

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF LUXEMBOURG

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday 14 June 2015  
12.30 pm, the Konvikt Centre

### MINUTES

**Present:** The Rev'd Chris Lyon, the Rev'd Andy Markey (Assistant Chaplain), Tania Buhr (Secretary), Gerd Gebhard, Simon Norcross (Churchwarden), Felix Rusere (Treasurer), Philippa Seymour (Churchwarden) and Evelyn Sweerts

The Chaplain, as Chairperson, opened the meeting at 12.40 pm, saying that there were only two items on the agenda for this extra meeting, which he had called at very short notice in order to discuss developments in the property issue.

#### 1. Decision about a revised price offer for the 007 ISATIS flat

The Chaplain had circulated an e-mail prior to the meeting, explaining that the revised offer proposed by NOVAKI, the property developer for the ISATIS project, included the 007 flat, plus one cellar space and a double parking space. For this they were asking €793 000.00. Our target, established at the Council meeting of 19 May 2015, was €785 000.00, so a difference of €8 000 or slightly more than 1%. The developer was pushing for an answer from us and time was short, so we needed to decide whether or not we could accept this revised cost of €793 000.00.

It was important that the final *contrat de réservation* included a *clause suspensive* (as in the draft *contrat de reservation*) indicating that the purchase contract would be annulled without penalty if we were not granted a bank loan within two months of signing. Our bank was processing this but it was taking some time. It was important to ensure that the bank did not grant us a loan until such time as the *accord détaillé* for the Vicarage sale had been received from the Ville de Luxembourg, but in any case it seemed unlikely that the bank would do so until the Ville had given its agreement. Alain Devresse had already provided a risk assessment relating to this transaction.

After some discussion about the proposed price, the advisability of trying to negotiate further, the tight timetable and the risks involved, the Council **decided** unanimously\* in favour of accepting the revised cost of €793 000 for the 007 flat (plus cellar space and 2 parking spaces) and authorising the Chaplain to sign a *contrat de réservation* (including the abovementioned *clause suspensive*) for that flat. (\*John Overstall and Victoria Hodgson, who were unable to attend, had indicated their views to the Chaplain prior to the meeting.)

#### 2. Possible rental of space at the Centre Jean XXIII in Luxembourg

The Chaplain informed the Council that on 17 June he would be meeting the Director of the Centre Jean XXIII, Father Jean Erhet, to explore the possibility of renting some office space there for the period needed, about two years. He would report back at the next meeting.

The Chaplain thanked those present for attending at short notice and closed the meeting at 1.20 pm.

NB. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8 July 2015 at 7 pm for food, with the meeting to start at 7.30 pm.