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## Saker i de økumeniske organisasjonene

### Porvoo

#### Sammendrag

8.–11. oktober 2012 ble den fjerde teologiske Porvookonferansen avholdt i Dragør utenfor København. Tema for konferansen var «The Sacraments in the Mission of the Church». Fra Norge deltok Øyvind Rise, rådgiver i Bispemøtet, og Beate Fagerli, som er luthersk sekretær i Porvoo Contact Group. Kommuniké fra møtet er vedlagt og gir en kort versjon av konferansens innhold. Full rapport fra konsultasjonen med alle foredrag utarbeides til Porvoo Primates' Meeting i oktober 2013.

Umiddelbart etter konferansen – fra 11–15. oktober – møttes Porvoo Contact Group til sitt årlige møte. En revidert tidsplan for Porvoofellesskapets programarbeid ble utarbeidet på møtet. I tillegg ble et revidert forslag til Porvoo Prayer Cycle for 2013 lagt frem. Forslaget inneholder forbønnssemner for alle bispedømmer og vennsapsrelasjoner i Porvoofellesskapet. Tidsplan og forbønnsliste er vedlagt.

#### Forslag til vedtak

Mellomkirkelig råd tar følgende saker til orientering:

- Kommuniké fra Porvoo Theological Conference
- Porvoo Work Plan
- Porvoo Prayer Cycle

## THE PORVOO COMMUNION OF CHURCHES

### THE FOURTH THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE UNDER THE PORVOO AGREEMENT COPENHAGEN, DENMARK 08 – 11 OCTOBER 2012

#### COMMUNIQUÉ

**THEME:** *THE SACRAMENTS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH*

#### **Introduction**

The **Churches of the Porvoo Communion**, mostly in Northern Europe, are Churches that have signed an agreement to “share a common life in mission and service”. The name Porvoo comes from the Finnish diocese and city in whose Cathedral the Eucharist was celebrated on the final Sunday of the conversations in 1992 leading to the Common Statement and thus finally to the Porvoo Communion.

The vision of the Porvoo Common Statement is to be together in mission and ministry. This conference contributed to ongoing reflection on this shared vision. It is hoped that the contributions made to the Conference will provide useful resources and a deeper communion in the faith and life of the Churches in the Porvoo Communion.

The Conference reflected on an enduring gift of the presence of Christ in the life of the church by considering the vital link between sacraments and mission, since sacraments are the life blood of the church and mission is the core mandate of the church.

Members of the Porvoo Churches live in rapidly changing contexts in which the traditional pre-suppositions for celebrating the sacraments and communicating the Christian faith can no longer be taken for granted. The major concerns addressed by the Conference include the following:

- Lack of Christian confidence in a multi-cultural, multi-faith and increasingly secularised Europe.
- The impact of the economic situation in Europe and its implication for Christian mission.
- Tensions between social customs and tradition on the one hand and church commitment and membership on the other.
- The increasing percentages of people who feel estranged from or have no contact with the church
- The desire of the non-baptised to receive Holy Communion in some contexts
- The possibilities and difficulties of inter-church marriages
- The contributions of the world church to European Christianity towards understanding mission engagement

The Conference was rooted in prayer and worship. The opening and closing Eucharist was celebrated at the local parish church of Dragør. At the opening Eucharist the Bishop of Copenhagen, Peter Skov-Jakobsen preached on the transfiguration theme and the Bishop of Newcastle, Martin Wharton presided. At the closing Eucharist the Archbishop of Dublin,

Michael Jackson, preached on sacraments and social justice and Bishop emeritus Karl Sigurbjörnsson of Iceland was the celebrant.

Giving some attention to the place of confirmation albeit conflicted in the initiation practises of the churches, the presentations of the Conference focused particularly on Baptism and the Eucharist. Both are understood to be fundamental sacraments of the church, making the church itself a sign to the world of the Kingdom, which is its mission to announce.

