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Invitasjonen til møte i LVFs nasjonalkomité 1. juni 2016

Om Commemoration i Lund 31.10. med pave Frans

Bakgrunnsnotat om et MKR/KN-prosjekt på *Inequity* i forbindelse med generalforsamlingen 2017

LVFs misjonskonsultasjon: "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel..."

Artikkel fra LVF om flyktningssituasjonen i Kenya:

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/kenyas-decision-end-refugee-hosting-will-increase-risks-thousands>

Nytt fra den verdensvide kirke

Det lutherske verdensforbund (LVF)

Det er særlig to begivenheter som opptar LVF for tiden. Det er reformasjonsjubileet og den kommende generalforsamlingen i Namibia 2017. Disse henger nøye sammen. Se egen sak MKR18/16 om generalforsamlingen i LVF 2017, samt sak MKR14/16. I den forbindelse arbeides det, i et samarbeid mellom Kirkens Nødhjelp og MKR, med en søknad til NORAD om et prosjekt på urettferdighet koplet til temaet *Menneske – ikke til salgs*. Dette er et fagligtematisk (og økonomisk) bidrag inn til generalforsamlingen i Namibia.

Generalforsamlingen og reformasjonsjubileet preger også møtet i LVFs nasjonalkomité 1.6. (se vedlagte innkalling), og det kommende rådsmøtet i LVF som i år vil finne sted i Wittenberg fra 16.-21. juni. I forkant av rådsmøtet arrangeres det et to dagers *Wittenberg Pilgrimage* som vil fokusere på både historiske hendelser og nåtidige utfordringer.

Høstens store begivenhet finner sted på reformasjonsdagen 31.10. i Lund, Sverige, hvor LVF og Den katolske kirke sammen vil holde en *commemoration* i Lund domkirke, basert på *Fra konflikt til felleskap* og en liturgi som er utviklet til denne. Pave Frans kommer, og LVFs leder Munib Younan og generalsekretær Martin Junge representerer LVF. Dette er første gang paven besøker Norden siden 1989.

I november blir det en viktig misjonskonsultasjon i LVFs regi. «I am not ashamed!», om misjonsforståelse. Dette er et ledd i LVFs strategi om å arbeide aktivt med helhetlig misjon i vår tid, og er også sett i lys av reformasjonsjubileet. Det kan være aktuelt også for ledere i norske misjonsorganisasjoner å delta.

LVF har et omfattende arbeid for flyktninger, i nært samarbeid med FNs høykommissær for flyktninger. Årlig tas det ansvar for ca. 2,3 millioner flyktninger. Et omfattende arbeid gjøres på Afrikas Horn. LVF har reagert på signalene (mai 2016) fra kenyanske myndigheter om å avvikle Dadaab og andre flyktningleirer i Kenya, og er sterkt bekymret for flyktningenes sikkerhet: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/kenyas-decision-end-refugee-hosting-will-increase-risks-thousands>

For nye rådsmedlemmer er det viktig å gjøre seg kjent med LVFs hjemmeside <https://www.lutheranworld.org/> og gjerne også følge på sosiale medier.

Forslag til vedtak

Mellomkirkelig råd tar saken til orientering:



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Til medlemmer og observatører i LVFs nasjonalkomit 

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Innkalling til m te i LVFs nasjonalkomit  1. juni 2016

Vi besluttet sist (20. oktober 2015) at vi skulle ha to m ter i 2016 p  grunn av reformasjonsjubileet og oppkj ringen til LVFs generalforsamling.

Det innkalles til m te i LVFs nasjonalkomit  **1. juni kl. 15-18** p  m terom Agder/Bj rgvin p  Kirkens hus, R dhusgt. 1-3. Det serveres et enkelt m ltid fra kl. 14.30. Det foresl s at vi bruker mest tid p  sak 1 og 3.

 pning ved v r nye leder i MKR Kristine Sandm l.

