



**THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH IN ESTONIA**

In Tallinn Methodist Church, Narva mnt 51, June 17-19, 2016
Do I see God`s image in my neighbour? (1.John 4:20)

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Programme

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P R O G R A M

Friday, June 17th

- 10:00-11:00 Registration of delegates
11:00-12:00 Opening Worship Service, Holy Communion. Bishop Christian Alsted preaching
12:15-13:15 L U N C H
13:30-15:00 Plenary session
15:00-15:30 C O F F E E B R E A K
15:30-16:45 Plenary session
17:00-18:00 D I N N E R
18:00-20:00 Graduation of the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary
Reception by BMTS

Saturday, June 18th

- 09:00-10:05 Bible Study (Üllas Tankler)
10:15-11:00 Plenary session
11:00-11:30 C O F F E E B R E A K
11:30-12:30 Plenary session
12:30-13:30 L U N C H
13:30-14:00 P I C T U R E
14:00-15:30 Plenary session
15:30-16:00 C O F F E E B R E A K
16:00-18:00 Clergy Session (Bishop Christian Alsted leading)
Lay Session (Urmas Sassian leading)
18:00-19:00 D I N N E R
19:00-20:00 Special session of the Annual Conference

Sunday, June 19th

- 10:00-12:00 Closing Worship
12:00-13:00 L U N C H

Agenda

Bishop`s Introduction

Role call

Election of the secretary

Election of two persons for confirming the minutes

Electing the persons who read the votes

Confirming the agenda

Greetings

Report of District Superintendent

Annual report of the UMC (sup Taavi Hollman) in Estonia of 2015

Financial reports

The financial report of the Conference Board, outturn of the budget of 2015

The report of the Auditing Committee

Budget for 2016

Approval of the of leaders` reports of different structural units

Report of the Conference Board and Statistics

Report of the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary

Report of the Camp Gideon

Report of the Children Center Lighthouse

Report of the Support Home *Päikesekiir*

Report of UMC Women Committee

Report of Youth Committee

Report of Generation 2

Report of the Mission Committee

Report of the Children`s Committee

Report of the Board of Education

Report of the church magazine "Koduteel"

Report of the chaplaincy

Report from the Central Conference Council

Information of the local churches

Information of the prayer-partner churches 2014-2016 / new prayer-partners

Information on the Development plan for UMC in Estonia (If? What? How further?)

Overview about the General Conference of the UMC

Elections

Board of ordained ministers for 4 years

The Central Conference Council of the UMC in Northern Europe and Eurasia (one lay and one ordained minister to be elected)

Nominating a candidate to the European Methodist Council (one candidate, either lay or ordained minister, to be chosen by the CC Council)

One representative for Central Conference Judicial Court (ordained minister)

The place for the next 2017 Annual Conference

Other proposals

Choosing the new prayer-partner churches

Introduction of the missionaries

Introduction of the rehabilitation ministry of the New Beginning congregation

Introduction of the Bible school project

Selling the land of the UMC in Tapa

Offering for supporting Fund Mission in Europe

The Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference Council

Report to the 2015 Annual Conferences

In May this year United Methodist delegates from across the world including 10 from the Eurasia and 10 from the Nordic and Baltic area will gather for General Conference in Portland, Oregon. The General Conference is an assembly of church leaders gathered in Christian Conferencing asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength and courage in making its decisions. As the top legislative and visioning body of our church the General Conference is charged with the responsibility of giving direction, setting priorities and making decisions about structure and polity.

The delegates will deal with a large number of significant matters like the four focus areas of our ministry, global apportionments, more Episcopal areas in Africa, decline in worship attendance and membership particularly in the US, church vitality, a general book of discipline, human sexuality, new structure proposals, global social principles and much more. Many of these issues may affect us in substantial ways such as decisions regarding the church's development towards becoming increasingly global in its scope, structural changes and human sexuality.

As this report is written before General Conference, we cannot know what the decisions will be, however, as several of our annual conferences will meet afterwards, they will be able to discuss the different decisions, as we all will discuss the decisions when we meet for Central Conference in Fredrikstad, Norway.

In Him we live, move and exist

"In Him we live, move and exist" is the theme of the Central Conference in Fredrikstad, Norway 19-23. October 2016. The two local churches in Fredrikstad with the United Methodist Church in Norway are doing an outstanding job in preparing for the conference, and we can look forward to 5 engaging and inspiring days where we will focus on our task of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ through which God's world marked by war, desperation, escape, hunger, injustice and sin may be transformed.

Election of bishop

There will be an election of bishop for the Nordic and Baltic area at the upcoming Central Conference. All the annual conferences as well as boards, local churches and individuals are able to nominate. At its meeting in March 2016 the Central Conference Council has nominated Bishop Christian Alsted to be re-elected.

World Methodist Conference 2021 in Gothenburg?

In August representatives from the more than 80 million members of the worldwide Methodist family will gather for the World Methodist Conference in Houston, Texas. Methodists from our central conference are encouraged to participate in this inspiring conference.

An invitation to host the next World Methodist Conference in 2021 in Gothenburg, Sweden will be given by the Uniting Church in Sweden with some support from annual conferences in Norway and Denmark. If this invitation is accepted, it will be a once in a lifetime possibility for Methodists in Northern Europe to get a firsthand experience of this significant event

Finances

The Central Conference Fund has a small deficit in 2015, mainly due to decline in

apportionments from some of the annual conferences. The Central Conference Council has decided to use funds from the reserves with last year's surplus to support travel to the 2016 Central Conference for the Baltic and Eurasia delegates. The Central Conference will discuss the budget for the coming quadrennium and make decisions regarding the funding of the meetings of the council and of the 2020 Central Conference.

The Central Conference Council

THE NORDIC AND BALTIC AREA

In addition to the report from the central conference council some additional information must be added.

Methodist Identity Today

The Nordic and Baltic area group has successfully published the first book in a series on "Methodist Identity Today" with contributions from clergy and theologians across the area. A second book focused on "diaconia" is planned to be published at the time of the 2016 Central Conference.

Called 2 Serve

The School of Congregational Development took place 24-27 September 2015 in Tallinn under the theme "Called 2 Serve" with 320 participants from across the area. The conference which focused on leadership and mentoring, church with the poor, Methodist identity, church for the 21st century, vision and strategy and church planting was the first of its kind for the entire Episcopal area, and it became a very important event in the development of local churches as well as for our connectional relations. For the first time there was a real sense of being one church and at same time an appreciation of our different contexts and approaches to ministry. It has been decided to have a similar conference in 2019. A smaller Nordic event may be planned for 2017 with a particular focus on youth.

Finances

The financial report of the Episcopal fund shows a significant deficit due to declines in apportionments from the annual conferences. While the expenses are carefully administered, we have not been able to predict declining apportionments and changing exchange rates. The Episcopal office is carefully analyzing our income and hope for 2017 to be in balance or to have a small surplus.

Our challenges have not changed

Our challenges remain: To have our focus outside of the church among the people Christ loves - That all clergy and leaders nationally and locally gain a clear understanding of how disciples are made and what their leading role is in this - That we plant new faith communities and are purposeful about revitalizing and strengthening existing churches - That we align the training of leaders, pastor and deacons with the mission of the church - That we become purposeful about being church with children and youth - That we engage in multicultural ministry not least in ministry with migrants and refugees - That we take a healthy pride in being Methodists and in doing what Jesus has called us to do. - And that we pray persistently.