All presentations were followed by plenary discussions. There were three concluding workshops to facilitate more meaningful small group discussions. Through public conversations in an interview format Keynote Listeners provided the participants with the insights they had gained from the presentations and group work.

During the conference the participants visited the Church of The Holy Spirit in the city centre of Copenhagen and heard a moving presentation by Revd Carina Wølck on the parish work with people living with HIV. The participants also heard about the Greenlandic congregation, and enjoyed a beautiful mini-concert.

All presentations along with the notes from Keynote Listeners will be collated and further reflected on during the next Primates meeting.

### **Snapshots of Contributions**

The Keynote paper on the theme was delivered by Paul Avis who provided the Conference with insight into how the Church of Jesus Christ receives its essential identity from God in word and sacrament. The Church has a sacramental life because Jesus Christ is the sacrament of God and the Church is the sacrament of Christ because he works through her. The church is therefore an instrument of the mission of God.

Jonas Jørgensen spoke about *Non-Western Perspectives on the Sacraments of the Church* with examples of marginal forms of Christian practices in Bangladesh and South India, such as the Sufi Islam with Jesus as their prophet and the Christ Bhaktas. Some of the rites were similar to our western traditional liturgical practice, while reflecting a deep and principled concern for contextualisation.

Karl Sigurbjörnsson presented a paper on *Understanding Discipleship as the Working-out of Baptism*. He pointed out that discipleship as working-out of baptism is being an apprentice of the master, in a growing, learning and listening relationship, acquiring skills in faith, listening skills to the word of God, trusting skills in being carried and held by grace through suffering and pain, through sin and guilt, through life and death and being loved and forgiven. Discipleship is not about performance or achievement, it is all about grace received and given.

Ian Paton presented a paper on the *Baptised in Mission*. A significant point in his paper was that the gifts of baptism for the building up of the Body of Christ are received and employed in the context of real life – economic, social, political, professional and personal. It is this life which is being transformed to be a Christian life. Christians remain part of their society with a duty to exercise citizenship, and it is there that they serve and witness to God's kingdom. The church is

to witness God's love. Renewing the church is not all about structures, strategies or committees, but trying to practise a life of prayer and the love of one's neighbour. Such a baptismal ecclesiology could open up fresh possibilities for understanding and practising a baptismal missiology.

Sandra Gintere reflected on *The Unity given in Baptism as Foundation for Christian Reconciliation Work in the World* pointing out the ecumenical complexities of the relationship of baptism and membership of the church. The identity of being a member of the universal church given in baptism is primary and that of belonging to a denomination is secondary. However, as she pointed out, due to lack of full communion baptism appears to make the secondary identity the primary one.

Christopher Cocksworth in his paper on *Confirmation in the Missionary Practice of the Church* discussed a variety of understandings of confirmation, pointing out the uncertainty in both theory and practice that exist in the churches. He advocated that confirmation be more closely related to empowerment for missionary activity in the world. He suggests that the sacramental initiation processes of the church should intersect with the evangelistic courses of parishes.

Jaakko Rusama identified *Challenges for Mission Theology Today*. He described the rapid shift of the centre of world Christianity to the Global South. The mission of the church is a window to what happens in the life of all religions. He argued that a new evangelism for the transmission of the Christian faith would need to reflect cross-cultural interdependence.

Michael Jackson's paper *Eucharist: A Sacrament of Unity and Mission* in one key thought pointed to the perspective of Michael Ramsey. Michael Jackson observed that Ramsey provides a strategic backdrop for an understanding of the Eucharist in the Porvoo context. It respects the New Testament shape of the Eucharist and takes us far beyond any static and memorialist understanding of Holy Communion. Eucharist is firmly set in the context of the Incarnate and Ascended life of Christ. This perspective, he went on to say, accommodates well the very resolute Porvoo perspective that the unity and mission are those of Christ.