Sak 01/16: Kommende r dsm te i LVF i Wittenberg 15.-20. juni
Vi g r gjennom sakslista og kommenterer aktuelle saker.
Sakslista og enkelte sakspapir ettersendes.

Sak 02/16: LVFs generalforsamling 2017

- Status p  delegasjoner og forarbeid
Fra Den norske kirke er det jobbet med et av studiedokumentene som er viktige for generalforsamlingen. *Study Document of Self-Understanding of the Lutheran Communion*
- En samtale om studiedokumentet
<https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/Exhibit%209.2%20The%20Self-Understanding%20of%20the%20Lutheran%20Communion.pdf>

Et utkast til h ringssvar fra Dnk blir ettersendt.

Sak 03/16: Status for arbeidet med reformasjonsjubileet
Nettsiden som er felles for Den norske kirke og Norges Kristne R d, er oppe og g r; www.reformasjon2017.no - Prosjektleder Vidar Kristensen oppdaterer oss.

- «Fra konflikt til fellesskap»: Pave Frans bes ker Norden 31.10.16.

Sak 04/16: Orientering fra kirkene/organisasjonene

Sak 05/16: Øvrige orienteringssaker

- Seminar på MF 21.11.16: *Justification 1517-2017 - From Stumbling Stone to Common Ground*
- Misjonskonsultasjon – LVF i november:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/mshnyx63ewwg3av/I%20Am%20Not%20Ashamed%20to%20the%20Gospel.pdf?dl=0>
- Annet

Sak 06/16: Eventuelt

Nytt møte som er bestemt 27. oktober kl. 15-18.

I tillegg er referatet fra møtet i LVFs nasjonalkomité 2015 vedlagt.

Vi håper så mange som mulig av dere har anledning til å komme.

Meld ifra til Liv Janne Dehlin på e-post ld967@kirken.no om du kan delta eller ikke - dersom du ikke allerede har gjort det.

Mottakere:

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LVFs nasjonalkomit 



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PONTIFICIUM CONSILIUM
AD CHRISTIANORUM UNITATEM FOVENDAM

18 March 2016

To: LWF Officers

Dear sisters, dear brothers

In the year 2017 many Christian world communions will mark the beginning of the Reformation 500 years ago. For the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation the year 2017 will also mark 50 years of the global Lutheran-Catholic dialogue. These years of dialogue and interaction have become a time of joint theological discernment but also of growth in mutual understanding and healing of memories. This five decade long ecumenical journey between Lutherans and Catholics has produced significant results, such as the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification in the year 1999.

More recently, the Lutheran-Catholic Commission on Unity produced the report *From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017* (2013). In this document Lutherans and Catholics for the first time present together the history of the Reformation, articulate the theological issues at stake at the time of and after the Reformation, and identify issues where agreement has been reached and where further dialogue is needed.

Based on what we have discovered together and expressed in *From Conflict to Communion*, Catholics and Lutherans will jointly host a special event on 31 October 2016 in Lund, Sweden, to launch the commemoration of the Reformation during the year 2017.

It is a joy and honor for the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity to invite you to participate in this important moment in our shared quest for the visible unity of the body of Christ.

In this one day event, the Catholic Church will be represented by His Holiness Pope Francis and the Lutheran World Federation by President Munib Younan and General Secretary Martin Junge. The event will bring together leaders of Christian world communions as well as the local Catholic and Lutheran communities in Sweden and the Nordic countries.

The heart of the event will be a joint prayer service based on the common text *From Conflict to Communion*. In joy, we will celebrate the gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we will express repentance for confessional wars that allowed theological disputes to lead to human suffering and disunity of the body of Christ; and we will commit ourselves to bearing witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world.

This commitment is not just for us Lutherans and Catholics to share between ourselves, but we are inviting our ecumenical partners to help us to renew our commitment to the search for Christian unity. This we ask from you, because we believe that our commitment to move from conflict to communion inscribes itself within the whole body of Christ.

