



## Swedish Lutheran Church in Toronto

Minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting March 23, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

(St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church and Zoom)

### 1. **Calling the Meeting to Order and Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. She welcomed the congregation members and thanked them for attending today, both those present in person and those attending via Zoom.

Pastor Maria blessed the proceedings.

### **Election of Chair and Secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)**

Linda Kukk nominated Claes Holmquist to Chair the ACM.

Linda Kukk nominated Helena Lam as Secretary for the ACM.

Further nominations were invited from the floor. There were none.

**MOTION:** By Linda Kukk, seconded by Arja Maria Lindfors that Claes Holmquist serve as Chair and Helena Lam serve as Secretary for the ACM. Vote: all in favour.

Claes Holmquist assumed the Chair for the ACM.

### 2. **Explanation of Process for Hybrid Meeting**

Pastor Maria explained the process for the hybrid meeting. Voting will be by show of hands.

### 3. **Appointment of Certifiers**

Linda Kukk and Lilian Junkin were appointed to certify today's minutes, together with the Chair.

### 4. **Declaration that the Meeting has been properly called and that quorum has been established**

The Chair declared the meeting properly called by advertisement in the weekly newsletter and from the pulpit since February 2025.

NOTE: According to the Constitution, the total number of voting members present must not be less than three (3) times the number of voting Council members present.

***Ratio: Non-Council: Council 2:1***

A count showed 29 Congregation members present, 10 of whom being Council members. In order to establish the required 2:1 ration, Council member Anne-Marie Johansson relinquished her voting rights for this meeting, and the Chair then declared a quorum established.

**5. Confirmation of the agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was accepted as presented.

**6. Follow up questions from minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of March 24, 2024**

There were none.

**7. Reports for the Activity Year 2024**

**a) Chair Solveig Lalla Attachment #1**

After many years, we finally have stability with the church rental agreement and a 5-year agreement with SKUT. We can now plan for the future. Thank you Claes for all the work with SKUT. We have enjoyed church services on a regular basis, as well as Swedish traditions with “fika”, pilgrim walks, church bazaars and café on Wednesdays. In April, we will have Nordic service, and we will celebrate midsummer at the Danish Church.

We had 10 regular meetings, 3 extra ordinary executive meetings. We have a good collaboration with Saint Augustin of Canterbury (SAC). We have had services together with SAC. We served “semlor” and SAC served pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We have been working together with SWEA and the Swedish School of Toronto. It has worked well, even if we have been at different premises. Our congregation depends on our volunteers. Thank you Birka, although the craft projects have been put on hold. Thank you Claes for logistics and practical work. Thank you Linda and Fräs for doing the church volunteering. Thank you Lilian for the layman led services. Thank you Emma, who has led the Lucia choir for 26 years. Thank you TSFS for the singing and dancing. Thank you to all congregation members and the confidence you have shown during this past year.

**b) Treasurer Anne-Marie Johansson Attachment #2**

The treasurer presented the Balance statement for the year 2024. She reported a positive net result of \$24,932.27. Our assets as of December 31, 2024 were \$305,237.48 kept in a combination of interest bearing accounts and GICs.

**MOTION:** By Erik Wiersma, seconded by Phil Sheppard that the reports be received.  
Vote: all in favour.

**8. Auditor's Report Attachment #3**

The report from the Auditor, Michael Grammer, was presented. The Auditor noted in his report that no material discrepancies were found.

**MOTION:** By Christina Keighren, seconded by Lilian Junkin that the Auditor's report be received. Vote: all in favor.

**9. Approval of the Actions of The Church Council for the year 2024**

**MOTION:** By Phil Sheppard, seconded by Lou Tsilkas that the actions of the Church Council for the year 2024, be approved. Vote: all in favor.

**10. Election of Chair of the Congregation**

The Chair asked the Nominating committee for their recommendation for Chair of the Congregation. Linda Kukk spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee consisting of Linda Kukk and Erik Wiersma.

The Nominating Committee recommended Helena Lam as Chair.

The Chair then invited further nominations from the floor and from participants over Zoom. There was none.

**MOTION:** By Christina Keighren, seconded by Fras Byhno that Helena Lam be elected Chair of the Congregation for the one-year term until the AGM 2026. Vote: all in favor

**11. Election of Council Members**

The Nominating Committee recommended the following candidates for members of Council:

Ulla Simonassi	1 year term until AGM 2026
Magnus Hjerpe	1 year term until AGM 2026
Lena Glaes-Coutts	2 year term until AGM 2027
Marie Agay	3 year term until AGM 2028
Solveig Lalla	1 year term until AGM 2026

The Chair then invited further nominations from the floor and from participants over Zoom. There were none.

