

Minutes CELC-Europe 2016 Vasa, Finland.

May 27th morning session 09:30-12:00

09:00 Morning devotion by Øyvind Edvardsen. Eph 4:1-6.

09:30 Conference opening. We went through the list of participants, registering voting delegates and correcting some errors. The suggested program for the days was presented by the Secretary and was approved without changes.

10:00 1st Paper by pastor Viktor Pashchenko from Sevastopol, Russia. The assigned theme was God's kingdom.

10:40 Coffee break.

11:00 1st response by pastor Petr Krakora from the Czech Republic. Discussion on the 3 discussion questions presented by the Essayist: 1 – What comfort do we find in the words of the Doxology "for Yours is the Kingdom"? 2 – Whether the kingdoms described in Matt 6:13 and in Daniel 2 are the same or different kingdoms. 3 – The Second Petition and the Doxology each speak of "Kingdoms". Are these Kingdoms one and the same or different?

12:00 Conference went for lunch.

May 27th afternoon session 14:00-18:00

14:00 Minutes of the morning session read by the Secretary. Approved by the conference without any changes.

2nd paper written by pastor Iliyan Itsov from Bulgaria, read by pastor Holger Weiss from Germany. The theme was God's power.

15:30 Response to 2nd paper by Gerhard Wilde, Germany. A reminder that God's power works through the means of grace. God's power is active and present in the service. We should not underestimate the means of grace, we are bound by them.

16:30 Presentations by national churches. Albania, Czech Rep and Germany Also some information about the Triennial CELC meeting in Grimma next year.

18:00 Dinner

19:30 Devotion by Stefan Hedkvist on a text from the epistle to the Phillipians 1:18-26. Liturgy Øyvind Edvardsen.

Possibility of sauna in the evening.

Barbeque in the evening provided by the members of S:t John's congregation.

May 28th morning session 09:30-12:00

09:00 Morning devotion by Martin Wilde. Rev 2:1.

09:30 Conference business. Pastor Uwe Klärner lead the conference in song for President of the Conference who celebrated his birthday. Minutes from yesterdays afternoon were read, correct episteltext in Philipians and Sauna was added. Approved by the conference.
The three observs from STLK (Confessional Lutheran Church of Finland) were invited to talk a few minutes about themselves and their church.

Some information about the sightseeing, payment and Lord's Supper was given by the Secretary.

10:00 3rd essay read by pastor Egil Edvardsen, Norway. Theme was God's glory.

10:55 Coffee break

11:10 Resume for response. Response by Pastor Serhiy Romanyuk, Ukraine. Comments and discussion on the essay about God's glory. Information given on Regional conferences in Asia and Africa being arranged for the first time in 2015. Information on Christology course by Dr John Brug in Sweden in August and Summer Quarter in Germany in June. Discussion on coordination on pastoral training and continued education within Europe. Information given on the pastoral conference in Hjortsbergagården.

12:00 Lunch

14:00 4th essay by Pastor Juhani Viitala, Finland. Theme was "what we mean by saying Amen?".

14:45 Coffee break

15:30 4th essay response by Pastor Agron Mece, Albania.

We decided on a new series for our essays at future conferences. Based on an essay by Dr John Brug called Doctrinal Challenges in the 21st Century (WLQ 2001/1). The series does not have to be followed chronologically.

List of topics:

- The Gospel of Christ
- The Law of God
- The Inerrancy of Scripture – 2018 approved.
- Church Fellowship
- The Role of Man and Women
- Church and Ministry
- Creation of Man
- Efficacy of the Sacraments

Date and place: Czech Rep. 2018, 1-3 June. Approved.

16:30 Presentations by national churches: SLT Finland, S:t Johannes Finland, Norway, Portugal, Russia.

18:00 Evening meal.

19:30 Devotion by Artur Villares. Joh 3:8. Liturgy Øyvind Edvardsen.

20:00 Presentations by national churches. Sweden, Ukraine.

Barbeque and sauna in the evening.

Evaluation of the meeting. A request to send list of participants a few weeks before the meeting starts. A thanks for setting deadlines so that essays were written in good time. We will send letter to the two missing churches, Latvia and Bulgaria.

Thanks to the hosts, the secretary, the president. Thanks to God.

Sunday 29th May

10:00 Sunday Worship Service in the chapel with Holy Communion. Liturgy Pastor Øyvind Edvardsen. Sermon Pastor Luke Wolfgramm. Jude 24-25.

12:00 Lunch.

Conference ends.

Minutes approved by conference.

A video recording of the Worship Service on Sunday is available on our website:

<http://sanktjohannes.info/multimedia-archive/gudstjanst-pa-celc-europe-2016/>

Of the sermon:

<http://sanktjohannes.info/multimedia-archive/predikan-pa-celc-europa-2016-lepikko-finland/>