



Minutes for the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting

Sunday 11th May 2025

1. The meeting was opened at 11.45am

Kokouksen avaus klo 11.45

2. Attendance and Apologies

Läsnäolijoiden toteaminen

Attendees (22): James Donaldson, Humphrey Kalanje, The Rev'd Isaac Ohaju, Joel Johnson, Jayawin Jayapal, Erik Riekkö, Sarah Tahvanainen, Paul Graves, Anja Haltia, Dickson Kipkoech, Rujla Gill, Reg Kennedy, Christine Mattila, Paul Koech, Brian Kipngetch Sharon Jemurgo, Jackson Kiptoin, Daniel Andrews, Lydia Evangeline, Jane Johnson, Caroline Donaldson, Shawn Alliu

Apologies: Jane Mayhew-Smith

3. Appointment of meeting officials

Pöytäkirjan tarkastajien valinta. Valittiin seuraavat henkilöt.

James Donaldson was appointed as Chair.

Sarah Tahvanainen was appointed as secretary.

Paul Graves and Joel Johnson were appointed to check the minutes of the meeting.

4. Adoption of minutes from the 2024 ACM

Edellisen yleisen kokouksen pöytäkirjan merkintä tiedoksi. Merkittiin.

Paul Graves proposed that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Christine Mattila. The minutes were carried with no objections or amendments.

5. Financial Report 2024 and Annual Report 2024 were distributed

2024 Vuosikertomus sekä tilintarkastajan lausunto. Vuosikertomus talousliitteineen hyväksyttiin.

6. Approval of Auditor's Statement and the Church Accounts from the fiscal year 2024

Tilinpäätöksen hyväksyminen vuodelta 2024. Hyväksyttiin.

The motion was carried without objection.

7. Discharging the Council from the liability for the Chaplaincy Accounts from the period 1.1.2024-31.12.2024

Vastuuvapauden myöntäminen kirkkoneuvostolle tilikaudelta 1.1.2024-31.12.2024.

Myönnettiin.

Christine Mattila proposed, and Joel Johnson seconded, the motion -which was carried without objection.

8. Confirmation of Electoral Roll

To take note that there are 65 names on the Electoral Roll as of 11th May 2025

- 45 – Helsinki
- 4 – Espoo
- 13 – Urdu congregation
- 3 – Turku
- 38 - Tampere

9. Election of Church Officials

- Joel Johnson was elected in as a Council member and Rujla Gill elected as a Deanery Synod Representative.
- Jane Mayhew-Smith and Paul Graves continue as elected Council members, as well as elected Churchwardens James Donaldson and Humphrey Kalanje. They are joined on council by the licensed clergy.
- The Rev'd Maria Obafemi-Onuigbo has been appointed as the new Chaplain. Her licensing service will be on August 10th 2025 in Mikael Agricolan kirkko.

10. To take note of the Budget for 2025

James Donaldson presented the draft budget. The financial position of the Chaplaincy is not strong and the church is living well beyond its means. Current income is not sufficient to cover salaries of personnel and ordinary operations. Investment funds are being used to cover the large deficit and this is not sustainable, as highlighted at last year's ACM. Action is needed and the Council are developing a strategy of cost cutting and fundraising to develop with the new Chaplain.

James emphasised the importance of being open with the Church community and the need for more sacrificial giving.

Humphrey Kalanje noted the need for financial advice, especially given the global situation.

11. St Nicholas Foundation

Managing Director Christine Mattila presented the Annual Financial Report and budget. The Foundation has had investments since 2019, using the accrued interest to support the Anglican mission in Finland.

Previously the foundation has supported St Nicholas' Choir and translations of Anglican rites into Finnish. The Foundation wishes to broaden their support, and in 2025 funds have been allocated to St Nicholas Sunday School, to Fr Isaac Ohaju's ministry in Espoo, and to the White Nile congregation for their youth conference.

Last year it was decided to move funds from S-Pankki (formerly Handelsbanken) to Nordea to better support the English-speaking congregation. Funds were moved in Spring 2025 and will be reinvested when markets have stabilised.

Christine Mattila will undertake book-keeping going forward, saving on administrative costs. Going forward, St Nicholas Foundation expects to be able to grant a total of 5,000€ annually to be shared among different causes.

James Donaldson thanked Christine Mattila for her hard work.

Closing Prayer was said at 12.20.