

## GoA4.2 Harkujärve Community Centre

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE

## SEMPRE ACC as a FACILITATOR TOWARDS a SOCIAL ENTERPRISE HARKUJÄRVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Date: February 27, 2021**

### **Participants:**

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Participated heads of the neighbouring schools and kindergarten, Alasniidu Village Society representatives (neighbourhood), three rehabilitation centres' (Tartu, Jõhvi, Lootuse küla) representatives, New Israel ( rehab. Centre, a new service providing partner), representatives of the Harku local government, Harkujärve congregation members.  
(name list existing)

### **Format:**

**Reginal conference**

### **Expected results and contents:**

#### **Schedule/Päevakava:**

#### **I.**

11 a.m. Doors open./[Uksed avatud kella 11st.](#)

Welcome coffee, snacks and fruits. /[Tervituskohv, suupisted ja puuvili.](#)

Social interaction. /[Suhtlemine omavahel, päeva käivitamine.](#)

#### **II.**

12.00

Welcoming words by Avo Üprus, Head of the Foundation for Diaconia and Social Work/  
[Tervitussõnad: Avo Üprus, Diakoonia ja Sotsiaaltöö SA juhataja](#)

Prayer by Ariel Süvari, assistant pastor/ [Avapalvus: Ariel Süvari, abiõpetaja](#)

III.

12.30 – 14.30

Presentation about SEMPRESS and SEMPRESS ACC achievements and results by facilitator  
Agnus Dei Üprus. [Põhiettekanne SEMPRESS ja SEMPRESS ACC saavutustest ja tegevustest:](#)  
[SEMPRESS ACC kui sotsiaalse ettevõtluse võimestaja.](#)

*Annex 1/Lisa 1.*

Greetings and call for further developments by Hando Laanet, Head of the Harkujärve  
congregation. /[Tervitussõnad ja üleskutsed järgneavaks.](#) *Annex 2/Lisa 2.*

Speeches, comments, questions and answers./ [Sõnavõttud, kommentaarid, küsimused ja vastused.](#)

*Annex 3/Lisa 3*

IV.

14.30. Lunch\*/[Lõuna](#) \*

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Planned was nice lunch together. Due to CORONA virus it was impossible to have it. Food  
had been ordered, so the decision was to deliver the food in boxes. As the food had been  
ordered for 40, the remains were taken to people who might need it in the neighbourhood,  
especially elderly and single parents.

[Planeeritud oli pidulik ühissöömine. CORONA viiruse uue puhangu tõttu ei olnud see võimalik. Kuna toit oli tellitud, otsustati see laiali jagada toidukarpides. Kuna tellitud oli 40le, jagati ülejäägid naabruskonnas abivajajatele, enim senioridele ja üksikvanematele.](#)





## **Annex 1/Lisa 1 (ppt presentation is added separately to the Kirchencloud)**

### **Agnus Dei Üprus Presentation/ Presentatsioon**

Harkujärve Kirik ja Kogukonnakeskus asub Harku vallas, loode-eesti kõige kiiremini arenevas vallas ning meil on ligi 16 000 elanikku. Siia kolib palju noori peresid, aga neil puuduvad siin juured ning uude kogukonda kolimine võib alati tunduda hirmutav. Harkujärve kirikust rääkides ei saa jätta mainimata meie kiriku vaimset ema, Aino Järvesood, kes selle 90ndate alguses ehitas. Tema soov oli, et sellest saaks lastesõbralik perede kirik ning tänaseks võime öelda, et tema soov on täidetud.

SEMPRE ACC ehk kiirendi on jätkuprojekt, mis toetab Läänemere piirkonna üheksat kohalikku algatust, et aidata neil saada küpseteks ja kaasavateks sotsiaalseteks ettevõteteks. Need algatused, nn mikroprojektid, on välja töötatud koosloome protsessides eelkäija projekti SEMPRE ajal, mille käigus said alguse ligi 30 projekti. SEMPRE Projekti eelarve oli ligi 5 miljonit eurot ning eestisse tuli sealt pool miljonit. Millest said otseselt kasu kümned Eesti kogudused ja sotsiaalsed ettevõtted.

Nende 30 projekti seast valiti välja 8 silmapaistvamat – nende hulka valiti ka meie kogukonnakirik. Hiljem lisandus üks partner ka venemaal Karjalas, kuid neil puudub veel oma mikroprojekt ning and on vaatlejarollis.

