



Synod / Annual Convention May 8, 2022

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark
invites to its 167th annual convention
in Martinskirken, Martinsvej 4, 1926 Frederiksberg

THEME: "God for us". Bible Word: *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Rom. 8:31-32 ESV)*

PROGRAM

10.30: Divine service in Martinskirken
12.30: Dinner
After dinner maybe a walk around St. Jørgens Sø (for everyone)
13.30-16.30: Trip for children to ZOO or similar (depending on registration)
13.30: Convention 1st part: Reports and Plans, joint work, finances, administration
15.00: Coffee
15.30: Convention 2nd part: Reports and Plans, Our common future, contacts and church fellowship
16.30: The children return from their trip
16.45: Closing and prayer
17.00: Departure



EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The parish of Martin Church is looking forward to seeing you!

Agenda for the negotiation meeting on 8 May

1. OPENING at 13.30-13.45

Reading God's word and prayer.

Secretary Karin Hjorthaug. Chairman Tobias Jensen.

Greetings and welcome.

2. OUR JOINT WORK 13.50-14.35

Annual reports: The whole church, Martinskirken / Odense, Gratiakirken / Jyll., Sv. b.

3. OUR COMMON FINANCES & ADMIN. 14.40-15.00

- Annual accounts 2021 and budget 2023 are reviewed by the chief treasurer
- The building account: Martin's congregation applies for the building account for DKK 100,000.
- Use of other accounts: Reserve account, pastoral account, miss account.

Resolution: Approval of annual accounts 2021 and budget 2023.

Approval of support of DKK 100,000 from building account to Martin's congregation.

- Information about administration and working community between the congregations
- Information about work in councils and committees. Church council: Bent Nielsen (Copenhagen), Jens Henrik Nex (Aarh) and the pastors Sigmund Hjorthaug and Leif G. Jensen. Parish council members also

participate: Parish council Aarhus: Stefan Lykkehøj Lund, Klaus O. Kristensen, Christoffer Lund Larsen, Jens Nex; Parish Council Copenhagen: Bent Nielsen, Ulrik Bay Jensen, Tobias Jensen. Secretary of the Church Council: Karin Hjorthaug. Chairman pastor Leif G. Jensen and vice chairman Bent Nielsen.

Chief Treasurer and Finance Secretary: Klaus O. Kristensen and Line O. Kristensen. Budget Committee: Poul Bøgely, Christoffer Lund Larsen and Klaus O. Kristensen.

Contact person for the Ministry of Church Affairs: Tobias Jensen.

Parish Treasurers: Søren Peter Jensen (Aarhus) and Ulrik Bay Jensen (Copenhagen);

Auditors: Hans K. Henriksen, Maja Nex (Aarhus); Rolf Michael and Lars Gregersen (Copenhagen). For the main box: State authorized auditor Alex Kirkegård.

Committee for summer camp: Mads Høj Christiansen, Svend-Erik Haahr, Cecilie Lykkehøj Lund, Mille Hammershøj.

Web committee: Stefan Lykkehøj Lund, Silas Dahl, Sara Ahlmann Kristensen, Leif G. Jensen.

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Convention for Faith and Church: Cand.theol. Mikkel Keis Søtæk, cand. mag. Søren Øhrstrøm, pastor Peter Nissen, pastor Peter Olofson, cand.theol. Samuel Kofoed Nielsen, pastor Sigmund Hjorthaug, pastor Leif G. Jensen.

Information about the Religious Community

Register: <https://www.km.dk/andre-trossamfund/trossamfundsregistret/liste-over-anerkendte-trossamfund-og-tilknyttede-menighed>

Kl. 15.00: Break, Coffee

4. OUR COMMON FUTURE 15.30-15.55

God provides for His church with the Gospel and the Sacraments and the fellowship of love in faith and hope.

The church meeting rejoices and gives thanks to God that we belong to him as a church and receive his salvation through the Gospel and the Sacraments. And we pray that he will bless us in the years to come to live by the means of Grace in ministry and mission.

Information on the work of preparing and calling younger priests

- The 4 points of the background paper:
 - 1) The impression of the congregations,
 - 2) The doctrine of the faith,
 - 3) The relationship of finances and priests,
 - 4) Preparation with education, approval and call.
- Info about the work of the church council and the parish councils and guidance from LCMS.

The church meeting gives thanks to the Lord for the love and kindness that our church congregations and pastors are experiencing through theologians and pastors who have made contact to us and/or have become members in our congregations. The church meeting ask God to bless them and us in the work of preparing and calling younger pastors to serve in our congregations.

Common calendar:

- Summer camp 16. – 21.7. 2022 at Hald Ege Bording School, Viborg, Denmark. www.vivit.dk/kalender
- Winter camp for children and other camps
- European Lutheran Conference in Aarhus June 14-17, 2023. ILC-Regional meeting June 13-14, 2023.
- Annual meeting and summer camp 2023

The church meeting welcomes joint events and appreciates the work of preparing and conducting camps and other joint events.

5. CONTACT & CHURCH FELLOWSHIP 16.00-16.25

Intercession and relief for people affected by war and persecution.

- Information on ILC churches in Europe, assistance to Lutheran Christians in Ukraine. <https://ilc-online.org/2022/02/24/prayer-for-peace-in-ukraine/>
<https://ilc-online.org/2022/03/02/dust-to-dust-a-solemn-response-to-the-invasion-of-ukraine/>
- Help for the Afghan people and for Christians in Afghanistan

Foreign Mission

- Help for Instituto Santissima Trindade, Moreira <http://www.isstrindade.org.br/>
- Participation in the Bleckmar Mission, <https://www.mission-bleckmar.de/>

Thanks to the Lord for the material wealth he gives us in Denmark; we want to continue support with relief and intercession in prayer.

Conferences:

- Report from the Network for Ev.-Luth. church cooperation Jan. 31, 2022 <http://www.kirkenett.net/>
- ILC meeting in Kenya Sep. 13-16, 2022. <https://ilc-online.org/2022/02/15/2022-ilc-world-conference-set-for-kenya/>

NELA symposium Oct 30 – Nov 2 2022 in Copenhagen, www.lutherakademi.org

- European Lutheran Conference June 14-17, 2023 in Aarhus www.euluthconf.org/

Contacts in DK:

- Contact through services and missions from the congregations and on www.vivit.dk and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAaW-P827QmnS36LDb3nDIA> etc.
- Contacts in the Convention on Faith and Church.
- Contact to "Biblical Creation".
- Other contacts.

Current and future church fellowship:

- Evangelical Lutheran Confession Church in Sweden / Norway www.elbk.org
- Other churches in Europe, USA and Brazil

Thank God for the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of Finland <https://ilc-online.org/2022/03/30/christianity-on-trial-finnish-bishop-and-politician-acquitted-on-all-charges/>

- The Lutheran Church in Norway & their pastoral education with a view to church fellowship. www.lkn.no

The church meeting gives thanks to the Triune God for fellowship with sister churches. Encouragement to nurture church fellowship and develop contact to other churches and groups.

The church meeting decides that our church develop our relationship with the Lutheran Church in Norway for establishing church fellowship.

6. VARIOUS MATTERS 16.30-16.40

16.30: The children return from their excursion

16.45 Closing devotion.

17.00 Departure