



# Executive Commission 2013

## News of the Day

Thursday, 11 July 2013



In his message Rod spoke through Philipians 3:1-4 & 7 on knowledge.

Like poaching an egg successfully, we need to know how to and then practice it to get it right. For Jesus, we need to know Him through the scriptures then interact with Him and one another. Knowing Jesus is one thing but growing in daily knowledge of Him is another.



Our meals were tasty



Discussions continued over the lunch table

The second Decision Session had a really smooth run on most of the committee proposals from the previous day. However, we spent some real quality time discerning on the Petition and Appeals raised under the Ministry Committee report. It is wonderful to report that the Executive Commission was able to discern ways forward on these matters which brought peace and acceptance to most, if not all, people.

Immediately after the Decision Session we went into the final Listening Session to receive the reports from the following committees: Church and Society, Stewardship, Ecumenical Relationships, and Faith and Order.



We received fraternal greetings from Dr Kobus Gerber, General Secretary of NGK who expressed a deep desire for us to work together as Reformed churches in Southern Africa and thanked us for the work we already share in. He sincerely thanked the UPCSA "for allowing the General Secretary to facilitate

the DRC unification processes."

A significant part of the proceedings for the day was the recognition of Retiring Ministers in a special Service. The following ministers will retire between now and the 2014 General Assembly:

Rev Eleanor Gaunt and her husband Trevor



Rev G.T. Mcoteli,



Not present were Rev Geoff Jamieson, Rev. Dr. Roger Tucker and Rev. David Glen Van Duyker.

The Executive Commission gave thanks to God for these servants and expressed its appreciation for their years of service and ministry.

The rest of the day was spent in Insaka Groups and closed with devotions in the evening.

The spirit and joy at the meeting has been particularly overwhelming and moving. As one person commented:

"I have been to several General Assemblies. This was my first Executive Commission and I experienced a new spirit of harmony and a genuine desire to work together to prepare the UPCSA for the future."