Peter Stjerndorff gave examples from his pastoral ministry to illustrate the theme *Eucharist – A Sacrament of Hope*. He described how people at various times and in some contexts have felt themselves excluded from the Eucharist because of a sense of its seriousness and holiness and their own unworthiness. This situation has kept them away from experiencing the joy and hope of the sacrament. However, all people should be welcome at the Lord's table because Eucharist can inspire hope in those whose lives are oppressed and affected by difficulties of different kinds.

Tomi Karttunen in his paper *Lutheran Teaching of the Lord's Supper and its Implications for Mission* traced the rediscovery of Martin Luther's realistic thought in the Eucharist. Tomi argued that God as the giver of everything good is the basis of Luther's theology of Holy Communion. Luther's understanding of the Holy Supper underlines that the Holy Trinity, God as self-giving love who sends his Church, Christ's disciples into the world to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, in the unity of faith and love and carried by the proclaiming hope for the world, is the basis of the mission of the Church.

Rachael Jordan presented *The Sacramental Life of Fresh Expressions of Church*, which is a more recent movement within the Church of England and other denominations to reach the un-churched and the de-churched. This is an answer to the challenge posed by the fact that an increasing proportion of the English population has no direct contact with the church. Fresh Expressions gathers people together outside traditional forms of congregation to guide them towards a position of faith and active discipleship.

Gwynn ap Gwilym reflected on Archbishop Rowan Williams lecture *The Fellowship of the Baptised* and its implication for the Porvoo vision. The Archbishop explains baptism and the identity of a baptised person by saying that baptised identity is being where Jesus is; and Jesus is both in the neighbourhood of God the Father and in the neighbourhood of the sinner. This experience of the baptised is not the experience of endings but of repeated new beginnings. To be in the place where Christ is means being vulnerable. The baptismal body, the Church, is a wounded body and those wounds are often self-inflicted, but it is also a self-healing body because it is Christ's body. Rowan Williams draws consequences from this for the situation of inter-church marriages. They could be a mark of the self-healing body. This could also be applied to the Churches in the Porvoo Communion.

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#### **List of Participants**

##### **Church of England**

Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth  
The Very Revd Dr Frances Ward  
Revd Canon Dr Robin Ward  
Dr Rachel Jordan  
Rt Revd Martin Wharton  
Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel

##### **The Lusitanian Church**

Revd Jorge Pina Cabral

##### **Spanish Episcopal Church**

Revd Dr Manuel F. Carrillo

##### **Church of England Diocese in Europe**

The Ven Jonathan Lloyd

##### **Scottish Episcopal Church**

Revd Canon Ian Paton  
Ms Elspeth Davey

##### **Church in Wales**

Revd Gwynn ap Gwilym  
Revd Manon Parry

**Church of Ireland**

Rt Revd John McDowell  
Most Revd Michael Jackson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland**

Revd Dr Jaakko Rusama  
Revd Tarja Meijer  
Revd Dr Olli-Pekka Vainio  
Revd Dr Tomi Karttunen

**Church of Norway**

Revd Øyvind Rise  
Ms Beate Fagerli

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark**

Revd Dr Jonas A. Jørgensen  
Rt Revd Peter Skov-Jakobsen  
Dr Henrik Sonne Petersen  
Dr Thorsten Rørbæk

**Church of Sweden**

Revd Jenny Sjögreen  
Revd Peter Stjerndorff  
Revd Dr Christopher Meakin

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland**

Revd Steinunn Arnþrúður Björnsdóttir  
Rt Revd Karl Sigurbjörnsson

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania**

Revd Darius Petkunas

**Resource Person**

Revd Canon Prof Paul Avis

**Observer Churches****Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia**

Dr Sandra Gintere

**Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad**

Most Revd Elmars Ernests Rozitis

**Lutheran Church in Great Britain**

Rt Revd Jana Jeruma-Grinberga

## **Guests**

### **VELKD**

Bishop Prof Dr Friedrich Weber

### **Church of England**

Revd Canon Nigel Lloyd **The Churches which have signed the Porvoo Agreement are six Anglican Churches, (the Church of England, the Church of Ireland, the Scottish Episcopal Church the Church in Wales, the Lusitanian Church of Portugal and the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain), and seven Lutheran Churches (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, the Church of Norway, the Church of Sweden, the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania). The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad as well as the Lutheran Church in Great Britain participate in Porvoo Communion meetings as observers.**

