



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHERN EUROPE AND EURASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Nordic & Baltic Area Group Meeting, online, December 14th, 2022

Present: Hilde Marie Øgreid Movafagh (NO), Per-Endre Bjørnevik (NO), Ole Birch (DK), Edgars Sneiders (LV), Meeli Tankler (EE), Robert Tserenkov (EE), Ingull Grefslie (NO), Bettina Pedersen (DK), Svein Veland (NO). Jori Brander (FF) Sarah Tiainen (FS). Remigijus Matulaitis (LT). Yulia Starodubets (UK)

Christian Alsted, Kirsten Hastrup.

Minutes by Ole Birch.

Item	Minutes
1	Opening of the meeting Bishop Christian Alsted lead us in prayer.
2	Agenda and Minutes Minutes of the November 14th, 2022, meeting was approved. The agenda was approved.
3	The Nordic and Baltic Area Group motion concerning "¶554 The future of the United Methodist Church in the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference". Bishop Christian Alsted presented the text with the changes from our last meeting. The motion was approved in its new form.
4	The call letter for the extra session of the Central Conference, Saturday, March 18 th , 2023. We have not received the text concerning the proposal from the Eurasia area. Bishop Christian Alsted propose to ask bishop Eduard Kehgay to approve the call letter, and as soon as it has been approved to send it out. The proposal was approved. We will ask the Eurasia Area to have their proposal ready by New Year.
5	A meeting on the future of Methodism in the Nordic and Baltic Area Kirsten Hastrup presented the estimated expenses relating to such a meeting I the fall of 2023. We discussed who we wanted to be part of this meeting. We approved the following plan: 4 people from each Annual Conference Council (Norway, Denmark, Finland S, Finland F, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine) including the chair and a Superintendent, and one youth representatives from each Annual Conference, chosen by the Annual Councils Council, and the relevant Central Conference Area Group Members. 47 people al together.
6	Other matters: Yulia Starudubets shared a few of the many important perspectives from the ministry of the Methodist Church in the Ukraine. She asked for our prayers in this Christmas time.