



**Pilgrim Team Visit to Indigenous Communities in the Arctic
26-28 April 2021**

Visit to Sámi communities in Finland, Norway, and Sweden, 28 April

PROGRAM (1500-1800 CET)

Welcome. Prayer. Introduction.

- ❖ Intro by WCC / Pilgrim Team. Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald.
- ❖ *Bures boahhtin! Welcome to Sápmi!* Moderator Rev. Dr. Tore Johnsen (KUN/VID).
- ❖ Blessing / prayer. Rev. Mari Valjakka (ELCF). 5-10 min.
- ❖ Introduction of participants. 10-15 min.
- ❖ Presenting Sápmi, the Sámi, and Sámi church life. Rev. Mari Valjakka (ELCF). 10 min.

The Pilgrimage and the ongoing truth and reconciliation processes in Sápmi/Scandinavia

- ❖ *Introduction.* Moderator. 3 min.
- ❖ *Report from Norwegian side of Sápmi.* Vidar Andersen (Sami Church Council, CoN). 5-7 min
- ❖ *Report from Swedish side of Sápmi:* Ingrid Inga (Sami Council, CoS). 5-7 min.
- ❖ *Report from Finnish side of Sápmi:* By Mari Valjakka and Tauno Ljetoff (ELCF). 5-7 min.
- ❖ A Research Perspective. Tore Johnsen (KUN/VID Tromsø). 5-7 min.
- ❖ Interaction with Pilgrim Team Visitors.

Wellness break (10 min.)

Pressing issues and emerging concerns

- ❖ *Introduction.* Moderator.
- ❖ *Climate change, green colonization, extractives etc.* Sara Ellen Anne Eira (Sami Church Council, CoN). 7 min
- ❖ *Everyday racism triggered by Sámi indigenous rights etc.* Ingrid Inga (Sami Council, CoS). 7 min. Additional youth perspective by Sara Keränen, student, University of Oulu.
- ❖ *Sámi spirituality, Indigenous Christianity, and theological decolonization.* Tore Johnsen. 10 min.
- ❖ Interaction with Pilgrim Team visitors.
- ❖ Blessing. Closing of meeting.

Sámi participants (alphabetically listed)

Risten Turi Alexandersen is general secretary of the Sámi Church Council of Church of Norway.

Vidar Andersen is senior consultant of the Sámi Church Council of Church of Norway and deputy of the Norwegian Sámi Association (NSR).

Sara Ellen Anne Eira is moderator of the Sámi Church Council of Church of Norway and Assist. Principal at the Sámi High School and Reindeer Husbandry School.

Lisbeth Hotti is administrator / officer on Sámi church life, the Church of Sweden.

Ingrid Inga is moderator of the Church of Sweden Sámi Council and member of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden, where she moderates the Culture Committee.

Rev Dr Tore Johnsen is Assoc Prof in theology at KUN (Northern Norway Education Centre for Practical Theology), Tromsø, VID specialized university.

Sara Keränen is a student at the University of Oulu, Finland.

Tauno Ljetoff is a member of the Sámi Parliament in Finland, advisory member in Advisory board of Sámi issues in Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland.

Line M. Skum is Assist Prof in diakonia at KUN (Northern Norway Education Centre for Practical Theology), Tromsø, VID specialized university.

Rev Mari Valjakka is a priest in the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland and currently Moderator of the WCC's Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Reference Group.