as minister (among others as president of the district- and general church council of the Protestant Congregation Almere and of the classical assembly Flevoland). Since 2005 she serves as a member of the general synod and since 2006 as member of the synod board; she is also member of the management of the church-ministries.

Dean drs. J. Kapteyn

Until 2004 Hans Kapteyn (1948) worked as personnel-advisor and at present as manager of a company. He served in several positions in the church and is now chairman of the church council and secretary of the classical assembly Leiden. Since 1999 he is member of the general synod, at first the synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands and since 2004 of the Protestant Church in the Netherlanrev. Since 2006 he serves as a member of the synod board.

The General Synod of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands is the highest managing structure of the Protestant church. The members of the synod have been elected from the congregations of the Protestant Church and delegated by the 75 classical assemblies and the Evangelical-Lutheran Synod.

The synod board is in charge of the daily procedures of the synod and makes preparations for the synod assemblies. The board consists of seven members.