Christian Alsted

Superintendent

UMC in Estonia	Superintendent's	report for the Annual Conference
Year	2015	
Areas of ministry	Leading the spiritual life of the UMC in Estonia	
Leader	Taavi Hollman	
Statistics characterising the ministry		
<p>Dear church, colleagues, clergy and lay. We live in a year of deepening the relationship with God and people around us.</p> <p>The era we live in, changes, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Therefore, the word from apostle John saying, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." (1 Jo 3:18). May God's truth and Christian deed accompany us each day!</p> <p>Statistics characterising the ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: On 1.1.2016 the UMC in Estonia had 1476 full members, 214 baptized members, the total of 1690 members, which is the increase of +77 in membership. • Clergy: ordained elders - 26, local pastors - 6, ordained deacons - 1, probationary members serving as pastors - 1, retired ordained elders - 8, total number of clergy - 42. • Number of congregations: 25. 		
Main activities during the year		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New people joining the congregations, baptisms. During the year 45 have been converted, 64 baptized, new baptized members joined the church 36, new full members joined the church 112. Increase in one or another statistical indicator in Võru, Tartu, Reeküla, Pärnu, Haapsalu, Kuressaare, Kärsa, Narva, Jõhvi, Tallinn, Tallinna New Beginning, Kunda and Kohtla-Järve congregations. Thank God for the new people! • Better team work, Superintendent has more deeply cooperating in the work of the structural units and ministries (in the editorial team of the journal "Koduteel", preparation team of the Summer Conference, in the membership and the board of the Children Centre, in the training team of the clergy, in the preparation team of the Bible school). • More active engagement in the community (Reelika from Reeküla being the social worker of the year, Võru Food bank being the benefactor of the year 2015, the Food Bank of Reeküla, contacts with the village community (Reeküla), publishing the joint newspaper with the local community (Sakussaare), visits to the neighbouring companies bringing Christmas presents (Tallinn); training for the married couples in the church (Tartu); introduction of the church and the life of the local congregation to Tartu Poska and Tartu Treffneri High School students (Tartu); creation of the support centre (Joint support) to serve the community (Tartu); giving the church venue for accordion recording by Külli Kudu (Tartu), hosting the VIP area of Rally Estonia Tartu competitions on the church yard (Tartu), children's advent charity fair raising the money for a child in Tartu, whose mother was injured in the car accident and a young person whose mother died in February, for Yiftu, who is the child we support from Ethiopia (Tartu), social work in Sirgala (Sillamäe, Jõhvi); church open and activities going on every Friday (Kuressaare), creation of the support centre; financial support and presents for the children in need (Võru); taking part in the idea team changing the neighbouring area into the creativity park (Võru); cooperation with Rajaleidja (Path finder) centre, Võru social department and all the local communes (Võru), fund raising sales for approximately 200 people monthly (Võru), Building the social centre in Sirgala (Jõhvi), kids summer camp for the local children (Aseri), gospel concert (Kunda), new members joining the congregation, baptisms 		

(Kuressaare), services in the nursing home (Kärša), kids summer school in Agape church (Pärnu), city mission to support the families in need, training seminars on the refugee issues, outreach services for the refugees, bringing the refugee children to the Tallinn zoo (Rakvere), good relations and willingness to cooperate with the local government, open air outreach service for the local community "Heavenly call" (Sakussaare), three "prayer tours" with the congregation in the neighbourhood of the church to pray for the area and the people in the local area (Tallinn, Estonian congregation).

Please share the activities you have done in your congregation filling in the electronic reports.

- Mutual ministries broadened; the connecting congregations in Estonia visiting each other and preaching in the connecting churches, pastor from Narva had Bible studies in Tapa and Aseri congregations.
- Local training days to deepen team work and encourage ministers in August 21 in Pärnu Pärnu Agape church, August 27 in Camp Gideon and August 28 in Tartu Saint Luke church. Presentations on small groups from Jana Tamm and Taavi Hollman.
- Hosting the School of Congregational Development in Tallinn Methodist Church in September 24-27. Approximately 320 people including volunteers from the episcopal area gathered together in Tallinn.
- Anniversaries: Reeküla 105, Aseri 20, Rakvere 95, Pärnu Agape new building 20.
- Superintendent's visits from abroad from June 2015 - June 2016: 2 to USA, 3 to Latvia, 1 to Finland, 2 to Denmark, 1 to Germany.
- Deeper cooperation of the Baltic cabinet. Some years ago we decided that the representatives of Latvia and Lithuania do not have to participate in the Estonian Annual Conference. We agreed, that the three superintendents visit mutually all the Annual Conferences. In August last year we were in Latvia. There the idea arose to held the Baltic cabinet meetings more often (2 times a year) in Riga with the Bishop.
- Volunteers Mary Kuronzwy from Africa, serving in the UMC in Tallinnas, and Merlin Metsla from Võru serving in Brazil.
- Change of pastor in Kuressaare; the ministry of Arvi Lindmäe is continued by Rando Metsamaa.
- Missionaries Külli Tõniste and Douglas Childress in the Theological Seminary and in the UMC in Tallinn. English ministry in the UMC in Tallinn started from February 2016.
- Partnership of the clergy for prayer and mutual sharing.
- A year for God project in the Russian speaking congregation in Tallinn UMC.
- 24/7 prayer for the General Conference of the UMC in May 7 2016. Also the congregations from Latvia and Lithuania joined the initiative.
- Development of the Estonian-Russian integration.
- Increase of mentoring in the committee of the ordained ministers; the mentoring meetings densified.
- Continuing financial support for developing the ministry: Fund Mission in Europe projects: A year for God, Youth Ministry Development (Russian youth ministry), Church Renewal. Otto Per Mille Foundation: Adaption Center in Kohtla-Järve. NMA projects from Great Britain: Coordinator of church administration, development and communication, Russian-speaking Youth Ministry Director, Media Project Manager. From GBGM: Youth inistry of the Tallinn UMC (Estonian), Academic Dean of the Theological Seminary, leader of the Estonian speaking children ministry of the UMC in Estonia.
- Connecting Congregations - Rāpina congregation had a Connecting Congregation from USA.
- Children Centre got a new Executive Director Veronika Fjodorova.
- Mutual support from a local gongregation to another. Tallinn congregation supported Sakussaare congregation to repair their mini van; Jõhvi, Sillamäe and Keila congregations supported the people in need in Ukraine, Tallinn congregation supported and still supports Paide congregation, church Centre, Võru and Kärša has supported the congregation in Rāpina during the time when pastor Ele Paju has not been able to minister due to the illness.
- Hosting the meeting of the Estonian Council of Churches in Camp Gideon in June 2015.
- Cabinet visit to the General Agencies of the UMC.
- Some more keywords - intensive work of prayer clinics, Aldersgate ministry and small groups.
- Ruusmäe congregation has made a phenomenal number (total of 1000 hats during a year) of baby hats for Ethiopian babies.

- Some churches having the baptismal font, some are planning to have, some have not dealt with this.

Main problems during the year

- the last year has been a difficult year in many aspects - Kärt, the chief editor of the journal "Koduteel" passed away, pastor Heino and pastor Arvi fought with the illnesses, pastor Ele currently fighting,
- lack of the people in youth and children ministry,
- new pastors needed in Paide and Viitka,
- Merle Tomberg, a good methodist leaving from the Children Centre,
- one of the main organisers of the Summer Conference, Thea Kant, step down, but still continuing in the team with the whole heart,
- the issues of refugees endangering the unity of some congregations,
- handling the divorce and possible remarriage as well as continuation of the ministry of a ordained minister.

Main goals for the coming year

- continue to strengthen the churches to be more effective in their ministry in the church and in the local community,
- new election of the connecting congregations during the Annual Conference,
- participation of the young clergy in the fellowship days of the young clergy of the Episcopal Area in Tallinn in November 2016,
- taking part in the planning process of the Reformation 500 activities, we celebrate the 110th anniversary of the UMC in Estonia the same year,
- initiate the idea of Bible School to train local preachers and people serving in the church,
- publishing the sermons of Wesley,
- celebrating the 110th anniversary of the UMC in Estonia in 2017,
- hosting the Friends of Estonia meeting in Tallinn in June 2017,
- celebrating the 280th anniversary of John Wesley's conversion in 2018,
- call together a round table of spiritual ministry.

Other information

- The last of the old congregations, which did not have their own church building, will hopefully get their own building (Kohtla Järve).
- Ministers, please keep the contacts with the leaders of the local governments, pray for them, let the salt have its impact and let the light shine. My sincere thanks for your co-operation! Let's stay faithful proclaiming the gospel of Christ in word and in deed, that the Lord could continually create His miracles through our ministry!

May God help us!

