

## Need for small group rooms

For several years we have led discussion courses and discussion groups in Immanuel Church. The majority of participants have not been members of the congregation. It is greatly appreciated that the church offers meeting places where trusting discussions about faith and life can take place and it has been a privilege to be part of these conversations.

However, there have been recurring problems with access to suitable rooms where smaller groups of 6-9 people can sit comfortably and talk undisturbed. In the discussion courses, we needed at least three such rooms. We had help to book the rooms that best meet our needs, but some weeks we have had to change rooms to make room for other activities. This situation, coupled with the fact that it has been difficult to hear in the chapel for participants with hearing problems, for example, has become increasingly unsatisfactory.

If Immanuel church wants to continue to have quality small group activities, some measures must be taken.

We know that there are new and suitable premises on underground floor K3 (HQ), but here the focus must be on children and young people. In some cases, the premises could certainly be used together, but not as a solution to the needs we experience.

In our opinion, the ideal is to have at least three suitable rooms for small groups, primarily on the entrance floor and on the 1st floor. We understand that premises need to be flexible and that they must be able to be used in different types of activities and we think that here, people who are creative with the appropriate skills, can present possible solutions.

We suggest

that the annual meeting mandates the board to urgently begin a process with the aim of completing suitable premises for the congregation's small group activities, in accordance with the above-described situation.

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### **The board's response to the motion: "*Need for small group rooms*"**

#### **Overview**

The motioners raised a recurring need for more smaller discussion rooms for small groups where 6–9 people can meet undisturbed.

#### **The board's assessment**

The board is grateful to Ewa Widén, Agnetha Dalemark, Ann-Britt Lindholm, Stefan Sjöblom and Thomas Ericson for their submission of the motion and for raising an important issue. The board shares the motioners' assessment acknowledging that small group activities are an important part of the congregation's mission and that it is important to have premises that can be used for such activities.

On behalf of the board, the administration will in 2026 conduct an investigation into how the church premises are used. This work includes, within the framework of current costs and in the light of other important interests, examining whether certain office rooms can be converted into discussion rooms. If such rooms are created, they should be available for the congregational activities in the same way as the current Grenen (space for 16 people), Lövet (space for 5 people) and Saven (space for 4 people), where Grenen and Lövet can also be combined into one room. Congregational members are always welcome to contact the administration if they need small group rooms.

The board, thus based on the above-mentioned response considers the motion answered.