

Anglican-Lutheran Society

40 Years

Annual General Meeting

8th March 2025

St Mary's German Lutheran Church, London

Co-Moderators' Report

By the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Anglican Co-Moderator, and the Revd Dr Jaakko Rusama, Lutheran Co-Moderator

The Anglican-Lutheran Society is an independent international ecumenical organisation with members from about 40 different countries and from all continents.

The main aims of the Society are to:

- *to encourage prayer for the unity of the Church, and especially between Anglicans and Lutherans;*
- *to develop opportunities for common worship, study, friendship and witness;*
- *to promote a wider interest in and knowledge of the Anglican and Lutheran traditions, and contemporary developments affecting them.*

(Photos by Dick Lewis & Jaakko Rusama)

In 2024 we had three major events:

- **The Annual Meeting in March**
- **The biennial conference in September**
- **A reception in November**

The Executive Committee met four times, twice at the Trident House of the Council of the Lutheran Churches and Lutheran Church in Great Britain, once on Zoom and once at Faith House in London.

All the events and many global ecumenical news were reported in the Society's newsletter, The Window which was published four times.



The Executive Committee

The Committee (Trustees) consists of two Co-Moderators, Secretary, Treasurer and elected Trustees – an equal number of Anglicans and Lutherans

In 2024 on the agenda the Committee had items which included:

- Planning and preparations for the 2024 Conference
- Revision of Bye-Laws
- Communication policy



The Co-Moderators



The Rev Dr Jaakko Rusama (Lutheran)
and Bishop Paul Ferguson (Anglican)

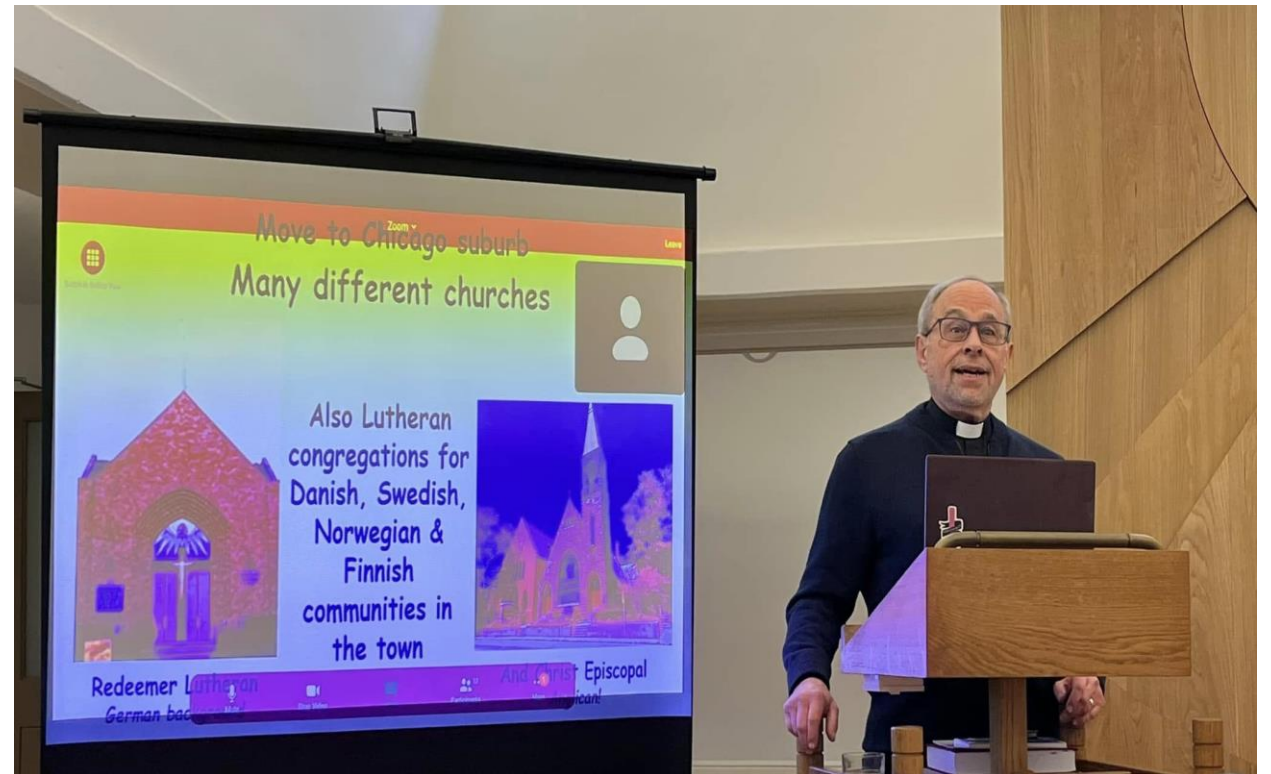
The functions of the Co-Moderators are to:

- *ensure that the work of the Society is conducted in accordance with its aims;*
- *ensure that the business of the Executive Committee is conducted in an orderly and effective manner;*
- *ensure that the requirements of this Constitution are met;*
- *ensure that the Society's Newsletter serves the aims of the Society and reflects its concerns in a balanced and proper manner;*
- *invite the nomination of persons to temporary membership of the Executive Committee when positions become vacant between Annual General Meetings;*
- *ensure that appropriate publicity be given to the Society.*

Annual meeting on March 9, 2024

The annual meeting was held in London on March 9, 2024, at St Mary's German Lutheran Church and Zoom.

The Rev **Tom Bruch** (Lutheran), one of the former Moderators of the Society, described the origins of the Society and its 40 years.





The Rev **Robert Opala** (Anglican) discussed the spirituality of Martin Luther, Augustinian friar (1483-1546) and John of the Cross, Carmelite friar (1542-1591)

The Rev **Rebecca Daniel** (Lutheran) talked about ministry with the students.



Church in a State

The biennial conference of the Anglican-Lutheran Society was held in Edinburgh, on September 13-17, 2024.

At the Cornerstone Centre, St John's Church, nearly 60 participants from 13 countries from Europe and the United States attended.

The role of churches in many different societies was discussed with the help of ten lectures and presentations.

We heard about the history and current issues of the churches in Scotland and England, issues of the established, state, national and folk churches, the Lutheran doctrine of the Two Kingdoms, intercessions in churches and reflections on the Lutheran World Federation study on Church in a Public Space.

A full report of the Conference was published in the October 2024 issue of The Window.





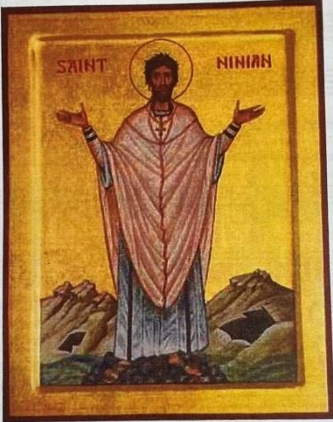
One of the speakers was the Rev Canon Prof **Charlotte Methuen** from the University of Glasgow and the Scottish Episcopal Church.



Anglican and Lutheran services were an integral part of the Conference




Anglican-Lutheran Society
Conference 2024
Evening Prayer
from The Book of Common Prayer



St Ninian of Galloway,
Apostle of the Picts, c432
Monday, 16th September, 2024

Anglican-Lutheran Society
Conference 2024
LUTHERAN VESPERS



The Vigil of Holy Cross Day
Friday 13th September 2024

A reception in November

As in 2022 and 2023 a **reception** was held at Westminster Abbey for Anglican and Lutheran chaplains and pastors. The Society invited to Evensong clergy and lay members from the Church of England and various other Churches, including the Lutheran Church in Great Britain, the Council of Lutheran Churches, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England.



