## THE ELECTED BISHOP OF THE LUTHERANS IN JERUSALEM VISITS THE PATRIARCHATE

The Propst of the Lutheran Church in Jerusalem Fr. Wofgang Smidt visited the Patriarchate on Thursday December 15/28 2017, with Fr. Sany Ibrahim Azhar, the elected Bishop of the Lutherans in Jerusalem.

The two representatives of the Lutheran Church were received by H.H.B., the Patriarchal Commissioner Most Reverend Metropolitan Isychios of Kapitolias and Geronda Secretary-General Most Reverend Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina.

The purpose of Propst's visit was to present Fr. Sany Ibrahim Azhar to His Beatitude as he is going to be ordained a Bishop and succeed the current Bishop Munib Yunan in this position.

His Beatitude congratulated Fr. Sany Ibrahim Azhar on his election and wished him strength from on high for the fulfilment of his ministry with the support of our Patriarchate.

On the occasion of this visit, His Beatitude offered Fr. Sany a pectoral cross. Fr. Sany thanked His Beatitude and invited Him to his forthcoming ordination as Bishop.

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