In Tallinn, June 8th 2016

Taavi Hollman

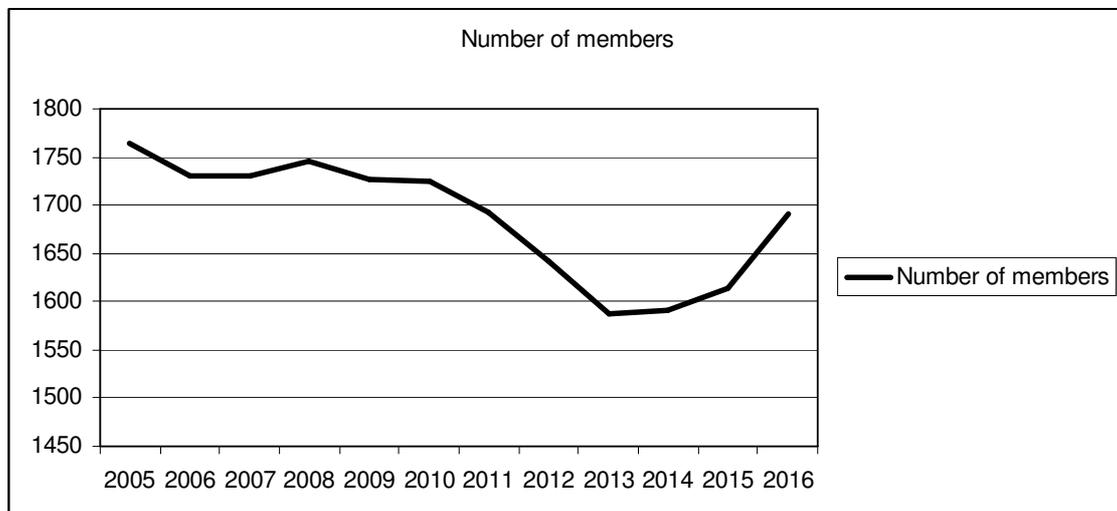
Superintendent of the UMC in Estonia

Reports from the congregations

Statistics of the membership January 1, 2016

No.	Congregation	1.01.13.			1.01.14.			1.01.15.			1.01.16.		
		TM	BM	Total	TM	BM	Total	TL	RL	Total	TM	BM	Total
1	Aseri	29	0	29	29	3	32	23	0	23	23	0	23
2	Haapsalu	29	7	36	28	7	35	28	8	36	27	8	35
3	Jõhvi	74	2	76	76	1	77	102	2	104	145	25	170
4	Jõhvi-Petlemma	15	1	16	14	1	15	13	1	14	13	1	14
5	Keila	20	0	20	20	0	20	19	0	19	19	0	19
6	K-Järve	29	0	29	29	0	29	30	0	30	29	0	29
7	Kunda	11	0	11	11	0	11	12	0	12	12	0	12
8	Kuressaare	47	0	47	45	0	45	45	0	45	45	0	45
9	Kärssa	23	4	27	22	6	28	24	7	31	26	7	33
10	Narva	8	1	9	8	1	9	10	1	11	12	1	13
11	Paide	16	0	16	15	0	15	14	0	14	12	0	12
12	Paldiski	17	0	17	17	0	17	16	0	16	16	0	16
13	Pärnu	115	64	179	116	66	182	118	66	184	117	67	184
14	Rakvere	34	3	37	30	2	32	28	3	31	26	3	29
15	Reeküla	21	0	21	22	0	22	21	0	21	22	0	22
16	Ruusmäe	19	0	19	19	0	19	18	0	18	17	0	17
17	Räpina	15	0	15	15	1	16	19	8	27	19	8	27
18	Sakussaare	17	1	18	17	1	18	17	2	19	14	2	16
19	Sillamäe	30	0	30	30	0	30	31	0	31	31	0	31
20	Tallinn	663	23	686	660	27	687	634	28	662	616	29	645
21	Tln New Beginning	40	0	40	40	5	45			46	57		57
22	Tapa	49	0	49	49	0	49	48	0	48	48	0	48
23	Tartu	74	24	98	76	23	99	75	23	98	80	23	103
24	Viitka	11	9	20	10	9	19	10	10	20	10	10	20
25	Võru	29	14	43	29	12	41	31	22	53	40	30	70
	Total	1435	153	1588	1427	165	1592	1386	181	1613	1476	214	1690

Change in membership in 2005 - 2016



Financial Report

Profit and loss account

	2015	2014
Income		
Fees from the members	30 053	29 553
Donations	214 797	228 887
Income from financial investments	0	184 500
Income from business activities	836	0
Other income	32 502	28 546
Income total	278 188	471 486
Costs		
Costs of activities	-67 928	-70 471
Staff costs	-225 730	-216 741
Amortisation of the basic assets	-72 104	-72 444
Costs total	-365 762	-359 656
Surplus of the main activities	-87 574	111 830
Profit/loss	-87 574	111 830

Balance

	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Assets		
Floating assets		
Money	202 058	175 911
Claims and advance payments	658	1 189
Total floating assets	202 716	177 100
Basic assets		
Financial investments	158 784	177 003
Material basic assets	980 740	1 052 625
Total basic assets	1 139 524	1 229 628
Total assets	1 342 240	1 406 728
Payable accounts and net assets		
Payable accounts		
Short-term payable accounts		
Dept and advance payments	10 018	10 697
Special donations and support	78 305	54 540
Total short-term payable accounts	88 323	65 237
Total payable accounts	88 323	65 237
Net assets		
Endowment/net worth nominal value	1 876 657	1 876 657
Accumulated profit/loss from the last periods	-534 166	-645 996
Profit/loss of the year	-87 574	111 830
Total net assets	1 253 917	1 341 491
Total payable accounts and net assets	1 342 240	1 406 728

Invoicing with the congregations

2015	EUR
Congregation	Membership fees 10% from income
Aseri	672
Haapsalu	800
Jõhvi	1730
Jõhvi Petl.	360
Keila	920
K-Järve	912
Kunda	50
Kuressaare	348
Kärsa	180
Narva	551
Paide	261
Paldiski	100
Pärnu	1100
Rakvere	400
Reeküla	672
Ruusmäe	120
Räpina	543
Sakussaare	561
Sillamäe	250
Tallinna	15120
Tapa	800
Tartu	2000
Viitka	141
Võru	370
Tallinna Uue Alguse	1091
Total	30 053

	10%
2011	23941
2012	24019
2013	27930
2014	30053
2015	30053

Report of the Auditing Committee

to the Annual Conference of the UMC in Estonia

In Tallinn, June 2nd, 2016

The Auditing Committee of the UMC in Estonia checked the accounts of the UMC in Estonia and use of the financial resources during the past year.

The accounting is in accordance with the good accounting principles, the legislation and the internal rules for accounting. The documentation is correct and in accordance with the legislation.

We have checked the annual financial report of the UMC in Estonia including the Balance from December 31 2015, the Profit/Loss Account, Report of the Net Assets, and Report of the Cash Flow.

Income of the UMC in Estonia in 2015 was 278.188 € and the costs were 365 762 €. The Profit/Loss Account for 2015 is - 87 574 €.

There are still some local congregations missing the deadlines in reporting to the Conference Board.

According to the assessment of the Auditing Committee the accounting of the central account of the UMC in Estonia is in order and the source documents are correct.

Based on the auditing and the statements given by the accountant we can confirm that we have not found anything referring that the Annual Financial Report would not reflect the financial state of the church in 2015 as stated in December 31 2015 and the financial outcome and cash flows of the reported year correctly and equitably in all its important parts.

The Auditing Committee suggests approving the financial report of 2015 of the UMC in Estonia as presented.

Matti Hollman
Chairman of the Auditing Committee

Financial report 2015 of the UMC in Estonia

	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL COSTS
INCOME		
432 Intresses	400	8
4362 10% from the congregations (membership fees)	28000	30053
43642 Donations to the general fund (persons)	1500	1030
43652 Donations to the general fund (organisations)	1300	570
43654 Donations for transportation	3200	
43655 102 MNN usage, reimbursement		1665
4366 Other income to general fund	200	
4429 Estonian Lutheran Church	18000	18000
4437 Copies	1200	2052
461 4% from foreign donations to general fund	4000	3455
462 Other foreign donations to general fund	0	439
TOTAL INCOME	57800	57273
Reimbursement for a foreign mission		3559
COSTS		60832
STAFF COSTS	30000	31406
52111 Office costs	100	45
52113 Telephone, fax	410	439
52114 Internet	170	164
52112 Postal costs	10	18
52116 Copies	1100	981
52124 Rent	2200	2190
52132 Equipment	1000	0
52141 Gasoline	2000	2835
52142 Car repairs	1500	880
52151 Transportation costs	3200	331
5221 Bank fees	250	213
5223 Hosting delegations	200	150
5224 Meetings	1500	2417
5225 From general fund to structural units	500	
5226 Other costs of activities	800	123
5227 Central Conference	600	
5228 Area cabinet meetings	290	190
52291 Taxes (Income tax)	500	352
52292 Taxes (social security)	700	580
5230 Membership fees	1000	950
5231 Episcopal Fund and CC Fund apportionments	3900	4500
5234 Training	2835	2592
5235 GLS	1000	0
5236 AC Board meeting costs, travel	1035	607
5237 Gifts	1000	324
TOTAL COSTS		52287
Reimbursement for a foreign mission		3559
TOTAL COSTS	57800	55846
Balance		4985

Budget 2016

	BUDGET 2016
INCOME	
432 Intresses	0
4362 10% from the congregations (membership fees)	29000
43642 Donations to the general fund (persons)	1372
43652 Donations to the general fund (organisations)	600
43654 Donations for transportation	0
43655 102 MNN usage, reimbursement	1600
4366 Other income to general fund	0
4429 Estonian Lutheran Church	18000
4437 Copies	1800
461 4% from foreign donations to general fund	3300
462 Other foreign donations to general fund	
TOTAL INCOME	55672
Reimbursement for a foreign mission	3500
COSTS	59172
STAFF COSTS	31000
52111 Office costs	100
52113 Telephone, fax	440
52114 Internet	197
52112 Postal costs	20
52116 Copies	1000
52124 Rent	2000
52132 Equipment	400
52141 Gasoline	3000
52142 Car repairs	1500
52151 Transportation costs	1500
5221 Bank fees	220
5223 Hosting delegations	200
5224 Meetings	2000
5225 From general fund to structural units	0
5226 Other costs of activities	250
5227 Central Conference	600
5228 Area cabinet meetings	400
52291 Taxes (Income tax)	350
52292 Taxes (social security)	600
5230 Membership fees	1000
5231 Episcopal Fund and CC Fund apportionments	5000
5234 Training	1700
5235 GLS	700
5236 AC Board meeting costs, travel	1000
5237 Gifts	495
TOTAL COSTS	55672
Reimbursement for a foreign mission	3500
TOTAL COSTS	59172
Balance	0

