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Sy proefskrif is getiteld *History of the Dutch Reformed Church Mission in Sekhukhuneland and Church Development 1875 to 1994*. Die promovendus dui aan hoe die NG Kerk se sending begin het met, eerstens, die vroeë pioniersfase. Dit loop uit op die eerste sendinggemeente, Burger, in 1932. Tot in 1963, toe die NG Sending selfstandig geword het as die Ned Geref Kerk in Afrika, is verskeie sendinghospitale en sendingstasies onder leiding van die sendelinge, evangeliste en swart leraars gestig. Na 1963 tree die fase van konsolidering in en 'n vennootskap ontstaan tussen die NGK en NGKA tot die verdere opbouing van die sending en die Ring van Burger, wat Sekhukhuneland as geografiese gebied bedien. Vennootskap (*partnership*) is deurgaans die tema van die geskiedskrywing. 'n Nuwe fase begin in 1994, toe die Ned Geref Kerk in Afrika en die Ned Geref Geref Sendingkerk saamgesmelt het om die Verenigende Gereformeerde Kerk in Suider-Afrika te vorm.

## NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS

ANC: African National Congress.

DRC: Dutch Reformed Church (*Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk*).

DRCA: Dutch Reformed Church in Africa (see *NGKA*).

EM: Ecumenical Movement (not Evangelical Movement).

IMC: International Missionary Conference.

*NGKA*: *Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in Afrika* (Dutch Reformed Church in Africa).

NOTE: The Afrikaans name with the abbreviation *NGKA* is used in this manuscript because before 1994 this was the official name used in all written reports and minutes. This name was used until 1994 for the black members of the DRC family at national level. In 1994 the *NGKA* and *NGSK* united to form the URCSA. Some congregations, mostly in the Free State and Northern Cape, continued as the *NGKA*.

PSK: *Plaaslike Sendingkommissie* (Local Mission Committee).

PAC: Pan African Congress.

SACC: South African Council of Churches.

TVSB: *Transvaal Vrouesendingbond* (Transvaal Women's Mission Association).

TVSV: *Transvaal Vrouesendingvereniging* (Transvaal Women's Mission Association).

NOTE: The *TVSB Ligpunte* was the official organ of the TVSV. All the annual reports were in the name of TVSV. *Transvaal Vrouesendingvereniging* was the official name.

URCSA: Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa.

WCC: World Council of Churches.

## NAMES

Seseseo (p 83): This is lately spelled SESEHU, because of the Sepedi orthography fixation.

Zebetuela (p 43): This refers to the place where the North Ndebele Sebetuela tribal group stays.  
(The surveyors of the old ZAR were Dutch.)

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