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Planlegging av 100-årsmarkering for Edinburgh 1910

Sammendrag

Internasjonale markeringer:

I forbindelse med 100-årsjubileet for den internasjonale misjonskonferansen i Edinburgh 1910 er flere markeringer planlagt. Kirkenes Verdensråd, Det lutherske verdensforbund, Lausannebevegelsen og World Evangelical Alliance, samt en rekke kirker og misjonsorganisasjoner har røtter tilknyttet Edinburgh 1910.

Den største enkeltmarkeringen er planlagt som Lausannebevegelsens 3. store verdenskongress, og vil finne sted i Cape Town, Sør-Afrika, 16.-25. oktober 2010.

Samtidig har en rekke organisasjoner, deriblant Kirkenes Verdensråd, gått sammen om en felles økumenisk planleggingsprosess; "Towards 2010". Dette samarbeidet planlegger en hundreårsmarkering i Edinburgh, 2.-6. juni 2010, som en feiring og som et resultat av en studieprosess. Studieprosessen er tenkt som en åpen bidragsprosess rundt ni gitte misjonstema. Knud Jørgensen i Areopagos sitter i eksekutivkomiteen.

Misjonskommisjonen i KV (CWME) planlegger videre en misjonskonferanse sent i 2011 for å reflektere over misjonskonferansenes historie og betydning 1910-2011.

Planlegging av en nasjonal markering:

På initiativ fra Areopagos er en norsk arbeidsgruppe satt sammen, bestående av Knud Jørgensen (Areopagos), Rolv Olsen (Egede Instituttet), Rolf Ekenes (NORME), Ørnulf Steen (Norges Kristne Råd) og Beate Fagerli (Mellomkirkelig råd, Dnk).

Gruppen har møttes tre ganger våren 2008.

Flere ideer har vært oppe til drøfting, som alle legger seg opp til den internasjonale prosessen, og involverer en større markering i 2010 samt en egen studieprosess (evalueringsprosess). Følgende resultater ønskes oppnådd med prosessen:

1. En mulighet for kirkene til å feire den verdensvide kirkes vitnesbyrd de siste hundre år
2. En bekreftelse av det bibelske kall til misjon, formulert ut fra vår nåværende kontekst
3. En begynnelse på en misjonsdialog mellom misjonsledere i nord og nye misjonsbevegelser i sør, mellom kirkeledere og misjonsledere, og mellom representanter for forskjellige kristne tradisjoner om definisjonen av misjonsteologi.

Arbeidsgruppen har følgende forslag til markeringen i Norge:

- 1) En evalueringsgruppe bestående av misjons- og kirkerepresentanter fra sør settes ned, "Sørgruppen". Hensikt med evalueringen er å starte en bred økumenisk dialog om kirkens vitnesbyrd i sør og i nord i det 21. århundre. Det tas høyde for at evalueringen representerer både utfordringer og inspirasjon.
- 2) En norsk kontaktgruppe nedsettes, med ansvar for informasjon og kontakt med sørgruppen. Kontaktgruppen forventes også å knytte evalueringprosessen opp til norsk kontekst, møter og konferanser, samt å involvere misjonsorganisasjoner, ungdom og teologiske fakulteter.
- 3) En jubileumsfeiring avholdes i Norge i 2010, om mulig i forbindelse med NORMEs årlige konsultasjon, LINK. Her vil evalueringen fra sør presenteres.
- 4) En ungdomsprosess bør finne sted parallelt, for å gi Edinburgh 2010 stemme til en ny generasjon. Ideer til ungdomsprosessen innbefatter en studieprosess med bidrag fra unge misjonsteologer, aktiv ungdomsdeltakelse i prosessen, mulig deltakelse i Boston Student Conference 2010, samt samarbeid med ungdomsorganisasjoner og Ungdommens Kirkemøte.

Forslag til vedtak

- 1) MKR støtter forslaget til den nasjonale markeringen og oppfordrer til aktiv deltakelse i planleggingsprosessen. MKR minner om Kirkemøtets vedtak i 2005 om "En misjonerende kirke", og oppfordrer plenleggingsgruppen til å informere om prosessen og også involvere bispedømmene.
- 2) MKR ber planleggingsgruppen om å vurdere teologisk og kirkepolitisk bredde i sitt forslag til mulige deltakere i en evalueringsgruppe fra sør og til kontaktgruppen. MKR har følgende tilleggsforslag til mulige deltakere:
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- 3) MKR er svært glad for initiativet til en parallell ungdomsprosess og gir sin tilslutning til planleggingen av studieprosessen og en nasjonal markering.

