

Dear sir or madam!

We, the leaders of the organ committee of the Reformed congregation of Ujszeged have decided to turn to you in a financial matter. Our congregation is found in one of the largest cities, called Szeged in southern Hungary.



Our congregation was founded in 1928, and currently has 200 members, amongst whom diverse kinds of church activity is going on. 150 to 160 people take part in our Sunday services.

We started renovating out church in 2010, because the previous one proved to be too little for our church. We received our new church in the spring of 2011 which can seat 300



people.



We would like to build a traditional-type organ in this church. We therefore consulted the world famous Swiss Matzler company, which has its headquarters in Zurich. The reason for this is because its daughter company, which produces artistic handwork has been working for 17 years in our city (this fact is very advantageous to the maintenance of out organ).

The organ we wish to purchase is two manualed and has 16 registers. If we could raise enough money to purchase the organ, we would start using it by 2013.

A new organ hasn't been built in Szeged since in 80 years. This musical instrument – thanks to its outstanding qualities – would be useful in the cultural life in Szeged, as well as producing a musical CD which fulfills the highest demands.

Our plans have been inspected by two of our country's organ-playing musicians, and they gave us the following referals:

"If the Metzler organ is to be built in the Ujszeged church, it would prove to be a real sensation not just in the region, but in the life of the Hungarian Reformed curch as well as a whole. The balanced construction would provide rich possibilities for musical pieces as well as diverse plenums and solistic combinations. I warmly support building the organ in Ujszeged."

Dr. Dezső Karasszon orgon musician, university teacher

"I find the building of the Metzler organ at the Szeged-Újszeged Reformed Church

wonderful and promising. The disposition supports the church choir to the highest degree, and allows the production of a large spectrum of musical pieces during the church service. Besides the Baroque disposition I also deem it necessary to build in three registers, which are indispensible to the enrichment of the acoustic properties of Romantic pieces. Besides this, the building of the organ would make it possible to raise the level of the musical culture in the Reformed Church as well as the country, in the event of organ concerts, which would produce culturally enriched Baroque music pieces for all the public to hear. I wish God's blessings and assistance in this plan!"

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The price of the organ is 68 million Forints (+25% tax). The church members have started collecting money for this purpose and have given the money to a charity especially for this goal (Újszegedi Isten kezében alapítvány – Ujszeged in the hands of God endowment)

We ask you with respect that if you find our cause worthy, then please support us with any amount of funds you think fit!

Greetings,

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