

The Nordic Churches in Dialogue

Nordic Conference for Church-Workers involved in
Interfaith Encounters and Dialogue

The Guesthouse at Lovisenberg, Oslo, 9th – 11th of February 2011

Practicalities: See end of document

Registration deadline: **Thursday 9th of December**

PROGRAMME:

Wednesday February 9th

- 11.00: Registration and Accommodation at The Guesthouse at Lovisenberg
12.00: Lunch
13.15: Opening and Introduction
13.45: Opening lecture/Interfaith experience:
Secular Teaching-Places: The Church Involved in Faith-Meetings at Public Institutions of Higher Learning. Powerlessness and Empowerment.
Inger Anne Naterstad, Student Chaplain at The University of Oslo and
Katarina Härnring, Student Chaplain at The University of Malmö.
15.30: Coffee and Fruit
16.00: Visit to Mosque and Meeting with representatives from the Islamic Council, Norway
18.00: Dinner at Tøyenkirka
19.00: Service at Tøyenkirka
..... Evening free

Thursday February 10th

- 07.30: Breakfast
09.00: Lecture/Interfaith experience:
Introduction to New Danish Material for Baptismal education for Immigrants.
Kåre Schelde Christensen, General Secretary, Folkekirke og Religionsmøde.
10.30: Lecture/Interfaith experience:
Introduction to the Norwegian Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities' (STL) Project on Interfaith Hospital Care at Ullevål Hospital.
Lise Tørnby, Coordinator for the STL.
12.00: Lunch
13.00: Group-seminar
Practice and Case-Studies from the Different Nordic Countries as a Basis for Reflections on Theology of Religions.
15.00: Coffee and Fruit
15.30: Country Reports:
Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

18.00: Dinner

..... Evening free/Cultural Programme

Friday February 11th

Open seminar with participants from the Nordic meeting and others interested in the subject from the Oslo/Eastern Provinces Region.

The seminar is a result of cooperation between the *Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations (Mellomkirkelig Råd)*; *Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo (Det teologiske fakultet)*; and *Centre for Interfaith Encounter and Interreligious Dialogue, Oslo (Kirkelig senter for religionsmøte og dialog)*.

Prize:

External participation at the seminar costs 150,- (for lunch).

Updates:

A updated programme with all contributors to the programme will be sent out in a couple of weeks. The following is the themes of the lectures.

07.30: Breakfast

09.00: Opening

Sven Thore Kloster, Adviser at the Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations and **Steinar Ims**, Pastor at the Centre for Interfaith Encounter and Interreligious Dialogue, Oslo.

09.15: Lecture:

Religious Pluralism and Theology in the Making: Towards a Relational Theology of Religions?

Oddbjørn Leirvik, Professor in Interreligious Studies at the Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo.

10.15: Lecture:

Theology in the Making – what about Gender?

Anne Anita Lillebø, Director and pastor at the Centre for Interfaith Encounter and Interreligious Dialogue, Oslo.

11.15: Lecture:

Theology in the Making – what about Mission?

Jørgen Skov Sørensen, General Secretary at Council on International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (Folkekirkens mellemkirkelige Råd).

12.15: Lunch

13.00: Lecture:

Theology in the Making – what about Salvation?

Lecturer to be announced.

14.00: Panel Discussion and Open Discussion

15.30: End

Practicalities:

Registration deadline:

Latest at Thursday 9th of December to:

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Prize:

The *Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations (Mellomkirkelig Råd)* is sponsoring the meeting and the seminar. Travel-costs are not included in the following prizes. Participation at the whole Nordic meeting for church-workers involved in interfaith encounters and dialogue costs:

500,- NOK	Includes lunches, coffee/tea and fruit, dinners and seminar
1 200,- NOK	Includes room with shared bathroom in hallway (2 nights), breakfasts, lunches, coffee/tea and fruit, dinners and seminar
1 700,- NOK	Includes room with bathroom (2 nights), breakfasts, lunches, coffee/tea and fruit, dinners and seminar

All payment is done at the Guesthouse.

Place:

Lovisenberg Guesthouse/ Gjestehuset Lovisenberg
Lovisenberggaten 15a
0456 Oslo

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Telefax: + 47 - 22 35 83 10

E-mail: gjestehuset@lovisenberg.no

Web: <http://gjestehuset.lovisenberg.no/Default.asp>

Travel to and from:

Lovisenberg Guesthouse is located on the hospital premises of Lovisenberg Diakonale Sykehus.

Easiest way with public transport is:

- train from the airport (OSLO Airport Gardermoen) to Oslo Central Station
- in front of the Central Station turn right and walk 100 meters to the bus- and tram-stop in Biskop Gunnerus' gate (opposite side of the street)
- Take BUS 37 to Nydalen T
- Leave the bus at the stop named *Lovisenberg*. The busride takes approx. 10 minutes
- Follow the direction of the bus, cross the street and turn right into Lovisenberggata and the hospital area
- After Lovisenberg church turn right (4 minutes walk)
- The Guesthouse is straight ahead

Tickets for public transport (see: <http://trafikanten.no/no/Billetter/billetter-oslo/>) is available at kiosks and at the bus- and tram-stops. Flexicard with 8 trips are available for 190,- NOK.

At Google Maps you can search for *Lovisenberggaten 15a, Oslo*.

See also map at the last page of this file.

Practicalities about Lovisenberg Guesthouse:

- The reception area is open from 08.00 – 22.00
- At registration for room please bring your passport
- Key-card for all guests – accessibility all day round
- Wireless network on ground floor (conference-area), as well as two computers with internet access
- Small tea-kitchens are available on each floor. Tea and coffee at all times at the Conference-area
- No alcohol is sold at the Guesthouse. If you want to enjoy a glass of wine or beer after dinner, please bring it yourself
- Kiosk is found at the hospital. Grocery stores are also located nearby (5 minutes walk)
- Closest service areas are Adamstuen (12 minutes walk), St.Hanshaugen (12 minutes) and Bislett (18 minutes). City centre is 25 minutes walk away (the Royal Castle)

Rooms:

There are 7 rooms with bathroom, and 25 rooms with shared bathroom.

Please specify whether you would like with or without bathroom in the room (see also prize-list).

Some rooms are double-rooms, and can be used as such if there are many participants.

Please specify whether you will be willing to share room with someone – and whom.

Questions:

Remember to specify:

- type of room
- If you are willing to share room with anyone (and whom) if necessary

