



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHERN EUROPE AND EURASIA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Minutes Online Central Conference Council Meeting, Nov. 22nd, 2023

Present: Hilde Marie Ørgreid Movafagh (NO), Ole Birch (DK), Edgars Snieders (BT), Meeli Tankler (BT), Ingull Grefslie (NO), Bettina Pedersen (DK), Jori Brander (FF) Sarah Tiainen (FS). Svein Veland (NO). Per-Endre Bjørnevik (NO). Yulia Starodubets (UK)

Christian Alsted, Kirsten Hastrup.

Absent: Remigijus Matulaitis (BT),

Minutes by Ole Birch

Item	Agenda
1	<p>Opening and approval of the agenda</p> <p>Christian Alsted opened the meeting by leading us in prayer.</p> <p>The agenda was approved without changes.</p> <p>Christian Alsted informed us that Bishop Eduard Khegay has informed us that he and the Eurasia members will not be participating in the work of the CCC anymore.</p>
2	<p>Approval of the financial report of the Central Conference Fund</p> <p>The report was approved.</p>
3	<p>Central Conference 2025</p> <p>Presently we are waiting for an answer from Eduard Khegay concerning the idea of an online start of the CC 2025 on Saturday the 29th of March to have the final vote on the Eurasia disaffiliation and then pause before the CC meet in Copenhagen from the 2nd to the 6th of April.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft Program <p>The draft program from the Nordic, Baltic and Ukraine area group meeting in October 2023 will be our working paper. We will work on the program at our meeting in the spring of 2024 and again at our fall meeting of 2024 when we know the outcomes of the General Conference 2024.</p>2. Agenda<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Episcopal Addressb. Laity Address Created by a group. Christian Alsted will ask Meeli Tankler, Alexander Arnaut, Maia Blomhoff Holm. Jenny Jansson could be an alternative to Maia if she is not interested.c. Engaging the delegates: Focus groups, speed debating, small groups.d. Spiritual life: Worship, devotions, bible study.



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- 3. Christian conferencing.
- 4. Budget

The budget, based on the previous budget worked on by the Nordic, Baltic, and Ukraine Area Group, now adjusted to 61 participants was approved.

The participants fee will be 460 euro.

Budget approved at Central Conference Council meeting November 22. 2023

Budget conditions			
1. Place: CABIN Apartments and CABIN Hotel			
Arne Jacobsens Allé 4			
2300 København S			
2. Expenses based on 60 participants			
Delegated		45	
Official guests		7	
6-7 Guests from 1 day, equivalent to full time		2	
CCC members with no vote		5	
Bishops and secretary		2	
		<u>61</u>	

3. The Central Conference Fund Pays for official guests and CCC members. Other guests pay the full price
 4. The Central Conference Fund supports the budget with 220.000 DKK

Budget

Expenses in DKK. (1 euro = 7,46 DKK)

	price	totalprice 2023		price DKK 2025
*Conference fee (for 3 days) per participants	1797	103617	(+5%)	115.098
Supper at hotel 2 evenings. 299 per meal.	299	36478	(+5%)	38.302
**Single rooms 558 per nights. 4 nights	558	136152	(+5%)	142.960
***Meeting facilities				10.500
Supper 2 evenings at the Jerusalem Church				10.000
Music for worship times 3				10.000
Musician at the hotel for devotions etc.				10.000
Decorations etc.				2.000
Conference Materials				5.000
Extra Cleaning Jerusalem Church				1.000
Sound equipment				8.000
Streaming equipment				5.000
Metro transport x 3				10.000
Reception Sunday				40.000
Miscellaneous				20.000
TOTAL				427.859
Support from the Central Conference Fund				-220.000
Expenses after support from Central Conference Fund				207.859
* Includes the meeting room, lunch and 2 x coffee				
** Includes breakfast				
*** 1 large and 1 small room for 3 days. Another 2 small rooms for 1 day				
Income:				
Expenses divided by 61 participants			DKK	3.408
The fee in round figures			EUR	460

- 5. Episcopal election

Christian Alsted informed us that the GCFA is proposing that the overlap of old and new bishops after an election be reduced to 6 weeks. Do we want to keep 7 weeks? The committee working on the communication package for the episcopal election, will include this issue in their report to our spring meeting.

- 6. Plan of organization and Rules of Order

CA suggested that he bring a proposal for a consensus model for the work of CC 2025 to our spring meeting. This was supported and different concerns were raised.



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	<p>7. Adaptations to the Book of Discipline: Proposed committee to work on this: Christian Alsted, Jørgen Thaarup, Veli Loponen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee on investigation and administrative review para 636 and 2703.2 put together fewer members - cooperation with other annual conferences.○ Paragraphs on complaints – can be simplified.○ Simplified annual conference organization.○ Course of Study program.○ Authorize Annual Conferences to set their own policies and standards regarding marriage, licensing, and ordination of clergy. <p>8. Elections 9. Reports 10. Northern Europe & Eurasia Central Conference Youth Council 11. Committee on the of Book of Discipline</p>
4	Plan for coming meetings. March 21-22. Oktober 24-25
5	Other matters Nothing to report
	Yulia Starodubets led us in a closing prayer.