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CHURCH IN ESPOO

**Suvela Chapel and
Residential Park**

SUVELA CHAPEL AND RESIDENTIAL PARK

Suvela Chapel was built in the summer of 2016. The whole complex was designed by architect Anssi Lassila of the OOEPA office for peripheral architecture. The building was commissioned by the Espoo Parish Union and the prime contractor was YIT.

The church premises are used jointly by the Espoo Cathedral Parish and the Espoo Swedish-language Parish. Part of the complex has been rented out to the residential park of Espoo City.

The supporting structure of the chapel is made of wood, the roof of copper sheet and the facade of copper and wood. The chapel has a total surface area of 2,379 m². The building is completely accessible and barrier-free.

The chapel sanctuary is spacy and light. The wooden panels are made of Finnish spruce. The sanctuary seats 160 and can be expanded to accommodate 270. The altar and furniture of the chapel are made of ash tree. The organ will be installed in 2018.

Hannu Konola's glass artwork "I live" covers the whole wall behind the altar. Its motifs are a pomegranate, doves and a red-glowing Christ. This huge artwork blocks the view to and from the street. It is produced using digital printing technique on thick glass plates. It is 16.7 metres long and 2.1 metres high.

On the glass wall separating the sanctuary from the spacy lobby Bible texts have been printed in sixteen different languages.

The chapel complex consists of two parish halls, premises for youth and children's ministry, offices and reception rooms for the staff, and an activity room that is used jointly with the residential park of Espoo City.

Suvela Chapel offers a living room for the residents in the area. Every week young and old meet there for worship services, small groups and other events. The spacy sanctuary provides the perfect venue for concerts. The lobby café is open during week days.

The sanctuary is also open for personal meditation and prayer. Parishioners are offered many opportunities for voluntary engagement to help enrich the life in and around the chapel serve the residents in the area. We come together as a community of faith and love.

The residential park is a meeting place for various programmes and family activities. The children can play together while the parents talk over a cup of coffee. The purpose of the residential park is to create an atmosphere of interaction among the residents through informal gatherings and activities.

The chapel can be reserved for church ceremonies through the Service Centre.





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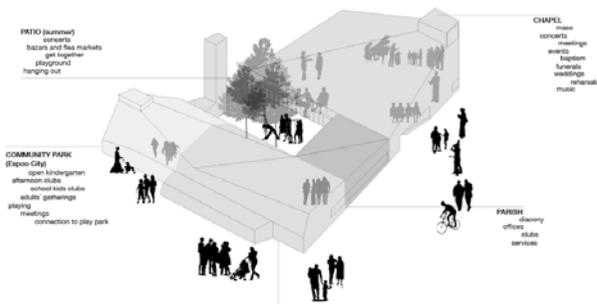
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