SEMPRE partnerid koostasid ja testisid võimestusvahendeid, mida sotsiaalteenuste pakkujad saaks kasutada ebasoodsas olukorras olevate rühmade teenusevajaduste hindamiseks ja nende liikmete kaasamiseks ühisloomeprotsessidesse.

Mikroprojektide juhtimise ja arendamise juures on tähtsal kohal teenuse kasutajad ja võimalus pakkuda maapiirkondades varem kättesaamatuid sotsiaalteenuseid. SEMPRE kiirendis aitame neil luua juhtimisstruktuure, hankida stardirahastust, arendada edasi ja turustada oma teenuseid ning saada isemajandavaks sotsiaalseteks ettevõteteks.

1. teenused Harkujärve kogukonnale,  
st vabaajateenused, aktiivne puhkus ja kogukonnatöö, kohalike väikeettevõtjate toetamine, perenõustamine

2.

a) teenused riskirühmadele

raske ja sügava puudega lastehoid ja tugiisikuteenus, puudega lapsi kasvatavate perede toetamine. Meie lapsehoius on viisteist kohta yesneed on casutusel intervallhoiuna.

Lapsevanemad saavad võtta endale mõnepäevaseid puhkusi ning meie koolitatud hoidjad hoiavad lapsi ning tugiisikud saadavad neid rehabilitatsiooniteenustele ja arsti juurde.

b) kodututele, vanglast vabanenutele ja kinnipeetavatele ning nende peredele abi osutamine.

c) muu majandustegevus sh koolituste korraldamine ja ruumide rent

Pildid ja kirjeldus tegevustest piltidel. Lisatud eraldi .Kirikupilve

3 näidet ja tutvustus teistest SEMPRESS projektidest.

Meie kirik on ehe näide kogukonna kokkutulemisest, sest juba meie tegevuse algus oli selline, et kolm perekonda tulid ja panid oma kodud panti, võtsid pangalt laenu ja panid rahad kokku, et tühjana seisev kirik ära osta, remont teha ja kogukonnale kinkida.

### **Short translation:**

*Introductory words to newcomers-guests about the situation and earlier SEMPRESS project.*

In order for a large building to function as a church, a steady income was needed. Renovation of the premises was started to rent them out. It was heard from the local school that there are not enough rooms in the school building - the balcony room of the church was renovated, where the first class began to study. This was the starting point of the basic understanding: to serve people, you need income. Income has to be generated. The Church as an organisation grows together with people who develop it.

In the beginning of the SEMPRESS ACC project we set three goals:

*Engage more people into the everyday activities at the community centre;*

*Get more funding for projects and activities;*

*Increase the involvement of the local community to ensure necessary staff for our activities.*

To fulfil these goals, activity fields were set.

In general, different services to the whole locals' community: leisure and culture - concerts, different activities as dance or shin-do or language classes, support to local entrepreneurs and involvement them in activities, family counselling.

The other set was and is economic activities: rents, fees, services to the local authority and the national state. These activities included (re-)buildings, restaurations and garden and home-yard putting in order.

Also it is important that one of the main issues in our locality has been the absence of a place for people to come together, despite the fact that it is a Tallinn nearby municipality. And, need for attention to children who were alone at home, parents working in Tallinn. These among many were our opportunities.

It was decided that activities are going to be carried out in three fields. As follows, these are presented with activities that have taken place later, by now:

**I. Children and elderly:**

- (a) children with concentration difficulties – the service is children's drama studio;
- (b) children without parental monitoring – the services are drama studio, cooking class, bread baking, creativity lab, guided activities after school
- (c) elderly with loose social coherence – the service is Reading room, Tea room called TEEVIK, "green fingers" in summertime, activities organised by the congregation members;



- II. **Ex-offenders and homeless** – the service is trainings for support persons, mentoring and guidance; rooms where to live in the church building;
- III. **Children with severe disabilities and their parents** – the service is day-care for children that gives parents some free time for themselves.

Where are we now?

The Community Church has also been registered as a social enterprise Harkujärve Community Centre, since July 2020. Social enterprise has been developed step by step.

The current service provision model is in accordance with the vulnerable groups we are working with. The idea is to cover necessary expenses from services with better income, presented is **purely financial side** – benefits for the Society are taken as for granted:

- Leisure activities including drama group, Gipsy dancing, language studies, shindo, creative skills, the Beauty days, cooking class - they pay rent or participation fees;
- Services to Ex-offenders (coaching) and teaching and mentoring their support persons – rent and pay for services from the State;
- Services for children with severe disabilities – rent and pay for services from the State.