The Annual Conference Board

UMC in Estonia	Annual Conference Board	report for the Annual Conference
Year	2015	
Areas of ministry	As stated in the Statutes of the UMC in Estonia, § 55, the Annual Conference Board directs the UMC in Estonia according to the decisions made by the Annual Conference and as stated in the Statutes.	
Leader	Urmas Sassian	
Members	Robert Tsherenkov, Meeli Tankler, Kaupo Kant, Kärt Jänes-Kapp, Artur Pöld, Marjana Luist, Taavi Hollman, Christian Alsted	
Statistics characterising the ministry		
During the year 7 meetings have been held.		
Main activities during the year		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Routine check and approval of the reports and accounts (UMC in Estonia, Theological Seminary of the UMC in Estonia); - Budgeting and presenting the budget to the Annual Conference; - Planning, preparations and conducting the the Annual Conference of the UMC in Estonia; - Continuing to send the memos of the meetings to the lists on clergy and lay; - Preparations for the Annual Conference of the UMC in Estonia; drawing the prayer partner churches; - Allocating the appropriation from the state budget through the Estonian Council of Churches to the structural units and councils of the UMC in Estonia; - Organizing the training of pastors in Toila; - Hosting the Scandinavian and Baltic Congregational Development School in September 2015 in Tallinn methodist church; - Amendments to the reports from the congregations; - Publishing the calendar of the UMC in Estonia for 2016; - Paying the Christmas bonuses for the pastors; - Some of the pastors and lay leaders participating in GLS Leadership Summit. 		
Main problems during the year		
- Many churches needing financial help.		
What has been done in relation to the Plan of Actions of the UMC in Estonia		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Composing the memos of the meetings of the Annual Conference Board and sending them to the lists of clergy and lay; - Organizing the training of pastors in Toila; - The pastors and lay leaders participating in the Congregational Development School. 		
Main goals for the coming year		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendments to the Statutes of the UMC in Estonia; - Election of the new prayer partner churches; - Going through the Development Plan of the UMC in Estonia for the period of 2016-2020; - Purchase of the building and land of the Kohtla-Järve congregation to the UMC in Estonia; - Privatization of the land of the church building and pastor's house in Pärnu. 		
Other information		
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Theological Seminary of the UMC in Estonia

UMC in Estonia Theological Seminary		report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Education		
Leader	Meeli Tankler		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
In spring 2015 65 students from 8 countries studied in the Seminary. In June 2015 15 students graduated from the Seminary. In autumn 2015 we accepted 23 new students. Currently there are 61 students from 5 countries studying in the Seminary, there are 33 male and 29 female students. 35% of the students are Methodists. Approximately 2/3 of the students are less than 40 years of age.			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Income from business activity	0.00		
Donations	5,902.39		
Foreign donations	122,740.81		
Financial income	827.99		
Tuition fees	25,226.00		
Participation fees	0.00		
Other income	5,627.50		
Staff costs		119,292.31	
Travel costs		848.94	
Office supplies		14,028.76	
Transportation costs		0.00	
Administration costs		0.00	
Rental fees		21,474.00	
Heating, electricity, water		0.00	
Financial costs		252.98	
Amortisation		0.00	
Other costs		6,882.80	
TOTAL	160,324.69	162,779.79	

Main activities during the year

In May 2015, right before the Seminary Sunday, we received a pledge from a Christian businessman to match all gifts given this day by UMC local churches. This was our first attempt for matching gifts, and clearly motivated 9 congregations to give their support - that was doubled. Thank you! The study year 2014/15 ended for us with a bit sad farewell as we sent our long-term secretary Veronika Fjodorova to her new job, leading the childrens' center Lighthouse - with our very best wishes. Our happy events were big graduation class in June 2015 (15), among them 2 Udmurt students and the UMC pastor from Romania. We also rejoiced over missionary couple Külli Tõniste and Doug Childress, sent to us by GBGM, who arrived in fall, and have gradually adjusted to the seminary life. We have worked together in shaping the daily life of the seminary, and they have been a great help in teaching but also given their input into the development of the seminary as a whole. Another source of joy was the big new class of students in fall 2015 - 23 new students began their studies. As a theological school we participated in preparation and carrying out the conference Terra Mariana - with the knowledge of history from yesterday to tomorrow, we also participated with our seminary team at the GLS in November. President Meeli Tankler represented the seminary at the worldwide conference concerning evangelical theological education in Antalya, Turkey by leading a workshop. The conference was organized by ICETE (International Consultation of Evangelical Theological Education).

Main problems during the year

Finding new students is continuously a serious issue that we are dealing with, and here we ask also some help from local congregations. The local congregation context should especially point out people who might have potential for development, and ability for seminary studies - please, encourage and inspire them! Another big issue is the dropout rate: again, we would like to see more support for students from the local congregations and pastors: please help them to serve in a ways that create motivation to complete the studies. Our financial situation has improved but needs a continuous attention.

Main goals for the coming year

In November 2016 we need to present our documentation for the next round of the transition assessment that will take place in spring 2017. This is a big task, and requires a specific wisdom: how to report about our seminary and our achievements in a way that all good things would be properly reported, and the functioning of the seminary would be clearly understandable for the visiting committee. Keeping this in mind, we have already this year worked in developing our curriculum, and making necessary corrections and additions in our strategic plan as well as academic regulations and bylaws. We are actively looking for new students, first of all from the Methodist church - and here we ask all the pastors to notice the people in your church, who are able and eager to learn and encourage them to come to the seminary. From fall 2016 we shall launch mentoring groups in order to support the academic and spiritual development of students, and reduce the fall-out. We try to develop better co-operation with neighboring countries in order to meet their needs for education in theology. We develop further our co-operation with the Salvation Army concerning possibilities for practical training, and co-operation with Estonian Christian Pentecostal Church. In co-operation with the superintendent and the ordination committee we have defined the educational requirements, and developed a training module for the local preachers. With the financial support from the Central Conference Theological Education Fund (CCTEF) we develop further e-learning, and provide continuous training for the teaching staff. We are also looking for additional finances to strengthen the financial basis of the Seminary.

Other information

I would like to express my special gratitude to churches which responded to the appeal of our DS to take an offering for the seminary on May 15, 2016. The congregations were: Tapa, Narva, Reeküla, Võru, Pärnu, Tallinna, Haapsalu and Kohtla-Järve. May God bless you - your gift was doubled.

Camp Gideon

UMC in Estonia		Camp Gideon	report for the Annual Conference	
Year		2015		
Leader		Artur Pöld		
Statistics characterising the ministry				
Financial overview				
	Income	Costs	Remarks	
Income from business activity	43,334.00			
Donations	1,056.00			
Foreign donations	20,612.00			
Other income	76.00			
Staff costs		17,953.00		
Travel costs		1,842.00		
Office supplies		225.00		
Transportation costs		2,211.00		
Administration costs		2,429.00		
Eating house		6,990.00		
Heating, electricity, water		4,850.00		
Sales		6,203.00		
Renovation		14,987.00		
Amortisation		3,796.00		
Other costs		3,440.00		
TOTAL	65,078.00	64,926.00		
Main activities during the year				
English camp in cooperation with the Athens Georgia Methodist Church. Development of the camp for the children with the special needs. The hall in the hotel almost ready.				

