

The Central Conference Council – report to the 2019 annual conferences

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

I greet you with Paul's words from the letter to the Ephesians chapter 4, as the church is processing the decisions of the called session of General Conference and trying to find our way into the future.

The current situation of the United Methodist Church

In the spring 2019 meeting of the Central Conference Council we shared personal and national perspectives and responses to the called session of the General Conference in St. Louis.

The Council decided to meet as a full council in both the spring and the fall of 2020 to enable us to make the necessary preparations for the Central Conference. Furthermore, we will establish a task force to develop ideas to promote a good climate of debate during the Central Conference in 2021.

Next Central Conference

Planning for the next Central Conference has started and we will be able to give a full report in 2020. The conference is scheduled to take place 3-7. March 2021 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The two committees on episcopacy will begin preparing for the episcopal elections considering what will serve their area in the best possible way while being mindful of the fact that we do this together.

The Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference Youth Council

The youth organization in our central conference now meets regularly in connection with the annual meeting of the European Methodist Council. We encourage all our national youth organizations to send their representative to the meeting. The

Finances

We came out of the fiscal year 2018 with a surplus of 61.191 DKK / 8.196 Euro. The Central Conference Council has decided to allocate 44.734 DKK / 5.992 Euro to the 2021 Central Conference and 15.000 DKK / 2.009 Euro to production of the 2021 Book of Discipline

The World Methodist Council

The planning of the World Methodist Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden 18-21. August 2021 is moving forward. Soon we hope to be able to communicate how United Methodists in the Central Conference can participate and engage in the World Methodist Conference in 2021.

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