



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHERN EUROPE AND EURASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Minutes of the extra meeting of the Nordic and Baltic Area Group of the Europe and Eurasia Central Conference Council Online, August 22. 2022.

Present online:

Hilde Marie Ørgried Movafagh (NO) Svein Veland (NO) Ole Birch (DK) Edgars Snieders (LV) Meeli Tankler (EE), Remigijus Matulaitis (LT). Christian Alsted, Sarah Tiainen (FS) Ingull Grefslie (NO). Bettina Pedersen (DK). Robert Tserenkov (EE)(Joined at 20.30 CET)

Absent:

Vasylyna Kohutka (EA) Kirsten Hastrup, Jori Brander (FF) Per-Endre Bjørnevik (NO)

Minutes by Ole Birch.

Minutes

Item	
1	Opening prayer
2	Approval of the agenda & minutes The agenda was approved.
3	The Coming Central Conference Council meeting, October 11 – 12, in person or online? Proposal: To look into the possibility of have the meeting face to face in Finland, close to the boarder to Russia, with Russian participation. If it is not possible, then to have the meeting partly in Copenhagen and partly online.
4	Extra Central Conference in March 2023. Bishop Alsted recommends that we have an extraordinary Central Conference in March 2023; Agenda for this conference would be adaptations to the Book of Discipline and questions regarding the future of Methodism in Europe. Should it be online or in person? We support having a special session of the Central Conference in Marts 2023. Christian Alsted will talk to Edward Keygey to see if he will support a call to CC in 2023. We will look at the question of online or in person at the full council meeting in October 2022. CA has created a proposal for a petition that makes it easier for local churches, districts, and annual conferences to leave the connection. Draft petition “¶1554 The future of the United Methodist Church in the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference ”



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	<p>The Judicial Council is looking into whether § 554 can be used for disaffiliation.</p> <p>The same proposal will be adapted in the South and Central European Central Conference. At the same time the proposed petition makes it possible for annual conferences the decide whether they will ordain and marry same sex couples.</p>
5	<p>Election of an executive Board to comply with the requirements of the Bank. According to the bylaws of the Central Conference Council § 7, the CCC must have an executive board consisting of 4 members: the bishop and 3 other members. Today the board consists of Bishop Alsted, Per-Endre Bjørnevik, Ole Birch and Taavi Hollman. Taavi Hollmann is no longer a member of Central Conference Council.</p> <p>Proposal: To elect Ingull Grefslie as a new member of the executive board.</p> <p>The proposal was approved.</p>

The meeting ended in prayer.