

Christ the King Church

Karlovac & Zagreb Summer Newsletter



Seminary Student Leads Worship

A significant moment in the history of Christ the King Church happened when public worship was held without their pastor present. Domagoj, a seminary student successfully led the morning liturgy on Sunday, 08 July, and this despite some speech challenges. Domagoj is one of the next generation of leaders who are being trained in our seminary classes in Karlovac. Asim, a lay leader in the congregation read the sermon “Rejecting the Messiah & His Message: Mark 6:1-6”. These faithful men are soaking up the Word and will be able to teach others also.

Our mission: Working for the glory of God and the good of Karlovac.

Our vision: To build up the congregation, disciple new believers, offer basic seminary training and impact more lives for the Kingdom in a permanent facility.



Only Protestant Pastor invited to Karlovac's 439th



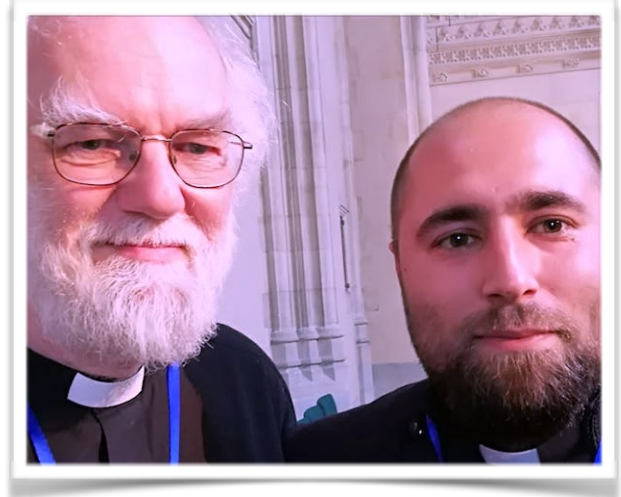
Asim reading



Almir's new friend in Aliquippa

Oxford Conference

Professors from Oxford, Cambridge and other universities positively impacted Pastor Almir. He learned not only about contemporary trends in theology, but also gleaned teaching skills and advice from some eminent theology professors with whom he rubbed elbows (literally) at lunch and dinner at Oxford University. Almir made many good contacts with these professors. A generous scholarship allowed him to travel and attend the Knowing And Loving the Son of Man conference from 08 - 11 July in Oxford, England. He returned spiritually refreshed as well as personally and professionally enriched. The conference equipped him to be a better theologian, scholar and pastor back in Croatia.



Trip to America

Christ the King needs a building which is visible and identifiable as a real church. This is very important in a traditional society with a strong anti-Protestant prejudice. It is vital for the church and seminary to own a place that can be maintained, be secure and dry (books do not do well in damp conditions). So in May and June, Almir and Tom were in Pittsburgh and Washington D.C. telling folks about the work God is doing in Karlovac and about Phase 1A of the capital campaign to buy a place. There were many favorable responses. Thank God for the \$4000 start to Phase 1A of the campaign.



Resurrection In Karlovac

Pastor Almir was the only Protestant pastor invited to attend Karlovac's 439th birthday celebration on July 13th. It was an honor as well as good public relations for him to represent Christ the King Church as well as the Protestant forefathers of the city. In 1579, Protestants built the city fortress of Karlovac and had their own church, school and cemetery. Despite having successfully fought off many Turkish invasions, the Protestants were driven out 66 years later during the Counter Reformation and the Reformed church demolished. After a 369 year hibernation, the Protestant Reformed Church was resurrected when Christ the King began public worship in 2014.