Økonomiske/administrative konsekvenser

Planleggingen av hundreårsmarkeringen for Edinburgh 2010 må tas med i to budsjetter:
Budsjett for 2009: Eventuelle reise- og administrasjonskostnader for evalueringsgruppe fra sør, eventuelle reise- og møtekostnader for kontaktgruppen.

Budsjett for 2010: 100-årsmarkering i Norge (arrangementskostnader, reise og opphold for gjester), ungdomsprosess og eventuelle publikasjonskostnader.

Det er beregnet at kostnader for begge år totalt vil beløpe seg til kr 200.000,- . Det totale beløpet skal i utgangspunktet deles på fire; MKR, NORME, NKR og Areopagos.

MKR må i tillegg ta høyde for reisekostnader knyttet til egen deltakelse ved de internasjonale markeringene i Cape Town og Edinburgh i 2010.

Project description

South-evaluation of Church and Mission in Norway

The upcoming **centenary of the Edinburgh 1910 World Missionary Conference** should be an inspiration and a challenge also for churches and organisations in Norway who are seeking direction for Christian mission in the 21st century. Several different constituencies within world Christianity have begun to plan significant events in the centenary year.

A Norwegian initiative to mark the centenary should seek to bring together representatives from a broad ecumenical spectrum of mission and church life. The memory of the 1910 Conference should, in Norway and elsewhere, bring people together in a creative way and open up new perspectives on mission today.

A celebration of the centenary in Norway should strive for the same outcomes as are intended internationally:

1. The churches will be provided with an opportunity to celebrate what God has done in the growth of the Church worldwide over the past century and to prayerfully commit to God the witness of the churches in the 21st Century.
2. The biblical call to mission will be affirmed and articulated within our contemporary contexts in terms of mission in the world with particular focus on evangelization.
3. A key conversation on mission will be initiated between e.g.
 - Mission leaders from the older mission movements of the North and the new mission movements from the South and East (on dynamics of new mission movements)
 - Church leaders and mission leaders (on who does what?)
 - Representatives of different Christian traditions (on defining mission theology).

In light of these intended outcomes we propose to initiate a south-evaluation of church and mission in Norway. Edinburgh 1910 highlighted a Western and Protestant view of and plans for mission in the Global South or the Majority World, to a very large extent without the participation of the Global South. Might we one hundred years later “turn the tables” and invite the South to evaluate us and give us stimuli and challenges for the way ahead?

Edinburgh 1910 thought of itself as “ecumenical”, even though the Catholic, the Orthodox and the new Pentecostal movement (from 1906) were left out. These three major sections of world Christianity play an active part today in the international preparations to celebrate the centenary. The same must apply in a Norwegian context.

Aims

The aims of the evaluation should reflect the above mentioned intended outcomes:

- A broad and ecumenical conversation on the witness of churches in the south and the north in the 21st century will be facilitated and initiated
- Norwegian church and mission leaders will be inspired by developments and renewal in the Global South
- Christians in Norway will receive a challenge for mission and evangelisation in the local, the national and the global context.

- Together with fellow Christians from the Global South we shall affirm the biblical call to mission and with particular focus on evangelisation.

Methodology

We propose to bring together a team that could spend a week or more in Norway for visitation and conversation at various levels and with various groups.

The members of the team should

- have good knowledge of the general situation of church and mission in the West and preferably also in Norway
- comprise persons with broad knowledge of theory and praxis in mission
- be ecumenical in scope
- include young and adults of both sexes.

The group should be selected and appointed before the end of 2008 in order that the members may establish contact with one another and in order that we may start channelling relevant input and information to the group. Already at this early stage the members of the group should begin communicating with one another.

Norwegian Task Force/Contact Group

At the same time as the South-group is appointed, a task force or contact group should be established in Norway, largely based on the same requirements as stipulated for the South-group. The purpose of this task force is

- to gather documentation and information for the South-group
- to formulate questions and issues related to the Norwegian context, to be shared with the South-group, such as:
 - what does it mean to witness to Christ in a new era, with regard to diaconia, evangelism, advocacy, and church planting
 - Are we a counterculture vis-à-vis authorities and a Western culture?
 - a critical look at our work, our use of personnel, and 'campaign mentality'
 - what does South mean for us today
 - are our activities through church and mission an expression of and a witness to the unity of the church
 - how motivate to and inform about mission and evangelism
- To initiate a process of self-evaluation within relevant contexts in Norway. E.g. include topics and sessions related to such a self-evaluation in already planned conferences and meetings in Norway (The Christian Council, Mellomkirkeligt Råd, NORME, Egede, etc.).
- To involve various milieus in Norway in the process, particularly mission organisations, youth organisations, and theological faculties.
- To appoint working groups, both in order to involve various milieus (as mentioned above) and to obtain help in formulating relevant questions for the South-group.