Children Centre Lighthouse

UMC in Estonia	Children Centre Lighthouse	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Social care		
Leader	Executive leaders from January to September: members of the board, M.Tomberg and R.Multram. Since September 2015: Veronika Fjodorova		
Members	Members of the NGO: M.Tomberg, R. Multram, T. Hollman, O. Pärnamets, M. Luist, H. Kruusmann		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
<p>Total of 47 children visited the Children Centre in 2015. Number of visits 3669. Number of children in December 31 2015 was 38 children.</p> <p>No children referred by District Administration to the service. 7 children left the service: 3 children moved away, 4 were graduated from the basic school, 1 child needed the service temporarily (for some months) - which is 8 children, but one of the children who is already graduated from the basic school still needs the service occasionally and has therefore been in the list of the children, therefore ,the total number left from the service is 7.</p> <p>For the end of the school year 2014/2015 (in June) there were 39 children in the list of the Children Centre. School/class was completed by 39 (100%). In 2015 2 children were separated from their families and live in the foster homes but they still continue to visit the centre. 4 children have gone into hospice, 2 of them currently live there.</p> <p>The positions filled in the Children Centre were executive director, social teacher, teacher and a part time assistant teacher. In addition there was an alternative service person working in the Centre.</p>			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Income from business activity	0.00		
Membership fees	35.00		
Donations	29,988.00		Including donations from individuals 3340€, corporate bodies 3299€, foreign donations 23349€
Foreign donations	0.00		
Financial income	2.80		Bank interests
Tuition fees	0.00		
Participation fees	0.00		
Projects (KÜSK)	876.41		
Other income	43,609.00		Catering subsidy from the Tallinn City Office, targeted financing from the Office of Social and Health Care of the City of Tallinn.
Staff costs		42,823.00	Fees for the employees, incentive payes and bonuses,

			vacation benefits, sickness benefits, including social security taxes and unemployment taxes 10,824€ (the costs also include the fees and taxes in the total amount of 3,591€ paid to the employees in the KÜSK development project)
Travel costs		155.00	
Office supplies		563.00	Office supplies, books, journals, learning supplies for the children
Transportation costs		133.80	Compensation for using the personal car
Administration costs		4,639.00	Mobile phones, data communication, security services, web hosting, IT-services, accounting services, repairs, housekeeping
Rental fees		2,095.00	
Heating, electricity, water		5,703.00	Electricity, gas, waste collection, water, drain, insurance
Financial costs		63.00	Bank fees
Amortisation		162.00	
Projects (KÜSK)		5,435.00	
Other costs		16,075.00	Food, medicines, cinema tickets, other costs related to children, other taxes, IT requisites, office equipment, household equipment. Includes also the children camp and visit to Lottemaa, with the total costs of 10,670€ (as well as costs of the KÜSK project in the amount of 10,670€ (training, animal therapy, and other costs))
TOTAL	74,511.21	77,846.80	

Main activities during the year

The main activity of the Children Centre was providing day care service for schoolchildren from deprived families. Learning support, lunch (including fruits and sweets), creative and hobby activities, Good News group (introduction to the Christian teaching and Christian values), summer camp, joint celebrations and individual counseling were provided for the children. Food and clothes were regularly distributed to the families. All the children received birthday and Christmas presents. We introduced the needs of the Children Centre to several organisations by e-mail. Unfortunately the feedback was minimal. Cooperation has mainly be done with the child welfare specialist to solve the social issues of the children and their families. The Child Welfare Department of the District Administration has been very satisfied with the work of the Children Centre (they have expressed it both in the discussions as well as in the written form).

Our teacher Alla Gluhhova was given recognition by the Northern Tallinn District Administration (at the event dedicated for the anniversary of Estonian Republic) for the long term devoted service in the Children Centre. Starting from September the Children Centre has a new Executive Director who is working with the work load of 80% of full time.

Main problems during the year

The biggest problem is, like last year, the uncertainty of funding. The Children Centre has accepted all the children referred to service by the District Administration, but more than 30 children receiving the service, is too much for the Centre. The number of children who need learning support is increasing but the Centre is unable to accept them all as this has not been the primary aim of the Centre. The work load of the teachers is very big. The children need more psychological and individual support than the Centre is able to offer.

Main goals for the coming year

The biggest challenge is the continuity of the service. We need to find extra staff (and funding) to work daily with the children as well as more communication with the partners.

A big need is also cooperation with the local Methodist congregations. Since the second half of 2015 we have had intensive cooperation with the youth from Russian speaking congregation, when the young people from the "Year to God" program started to organise the Good Message Group in the Children Centre and some of the children started to attend the services of the Russian speaking congregation for the youth and teenagers. In the autumn some children participated in the camp of the Russian speaking congregation for the teenagers.

Our aim is to cooperate more also with the Estonian congregation.

Next year we plan to focus more on healthy lifestyle and healthy diet for the children. For this aim the project funds have been received from Tallinn Social Welfare and Health Care Department.

Other information

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Päikesekiir

UMC in Estonia	Päikesekiir	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Social care, support services for the children with special needs		
Leader	Ursula Randlaine		
Members	Artur Pöld, Andres Toome, Michael Cantrell		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Income from business activity	26,987.00		
Special donations	5,000.00		
Donations	9,812.00		
Tuition fees	154.00		
Financial income	216.00		
Rental fees	12,725.00		
Participation fees	0.00		
Projects (SKA)	2,629.00		
Other income	0.00		
Staff costs		32,082.00	
Services		2,182.00	
Office supplies		610.00	
Transportation costs		1,619.00	
Administration costs		725.00	
Repairs		2,149.00	
Heating, electricity, water		11,955.00	
Insurance		443.00	
Amortisation		1,140.00	
Childcare services		1,069.00	
Other costs		202.00	
TOTAL	57,523.00	54,176.00	

Main activities during the year

Supporting the children with special needs and their families from Eastern-Virumaa providing support services (childcare services, transport services, supporting person). From September 2014 until November 2015 the support home was the partner for the Children Foundation of Tartu University Hospital. Child care services were financed by the project - "Dream Vacation" of the Foundation. In September the support home participated in the state procurement and since November we are partners for Estonian National Social Insurance Board in organising the support services for the children with special needs in whole Eastern-Virumaa. The support home is cooperating in this project with other similar centres in Narva and Sillamäe and with the local governments all over eastern-Virumaa. In 2015 the number of children registered for the services increased and the provision of transportation services increased. This has made the services more accessible for the families. Many volunteers and trainees (14 people) participated in the work of the support home. In summer we organised a camp to the children and their parents in the Christian Camp Gideon of the UMC in Estonia. The organisation of the camp was supported by the mission group from USA.

Main problems during the year

High costs of heating, electricity and water.

Main goals for the coming year

To continue the provision of the services, increase the number of staff if possible. Organise training for the employees. We are open for cooperation (mission groups, different organisations, kindergartens, schools etc). To find financial support for repairing the frontage of the building and completing the repairs of the third room.

Other information

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Women's Ministry

Estonian UMC Women's Ministry report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015
Areas of ministry	Co-ordination of the Women Ministry in the UMC in Estonia, organisation of the events, ecumenical co-operation, representation in Estonia and abroad.
Leader	Pille Mägila
Members	Lii Lilleoja, Irina Semjonova, Triin Tarendi, Anneli Tombak ja Kristi Toodo
Statistics characterising the ministry	
<p>Women's Ministry started in November 6, 1993. We are grateful for these 23 years. Exchange of information and the main organisational issues have been dealt with through e-mails. The main activities of the Women's Ministry take place in the local congregations, and in addition to this we also organize events to women from all over Estonia. We have the women fellowship groups, Bible and prayer groups; women are engaged in the social services both in the congregations as well as outside. There is no statistics about the membership. The official number of women in the European Women's ministry statistics for the UMC in Estonia is 100 (according to this number we pay our membership fee to the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women).</p>	
Main activities during the year	
<p>05.03.2015 the Women's Day of Prayer (WDP) was celebrated all over Estonia, the theme of the day being: "Do you Know What I have done to You". The prayer texts were prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Bahama. In Tallinn, an ecumenical service was held in Kalju Baptist church, message from pastor Erki Tamm, the ecumenical women's choir sang. The readers of the prayer texts were women from different churches and denominations. The ecumenical services were also held in Pärnu and Tartu.</p> <p>20.-24.05.2015 Pille Mägila was in Finland, Hvittorpis - international seminar on the theme: „In Deeper Waters – Sharing our Traditions“. There were 18 women (Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Finland represented).</p> <p>15.-21.08.2015 European Ecumenical Christian Women Forum's project, Pop-Up Monastery. The first meeting was held in Germany Saksamaal, in Mariensee Monastery. Estonia was represented by the board members of Pop-Up Monastery Women's Ministry, Kristi Toodo and Anneli Tombak, www.efecw.net.</p> <p>In 2015 we planned a joint weekend with Norwegian women, but due to the lack of time it was postponed.</p> <p>The ministry in the Russian speaking churches during 2015: the Russian Women's Ministry team has organized fellowship groups for presentations, group work and prayers.</p>	
Main problems during the year	
<p>There are no major problems - we are happy to see, that the women are actively involved in many different ministries in the church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people are often overloaded because of different responsibilities, - The internet page of the Women's ministry of the UMC in Estonia needs to be updated. 	