**Porvoo Website: [www. Porvoochurches.org](http://www.Porvoochurches.org)**

## The Porvoo Communion of Churches Sharing a Common Life in Mission and Service

### Work Plan 2012 to 2016

The Porvoo Declaration was signed at services in Trondheim (Norway), Tallinn (Estonia) and Westminster Abbey in the autumn of 1996. The Common Statement of these participating churches has been hailed at that time as 'the single most important ecumenical proposal' to be discussed by the participating churches in many years. The priorities for the coming years are currently listed as follows:

Main Themes	Details
<b>2012</b> Diaspora and Migration Mission and Theology	1. Consultation on Diaspora and Migration , Uppsala, Sweden (completed 21-24 March 2011; documentation to be tabled on 11 October 2012 after breakfast) 2. Theological Conference 'Sacraments in the Mission of the Church', Denmark (08-11 October 2012) 3. Porvoo Contact Group, Denmark (11-15 October 2012)
<b>2013</b> Diaconate Primates Meeting Youth Mobilisation (2013 or 2014)	1. Consultation on the Diaconate, Dublin, Ireland (15-18 April 2013; the Consultation will also look at Patterns of Ordained Ministry) 2. Porvoo Primates Meeting, Iceland (20 -23 October 2013; 21 <sup>st</sup> Consultation with Primates on WCC Document <b>The Church: Towards a Common Vision</b> ; 22 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Business) 3. Porvoo Contact Group, Iceland (23-25 October 2013)
<b>2014</b> Economics and Ethics Church Leaders Consultation	1. Consultation on Economics and Ethics (Recommendation of Primates) 2. Church Leaders Consultation, York, England 3. Porvoo Contact Group, York, England 4. Exploring the possibility of a Youth Pilgrimage (Recommendation of Primates) in 2014 possibly to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, visiting churches on the way.
<b>2015</b> New Religious Movements Primates Meeting	1. Consultation on New Religious Movements 2. Primates Meeting 3. Porvoo Contact Group
<b>2016</b> Theology Porvoo Orthodox Conversations	1. Theological Conference 2. Consultation to evolve a framework for strengthening Christian Witness and Confidence through conversations between Anglicans, Lutherans and the Orthodox within the Porvoo context 3. Porvoo Contact Group



# Porvoo Prayer Diary 2013

## JANUARY

- **6/1** - Chichester (Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Mark Sowerby, vacancy), Mikkeli (Bishop Seppo Häkkinen)
- **13/1** - Ely (Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop David Thomson), Nidaros/ New see (Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien, presiding bishop)
- **20/1** - Oulu (Bishop Samuel Salmi), Soer-Hålogaland (Bodoe) (Bishop Tor Berger Joergensen), Coventry (Bishop Chris Cocksworth, Bishop John Stroyan)
- **27/1** - Tampere (Bishop Matti Repo), Manchester (Bishop Nigel McCulloch - retiring January 2013, Bishop Chris Edmondson, Bishop Mark Davies)

## FEBRUARY

- **3/2** - Birmingham (Bishop David Urquhart, Bishop Andrew Watson), Cork Cloyne and Ross (Bishop Paul Colton), Elsinore (Bishop Lise-Lotte Rebel)
- **10/2** - Bangor (Bishop Andrew John), Dublin and Glendalough (Archbishop Michael Jackson)
- **17/2** - Worcester (Bishop John Inge, Bishop David Walker), Hamar (Bishop Solveig Fiske)
- **24/2** - Bradford (Bishop Nicholas Baines), Limerick and Killaloe (Bishop Trevor Williams), Roskilde (Bishop Peter Fischer-Moeller)