Rev. Martin Junge
General Secretary
Lutheran World Federation

Cardinal Kurt Koch
President
Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Practical advice and registration

Kindly reply to this invitation by 31 May 2016 by sending an email to lund2016@lutheranworld.org. For any questions relating to the event, do not hesitate to turn to Msgr. Matthias Türk, PCPCU mturk@christianunity.va or Rev. Dr. Kaisamari Hintikka, LWF kaisamari.hintikka@lutheranworld.org. Further information on the program of the ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation anniversary event will be sent to the participants by the end of September.

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Fight inequality – end poverty!

At the LWF Assembly 2017

The Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations and Norwegian Church Aid suggest addressing increasing global inequality and the right to social protection at the LWF Assembly in Windhoek 2017. One of the main topics of the Assembly is *Human beings not for sale*. This will be the all-day theme for the programme for Saturday 13th of May. We suggest that poverty and social inequality is a central topic on this day, as well as throughout the Assembly. We would like to invite relevant partners, FBOs and others to join in this initiative.

Background:

Despite the global economic growth of the recent years, global inequality is on the rise and getting worse. The vast majority of the world's resources are in the hands of the privileged few. 1 % of the world's people controls 99 % of its resources. Inequality is denying people the possibility and their right to live lives in dignity and to social security. Social security is perhaps the most powerful tool to ensure people good lives and fight poverty and inequality. However, we see that many people lack basic social security. Thus it should be of no surprise that social inequality has become a central issue on the global development agenda the recent years.

Inequality and social security is as central issue in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agreed upon by the worlds' leaders September 2015. SDG #10 is *Reduce Inequality within and among countries*. There are also other SDGs which are relevant for the fight against increasing inequalities. Positive experiences from social protection programmes in Latin America, and increasingly from Asia and Africa, demonstrate the potential such policies have to effectively reduce poverty and inequality, demonstrating that inequality can be fought.

Churches and faith based organisations have a long history in providing social security in societies around the world. Churches and FBOs also have rich experience in fighting for social justice and have historically been crucial in the struggle for social justice and political change. For instance, the Jubilee 2000 Campaign and the LWF commitments against illegitimate debt of 2003 were crucial steps on the way towards the debt cancellations of the 2000s. Thus, churches and FBOs have strong legitimacy when it comes to fighting for people's right to social security and against inequality. We can make a change. However, today churches and FBOs are to a large degree absent in these discussions.

Norwegian Church Aid is, alongside with several members in the ACT network, an FBO with long-lasting experience on working against inequality and for social protection. We wish to build on our experiences, as well as those of other FBOs' and partners' who wish to be a part of this initiative, at the Assembly. Particularly relevant is how the churches of Southern and Eastern Africa have worked with the mining industry, pushing for more openness and increased tax revenue to fight poverty and ensure social security. Also, the Namibia experience on the BIG campaign seems highly relevant to this agenda and should be included.

We envision a global church which renews its fight against increasing inequality in the world and for every human's right to social security. The LWF Assembly of 2017 can be the starting point for this global commitment.

Ideas for the LWF Assembly of 2017:

- Arrange an event on the LWF Assembly 2017 with the following working name: *Human beings not for sale*: Fight inequality – end poverty!
- Inequality and social protection to be a central theme throughout the day. We are happy to contribute in all parts of the programme. E.g.: On the morning devotion – plenary session – workshop – at the Omatala. We are also happy to contribute in preparation for and in following up on the assembly.
- Commit the LWF Assembly on this agenda, by including points on inequality and the right to social protection in final documents: Assembly message/public statements/resolutions
- (possibly) Launch a campaign on inequality/tax funded social protection/presentation of South East Africa campaign on social protection

Note that this process is still in the idea stadium. Expected outcome is still to be developed, and we would like to consult other actors, LWF members and partners before we conclude.

A more detailed concept note on this idea should also be developed. This should include information on relevant events leading up to the Assembly, as well as on how we will follow up the work after the Assembly.

