



## **Immanuel church, Minutes of the congregational meeting, November 26, 2023**

### **§ 1 Introduction**

The chairman, Greger Hjelm welcomed everyone to the congregational meeting and declared the meeting open. He then led the congregation in prayer

### **§ 2 Adoption of the agenda**

*The congregational meeting decided to approve the proposed agenda without any additions.*

### **§ 3 Election of secretary**

*The congregational meeting decided to elect Alice Forss as secretary.*

### **§ 4 Election of adjusters**

*The congregational meeting decided to elect Monica Helles and Ruby Bleppony as adjusters and tellers for the meeting.*

### **§ 5 Decision on the preliminary 2024 ministry plan**

Karin Pettersson presented the board's proposal for the preliminary ministry plan for 2024.

*The congregational meeting decided to approve the preliminary ministry plan, which will come into effect from January 1, 2024. At the annual meeting on April 21, 2024, the congregation will be given the opportunity to endorse the currently approved ministry plan.*

### **§ 6 Presentation of the budget**

The chairman of the board's finance committee, Hans-Olof Hagén, presented the board's budget for the financial year 2024

The board is responsible for the congregational budget but wanted to give the congregational meeting the opportunity to participate in the decision regarding the level of gifts with the board's proposal being SEK 4,800,000.

*The congregational meeting decided to determine the budget item for gifts in accordance with the board's proposal of SEK 4,800,000. The congregational meeting*



decided to determine the budget item for gifts in accordance with the board's proposal of SEK 4,800,000.

**§ 7 Appointment of a deputy Senior Pastor**

The board proposed that the congregation appoints a Deputy Senior Pastor with the task of representing the Senior Pastor in her duty to:

- Be the spiritual leader of the church
- Have a conversation before taking in new members
- Work towards membership retention
- Lead the pastoral and diaconal team

The board proposed Hugh Doyle as Deputy Senior Pastor. He is the Lead pastor for the English-speaking language group in the congregation.

*The congregational meeting* decided to appoint Hugh Doyle as Deputy Senior Pastor.

**§ 8 By-election to the election committee**

The nomination committee suggested to elect Jihyun Kim as a member of the election committee.

The congregational meeting decided to accept the proposal.

**§ 9 Nomination of a Church leader**

Ingrid Östlund informed about the Equumenia church process for choosing a new church leader. The board shares the proposal to, alongside the election of the church leader, choose only *one* deputy church leader.

Greger Hjelm presented the names that the board discussed as possible candidates to nominate as church leaders. These name proposals were discussed in "beehives" during the congregational meeting. The board will decide on who it wants to nominate at its meeting on December 14, 2023.

**§ 10 Information**

*Minutes of board meeting*

The chairman Greger Hjelm informed that the board's minutes will be made public to the congregational members and will be available on the Member Information page of Immanuel Church website. With this, the board will stop publishing some summary of the board reports.

*Member Information page*

Passwords will be required in the future to access the member information page on the Immanuel Church website. Information about this, and login details, will be sent out to all members in the coming week.

*Overview of the ministry*

In the coming year, there will be a review of three different activities within the congregation: children's and youth work, diaconal work, and communication activities. In addition to this, the newly established music committee will review the congregational music activities, where the music school, among others, will be integrated with the other church activities.

**§ 11 Time for Questions**

Participants in the congregational meeting were given the chance to ask, the board and the Senior Pastor questions.

**§ 12 Other matters**

No other matters were raised.

**§ 13 Conclusion**

The chairman thanked everyone and declared the congregational meeting closed. The Senior Pastor Carin Dernulf led the congregation in prayer.

Secretary

Alice Forss  
Adjusters

Ruby Bleppony  
Adjuster

Monica Helles  
Adjuster

Greger Hjelm  
Adjuster