Bishop **Anthony Ball** gave a tour of Westminster Abbey after Evensong. In February 2025, he succeeded Archbishop Ian Ernest as the new Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

The **website** (anglican-lutheran-society.org) gives members and enquirers an easy way of accessing information about the Society and keeps up-to-date on Anglican-Lutheran issues.

Another important channel of communication for the Society is the newsletter, **The Window**, which is published four times a year. It is sent to all members and to many ecumenical offices, theological colleges and international contacts.

The Window reports on many Anglican-Lutheran events and experiences from all corners the world, and on bilateral and multilateral ecumenical achievements and so reflects the international character of the Society.

In social media both **Facebook** and **X (Twitter)** have been used.

On Facebook we have five regional or thematic sites: Anglican-Lutheran Society, Anglican-Lutheran Society Benelux, Anglican-Lutheran Society Finland, Anglican-Lutheran-Society Deutschland/Germany, and Anglican Lutheran Society Students.





We are part of the global ecumenical movement

As an international ecumenical organisation, the Anglican-Lutheran Society has links especially with the *Anglican Communion* and the *Lutheran World Federation* (LWF).

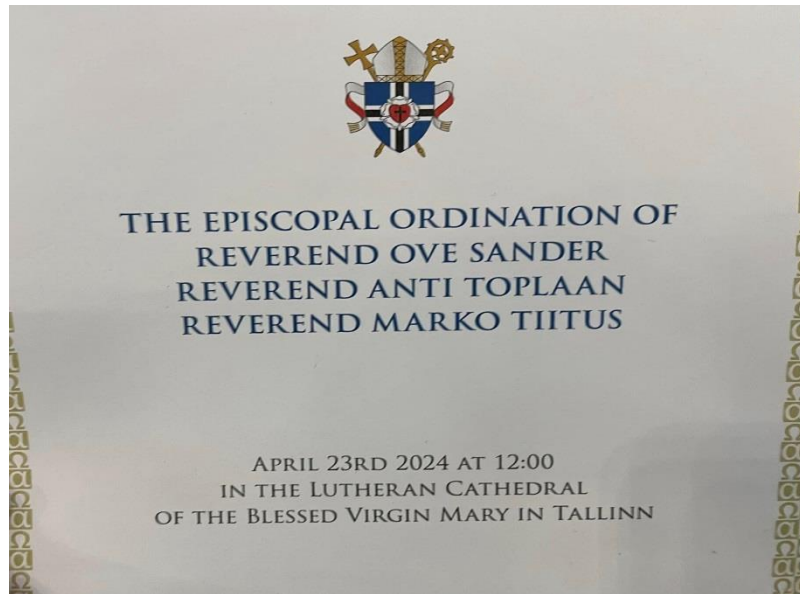


The Patrons of the Society are the Archbishop of Canterbury and the President of the Lutheran World Federation, currently Bishop **Henrik Stubkjær** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark.



The General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, the Rev Dr **Anne Burghardt** is a member of the Anglican-Lutheran Society.

Anglican-Lutheran relationships continue to be important on the international scene, including (but not limited to) the interchange of ministries that is possible through the Porvoo Agreement.



Our Society was represented in Tallinn, Estonia, on 23 April 2024 at the Episcopal ordination of three new Lutheran bishops.



With the Archbishop of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Urmas Viilma, two of our Trustees, the Rev Eliza Zikmane and Dr Jaakko Rusama.

The Anglican - Roman Catholic Malines Conversations met in Helsinki, Finland, in April 2024, hosted by Fr Ambrosius, formerly Metropolitan of Helsinki in the Finnish Orthodox Church.

The conversations originally took place between 1921 and 1926 but were resumed in 2012.

They are informal but high-level theological and ecclesiastical conversations supported by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) and the Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM).