## MARCH

- **3/3** - Peterborough (Bishop Donald Allister, Bishop John Holbrook), Meath and Kildare (vacancy)
- **10/3** - Canterbury (Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Trevor Willmott), Down and Dromore (Bishop Harold Miller)
- **17/3** - Chelmsford (Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop David Hawkins, Bishop John Wraw, Bishop Christopher Morgan), Karlstad (Bishop Esbjorn Hagberg)
- **24/3** - Latvia (Archbishop Janis Vanags, Bishop Einars Alpe, Bishop Pavils Bruvers), Lichfield (Bishop Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop Mark Rylands, Bishop Geoff Annas, Bishop Clive Gregory), St Davids (Bishop Wyn Evans)
- **31/3** - Lund (Bishop Antje Jackelén), Cashel and Ossory (Bishop Michael Burrows)

## APRIL

- **7/4** - Armagh (Archbishop Richard Clarke), Funen (Bishop Tine Lindhardt)
- **14/4** - Uppsala (Archbishop Anders Wejryd, Bishop Ragnar Persenius), Llandaff (Archbishop Barry Morgan, Bishop, David Wilbourne)
- **21/4** - Derby (Bishop Alastair Redfern, Bishop Humphrey Southern), Clogher (Bishop John McDowell), Aalborg (Bishop Henning Toft Bro)
- **28/4** - Blackburn (vacancy, Bishop Geoffrey Pearson, Bishop John Goddard), Brechin (Bishop Nigel Peyton), The Lutheran Church in Great Britain (Bishop Walter Jagucki)

## MAY

- **5/5** - Gothenburg (Bishop Per Eckerdal), Glasgow and Galloway (Bishop Gregor Duncan)
- **12/5** - Southwark (Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Richard Cheetham, Bishop Jonathan Clark, Bishop Michael Iprgrave), Björgvin (Bishop Halvor Nordhaug)

- **19/5** - Gloucester (Bishop Michael Perham, Bishop John Went), Västerås (Bishop Thomas Söderberg)
- **26/5** - Guildford (Bishop Christopher Hill, Bishop Ian Brackley), Viborg (Bishop Karsten Nissen)

## JUNE

- **2/6** - Exeter (Bishop Michael Langrish, Bishop Nicholas McKinnel, Bishop John Ford), Nord-Hålogaland (Bishop Per Oskar Kjoelaas)
- **9/6** - Hereford (Bishop Anthony Priddis, Bishop Alistair Magowan), The Lusitanian Church, Portugal (Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral) The Latvian Church Abroad (Archbishop Elmars Rozitis)
- **16/6** - Iceland (Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir Bishop Kristjan Valur Ingolfsson, Bishop Solveig Lara Gudmundsdottir), The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church (Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano)
- **23/6** - Argyll and the Isles (Bishop Kevin Pearson), Connor (Bishop Alan Abernethy), Lolland-Falster (Bishop Steen Skovsgaard)
- **30/6** - Diocese in Europe (Bishop Geoffrey Rowell (retiring in 2013), Bishop David Hamid), Visby (Bishop Sven-Bernhard Fast), Copenhagen (Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen)

## JULY

- **7/7** - Lincoln (Bishop Christopher Lawson, Bishop David Rossdale (retiring April 2013), Bishop Timothy Ellis), Härnösand (Bishop Tuulikki Koivunen Bylund), Lappo (Bishop Simo Peura)
- **14/7** - Saint Albans (Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Richard Atkinson, Bishop Paul Bayes), Linköping (Bishop Martin Modéus)
- **21/7** - Newcastle (Bishop Martin Wharton, Bishop Frank White), Moere (Molde) (Bishop Ingeborg Midttoemme)
- **28/7** - Skara (Bishop Åke Bonnier), Wakefield (Bishop Stephen Platten, Bishop Anthony Robinson)

