

## *Summary of the 2022 youth activities and cooperation with the Bõmlo congregation.*

Anno Domini 2022 was a good year for the Sangaste St. Andrew's congregation. The COVID-19 pandemic had passed and the congregation worship life was recovering. Two years of restrictions left their impact on church's activity and donations. With prayers and activity, we are hopeful to return to the situation in 2020.

The Sangaste congregation continues to renovate its church building. We received a notice of cancellation last year for Phase III of our church steeple. We are in the process of preparing a new application and hope to begin the final phase this year. The resource transferred by Bõmlo congregation is fixed in the congregation's real estate account and is kept to secure the 10% equity contribution. The cost of the project is approximately EUR 100 000. The parish's real estate current account continues to hold EUR 8142,84 and will not be used for operating costs. The congregation is making preparations to purchase new liturgical fabrics for the altar and we are preparing to purchase new carpet for the church.

On 25-27 March 2022, a visit to Norway by the Sangaste congregation (Tanel Meiel, Karl Georg Luhter, Simona Lass, Karolina Abram) took place, with the aim of planning a summer camp and agreeing on details. In the last week of July, we organised a summer camp in cooperation with the Bõmlo-Sangaste Friendship Churches, which has already become a tradition. The first joint camp was held in 2013 at Marja Talu. This year, in addition to Estonian and Norwegian youth, Ukrainian youth also took part in the camp (a total of 20 youth participated). There were Bible lessons, prayer and discussion groups, and a variety of activities to keep the mind active. Canoeing trips, visits to caves in Helme, rally car rides, picnic, and learning the art of felting were among other activities. The camp ended with a church service in Sangaste church. Many thanks to all the participants and organisers, the shared emotions will stay with us for a long time.

On the second Advent (05.12.2022) was a joyful day in our congregation - Aksel Lygre, the pastor of the Friendship congregation of Bõmlo, received a cooperation medal from the EELK. The medal was handed over by the Bishop of the EELK Joel Luhamets, Väägvere trumpet choir performed during concert-worship service and lunch was organised to thank Mr. Lygre.

The Bomlo congregation has transferred EUR 2 700 last year, in three instalments, for diaconal work. The congregation used this resource to support families in poverty and to keep the work of the FoodBank sustainable. The community and the teacher Ivo Pill have created an active network of cooperation and about 200 people in the Sangaste area are benefiting from the help. Part of the Bomlo congregation's donation (€2200) will cover the expenses related to the FoodBank's activities: transport, packaging costs. Approximately EUR 500 was used for recreational activities run by Riina Pill at the Laatre recreation centre.

Yours sincerely

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Pastor of the congregation



Tanel Meiel  
Deacon of the congregation