**MOTION:** By Arja Maria Lindfors, seconded by Caroline Tsilkas that the Nominating Committee's slate of recommended Council members be approved. Vote: all in favour.

**12. Election of Auditor and Assistant Auditor for the fiscal year 2025**

The Nominating Committee recommended Michael Grammer as Auditor. He has indicated his willingness to continue for the fiscal year 2025.

The Election Chair asked the Congregation if anyone not from Council would be interested as Assistant Auditor. There were none.

**MOTION:** By Erik Wiersma, seconded by Solveig Lalla that Michael Grammer be appointed Auditor for the fiscal year 2025. Vote: all in favour.

**13. Election of Nominating Committee for the AGM 2026**

The Chair thanked the Nominating Committee, Linda Kukk and Erik Wiersma, as they had done a wonderful job. The Chair asked for nominations to serve for the AGM 2026. There should be representation from the Congregation and the Council in a 2:1 ratio. Linda and Erik indicated willingness to continue and Lena Glaes-Coutts volunteered to be the Council representative.

**MOTION:** By Lilian Junkin, seconded by Caroline Tsilkas that Linda Kukk, Erik Wiersma and Lena Glaes-Coutts be elected as Nominating Committee for the AGM 2026. Vote: all in favor.

**14. Approval of Budget for 2025 Attachment #4**

The budget for 2025 was presented. For the fiscal year 2025, we will receive a total of \$204,000 CAD from SKUT to be paid out in three instalments (January, May, September 2024). This amount is to cover operating expenses for our church, rent for the parsonage, costs for the pastor's salary and travelling expenses for the Mobile Ministry for North America.

There is a projected deficit of \$22,800.00. While this is manageable in the short-term, we must look for additional fundraising opportunities.

**MOTION:** By Phil Sheppard, seconded by Lou Tsilkas that the budget for 2025 be approved. Vote: all in favour.

**15. Other Business**

Pastor Maria took over the floor. She said that a church would be nothing without its members. They carry the congregation. She thanked the congregation for everything they do.

Pastor Maria informed that the following two Church Council members are resigning from the Council; Linda Kukk and Birgitta Baum. Linda will continue to volunteer as a church host. Pastor Maria expressed her gratitude and thanked them for their service on behalf of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Toronto.

Pastor Maria called Anne-Marie Johansson to come forward. Pastor Maria informed that Anne-Marie has been the Treasurer for 42 years. She is now resigning as Treasurer, but fortunately, for the church, we will still have her experience on the Council. Pastor Maria thanked Anne-Marie for her service.

Pastor Maria called Solveig Lalla to come forward. Pastor Maria informed that Solveig has served as Council Chair since 2013. Solveig will stay in the Church Council with her valuable experience and expertise. Pastor Maria thanked Solveig for her contributions and service.

**16. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked the participants for their contributions, and on a **MOTION** from Caroline Tsilkas the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm. (no vote required)



Chair  
Claes Holmquist



Certifying Member  
Lilian Junkin



Certifying member  
Linda Kukk

# Svenska Kyrkan I Toronto

## Ordförandens Rapport till Kyrkostämman den 23 mars 2025

Efter många år med mycket osäkerhet har Svenska Kyrkan i Toronto äntligen fått lite stabilitet. Pastor Maria är kvar och ger fantastiskt stöd till församlingen, hyresavtalet med St. Augustine of Canterbury varar fram till hösten 2028 och vi har nu skrivit under ett 5 års Samverkansavtal med SKUT. Nu kan vi våga planera för framtiden och det känns skönt. Vi måste ge ett stort TACK till Claes som har lobbat SKUT igenom alla år och utan honom skulle vi inte nått fram till målet.

Under det gångna året har vi haft regelbundna gudstjänster och har fortsatt med församlingens verksamhet och firat svenska traditioner: Kyrkans högtider och events har varit välbesökta och folk har engagerat sig på basarer, konserter, pilgrimsvandringar, gudstjänster och kyrkfika. Vi började också med café på onsdagar. April 2024 var det Nordisk gudstjänst i Danska Kyrkan, var vi även fick fira en underbar Midsommarfest. Vi får hyra Danska Kyrkan i år igen och vi ser verkligen fram till 21 juni...boka datum NU!!