Main goals for the coming year

- Our main goals are continuously evangelism, fellowship, training and social care.
- We wish to encourage women in congregations.
- Continuously giving information about the activities of the Women's Ministry in the journal „Koduteel“.
- We organize events involving women from all over Estonia both in the UMC in Estonia as well as on the ecumenical level.
- Look for the opportunities and ways to value, start and encourage the Women's Ministry in the local congregations. We are happy for the active young women.
- We are especially grateful for all the contacts outside Estonia and we try to keep them. We have good friends from Norway, Sweden, Great Britain etc.
- We are grateful for the active ecumenical co-operation.
- We continue the co-operation with European Ecumenical Christian Women's Forum.
- Promising co-operation with the Women's Ministry team of the Estonian Evangelical Alliance (created in 25.11.2014).

Other information

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Youth Ministry

UMC in Estonia	Youth Ministry	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Youth ministry		
Leader	Mareta Elisabeth Nõmme		
Members	Grete Lepa, RiineTiirik, Erkki-Leev Ventsel (until September 2015), Karl Martin Ventsel (since October 2015).		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
<p>In 2015 11 minuted meetings were held, the rest of the procedures were done by e-mail. The Youth ministry organised two youth camps, one in spring and the other one in summer. One of the aims for 2015 was to start visits the youth ministries of the local churches which was achieved for the end of the year. We visited and served together with the local congregations in Reeküla and Viitka. In addition, a wish we have had for long time for the two youth ministries in two different languages to serve together came true. During the Summer Conference the Estonian and Russian speaking young people served together organising the youth evenings. Like in previous years, the youth leaders participated in the GLS Leadership Summit and had a fellowship afterwards in Tallinn Methodist Church. In addition, the Youth ministry had a chance to participate in Räpina and Viitka Bible School, which was very encouraging for our members. Until autumn 2015 the Youth ministry of the UMC in Estonia was represented in the Youth Council of the Estonian Council of Churches (EKN3) by Riine Tiirik. The young people from the UMC in Estonia also participated in one of the events organised by EKN3, the ecumenical youth days in Pilistvere. Representation of the youth ministry of the UMC in Estonia on international level: EMYC and NEECC (Grete Lepa) as well as monthly correspondence with the fellowship congregation in Asbury (Mareta Elisabeth Nõmme).</p>			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Donations	2,280.00		Donation from ArtLink
Foreign donations	3,507.69		Asbury UMC
Other income	810.00		Project for the Estonian Council of Churches, Spring camp
Administration costs		2,411.22	
TOTAL	6,597.69	2,411.22	
Main activities during the year			
<p>We started to determine the vision and mission of the ministry. We met with the team in the end of the year and revisited everything we do on the Methodist church level, ecumenical level and international level. As a result, the following changes were made: we will keep having two youth camps, one of them will be held in spring and the other one, since 2016 will be held in autumn. In summer the Youth ministry of the UMC in Estonia will organise the Bible camp for the young people in cooperation with the Brazilian and Estonian Summer Mission team. As we would like to focus on the development and encourage of the local youth ministries, we decided to step back from EKN3 and are not represented there at the moment. We still keep to serve at the ecumenical youth days organised by EKN3, but we no longer take part in the daily work of the EKN3.</p>			

Main problems during the year

During the year I realised, that it is no longer possible to dedicate to the Youth ministry while working full time in shifts. TOgther with our superintendent we found an alternative solution.

Main goals for the coming year

To continue with the youth camps, training for the youth leaders (to bring them to the Põlev Pirn conference for youth leaders), visits to the local congregations and to keep the connections established between Russian speaking and Estonian young people. Determine the vision and mission of the Youth ministry. Our desire is to inspire the youth with the knowledge from the Bible and therefore we will organise the Bible camp in summer. One of our aims is also training of the team of the Youth ministry and therefore we continue to participate in Rápina and Viitka Bible School.

Other information

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Generation 2

UMC in Estonia	Generation2	report for the Annual Conference	
Year 2015			
Areas of ministry	Russian speaking youth ministry		
Leader	Robert Tšerenkov		
Members	Anton Djurjagin, Eduard Faizullin, Vitali Baranov, Andrei Davõdov, Aleksandra Partina		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
<p>Every Sunday there are 40-50 young people at the youth service in Tallinn. On Saturdays we have MID club for teenagers ages 10-15 and we have 20-25 teenagers participating on average. A total of 57 teens participated during this school year 2015/2016. In our second MID club in Kopli youth center up to 10 teenagers participated. In the fall we started a MID club in the Lighthouse Childrens' Center as well. Some of those kids have come to our youth services. The number of participants in camps: winter camp-30, spring city camp-24 teenagers, summer youth camp-170, childrens camp-75 children, fall city camp 33 teenagers. In Tallinn we have 3 "Good News Clubs" for unchurched children. We also have a "Good News Club" in Rummu and Paldiski. During the 2015/2016 school year 93 children participated in those 5 "Good News clubs." In September we started regular work with teenagers and children in Kunda, where about 20 people gather on Saturdays. In September we started the Year for God program where 6 young people are serving in full-time ministry.</p>			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Donations	11,599.13		
Special donations from abroad	27,226.14		NMA projects
Camp registration fees	16,979.50		total of 5 camps
Year for God project	17,765.02		
Bank intress	2.91		
Salary and taxes		28,888.18	
Camp costs		20,312.25	5 camps
Year for God project costs		9,433.23	
Office costs		1,439.50	
Transportation costs		689.25	
Events		3,068.63	
Other expences		765.18	
Total:	73,572.70	64,596.22	

Main activities during the year

1. In 2015 we started the Year for God program with 6 young people dedicating a year to full-time ministry. They study at the Methodist Theological Seminary and do full time church work alongside the pastors. They have contributed a lot to the development of our children's and youth work and this program has given us the opportunity to spread to other locations like Kunda, the Lighthouse Childrens' Center and to serve in Rummu and Paldiski. They also have served in different rehab centers and have been on a mission trip to Lithuania. 2. We are grateful to God to have a Media Manager working for us. He has worked on our websites, and thanks to his efforts, our following on social networks is growing, and the number of videos and publications is growing. 3. In 2015 the number of youth small groups grew from two to four. 4. We participate in the international youth movement "New Generation" that encourages school and university students to pray and reach their classmates with the Gospel. During Christmas our youth distributed 400 Christmas presents with the Christian message to their classmates.

Main problems during the year

We are thankful to God that He has helped us through all our difficulties. One of the main problems is that there are never enough workers to do what we want to do. Last year we also had some difficulties covering all our camp costs, but with God's help we got it resolved by the end of August.

Main goals for the coming year

This year we plan to do a separate camp for teenagers, so there will be total of 3 camps in the summer (youth, teenagers and children). We would like to continue with the Year for God program. We desire grow in all areas of our ministry. Please keep us in your prayers, because children and youth are the future of our churches and Estonia!

Other information

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Foreign Mission

UMC in Estonia Foreign Mission report for the Annual Conference			
Year		2015	
Areas of ministry	Foreign mission		
Leader	Mark Nelson		
Members	Kaupo Kant, Sirly Lahi, Laur Lilleoja Galina Kravtchuk, Andrus Kask		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
Estonian Methodists supported foreign mission work in the following areas: Finno-Ugric, especially the Khanty, Lithuania, Ethiopia and among refugees who have arrived in Estonia. Donations were received from 14 Estonian Methodist congregations and 5 individuals. Mission committee meetings were held electronically, with three protocolled meetings held during 2015.			
Financial report			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Donations	4,441.50		
Foreign donations	0.00		
Travel expenses		480.38	
Donations to Estonian Evangelical Alliance		2,140.00	(Finno-Ugric mission)
Donations to EEVL Haapsalu congregation		535.77	(Khanty mission)
Donation to Rakvere UMC		150.00	(refugee mission)
Office expenses		125.14	
TOTAL	4,441.50	3,431.29	
Balance as of 1. January 2015		1371.93	
Balance as of 31. December 2015		2382.14	
Costs by item			
Khanty mission - church planting project (EEA)		1200.00	
Khanty church tipi project (EEA)		500.00	
Andrus Kask - January 2015 mission trip to the Khanty (EEA)		240.00	
General Finno-Ugric summer mission team support (EEA)		200.00	
Andrus Kask's July 2015 mission trip to Khanty-mansisk (travel)		181.00	
Trip to the ECOM meeting, Mark Nelson (travel)		194.11	
Ljudmilla Voltshihina memorial mission grant: Joonas Jõesaar mission trip to the Khanty (travel)		105.27	
Signe Liivak's mission work to the Khanty (EEVLHaapsalu		535.77	

congregation)			
Christmas party for refugees (Rakvere UMC)		150.00	
Refund to Logos for unsold Mission calendars (office)		59.30	
EEA missions committee membership fee (office)		38.00	
Mission advertising material (office)		27.84	
	Total:	3431.29	

Main activities during the year

Our appointed missionary, Andrus Kask, continues to serve in Lithuania, planting a Methodist congregation in Vilnius. The work continues to develop, with the new congregation opening its own bank account and taking over responsibility for its financial activity during 2015. Andrus was encouraged by a group from Võru congregation which visited in November 2015. Andrus also continues his work among the Khanty, making two trips, in January and July to provide pastoral support and encouragement in their village church planting work. Mark Nelson (Tallinn UMC) and Kaupo Kant (Võru UMC) went to the Khanty region in August 2015 to participate in the Finno-Ugric Mission & Bible School. Kaupo Kant travelled on from there to visit and encourage our Udmurt partners who are struggling through a difficult situation. Our Methodist missions committee also agreed to start providing regular support to Signe Liivak who started full time missionary work among the Khanty. Signe is an EEVL Haapsalu congregation member and has been an important part of Estonia's mission to the Khanty since 2005. Encouraging outreach to refugees who arrive in Estonia has become an issue and we are pleased to support the initiative of Rakvere Christians in developing contacts with the people in the Vao facility. Estonian Methodists have also continued to support the work of NGO Damota in supporting education and maternity medical care in Ethiopia.