*Co-creation of material infrastructure was carried out. This resulted in, for example, building of an accessible staircase for entering the church by differently abled people, renovated kitchen and three guest rooms on the balcony,*

- Guest rooms and the Kitchen bring in rent and social capital, if we give them to use for social partners for free .

Our Community Church/Centre is a marvellous example how the community comes together and does great things.

## VIDEOS FROM THE RESENTATION

BREAD BAKING:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o88euqwVWDg>

SVEN'S STORY:

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCpXeafwZ3sJyNsRMk2H97hQ>

## PICTURES FROM THE PPT PRESENTATION:

Concerts, festive events to unite the surrounding local society, children in the church,/centre families in the church/Centre





Children’s cooking class – new initiative since 2020.





Children offer dinner to their parents.

## Annex 2/Lisa 2

Greetings and call by **Hando Laanet** (in Estonian)/ **Tervitussõnad ja üleskutse (eesti keeles):**

*Oleme mõndagi saanud ehitada:*

- *Ma ei räägi koguduse-eelsest ajast, kus oli palju tehtud: gaasiküte, kanalisatsioon, jms*
- *Esimesena värvisime üle suure saali, et oleks hubasem siia kokku tulla*
- *Simmo pere on kinkinud köögi, kus toimetab kokakool ja uus leivaahi*
- *Puistasime maja ümber laiali paarkümmend tonni killustikku – teedele ja 10 tonni liiva – liivakasti*
- *Ehtasime kaldtee ja horisontaalse kivitee selle alguse juurde ja vahetasime ukse selle otsa juures; tegime selle ukse targaks*

- *Tomi kingitusena on lisaks varasemale, mida iga koguduseliige teab ja iga majja siseneja kohe näeb – nüüd meil ka raamatukogus riiulid, mille sarnaseid pole kellelgi teisel*
- *Liitusime korraliku veetrassiga ja hülgasime vana ja roostetanu, mis ei vastanud nõuetele – lastehoid pääses kanistritega vee kandmisest*
- *Sai remonditud lühises maa-alust elektriakaablit; nüüd oleme liitumas päris-taristuga*
- *Viimasel suvel on lisandunud külalistetoad koos dušširuumi ja pesumasinaga*
- *Tahaks välja kuulutada korjanduse katuse vahetamiseks ning elektriaga varustamiseks, vajadus 100-120 k€*

*Maja ehitades jääb mulje, et kirik on uks Jumala juurde – see pole päris tõsi!*

*Johannese ev.(10:9): Jeesus ütleb: „Mina olen uks. Kes iganes läheb sisse minu kaudu, see pääseb ning käib sisse ja välja ning leiab karjamaad.“*

*Jumal on tähenduse ja sisu andja; (ka igaihe elule ja tegemistele); inimese ta tegi endale kaaslaseks ja partneriks – inimene on selle erilise staatuse põrmu pudistanud ☹*

*1Mo2:19 Ja Issand Jumal valmistas mullast kõik loomad väljal ja kõik linnud taeva all ning tõi inimese juurde, et näha, kuidas tema neid nimetab. Ja kuidas inimene igat elavat olendit nimetas, nõnda pidi selle nimi olema.*

*1Mo2:20 Ja inimene pani nimed kõigile kariloomadele ja lindudele taeva all ja kõigile metsloomadele...*

*Jh9: Jeesus võttis maast muda ja määris sellega pimedale mehe silmi.*

*Ilma Jeesuseta oli see lihtsalt muda, põrm. Ilma inimeseta on maja lihtsalt betoonikärakas, koos inimestega on see klubi aga koos jeesusega võib see olla UKS Jumala juurde:*

- *Uks mille taga on lõputa tee*
- *Uks, mille taga on jaam, kus suur oravratas peatub ja inimeseloom saab maha minna ning lõpetada pisinäilise kombel oma saba tagaajamise – kes kuulis, see mõistis*
- *Uks, mille läbi saab tagasi oma põrmu pudenenud Jumala pereliikme staatuse*

*Ma pole päris nõus selle väikese ja tegusa koguduse visiooniga, kes on usaldusväärseks partneriks teistele pisikestele ja tegusatele MTÜdele. Ma vaatan kihelkonnas ringi ja näen midagi muud. Uugametsal, kus elab 300 vanainimest, võib kogudus olla pisike ja tubli. Meil võis see olla nii seni aga edasi enam sellest ei piisa!*

*Siin: (kihelkonnas elab kümneid tuhandeid) Kogudus on keskmisest suurem ja arvestatav Jeesuse tunnistaja ning Tema päästet tutvustav Jumala riigi saatkond ja Tema lahenduste maaletooja. Eestpalvetaja.*

## **Short translation:**

Hando gives an overview on the achievements, first,

A lot of building, rebuilding, renovation and maintenance has been done:

Simmo's family presented the kitchen, where now the cooking class and bread baking take place

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Maintenance of the surrounding yard and garden has been done – 10 tons of rubble and a ton of sand was sprinkled around the building;

Ramp for wheelchairs was built;

Reading room with Toomas' shelves is working;

Guest rooms serve people.