We propose that a celebratory consultation be arranged in Norway in 2010, if possible in connection with the annual NORME consultation. This consultation will be the platform where the findings of the South-group are presented.

A parallel part of our overall proposal is to secure strong input from Christian youth in Norway about their dreams and hopes for mission today and tomorrow. The reason for this youth input is to signify that Edinburgh 2010 will give a voice to a new generation. This

second component will be described in separate Terms of Reference. The dreams and hopes of the youth will also be presented, as a second input, to the 2010 consultation.

Prior to the consultation, the South-group will spend at least 2 days with a spectrum of Norwegians “witnesses”, to test the views of the South-group before their findings are presented to the consultation.

Members of the South-Group

The following persons have been mentioned as candidates for the South-group:

- Walter Altmann, President of the Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession, Brazil, moderator of the World Council of Churches. Beate har nevnt saken for ham på samling i Stavanger i mai
- Peri Rasolondraibe, Pastor within the Malagasy Lutheran Church, former director of the LWF Department for Mission and Development
- Hwa Yung, Bishop of the Methodist church in Malaysia, a key person within the Lausanne movement
- Grace Ma, Pentecostal, from Korea, working in relation to the Oxford Institute of Mission
- Akio Hashimoto, Principal of Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary, Japan (speaks Norwegian, English and German)
- Banjob Kusawadee, Principal of the Lutheran Institute of Theology, Bangkok, Thailand
- Wan Dee, connected to Theological Institute, Bangkok, Thailand, 42 years, reflected, brave. Master of Theology, MHS
- Nicolas Tai, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, professor in OT at the Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Pastor from Presbyterian congregation in Cairo, Egypt
- Martin Weingärtner, World Vision, former leader of the revival movement Encontrao in Brazil.
- Puleng Lenka Bula, Sør-Afrika, ung, kritisk til “mission possibilities”, ønsker nytt språk og ny tenkning. Teoretisk kjennskap til Vesten.
- Genevieve James, Sør-Afrika, pinsevev, missiolog, opptatt av evangeliseringsproblematikken. Teoretisk kjennskap til Vesten.
- Representative from Messianic Judaism
- Anastasia Vassiliadou, young Orthodox missiologist, teacher at the Faculty of Theology, University of Thessaloniki.
- Nyiwe Thomas, President Evangelical Church of Cameroon, (Lutheran)
- Thomas Yu, Dean China Lutheran Seminary, Taiwan,
- Dr. Professor Ole Jakob Grønvold, Lutheran Theological Seminary Hong Kong
- Bishop Mounib Younan, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in the Holy Land

Responsibilities and Stakeholders

The recommended plans for celebrating the Edinburgh centenary will be presented to:

- NORME
- Mellomkirkeligt Råd
- Norges Kristne Råd

These three entities will be the ‘owners’ or stakeholders in the celebration.

In addition the Areopagos foundation and the Egede Institutt stand ready to assist practically and financially.

These terms of reference must be approved by the stakeholders, together with a tentative budget for the process.

Included in this approval are also the appointment of the South-group and the appointment of a Norwegian contact group.

Based on this approval the Norwegian contact group will start the implementation of the plans. The contact group will, at least twice a year, report to the stakeholders and other supporting agencies on the progress of the project.

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Project description

Edinburgh 2010 Youth Process

Background

Connected to the Norwegian planning process of the Edinburgh 1910 centenary, it has been proposed to ensure that youth participation and youth initiatives become part of the process. In order to do so, the initial think-tank has suggested formulating specific Terms of Reference for the youth process, based on the following idea:

- To invite young people to bring forward their ideas of mission today and tomorrow. This could be to bring together students from theological faculties who are working on the topics of “youth, culture, society and mission”. The study process should include international students. Among the Norwegian faculties there would also be students from the global south who could be contributing.