Main problems during the year

Lack of time, people having too many other responsibilities have made it hard to get the missions committee together to meet or to do our best to encourage involvement in foreign missions. Pray that God would raise up workers with the desire and the time necessary to help this work develop. Directly financially supporting the Ethiopian mission work continues to be impossible because the NGO Damota has not yet completed the necessary steps to qualify with the Ministry of Finance to be eligible to receive tax free donations. We have encourage them to complete this as soon as possible.

Main goals for the coming year

The Mission committee hopes to continue encouraging Methodist congregations to support mission work through articles in Koduteel and the sharing of prayer requests. We will continue to support the church planting work among the Khanty in Muzhi village and the larger Finno-Ugric mission work together with the Evangelical Alliance. We will continue to encourage involvement in supporting the Ethiopian school and maternity clinic projects. However, without new people on the committee who have the time and dedication to focus on this work, it is impossible to do more than try to sustain the current projects.

Other information

More information on Estonian foreign missionary work can be found on the web pages: www.misjon.ee (eccumenical missions portal), www.hoimurahvad.misjon.ee (Finno-Ugric mission homepage) and www.etioopia.ee (NGO Damota).

Children Ministry

UMC in Estonia	Children Ministry	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Children ministry		
Leader	Egle Hollman		
Members	Ele Paju, Külli Kuusemaa		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
	Directly, Sunday Schools, evangelical events, teachers	Indirectly (through magazines (Päikesekiir, interactive lessons), internet, radio, congregations	Ethiopia (at least)
Men	50	100	
Women	50	250	100
Youth (young people)	50	50	
Children	500	1000	108 (100 hats + 8 education)
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Donations			
Participation fees	886.00		
Other income			
Transportation costs			
Administration costs		1,344.92	Catering, gifts, transportation
Rental fees		390.00	Rental fees
Financial costs			
Other costs		0.76	Bank service fees
TOTAL	886.00	1,735.68	

Main activities during the year

1) WORK IN ESTONIA

EVENTS:

I organized with the UMC Children's Board following national events:

- 1) Practical consultation for Sunday school teachers (28.03.2015 in Rakvere)
- 2) Children's day RÕÕMURALLI (Rally of Joy) 06.06.2015 in Pärnu
- 3) Children's program in EMK Suvekonverents (UMC Summer Conference) - 06.08 -09.08.2015
- 4) Great days for children - mission from children to children in Ruusmäe (11.08-13.08.2015 in South-Estonia)
- 5) Children's workers retraining (Emotional intelligence - Meeli Tankler) - 22.11.2015 in Tallinn

We also started to put together Sunday School curriculum. The plan is to write 6 year curriculum 3 (preschool) + 3 (schoolage). So we continue with that.

PRACTICAL HELP

Sunday School teachers:

- 1) Our board has offered to our Sunday Schools possibility, that if they need coworkers, we will help them out.
- 2) Also, they have opportunity to ask from our board for supportive Sunday School teacher to mentor and help them during their first year, they like to start with a Sunday School.

2) MISSION

MISSION IN ESTONIA

- 1) In event - Great days for children - our 6 active Sunday School children organized full program for local kids in Ruusmäe.

MISSION ABROAD

- 1) UMC Sunday Schools carry on the project Damota - 8 Sunday Schools all over the Estonia support Ethiopian children's education.
- 2) Project "Life hats for Ethiopian babies" continues. Children and teachers sent about 100 baby hats to Ethiopia.

3) WORKING WITH PARTNERS

We were coworkers in

- 1) Children's ecumenical magazine Päikesekiir 4 numbers (5-6 pages each)
- 2) Estonian UMC magazine Koduteel - 4 numbers (5-6 children pages each)
- 3) Ecumenical project - interactive Sunday School lessons about Estonian missionaries in foreign countries

We made in 2015 - February, September and October.

<http://lastemisjon.ee/lastetunnid/misjonitunnid/2015-2/2-kes-sa-oled-taevas/>

<http://lastemisjon.ee/lastetunnid/misjonitunnid/2015-2/8-ara-saada-meid-kiusatusse/>

<http://lastemisjon.ee/lastetunnid/misjonitunnid/2015-2/9-paasta-meid-ara-kurjast/>

Web- page

We have facebook webpage for our children

<https://www.facebook.com/EestiMetodistiKirikuLastetoo>

Main problems during the year

We may say that all our events succeeded, coworkers were enthusiastic and willing to help in different ways, we got lot of positive feedback. Still it is challenging to start Sunday School work in places where it doesn't exist at the moment and they do not have people who would be the new potential Sunday School teachers and continue the beginning we may offer.

Main goals for the coming year

1) Sunday school teachers retraining

a) to start a half year program for young people who are going to be new Sunday School and Youth leaders. The group will meet once a month for lectures and practical activities. In between all group members get counselling from their mentors and have to read one Christian book which is discussed together in the next meeting.

b) to continue with two Sunday School teachers retraining days per year

c) to offer henceforward help with our board to Sunday Schools to help them starting new groups and support old ones.

c) To offer basic course "Sunday School teacher's ABC" to every congregation who has new potential people who want to be new Sunday School teachers or helpers.

2) Events for Sunday school children

a) to continue with RÕÕMURALLI (Rally of Joy) and Great days for children - mission from children to children

b) to continue with Children's ecumenical magazine Päikesekiir, Estonian UMC magazine Koduteel and Ecumenical project - interactive Sunday School lessons

And to reach to the local children through different church events and draw local children and church together.

3) a) to continue writing Sunday School curriculum.

Other information

We had 7 board meetings.

Education and Inland Mission

Estonian UMC	Education and Inland Mission	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Education, spiritual development, discipleship and inland mission		
Leader	Thea Kant		
Members	Lii Lilleoja, Tarmo Lilleoja, Meeli Tankler, Maire Latvala, Jana Tamm, Livia Telles, Kaupo Kant, Thea Kant, Taavet Taimla, Merlin Metsla		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
<p>In February 2015 a round table for different ministries was held focussing on vision and cooperation. There were no regular meetings. Two working groups were working: Summer Conference vision team and Aldersgate community. Bigger events were: 6-9.08.2015 the XI Summer Conference of the UMC in Estonia, one of the events with the biggest number of participants. Seminars of Aldersgate renewal ministry were held in R�pina, V�ru, P�rnu and Tallinna Methodist churches and the Aldersgate team also organised the prayer ministry during the Annual Conference of the UMC in Estonia, during the Summer Conference and the Congregational Development School. Some of the Aldersgate members participated in the the seminars in England.</p>			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Income from business activity	362.05		202,05 Celebrate Recovery, 160 Discipleship
Foreign donations	5,907.54		3500 FMIE, 2407,54 SC
Participation fees	4,669.03		Summer Conference
Other income	240.00		for 2016 Summer Conference
Staff costs		2,107.21	
Transportation costs		0.00	
Other costs		8,346.70	7613,61 SC, 733,09 Ald
TOTAL	11,178.62	10,453.91	
Main activities during the year			
<p>The Summer Conference of the UMC in Estonia, 6-9.08, broadening of the Aldersgate ministry. People saved and their lives changed. Inner and physical healings.</p>			
Main goals for the coming year			
<p>Finding a new leader for the ministry and restarting the team. Organising the Summer Conference of the UMC in Estonia, continuing and developing the Aldersgate movement.</p>			
Other information			
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Koduteel