Material improvements took place due to donors and some projects, immaterial - to SEMPRE ACC: reading room and library, classes etc.

The call:

I do not agree that our SMALL congregation would be a good partner to local authorities and other NGOs, we live in the district of 16 000 people, we must grow!

Pictures on the wall while Hando is speaking.

1. Toomas's Carpenter Studio presented bookshelves to the Reading room.
2. Building the guest rooms in summer 2020.
3. Putting the yard in order.



Toomas preseted the shelves for the readig room.







### Annex 3/Lisa 3

Toomas's speech/Toomase sõnavõtt:

Tisleri stuudio

Carpinter studio

Toomas rääkis sellest tööst, mida tema ja ta perega tehti. Mentorluse ja nõustamise tulemusena on tal nüüd oma Tisleristuudio.

Toomas spoke about this work ad mentoring he and his family got. Now he has his ow Carpiter studio.

Raamatutoa hoidja ja raamatuklubi eestvedaja Karini sõnavõtt/

Vabatahtlik Karin rääkis rõõmudest seoses raamatutoa avamise ja käigus hoidmisega jakutsus kõiki osalema kirjadusõhtutel, niipea kui viirus võimaldab. Tuletas meelde, et kontaktivaba raamatulaenus toimib ikka.

Volunteer Karin expressed happiess about the readig room ad invited all to participatein the literature evening, as soon as the virus allows. She also reminded that contact-free book lendig goes on.



Vallavanem Erik Sandla sõnavõtt/

### Diskussioon/ Discussion

Our understanding is that our activities ease the burden of stakeholders and solve several problems, for example instead of the national state or local government, in an easy and effective way, probably cheaper than official institutions. Still, it occurs that sometimes the interest of stakeholders is low, also low in solving the problem. Their interest increases the very moment they have to report to their superiors. In our case the stakeholders are schools, local authorities, church government institutions, ministries, local entrepreneurs, prison institutions, social security agencies etc.

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Short overview:

### **The Beginning:**

Three local families put the money together and bought the church.

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**The mapping of the needs of the community took place during the first SEMPRE and is continually ongoing.**

After opening the church, focus groups of active locals were congregated and a brainstorming for needs assessment was organised. Face to face interviews and focus group interviews with local community members, asking what kind of activities are needed in the community and whether the interviewees would be ready to contribute to the implementation or would they find any other members of the community to do so.

### **Now the Centre acts in three fields:**

1. culture and leisure - for vulnerable groups (children and elderly) and to all interested ;
2. ex-offenders and homeless - guiding, mentorin, counselling, also material help, from one side, training of support persons, the other side;
3. Daycare and support to families with children with severes disabilities.



### **Achievements of the Community Church/Centre:**

- Is (co-)owned by the involved service users:  
by now, two service-owners (ex-offenders) are included in the management activities;
- possess efficient and stable management, operational and leadership structures: division of duties has been performed, management is stable and rational, new people involved;
- provide a range of services or products on local or regional markets on a consistent basis: contracts with three local governments concluded on providing services to children with severe disabilities;
- not relying on Interreg funding after finalising period or the initiative of social service providers but function independently and proactively;
- Community Centre's income includes profit from services like rent from premises (church hall, rooms in the cellar, kitchen, guest rooms, seminar rooms);
- Different classes like children's bakery and children's cooking class, drama studio, dancing studio, creative labs – participation fees and rent for premises;
- Contracts with the Unemployment Fund – the Fund supports services the Centre can afford for micro-project end-users, the last one was the excel training, provided by an ex-prisoner Sergei in the Russian language. The Fund covered transportation costs and daily allowances;
- Creating new services: a new contract with our Harku parish is under development for more intensive use of the reading room. As the reading room is used by locals, additional financing is needed for providing more books and compensation for the voluntary work.
- Start implementing the plan for raising resources: involving sponsors, supporters and stakeholders into fundraising activities.

### **Suggestions for eco-system, collected from the discussions:**

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