Aims

- to involve youth and young adults in the Edinburgh 2010 ecumenical process, nationally and internationally
- to enthuse young people for mission
- to engage in mission-related issues as they are raised, experienced and expressed by young people
- to give space to and make visible youth expressions of being church and doing mission

Objectives

- To make the Edinburgh 2010 process known among young people through the **theological faculties and youth networks** of the churches and mission organisations. (These could be encouraged to support participation in the **Boston Student Conference 2010**, 5 – 7 November.)
- To support **youth participation** in the international process, by actively including youth delegates to the events in Cape Town 2010 and Edinburgh 2010 and in the national centenary event in 2010.
- To initiate a **mission study process**, through involving young missiologists, and youth and students involved in mission-related fields, through publications of contributions. Their input should be given to the Edinburgh 2010 Centenary event.
- To make mission-related themes a focus of the **Ungdommens Kirkemøte 2010** (*To be proposed*)

Proposal for a Young Missiologists’ Study Process

(Note that this proposal has not yet been discussed among the possible stakeholders involved!)

A study process of young missiologists within the framework of Edinburgh 2010 may refer to on-going international ecumenical processes, for instance:

- In 2006 the Porvoo Community held a consultation on “Fresh Expressions of Church”, initiated and hosted by the Church of England. It has been proposed that this consultation be followed up with another, in Norway.
- In the meantime, a new initiative within the Porvoo Community has been made by Church of Sweden, namely the Porvoo Research Network. This network is aimed at involving young researchers, students and theologians among the Porvoo churches. The first consultation will take place in Sweden in October 2008.
- Before the previous Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (WCC), a Young Missiologists Consultation was held, involving young students and researchers from all parts of the world. The consultation was an interesting experience resulting in written contributions and group work with a clear expression of youth and new ways of thinking mission.

Would it be possible to imagine a combination of these elements into one specific youth study process as a contribution from the Norwegian Edinburgh 2010 process?

- 1) One could involve theological faculties and mission researchers in Norway, including international master and doctorate students within relevant fields, as well as invite young missiologists within the Northern European part of the Porvoo community and co-operation partners, and participants from the global south.
- 2) If one were to look at a possible topic as “fresh expressions of church”, one could continue an on-going ecumenical discussion related to the current situation of churches in Northern Europe, as well as relating this to the Edinburgh 2010 South Evaluation of Church and Mission project. This could be done by bringing in a focus on the influence of churches in the global south on church life in Northern Europe today, a thematic angle where young researchers may bring interesting insights on mission today.
- 3) Although involving young missiologists from a wide spectre the group should not be too large, perhaps 20 - 25 persons. Selected participants could be asked to submit written papers on the topic, which could be the basis for a **consultation** of the full group. The papers as well as the results of the consultation could be published as a **resource document** and shared with the Edinburgh 2010 event. (Possibly also the Boston Student Conference).

Methodology

We propose to put together a Youth Task Force who could initiate and follow up the processes involving young participation in the Edinburgh 2010 process.

The members of the team should

- have good knowledge of the general situation of church and mission in Norway, and preferably also in the international ecumenical organisations
- comprise persons with knowledge of both theory and praxis in mission
- be ecumenical in scope
- include representatives from different church traditions, mission-related organisations and theological faculties,
- include both sexes and preferably represent different traditions.

The Youth Task Force should

- contribute with ideas and themes to the overall process
- ensure youth participation in the proposed events
- suggest themes and initiate a process for the young missiologists' study process and consultation
- support and co-operate with the planning of relevant themes for UKM 2010

The group should be selected and appointed before the end of 2008 in order that the members may establish contact and begin communicating with one another.

Responsibilities and Stakeholders

The recommended plans for the youth process will be presented to:

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- Mellomkirkelig Råd
- Norges Kristne Råd

These three entities will be the 'owners' or stakeholders in the celebration.

In addition the Areopagos foundation and the Egede Institutt stand ready to assist practically and financially.

These terms of reference must be approved by the stakeholders, together with a tentative budget for the process.

Included in this approval is also the appointment of a Youth Task Force. The Task Force will, at least twice a year, report to the stakeholders and other supporting agencies on the progress of the project.

Budget

Expenses to be foreseen for the proposed youth process are highlighted:

- 1) Participation in Edinburgh 2010 Centenary, Scotland, June 2010, Lausanne III in Cape Town 2010 and the Norwegian Edinburgh 2010 event should be included in the overall budget for participation.
- 2) **Mission Study Project: Expenses to be foreseen are travel (partly international), board and lodging for 25 persons for a minimum of three full working days, as well as a publication.**
- 3) Ungdommens Kirkemøte (UKM) 2010 should be included in the UKM budget.

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