

**LWF Vice-President Bishop Dr Eero HUOVINEN [Nordic Countries]  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland**

Bishop of Helsinki, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (ELCF), from 1 March 1991

Born 27 October 1944 in Helsinki, Finland

**Education**

- MTh 1970, LTh 1976, PhD 1978 (all: University of Helsinki)

**Ministry in the Church**

- Ordination to priesthood 1 April 1970
- Episcopal consecration 28 April 1991

**Professional Activities**

- Bishop of Helsinki from 1 March 1991
- Various positions in the Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1970–1991, including Professor of Dogmatics and Dean of the Faculty
- Editor of the Finnish Theological Review (*Teologinen Aikakauskirja*) 1981–1990
- Secretary for work among university students, Lutheran Evangelical Association in Finland, 1968–1971
- Teacher of religious education, Oulunkylä Upper Secondary School, Helsinki, 1966–1969
- Assistant in youth work, Malmi Parish, Helsinki 1964–1967

**Additional Responsibilities since 1991**

- Moderator of the Doctrinal Commission of the ELCF General Synod 1992–2000, 2006–
- Member of the ELCF Church Council for International Relations, 1991–
- Member of the international drafting group of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, 1996–1997
- Member of the Council of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), 1997–
- Member of the LWF Executive Committee, 2003–
- Vice-President of the LWF, 2003–
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France, 1997–2003
- Positions in ecclesial, academic, and cultural organizations

**Publications**

- Catechism of the ELCF, 2000 (writer), translated into Swedish, English, Latin, Russian, Chinese, Hungarian, Croatian, Arabic and French.

- Karl Rahner's Concept of the Relation of the Episcopacy and the Papacy, MTh thesis, Finnish 1970
- Gottes Wort – Wort über Gott. Hans Küngs Auffassung über die heilige Schrift in den Jahren 1957–1974, Finnish 1978
- Idea Christi, Die idealistische Denkform und Christologie in der Theologie Hans Küngs, Finnish 1978, German 1985
- Women and Pastoral Ministry, Finnish 1979
- Living Dogma: Theological Essays and Applications, Finnish, 1987
- Participation in Immortality: Martin Luther's Theology of Mortality as a Fundamental Ecumenical Issue, Finnish 1981
- Martin Luther: Baptism and Faith. Selected writings of Luther on baptism and the faith of the child; introduction and translation into Finnish by Eero Huovinen, 1991
- Fides infantium: Martin Luthers Lehre vom Kinder glauben, Finnish 1991, German 1997
- The Master from Nazareth, Finnish 1994
- Talk from the Heart: Pastoral Letter, Finnish 1997
- No is Yes: Karl Barth's Philosophical-Theological Point of Departure, Finnish, 1999
- Priest?, Finnish 2001
- Long-lasting Joy: The Christmas Gospel, Finnish, 2002
- The Other Sun, Finnish, 2003
- Turn Your Face Toward Us, Lord (2005)
- Suffering and Joy (2006)

## **Family**

- Parents: Rev. Dr Lauri Huovinen (1915–1994), Professor, Dean of the Cathedral of Turku and Dr Aili Huovinen (1920–1954), Dentist LMed
- Spouse: (1968) Anja Tuulikki Huovinen (b. 1948) MA, General secretary of the Finnish Museum Association, chairperson of the Board of the Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO)
- Children: daughter Laura (b. 1981), son Jaakko (b. 1984)