



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHERN EUROPE AND EURASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Minutes of Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference Council

Online meeting 28. March 2020

Present: Ingull Grefslie (NO), Hilde Marie Ørgried Movafagh (NO), Per-Endre Bjørnevik (NO), Johanna Lundereng (NO), Karen Brogaard (DK), Ole Birch (DK), Edgars Snieders (LV), Jori Brander (FF), Meeli Tankler (EE), Sarah Tiainen (FS), Robert Tserenkov (EE), Remigijus Matulaitis (LT), Dimitry Lysin (EA), Elena Kitaeva (EA), Sergei Pugachev (EA), Vasylyna Babych (EA), Christian Alsted, Edward Khegay, Kirsten Hastrup.

| Item | Minutes by Ole Birch |
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| | <p>Opening Devotion, Eduard Khegay</p> <p>With the help of a YouTube-video we sang "In Christ alone". Edward Khegay shared thoughts on being in God and experiencing God. The Jeremiah image of being like clay in the hand of the potter is central. We need to learn to be still and know that God is moulding us.</p> <p>After readings from Book of Psalms and Romans he invited us to a sharing of our experience of the current situation in our countries and lead us in prayer</p> |
| 1 | <p>Approval of the agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved</p> |
| 2 | <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of our march 2019 meeting was approved.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Financial Report:</p> <p>a. Presentation of financial report for the Central Conference Fund. <i>Note: The CC council decided to allocate an extra 12000 DKK to the World Methodist Council, because the membership fee, due to an omission, was not paid in 2019 which means that we have to pay double fee inn 2020.</i> The report was approved.</p> <p>b. Presentation of budget 2021 Proposal: That the budget for 2016-2020 is prolonged to cover 2021 also. The proposal was approved.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Elections for international bodies</p> <p>a. European Methodist Council – Process for the selection of members. We follow the normal procedure of asking the Annual Conferences to nominate candidates for a list; from which the Central Conference Council will elect the members.</p> <p>b. World Methodist Council – Election of delegates – two seats Nominated and elected Christian Alsted and Lisa Kristin Hanielsen. Christian Alsted pointed out that if a new bishop is elected that person will take his seat.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Central Conference – information and proposals from the bishops</p> |



2021 Central Conference in Tallinn 3 – 7 March is postponed due to the postponement of General Conference.

Proposed new date: 6-10. April 2022

Ole Birch asked Edward Khegay about a report from UM-News where Edward Khegay is cited saying that the Methodist Church in Eurasia/Russia will leave the UMC through the provisions of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. Edward Khegay answered that no formal decision has been taken, but it is his understanding of the sentiments in his area. He also assured the council that this action would not be taken before our next Central Conference. Ole Birch thanked Edward Khegay for these information's, because they are important for our planning.

The New dates were approved

- a. Theme: "Receive the Holy Spirit" Joh 20:23
Approved
- b. Episcopal address - collaborative work between the bishops
- c. Laity address - proposals: Yulia Stukalova (Satka, Ural District), Jon Løvland (Norway)
Approved. The two lay-people has not been asked yet. The bishops are free to ask other people if necessary.
- d. Delegates: Delegates have been elected – there will be no changes
Approved

All other matters pertaining to the central conference will be dealt with in our face to face meetings in the spring and the fall of 2021.

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Council meetings 2019 – 2021

- 2020 28 March – Full Council Online
- 2020 2-3 October – Nordic and Baltic Area group
- Dates for Eurasia Area Group fall meeting – to be decided.
- 2021 5-6 March – Full Council
- 2021 19-20. November – Full Council
- 2022 6. April – Full Council preparation

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Additional Matters

Nothing to report

Closing prayer

Christian Alsted lead us in prayer.