Oslo, April 2016



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“I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel...”

LWF Consultation on Contemporary Mission in Global Christianity

Mission has been at the core of churches' self-understanding and existence. Discussion on mission is becoming a main issue again in many churches due to changing contexts. There are many approaches to mission depending on history, social and religious contexts, as well as theological traditions. Since the common understanding of mission as *Missio Dei* some decades ago, churches have always wrestled with the question of what the holistic mission of the church is today. The Lutheran World Federation stands in a position to provide a platform for interaction and exchange between mission practitioners and experts, based on various experiences from local situations and global realities. What is contextual holistic mission?

One of priorities of LWF is to accompany member churches in growing in capacity for holistic mission and deepening relationships with each other and to meet the challenges they face in their context individually and together. Some years ago LWF published a significant document: “*Mission In Context: Transformation, Reconciliation, Empowerment.*” The WCC recently adopted the newest Mission Document: “*Together towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes*” But the context keeps changing; churches must keep on contemplating what the mission of the church is at every moment and in each place.

Examples abound.

- Some churches are surrounded by the neo Pentecostal model of mission, with proclamation as “the” mission. Their theology and practice is surrounded by neo-Pentecostal media and practice to which their members are more exposed than to their own churches.
- For some churches the goal of mission is numerical growth, but for others it is transformation of life. Are the two separable alternatives?
- Questions of mission in multi-religious realities beg for responses. Is the answer to stop mission? If not, how does it go?
- Christian majority churches are facing new challenges as secularism makes people have problems with God, religion or church; and congregations do not know how to deal with their new non-Christian neighbours who are actively practicing other faiths.
- What is contextual holistic mission of the church in countries where diakonia is done by the state?

Objective of the Consultation

At this moment when we are approaching the 500 years of reformation, it is crucial to once again look at the mission context of the now globalized reformation. The LWF Department for Mission and Development will organize a “LWF Consultation on Contemporary Mission in Global Christianity.” One of the key insights that led to the reformation was Romans 1:16-17: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who

has faith...” With this conviction holistic mission has been done. It was the new discovery of the “gospel” that liberated Luther into reformation. We want to come together to share experiences, encourage each other and rediscover the calling to not be ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation.

Goals:

- To explore the current mission contexts in different regions by way of exchange of experiences and stories and good practices (there will be one presentation per region)
- To enable exchange between mission practitioners in different regions in order to improve cooperation and for the sake of mission and unity.
- To contemplate on key challenges for mission work in different regions,
- To enable interaction and exchange among practitioners from different global contexts and possibilities of networking for future cooperation.

VENUE: Geneva, Ecumenical Centre Main Hall.

We intend to bring together the following:

- Heads of Mission Agencies either belonging to or working with LWF Member Churches
- Heads of Departments of the LWF member churches responsible for holistic mission
- Other interested bodies supporting the work of LWF-DMD
- Youth and women participants in line with LWF policy of inclusion

DATES: Arrival November 16th; departure November 19th, 2016.

PROGRAM: is still under preparation, to include e.g. our use of media, teaching missiology, mission in minority situations, congregational mission in Christian majority situations, etc. We will welcome participants to also identify issues from their perspectives.

FINANCING: We are asking participants to cover their own costs. But we are aware that not all are in position to do that; but may consult their partners for sponsorship. We ask those who are able to help cover the costs of their partners who are not able. We will ask those who share the same partner to make it possible to assist those without any partner. LWF will be willing to coordinate this. Apart from travel expenses, accommodation and meals will cost around €640.00 per person for three nights.

RESOURCE PERSONS: We intend to draw resource persons from participants since they are all experienced experts in respective regions and fields.

LANGUAGE: Main language will be English, those with need for other LWF languages (Spanish, French and German) will be assisted.

I ask you to indicate to us your willingness to participate in the consultation as soon as possible preferably before April 30, 2016. Kindly send an Email to:

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