UMC in Estonia	"Koduteel"	report for the Annual Conference	
Year	2015		
Areas of ministry	Publishing the journal		
Leader	Kärt Jänes-Kapp (alates septembrist info: Taimi Pärna)		
Members	Panel: Anneli Klausson, Tarmo Lilleoja, Toomas Pajusoo, Priit Gregorios Tamm (until September 2015). Layout: Taimi Pärna; Facebook: Andres Kapp; web: Rein Laaneser and Peeter Rahuvarm.		
Statistics characterising the ministry			
4 issues in 2015 (numbered as 116-119) Volume 2015: 20+20+20+20= 80 pages of texts and pictures, the last 2 issues printed in 4 colours. Print-run 2015: 200+200+230+200=830 copies Price of ordering 2015: 10 euros (friend order 15€) Number of orders 2015: 150; friends on Facebook: 257 (May 31, 2015; https://www.facebook.com/emk.koduteel)			
Financial overview			
	Income	Costs	Remarks
Income from business activity	1,029.95		Orders and sales
Donations	695.00		
Other income	1,848.92		Estonian Council of Churches 500, 1348,92 GBGM
Administration costs		2,413.09	Layout (704), printing and paper (1425,96), postage services from Eesti Post (282,37) bank fees (0,76)
Financial costs			
TOTAL	3,573.87	2,413.09	
Main activities during the year			
Continuing reflection of the life of the UMC in Estonia. Thanks to Kärt Jänes-Kapp, who helped to publish the journal while fighting with a serious illness. Kärt also found the new printer, who prints the journal in 4 colours. Thanks to Sirly Lahi, who helped Kärt in editing the September issue and thanks to the whole panel and the superintendent Taavi Hollman, who have made it possible to continue the publishing of the journal. Thanks to Tarmo Lilleoja (for editing the Christmas issue) and Inna Väljale (for participation and linguistic assistance). Continuing thanks to Egle Hollman, who takes care of the kids pages. Great thanks for the long term panel member Priit Tamm. Friends of the journal (Helvi Kruusmann etc) have helped to gather donations for publishing the journal through the cafes in the UMC in Tallinn.			
Main problems during the year			
Illness and passing away of the long term editor of the journal. Problems related to this, decisions about continuing the publishing.			

Main goals for the coming year

To continue publishing of the journal in the current quality. Engage new writers from different congregations. Continue to look for the editor in chief for the journal.

Other information

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Chaplain ministry in the Estonian Army

UMC in Estonia	Chaplain Ministry in the Estonian Army	report for the Annual Conference
Year	2015	
Areas of ministry	Estonian Defence Forces	
Members	Major Raivo Nikiforov, Captain Jana Laaneser	
Statistics characterising the ministry		
<p>Jana Laaneser: confirmation courses, lectures on ethics, counseling, prayer services, sermons on state holidays and ceremonies, organising different events, co-ordinating visits to the air base. Raivo Nikiforov - hosting country's contact person in the matters of religion, counseling, prayer services and benedictions on state holidays and ceremonies..</p>		
Main activities during the year		
<p>Jana Laaneser: Two graduates of the confirmation courses were baptized and became members of the UMC in Kärsa. 8 prayer services held and services held in the base, 3 English worship services on the exchange ceremonies of the Air Policing missions, benediction of the Tõika radar station, participating in the Defence Forces training Hedgehog and in the training of the cooperation of the Baltic chaplains. Raivo Nikiforov - Contact person in the UK for the injured soldiers</p>		
Main problems during the year		
<p>Jana Laaneser: few participants in the confirmation courses, still no response about building the chapel in Ämari.</p>		
Main goals for the coming year		
<p>Jana Laaneser: new confirmation courses and Bible studies starting in the autumn, Christmas service in Ämari together with the Germans. Formation of the Air Force choir in the autumn, lectures on ethics in the subdivisions, and other events, ceremonies and worship services.</p>		
Other information		
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Chaplain ministry in Estonian Prisons

UMC in Estonia	Chaplain Ministry in the Estonian prisons	report for the Annual Conference
Year	2015	
Areas of ministry	Chaplain ministry in Tartu Prison	
Leader	Olavi Ilumets, senior chaplain	
Members		
Statistics characterising the ministry		
<p>Worship services: a) Russian services 21, approximate number of participants 55-65 prisoners; includes 8 services with the Holy Communion, number of participants 12</p> <p>b) Estonian services 28, approximate number of participants 60-70 prisoners; includes 9 services with the Holy Communion, number of participants 16</p> <p>c) church holiday services, number of participants up to 90 (Christmas service)</p> <p>Bible studies: 34, number of participantst - 20 prisoners</p>		
Main activities during the year		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social programme for the addicts 2. Christian word of greetings in the high school of the prison in the beginning and in the end of the school term. Christmas service for the high school students in the prison chapel. 3. Organising the concerts and evangelical services for the prisoners. 4. In 2015 2 students (1 from the Theological Institute and 1 from the University of Tartu) had their 3-months practice in the prison. I was their supervisor. 5. Participation in the different training programmes on counselling (forwarding the death notice, counselling the prisoners with psychic special needs), training events (as a negotiater in the hostage crisis) 6. Supervision of the volunteers from different religions and denominations (Islam, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptism, Catholic) 7. Communication and lengthy meetings with the family members of the prisoners both in their homes and in prison. 8. Was a member of the prisons' value judgement working group. Carried out different seminars. 9. Carried out 425 counselling meetings during the year. 10. Participation in the different round tables, conferences on people going out from prisons, security, counselling. 11. Until September serving in the Saint Luke UMC in Tartu as much as possible. 		

Proposals to the Annual Conference of the UMC in Estonia

Land owned by the Tapa congregation of the UMC in Estonia

Tapa congregation of the UMC in Estonia asks permission to sell its land in Tapa, Jaani street 37, with the total area of 1717 m². The land is situated in the 1 km distance from the church building in the border area of Tapa.

There is no building on the land, it has been used as farmland by the members of the congregation. Last years the land has not been used and the members are not interested to take care of the land. The neighbour, however, has been interested for some years already to buy the land. The Annual Conference Board supports the decision to sell the land.

Participants

DELEGATES		
Local Church	Clergy delegates	Lay delegates
Bishop	Christian Alsted	
superintendent	Taavi Hollman	
Annual Conference Board		Urmas Sassian
		Meeli Tankler
		Marjana Luist
Tallinn	Toomas Pajusoo	Tarmo Lilleoja
	Joel Aulis	Urmas Jäe
	Aleksander Fjodorov	Roman Radomski
	Robert Tšerenkov	Vitali Baranov
Sakussaare	Hans Lahi	Gert Kalgre
Tapa	Joel Rang	Kristina Lepik
Rakvere		Imbi Herm
Kunda	Andrei Spiridenko	Margarita Serputko
Aseri	Dmitri Semjonov	Ljudmila Berezina
Kohtla Järve	Sergei Sutškov	Valentina Bagmet
Jõhvi	Artur Pöld	Valentina Pöld
Helsinki		Andrei Hinkonen
Jõhvi Petlemm		Triin Tarendi
Sillamäe	Vladimir Beregovoi	Sergei Lis
Narva	Erkki Sepp	Elena Simankova
Tartu	Priit Tamm	Jaak Ristioja
Kärssa	Rein Laaneser	Egle Tiik
Räpina	Ele Paju	Jaan Lodi
Võru	Kaupo Kant	Tanel Kuusik
Viitka		Hannes Tasso
Ruusmäe	Enno Sarik	Leelo Sarik
Paide		Rita Nahkur
Pärnu	Tõnu Kuusemaa	Johanna-Margret Ojaots
	Ardi Leerima	Küllil Pilv
Kuressaare	Rando Metsamaa	Heli Tammemaa
Reeküla	Heino Seppel	Riine Tiirik
Haapsalu	Urmas Rahuvarm	Rauno Ojassoo
Keila	Mihhail Batshinski	Maksim Muromskii
Paldiski	Boriss Zujev	Ruth Zujev
Tallinna Uue Alguse	Stanislav Ossipov	Jakov Istshenko

Retired pastors	Olav Pärnamets	
	Georgi Lanberg	
	Peeter Piirisild	
	Rudolf Siirak	
	Uno Külviste	
	Viktor Batov	
	Juri Tšerenkov	
Chaplains	Raivo Nikiforov	
	Maksim Kiiranen	
	Olavi Ilumets	
	Jana Laaneser	
	Johannes Kakko	
Deacons	Mark Nelson	
GBGM	Üllas Tankler	
Ministries	Maire Latvala	Mareta Nõmme
		Küllil Kuusemaa
Committee of ordained ministers		Inna Välja
Candidates for ordination:		
elders	Jarl Shapovalov	
deacons	Sirly Lahi	
Auditing Committee		Matti Hollman

Guests

Women's ministry		Pille Mägila
Education and Inland Mission		Thea Kant
Children Centre Lighthouse		Veronika Fjodorova
„Koduteel“		Taimi Pärna
		Douglas Childress
		Eddie Fox
		J D Landis
		Küllil Tõniste
		Mary Ann Smith
		Mary Nell Fox
		Raissa Beregavaja
		Tatjana Lis
		Urve Pärnamets