Report: Results from St. Andrew’s Ev. Lutheran Latvian Congregation’s voting for pastoral candidate Rev. Dag Demandt

On September 27th, 2020 St. Andrew’s Ev. Lutheran Latvian Church Council invited adult congregation members in good standing to vote for the resolution: **To accept Rev. Dag Demandt as our congregation’s pastor.**

Voting took place from September 27th to 30th, 2020 electronically or by mail. On September 11, 2020 information about Rev. Dag Demandt and 100 voting ballots were sent out by mail to adult congregation members in good standing who do not have e-mail.

On September 27th, 2020 the link to Simply Voting was sent out by e-mail to 243 adult congregation members in good standing – for voting electronically, that concluded at midnight on September 30th, 2020.

The counting of the votes took place October 2nd, 2020 at the church office. The vote counters designated by the Church Council were Līga Miklašēvics and Anda Liberis. Administrator Sarma Gaide served as observer and witness to the proceedings.

The official document received from Simply Voting stated that 161 congregation members voted electronically. From those 160 voted YES and 1 voted NO.

The church office received 64 ballots returned by mail. From those 64 voted YES and 0 voted NO.

The total number of congregation members who voted: 225
The total number who voted YES: 224 and the total number who voted NO: 1

From 243 e-mailed ballots – 161 members voted, which is 66.3%.

From 100 ballots sent by mail – 64 members voted, which is 64.0%.

From a total of 343 adult congregation members in good standing who received ballots electronically or by mail – 225 members voted, which is 65.59%.

Rev. Dag Demandt has been elected as St. Andrew’s Ev. Lutheran Latvian Congregation’s next pastor with 224 votes. That is 99.55% of the total received votes.

**We congratulate and welcome Rev. Dag Demandt as St. Andrew’s Ev. Lutheran Latvian Congregation’s next pastor!**

Thank-you to all St. Andrew’s Ev. Lutheran Latvian Congregation members who participated by voting!