Kyrkorådet har under året haft tio ordinarie möten. Styrelsen i KR hade tre extra möten.

Samarbetet med St. Augustine of Canterbury (SAC) fortsätter att gå jättebra. På Fettisdagen serverade Svenska Kyrkan semlor och SAC serverade "pancake dinner". Vi har haft gemensamma gudstjänster på Skärtorsdagen, Långfredagen och Pingst och vi ser fram till många fler möjligheter att samarbeta.

Samarbetet mellan SWEA Toronto och kyrkan fortsätter att gå mycket bra. Kyrkan hade ett info bord på Julmarknaden i november. Vi försöker också samarbeta med Svenska skolan, även om vi nu är på olika lokaler.

Vår församling är i högsta grad beroende av volontärer och frivilligarbete. Tack till alla som ger av sin tid och stöder vår verksamhet. Stort TACK till:

- Birkagruppen som pysslar och ordnar basarer/middagar; Anne-Marie, Birgitta, Arja-Maria, Caroline
- Claes som tar hand om logistik och allt praktiskt...också smarriga bakverk
- Linda och Fras som ser till att allt funkar med kyrkvärdar
- Lilian Nygren-Junkin som tar hand om lekmanaledda gudstjänster
- Emma Eriksson, som har haft hand om Luciakören i 26 år!
- Toronto Swedish Folkdancers & Singers för stöd till vår verksamhet och deltagande i gudstjänster

Till slut vill jag tacka alla församlingsmedlemmar för deras hjälp och för det förtroende ni har visat mig och kyrkorådet under det gångna året.

Solveig Lalla

Treasurer Anne-Marie Johansson

Rapport för Activity 2024.

Please find enclosed Balance sheet for the year 2024 showing  
Income of \$266,102.47 plus \$1,345.81 for ham – Total \$267,448.28.  
Expenses \$242,516.01.  
Resulting in positive net result of \$24,932.27.

The income included operating Grant from the Swedish Church abroad  
Total \$199,902.50.

Total Asset as of December 31, 2024 as of December 31, 2024 \$305,334.98.

The funds are kept in a combination of interest bearing and Guaranteed  
Investments (GIC) plus Inventory.

## Swedish Lutheran Church

### Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2024

31-Dec-24

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing / Savings	
1010 - TD Canada Trust Chequing A/C	122,178.71
1015 - TD Canada Trust Mobile Ministr	3,824.67
1020 - RBC Royal Bank Savings Account	1,090.49
1025 - Business investor Account	21,301.82
1040 - Tangerine Business Savings A/C	<u>140.75</u>
Total Chequing / Savings	148,536.44
Other Current Assets	
1320 - Investments	<u>153,311.51</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>153,311.51</u>
Total Current Assets	301,847.95
Other Assets	
1300 - Other Current Assets	
1300 - Other current Assets - Other	<u>313.30</u>
Total 1300 - Other current Assets	313.30
1325 - Inventory (varulager)	<u>3,076.23</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>3,389.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>305,237.48</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
2310 - Employment Insurance - Payable	863.74
2320 - Canada Pension Plan - Payable	473.03
2330 - Income Tax Payable	3,475.15
2340 - ELCIC Pension	<u>825.37</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,637.29</u>
Total Liabilities	5,637.29
Equity	
3100 - Bank Accounts	14,464.64
3200 - Investments - GIC	57,949.47
3210 - Inventory & A/C Receivable	133,633.62
3560 - Retained Earnings	64,432.25
Net Income	<u>29,120.21</u>
Total Equity	<u>299,600.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>305,237.48</u></u>

**Swedish Lutheran Church**  
**Income Statement**  
January through December 2024

Jan - Dec 24

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - Verksamhetsbidr/Grants	
4021 - Verksamhetsbidrag-Svenska kyrkan	<u>199,902.50</u>
 Total 4000 - Verksamhetsbir/Grants	 199,902.50
 4025 - Donation / Income	
4040 - Donations- Corp & Organizations	8,000.00
4050 - Donations- By mail	10,994.16
4051 - Donations-PAR	11,940.00
4052 - Donations - Fundraising	6,020.00
4060 - Collection - Envelopes	6,705.00
4070 - Collection - Loose	<u>2,815.70</u>
 Total 4025 - Donation / Income	 46,474.86
 4100 - Other Income	
4110 - Coffee	1,940.64
4120 - Meals - Påsklunch etc.	2,676.76
4140 - Bazaars etc.	10,488.82
4155 - Fees (i.e. Weddings etc.)	200.00
4160 - Kyrkonytt - Advertising	<u>1,720.00</u>
 Total 4100 - Other Income	 17,026.22
 4200 - Interest Income	
4250 - Interest GIC	6,880.47
4260 - Interest - Savings/Chequing	<u>6.36</u>
 Total 4200 - Interest income	 <u>6,886.83</u>
 Total Income	 270,290.41
 Expense	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-2,042.71
5000 - Office expenses	
5010 - Bank charges	608.89
5020 - Church/ Office expenses	3,219.92
5025 - Office Equipment incl. supplies	1,619.82
5026 - Inventory - Furniture	47.99
5030 - Kyrkonytt - Printing, paper	537.88
5040 - Postage	688.97
5050 - Telephone & Internet	4,316.26