From left to right: Dr Jaakko Rusama, Ms Mayvor Wärn-Rancken (Gen Sec of the Finnish Ecumenical Council), Metropolitan Fr Ambrosius, Bishop David Hamid, Bishop Raimo Goyarrola of the Catholic Church in Finland and Emeritus Bishop Eero Huovinen of the Finnish Lutheran Church.

The work of the society is done by **volunteers** - there are no paid staff.

Many of our activities are run by **laypeople**. We are blessed with committee members and national coordinators who attend meetings, plan programmes, promote the Society and in various ways support the objectives of the Society.

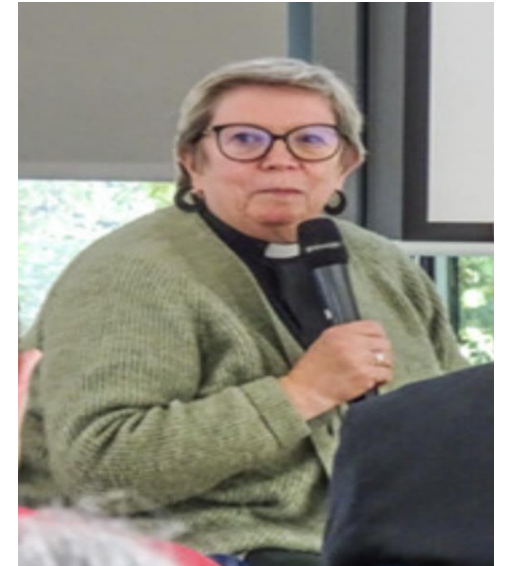
We have **national coordinators** in

- Denmark
- Finland
- Germany
- Norway
- the United States
- also active cooperation in the Benelux countries and Sweden.

We express special thanks to:

- our secretary and the editor of The Window, the Revd Canon **Dick Lewis** with his dedication and tireless work for the Society; he has skillfully and innovatively produced each issue of The Window
- Mrs **Helen Harding** as Membership secretary has for many years taken care of the growing number of members
- Mr **Patrick Litton** as Treasurer has guaranteed that we have a sound economy in the Society and the resources are wisely spent.
- the Rev **Jo Jan Vandenheede** has been helping our communication on social media for many years

A special word of thanks to our Co-Presidents, Bishops **Jana Jeruma-Grinberga** and **David Hamid** who have given much of their time and their deep theological and ecumenical knowledge to the work of the Society.



Anglican-Lutheran Society

Charity Number 1015153

Financial Statements for the year ending

31st December 2024

Anglican-Lutheran Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Anglican Lutheran Society Charity Number 1015153

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages _3_ to _6_.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Lisbeth Pedersen

Signature:



Date: 25th January 2025

Relevant Professional Qualification: Master of Business Administration

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Financial Statements to end of Dec 2024

Statement of Income & Expenditure	Notes	Dec	Dec
		2024	2023
		£	£
Voluntary Income	1	3,158	2,643
Subscriptions		3,194	3,356
Investment Income		517	445
		<u>6,870</u>	<u>6,444</u>
Charitable Activities	4	2,398	2,225
Governance Activities	5	1,645	3,483
		<u>4,043</u>	<u>5,708</u>
	0		
<i>Unrestricted Surplus/ (Deficit)</i>		<u>2,827</u>	<u>736</u>
Conference Income			
Conference Income	2	29,995	1,150
Conference Donations	2	387	50
Conference Expenses	2	(40,238)	-
<i>Conference Surplus/ (Deficit)</i>		<u>(9,857)</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Conference Fraud	3	(4,760)	-
Conference Fraud Recovery	3	250	-
		<u>(11,540)</u>	<u>1,936</u>
Total Surplus/ (Deficit) for year to date			
		<u>(11,540)</u>	<u>1,936</u>
		2024	2023
		£	£
Funds Movements			
Opening General Fund		22,714	30,276
Unrestricted Surplus/ (Deficit)		2,827	736
Conference surplus/ (Deficit) - General		(14,366)	1,200
Use of Designated Speakers & Students Fund		1,500	-
Use of Edinburgh Fund	8	9,500	(9,500)
Closing General Fund		<u>22,174</u>	<u>22,712</u>
Designated Fund - Edinburgh Conference	8	-	9,500
Designated Fund - Speakers and Students Events Fund	8	-	1,500
Designated Fund - National Coordinators' Fund	8	1,500	1,500
		<u>1,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
Opening revaluation reserve		1,831	564
Gains/(Losses) on Investments		417	1,267
Closing Revaluation Reserve		<u>2,248</u>	<u>1,831</u>
Closing Balance		<u>25,922</u>	<u>37,044</u>

