

On February 24, 2022 the Republic of Estonia celebrated its 104th anniversary of independence with Ecumenical Worship Service in the Lutheran Cathedral of Saint Mary The Virgin in Tallinn.

In that ecumenical service the Estonian Council of Churches made a **Public Statement Addressing Russia's Invasion in Ukraine**

*Today, we find ourselves in a fraught situation. Many people – both statespersons and ordinary citizens – feel uneasy and troubled by the news about a military conflict in Europe. For this reason, the Estonian Council of Churches invites all people to pray for peace in Europe and the rest of the world. Let us pray that heads of states find it in themselves to resolve conflicts through diplomatic means. Let us pray for an end of hostilities and the coming of peace in all places where there are armed conflicts. Let us pray for those who have suffered in the conflict regions. Let us pray that people learn to live in agreement and peace.*

**Archbishop emeritus Andres Põder**  
**President of the Estonian Council of Churches**

**Member churches of the Estonian Council of Churches:**

Estonian Evangelical-Lutheran Church, **Archbishop Urmas Viilma**

Union of Evangelical Christian and Baptist Churches of Estonia, **President Pastor Erki Tamm**

Estonian Methodist Church, **Superintendent Robert Tscherenkov**

Roman Catholic Church in Estonia, **Apostolic Administrator Bishop Philippe Jourdan**

Estonian Christian Pentecostal Church, **Bishop Alur Õunpuu**

Estonian Conference of SDA (Seventh-day Adventists) Church, **President Pastor Andres Ploompuu**

Estonian Congregation St. Gregory of the Armenian Apostolic Church, **Bishop Vardan Navasardyan**

Orthodox Church of Estonia, **Metropolitan Stafnus**

Estonian Orthodox Church of Moscow Patriarchy, **Metropolitan Eugeni**

Charismatic Episcopal Church of Estonia, **Pastor Thomas Eriste**

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Tallinn