**Swedish Lutheran Church**  
**Income Statement**  
January through December 2024

5060 - Rent - Church & Office	30,385.00	
5070 - Insurance - Church	<u>1,581.12</u>	
Total 5000 - Office expenses		43,005.85
5080 - Salary		
5081 - Präst - Parttime	0.00	
5082 - Präst - Arvodesanställd	110,892.00	
5083 - Gäst predikanter	1,000.00	
5084 - Office Assistant	3,995.00	
5090 - Organist	5,150.00	
5095 - Health Insurance	11,780.28	
5100 - Soloist & Others	1,250.00	
5080 - Salary - Other	<u>0.00</u>	
Total 5080 - Salary		134,067.28
5110 Flowers & Gifts		266.97
5200 - Other expenses		
5220 - Coffee / Food	1,530.11	
5230 - Bazaars (Purchases)	<u>146.61</u>	
Total 5200 - Other expenses		1,676.72
5250 - Eastern Synod	3,050.00	
5260 - Donations	2,200.00	
6310 - Employment Insurance	1,007.56	
5320 - Canada Pension Plan (CPP)	4,957.96	
5330 - Synoden - Pension Exp	10,376.08	
5485 - Tjänstebostad - Rent	32,100.00	
5505 - Expense- Swed. Church - Satellite	0.00	
5511 - Travel - Mobile Ministry	<u>11,850.30</u>	
Total Expense		<u>242,516.01</u>
Net Ordinary Income		27,774.40
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
4142 - Christmas Ham (order & paid)	<u>1,345.81</u>	
Total Other Income		<u>1,345.81</u>
Net Income		<u><u>29,120.21</u></u>

March 21, 2025

To: The Swedish Lutheran Church

Re: Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024

I have reviewed the financial statements and supporting materials for the Swedish Lutheran Church for the year ended December 31, 2024. In doing so, I reviewed the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, trial balance and detailed transaction details for certain categories in the general ledger. I examined telephone and internet—5050 (no material discrepancies), organist—5090 (no discrepancies), GIC Interest—4250 (no material discrepancies), donations given—5260 (no discrepancies), Meals and lunches income—4120 (no material discrepancies and mobile ministry expenses—5511 (no material discrepancies) I examined backup documentation for all of the above.

I did not conduct any further examinations, however it is my opinion that the financial statements presented to me represent, in a material fashion, fairly the financial position of the Swedish Lutheran Church for the year ended December 31, 2024.

I am prepared to accept appointment as auditor for the coming year.



