



# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHERN EUROPE AND EURASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

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## Nordic & Baltic Area Group Meeting, online, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Present: Hilde Marie Ørgreid Movafagh (NO), Ole Birch (DK), Edgars Snieders (LV), Meeli Tankler (EE), Mark Nilson (EE), Ingull Grefslie (NO), Bettina Pedersen (DK), Jori Brander (FF) Sarah Tiainen (FS. Robert Tserenkov (EE) Yulia Starodubets (UK) Svein Veland (NO).

Christian Alsted, Kirsten Hastrup.

Absent: Remigijus Matulaitis (LT) Per-Endre Bjørnevik (NO)

Minutes by Ole Birch.

Item	Minutes
1	<p>Opening prayer</p> <p>Christian Alsted lead us in prayer, thanking God for his love and asking his blessings on our churches and leaders throughout our area, especially for the church in Ukraine and for peace.</p>
2	<p>Opening and approval of the agenda</p> <p><b>The agenda was approved.</b></p>
3	<p>Motion for the future of the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference (pls see attached document)</p> <p>CA gave information that bishop Eduard Khegay will accept that a special session can be called. Eduard Khegay has sent an e-mail confirming that the building in Bishkek has been transferred to the relevant clergy persons of Central Asia UMC district.</p> <p>The Moldova and Ukraine Provisional Annual Conference has voted unanimously to stay a part of the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference.</p> <p>Christian Alsted presented the motion with the changes from our meeting in October.</p> <p><b>The motion was approved by the Area Group and will be presented to the special session of the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</b></p> <p>Christian Alsted will work with bishop Eduard Khegay on the call of a special session of the Central Conference with the agenda act on motions from the CCC.</p>
4	<p>Proposal from a working group (pls see attached document)</p>



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	<p>Changes approved by the Area Group</p> <p>The office will look at places, maybe in Poland.</p> <p>Time: Fall of 2023, a doddle with different options will be send out. The meeting will last from Friday to Sunday.</p> <p>We set up a new working group to look at the content. Members: Bettina Pedersen, Svein Veland, Sarah Tiainen Christian Alsted, Hilde Marie Ørgreid Movafagh, Remigijus Matulaitis, Yulia Starodubets.</p> <p>Who will be invited?</p> <p>Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Area group members from the relevant countries.</li><li>Members relevant Annual Conferences Administrative Boards</li><li>A youth representative from each annual Conference.</li><li>Central Conference members</li></ul> <p>The episcopal office will look at the expenses/budget. When we know the budget, we will make decisions on number of participants. We will have a zoom-meeting 15.30 Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> December to look at place and budget.</p>
5	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
6	<p>Prayer</p>

Attachment:

CCC Working group: Bettina Pedersen, Svein Veland, Sarah Tiainen, Meeli Tankler  
Zoom meeting on November 2, 2022

Proposal on meeting about the future of the church

1. Participants: every AC administrative board members + CCC members
2. Place: somewhere neutral (f ex Sweden)
3. Time: March 17-18 (in case the called CC does not take place)
4. Content: Each country sharing how they see the future of our church in the region, and what are the current conversations in their church
  - Some guiding questions will be formulated
5. Small group sharing (mixed groups + national groups)
6. Plenary

It is important to meet face to face, and to have time for devotions and prayer.