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		2024	2023
		£	£
Balance Sheet			
Investments			
CCLA Income Fund		20,248	14,831
Cash at bank			
CAF		4,324	21,737
PayPal - Sterling Account		1,024	895
	Total Cash at Bank	<u>5,348</u>	<u>22,632</u>
Debtors	6	416	1,554
Creditors	7	(91)	(1,973)
	Total Net Current Assets	<u>5,674</u>	<u>22,213</u>
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Signed by:



Bp Paul Fergusson

Date: 25th January 2025



Jaako Rusama

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Notes to Accounts

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
1 Voluntary Income & Donations		
AGM + donations received	445	780
General Donations	2,297	1,430
Gift Aid	416	432
Bursary Fund donation	-	-
	<u>3,158</u>	<u>2,643</u>

In 2024, the trustees decided to reclassify the amounts received from the Finnish church as a donation rather than a subscription. This was applied to 2023 and involved £1,236 being moved from Subscriptions to General Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
2 Conference Income		
Edinburgh	30,245	1,150
Conference Income	387	50
Conference Donations	(44,998)	-
Conference Expenses	(14,366)	1,200
is/ (Loss)	<u>(14,366)</u>	<u>1,200</u>

3 Conference Fraud

This has been separated out owing to its significance for our accounts. Despite having received references for the caterer for the final night's dinner, the contracted caterer did not honour our booking and did not appear on the final night. This required two trustees to pay for the dinner in alternative locations. Following investigations by the police and Trading Standards, the owner of the organisation was located. She agreed to try to repay the debt at a rate of £250 a month. So far, we have received 1 repayment. However, the trustees have decided not to treat this as a debtor as future recovery cannot be guaranteed.

	2024	2023
	£	£
4 Charitable Activities		
Window Postage	211	61
Window Stationery	48	100
Admin cost	1,483	145
Events	338	1,782
Bank Charges	318	137
	<u>2,398</u>	<u>2,225</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
5 Governance Activities		
Trustee travel and accomm.	1,570	1,877
AGM Expenses	75	1,666
	<u>1,645</u>	<u>3,543</u>

6 Debtors

In 2023, this is the deposit paid for the Edinburgh caterer. She did not appear at the conference. See Note 3. In 2024, this is Gift Aid recoverable which was received in January 2025

7 Creditors

In 2024, this represents various pre-paid subs for 2025. In 2023, it was deferred income for Edinburgh

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8 Designated Funds

In the year, the trustees created two designated funds out of some of the surpluses arising from the Trondheim Conference, which made a larger than expected surplus. This was due to the generosity of the Norwegian Church there which did not charge us for many things we had expected to pay for

Speakers and Students Events Fund

The trustees have set aside £1,500 to be used to fund bursaries for the growing number of student members of the Society to allow them to travel to future events. This fund was used up in bursaries for the Edinburgh Conference

National Co-ordinators' Fund

In acknowledgement of the Norwegian Church's generosity, the trustees offered them a donation of £1,500 which they waived. They asked the Society to use it in any way the trustees thought appropriate but did suggest (but not mandate) that we use the funds to promote the international co-ordinators

Edinburgh Fund

Created as a "marker" for likely costs of Edinburgh conference.
This was totally expended in staging the event.

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