Michael S. Grammer, Auditor

**SVENSKA LUTHERSKA KYRKAN I TORONTO**

Swedish Lutheran Church in Toronto

**Budgetförslag för 2025**

Budget Proposal for 2025

	Driftsbudget Församlingen 2025	Resultat 2024	Driftsbudget Församlingen 2024	Resultat 2023	Driftsbudget Församlingen 2023	Lönebudget präst 2023
<b>4000 Inkomster</b>						
Kyrkan i Toronto (inklusive 165 000 CAD för kyrkoherde tjänst och 39 000 CAD verksamhetsbidrag)	204,000	199,902.50	200,000	153,435.00	200,000	
4040 a) Donationer, organisationer	5,000	8,000.00	4,000	4,200.00	4,000	
4050 b) " privata (2023), by mail and e transfer (2023)	11,000	10,994.16	12,000	11,489.45	16,000	
4051 c) " PAR	12,000	11,940.00	13,000	12,580.00	11,000	
4052 d) " fundraising	0	6,020.00	5,900			
4054 e) " testamenten		+				
4060 f) Kollektor, kuvert	8,000	6,705.00	11,600	11,585.19	9,000	
4070 g) " löst	1,500	2,815.70	1,600	1,521.98	1,500	
4080 Kyrkonytt, prenumerationer	0	0.00	100	105.00	200	
4110 Kyrkkaffe	2,500	1,940.64	2,500	2,420.55	1,600	
4120 Middagar & luncher	2,500	2,676.76	3,000	5,598.70	4,000	
4140 Basarer	9,000	10,488.82	6,000	8,558.92	15,000	
4142 Christmas Hams	1,400	1,345.81	4,500	4,468.00		
4150 Fundraising, excl. donationer						
4155 Avgifter (vigslar etc.)	200	200.00		400.00		
4160 Kyrkonytt, annonser	500	1,720.00	700	1,215.00	400	
4161 Kyrkonytt sponsring, Portobidrag					1,000	
4100 Diverse inkomster						
4250 Räntor, GIC	4,000	6,880.47	4,000	2,952.00	4,000	
4260 Räntor, bankkonton	0	6.36	0	0.01	0	
4350 Diverse						
<b>Summa inkomster</b>	<b>\$261,600</b>	<b>\$271,636.22</b>	<b>\$268,900</b>	<b>\$283,234.70</b>	<b>\$267,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>5000 Utgifter</b>						
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0	-2,042.71				
5010 Bankavgifter	600	608.89	500	415.09	500	
5020 Skrivmateriel, tidningar, trycksaker, böcker (Office Expenses)	3,000	3,219.92	2,500	4,140.24	1,000	
5025 Expeditionsutrustning, förbrukningsmtrl (Office Equipment and supplies)	1,500	1,619.82	1,500	417.37	2,500	
5026 Inventarier	7,000	47.99	10,000	1,268.23	700	
5030 Kyrkonytt, produktion	0	537.88	1,000	1,157.06	800	
5040 Porto, frakter	500	688.97	1,200	1,126.10	1,100	
5050 Tel. & Zoom	4,500	4,316.26	4,500	4,286.95	4,500	
5060 Hyra, kyrkan, inkl. Expedition	30,800	30,385.00	32,000	41,700.00	45,600	
5070 Försäkringspremier, kyrkan	1,200	1,581.12	1,000	915.84	800	
Löner och arvoden						
5082 kyrkoherde	115,400	110,892.00	110,900	111,130.26	106,600	
5083 gästpredikanter	1,500	1,000.00	1,500	800.00	2,000	
5084 admin. personal	4,500	3,995.00	8,000	7,485.00	8,000	
5090 organist, kantor	5,700	5,150.00	7,000	6,650.00	7,000	
Health, Life & Disability Insurance						
5095 + BUPA projected 2025	13,000	11,780.28	10,600	6,454.31	9,600	
5096 Fortbildning och bokbidrag	1,000		1,100		1,100	
5100 Gästsolister	2,000	1,250.00	2,000	1,100.00	2,200	
5110 Blommor, och gåvor	500	266.97	500	576.91	500	
5120 Revisionsavgifter		0.00		0.00		
5220 Kaffe- och matvaror	4,000	1,530.11	4,500	3,746.02	9,500	
5230 Basarer inköp / Julskinkor	4,000	146.61	4,500	3,526.58	5,000	
5241 Fundraising						
5250 Eastern Synod	2,500	3,050.00	2,300	2,300.00	2,300	
5260 Donationer	2,500	2,200.00	2,500	2,200.00	2,800	
5270 Diverse oförutsedda utgifter	1,000	0.00	1,000	0.00	1,000	
5272 Representation	500		600		600	
5310 Employment Insurance	1,500	1,007.56	1,700	1,969.72	200	1,400
5320 Canada Pension	5,000	4,957.96	4,100	3,963.90	500	3,700
5330 ELCIC Pension 8% på lön + bostad (no max)	12,200	10,376.08	11,500	11,434.12		11,100
5420 Tjänstebostadsbidrag						
5485 Tjänstebostad Hyra	35,000	32,100.00	30,600	30,600.00	30,600	
Tjänstebostad Inventarier	3,000		500		1,100	
5510 Reseersättning, lokalt, GTA	500	0.00	500	134.01	800	
5511 Reseersättning, övriga; Mobile Ministry	20,000	11,850.30	24,400	17,466.15		
5512 Konferenser						
<b>Summa utgifter</b>	<b>\$284,400</b>	<b>\$242,516.01</b>	<b>\$284,500</b>	<b>\$266,963.86</b>	<b>\$131,600</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
Överskott (underskott)	-22,800	29,120.21	-15,600	16,270.84	136,100	