



Minutes of congregational meeting - 15 September 2024 Immanuel Church

Interpreters: Marco Helles, Christopher Dalid

Venue: Congressen, Immanuel church

Present: 66 members

§1 **Opening of the meeting**

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

§2 **Adoption of the agenda**

The proposed agenda was *adopted*.

§3 **Election of secretary**

Erika Ershammar was elected as secretary.

§4 **Election of adjuster and tellers**

Görel Byström Janarv and Alison James were *elected* as adjusters and tellers for the meeting.

§5 **Report from the Senior Pastor**

The Senior Pastor Carin Dernulf gave a report on the church activities during the summer including the international language group's children's camp and the confirmation of forty confirmands. The Senior Pastor also informed the congregation about new recruitments.

§6 **Election of the election committee**

Benjamin Ghavidel Rostami from the nomination committee accepted the committee's proposal to the election committee for 2024/2025 for the following nominations:

From the Swedish group:

Sven Mannervik (convener), Stefan Nilszén and Clara Rosenqvist.

From the International group: Raisa Chikuhwa and Bala Kumar Bairapaka.

From the Korean group: Chung-Soon Yoon and Sayong Daniel Kim.

The congregational meeting decided according to the proposal.

The chairman thanked the nomination committee for the work done to find candidates for the election committee. He informed about the difficulty of finding volunteers and

elected representatives for various assignments in the church and called on the congregation to help encourage people to take up such duties.

The chairman informed that Erik Bengtsson has chosen to resign from the board due to personal reasons, and that this has been reported to the election committee.

§7 Report from the church Conference

Erik Amnå gave a report from the church conference 2024 in Gothenburg. The conference discussed several major issues. The question regarding constitutional amendments including a motion was re-referred. The issue of new regional division was also re-referred. A third issue regarding changed conference rhythm with a decision meeting and a visionary meeting every two years - will be adjusted for decisions next year.

Karin Wiborn was elected as church leader and Niklas Piensoho as deputy church leader. The Church Conference 2025 will be held in September, among others, here in Immanuel church in Stockholm.

§8 Information on the work regarding the ministry plan and 2025 budget in the autumn

The chairman reported on the work regarding the ministry plan and 2025 budget which has changed since 2023. The next year's ministry plan will now be tentatively adopted by the congregational meeting at the end of the year, to then be confirmed by the annual meeting.

The ministry plan work for 2025 has begun, among others in the various councils. Their will then be reviewed by the board's operational committee. The board will present proposals for a ministry plan for 2025 for a preliminary decision at the congregational meeting in December. The budget is decided by the board, but the question about offering will be decided by the congregational meeting in December.

§ 9 Information regarding the renovation of K3 on the bottom floor of the church

Information about the upcoming renovation of K3 was given by the chairman. Information about making a youth floor at K3 was previously shared with the congregation. The plan is now to instead renovate the premises so that they can be used for all kinds of church activities. The need for renovation is partly due to wear and tear and partly to water damage that K3 has suffered. It is not possible right now to conduct any activities at K3, except in the sports hall. The renovation will cost just under fifteen million SEK.

§ 10 Other information

a. Changes in the Jubilee year program

Erik Amnå informed about the changes in the anniversary program, which are also announced on the website.



b. Investigation into the diaconal work

The chairman informed that Magnus Bodin has been assigned to lead the investigation into the diaconal work decided on by the board and that the investigation has now started. The purpose of the investigation is to provide a basis for both developing and expanding the diaconal work at Immanuel church.

§ 11 Other matters

a. Question regarding communication and calendar of events

Kerstin Fränne presented her viewpoint regarding information at Immanuel church, which is not always synchronized on the website, and that there is often a lack of information about various activities in the calendar. The chairman accepted her viewpoint and regretted that errors often occur. He informed that there is an ongoing development work within the church regarding information management, but that it is a complex and time-consuming area due to the extensive activities that the congregation conducts.

§12 Conclusion

The chairman declared the meeting closed and the Senior Pastor offered a closing prayer.

Erika Ershammar, secretary

Adjusters

Görel Byström Janarv
Adjuster

Alison James
Adjuster