Dream Bearers



Agenda: Section A

18-22 October 2026

NORTHERN SYNOD 2026

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dear Delegate,

The Northern Synod again has the opportunity to gather as a family at Weesgerus. When the synod is in session from 18 October to 22 October, it will be the 23rd time that this family feast takes place.

The documents for the session consist of two sections:

- ***Section A***

  Section A is what you have received here. It contains, among other things, the task team reports which since the previous session in 2022 were approved in the recess by the Synodal Service Council (SSC). These reports, in accordance with clause 18.1.6.2 of the church order, are only to be taken note of and cover the SSC's work in the term 2023-2026. They are not part of the decisions at the synodal session.

  Congregations received the reports of the task teams after the conclusion of SSC meetings, via their presbytery representatives on the SSC. This mode of operation was followed so that the results of the task teams' work could be implemented at once. The reports have therefore been finalised.

  This part of the agenda has been sent to the representatives electronically. Church offices will therefore do well to print it, as necessary, for their representatives. Although the contents of Section A mainly serve as background information, it is important for representatives thoroughly to familiarise themselves

with it. In this way the representatives will get a more complete picture of the Northern Synod's work and strategic processes.

- ***Section B***

  Section B of the agenda will be made available electronically to the representatives a week ahead of the meeting. Each representative will also receive a hard copy when the session begins.

  This document will help us to structure our vision based on theme DREAM BEARERS. Section B of the agenda will therefore be known as our working agenda.

  The theme consists of three movements: REMEMBER, IMAGINE, and LIVE. It begins with the opening ceremony which positions and prepares us for what follows. It ends with the closing ceremony where we take the events of the week home, to process it further, to feed and water the planted seed, and to look forward to the harvest.

Please pray regularly for this family feast. The expectation is that we will in the few days from 18 to 22 October seriously reflect on our theme, build relationships, celebrate our church, and grow in faith and hope. May our reflection so stimulate us that we return home with courage to implement our attainable action plans in our congregations.



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