

## Need for a monthly magazine sent out by mail, primarily to older members, where all the church's activities and worship services are reported

*Who is concerned about those who can't make it on their own in our digital society?*

This was the first sentence from an article in DN at the beginning of November. It also refers to a survey indicating that 25% of citizens refrain from seeking care because of the apps that we are dependent on, which are difficult to understand and use for both young, middle-aged and elderly people.

How are we going to make everyone feel involved in what is happening in our congregation if everyone is not digitally knowledgeable? Immanuel Church, like all organizations, has transitioned to referring us to information available online. We know that many elderly people and others who are not active IT users feel that they lack information regarding worship services, etc. in the form of a simple congregational bulletin. We often hear comments such as: we have no idea about the type of worship service we have on Sunday.

Is this how we want it? To not easily have access to what is happening in the church for those who are not digitally knowledgeable?

Many programs are printed today for individual activities in the church, but there is no comprehensive information that provides information as a whole.

Our information hosts tell us that people often come into the church asking for a program including worship services. Unfortunately, our hosts have to tell them that there is none. Many churches in our area have a program leaflet for their activities.

Our proposal for decision is as follows:

- Produce a program leaflet for the worship services, concerts and other activities that extend over 2-3 months at a time regarding events to be held during this period
- The leaflet should be available at the information desk
- The leaflet is sent out by post to all older members (perhaps set an age limit) but even those who register may need to receive the information by post.

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## **Response to motion to the Annual Meeting of Immanuel Church 2026**

### **Motion: Need for a monthly magazine sent out by mail, primarily to older members**

**Response to the motion:** To begin with, the Church Board would like to thank Kristina Gustafsson, Ingvar Kvernes, Birgitta Almhed and Eva Löfvenberg for their commitment and for raising a very important issue. The Board fully shares the motioners' view that digital development must not lead to exclusion, and that there is a significant need for comprehensive, printed information for members who are not digitally active.

The church leadership and the communications department have already initiated work in line with the proposal of the motion. The plan going forward is to produce program leaflets covering three months at a time (quarterly), in order to provide good advance planning and an overall view of the congregation's activities as a whole.

These program leaflets will be designed as follows:

- **Language range:** Three different program leaflets will be produced in Swedish, English and Korean respectively.
- **Content:** The leaflets will include both joint activities (such as concerts and congregational days) and language-specific information about worship services.
- **Accessibility:** The program leaflets will, as proposed in the motion, be physically available at the church's information desk.
- **Distribution:** In order to meet the needs of those who are not able to collect the leaflet at the church, the leaflets will also be sent out by post to members who wish to receive them.

The Board views this development very positively and believes that it will increase participation and access to information for all members, regardless of digital literacy.

As the planned work essentially meets the proposals put forward by the motioners, the Board considers the motion to be addressed through the ongoing development work.

### **The Board therefore proposes:**

that the motion be considered answered.