## AUGUST

- **4/8** - Lithuania (Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis), Derry and Raphoe (Bishop Kenneth Good)
- **11/8** - Bristol (Bishop Michael Hill, Bishop Lee Rayfield), Helsinki (Bishop Irja Askola)
- **18/8** - Portsmouth (Bishop Christopher Foster), Stockholm (Bishop Eva Brunne)
- **25/8** - Ripon and Leeds (Bishop John Packer, Bishop James Bell), Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Bishop Kenneth Clarke), Aarhus (Bishop Kjeld Holm)

## SEPTEMBER

- **1/9** - Turku (Archbishop Kari Mäkinen, Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala), Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes)
- **8/9** - York (Archbishop John Sentamu, Bishop Richard Frith, Bishop Martin Wallace, Bishop Philip North), Espoo (Bishop Tapio Luoma)
- **15/9** - Salisbury (Bishop Nicholas Holtam, Bishop Graham Kings, Bishop Edward Condry), St Asaph (Bishop Gregory Cameron), Ribe (Bishop Elisabeth Dons Christensen)
- **22/9** - Tuam Killala and Achonry (Bishop Patrick Rooke), Bath and Wells (Bishop Peter Price, Bishop Peter Maurice)

- **29/9** - Sheffield (Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Peter Burrows), Sodor and Man (Bishop Robert Paterson), Greenland (Bishop Sofie Petersen)

## OCTOBER

- **6/10** - Swansea and Brecon (Bishop John Davies), Leicester (Bishop Tim Stevens)
- **13/10** - Liverpool (Bishop James Jones, Bishop Richard Blackburn), Monmouth (Bishop Dominic Walker (retiring June 2013)), Haderslev (Bishop Niels Henrik Arendt)
- **20/10** - Nidaros/ Trondheim (Bishop Tor Singsaas), London (Bishop Richard Chartres, Bishop Adrian Newman, Bishop Peter Wheatley, Bishop Pete Broadbent, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Jonathan Baker)
- **27/10** - Truro (Bishop Tim Thornton, vacancy), Tönsberg (Bishop Laila Riksaasen Dahl), Strängnäs (Bishop Hans-Erik Nordin)

## NOVEMBER

- **3/11** - Växjö (Bishop Jan-Olof Johansson), Oxford (Bishop John Pritchard, Bishop Andrew Proud, Bishop Colin Fletcher, Bishop Alan Wilson), Carlisle (Bishop James Newcome, Bishop Robert Freeman), Stavanger (Bishop Erling Pettersen)
- **10/11** - Winchester (Bishop Timothy Dakin, Bishop Peter Hancock, Bishop Jonathan Frost), Agder and Telemark (Acting Bishop Bjarne Sveinall)
- **17/11** - Norwich (Bishop Graham James, Bishop Alan Winton, Bishop Jonathan Meyrick), Luleå (Bishop Hans Stiglund)
- **24/11** - Estonia (Archbishop Andres Pöder, Bishop Einar Soone, Bishop Andres Taul), Rochester (Bishop James Langstaff, Bishop Brian Castle)

## DECEMBER

- **1/12** - St Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Bishop Nigel Stock, Bishop Clive Young (retiring April 2013)), Aberdeen and Orkney (Bishop Robert Gillies)
- **8/12** - St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop David Chillingworth, Primus), Porvoo (Bishop Björn Vikström)
- **15/12** - Chester (Bishop Peter Forster, Bishop Keith Sinclair, Bishop Robert Atwell), Kuopio (Bishop Jari Jolkkonen)
- **22/12** - Southwell and Nottingham (Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop Anthony Porter), Borg (Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt)
- **29/12** - Oslo (Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme), Durham (vacancy, Bishop Mark Bryant), Moray Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange)