

# Nordic-Baltic Secretaries' meeting

**Date and time:** 26 January 2021 13-16

**Place:** Zoom

**Participants:** See list in the bottom of this document

1. **13:00 Welcome by Rev. Mads Christoffersen (NCC Denmark) and prayer by Rev. Erhard Hermansen (NCC Norway)**
  - a. Introducing the agenda – and practical issues concerning Zoom meeting
  - b. Participants
  - c. Welcome to new general secretary of the Ecumenical Council of Finland, Rev. Mayvor Wörn-Rancken
  
2. **13:15 News from CEC, general secretary Jørgen Skov Sørensen**
  
3. **13:40 News from WCC, Berit Agøy, Norway**

There will be a European Pre-assembly before WCC in Karlsruhe 2022. The dates for this Pre-assembly are 25-27.02.2022

Interesting new Faith and Order documents: <https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-faith-and-order-commission-publishes-two-volumes-on-moral-discernment>

4. **13:55 The Sustainable Development Goals. News from Nordic-Baltic Climate network. Introduction by Suvi-Tuulia Vaara, The Ecumenical Council of Finland**

The following links were shared in the chat-function of the Zoom meeting:

- For New participants, (presented last Meeting), have a look at <http://sdgbook.com/> - translated in several Languages.
- <https://www.unenvironment.org/resources/publication/faith-earth-call-action>
- <https://faithfornature.org/>
- <https://www.norad.no/aktuelt/nyheter/2020/verdens-viktigste-mal-kampanje-fra-norad/>

For those interested in sharing ideas and keeping in touch on SDG-work, either specific goals or in general, please feel free to contact Elin F. Sæverås [efs@norkr.no](mailto:efs@norkr.no) or her Communications colleague, Gjermund Øystese [gjermund.oeytese@norkr.no](mailto:gjermund.oeytese@norkr.no) .

5. **14:10 Nordic cooperation on Gender Justice, Berit Agøy, Norway**

There is currently no established network working on gender justice. If anyone has ideas on working on gender justice in a modern way, they are very welcome to send them to Berit Agøy: [ba777@kirken.no](mailto:ba777@kirken.no)

6. **14:20 Short break**

7. **14:30 Nordic Networks, Birger Nygaard ELCD, Denmark**

Is the attached list of networks complete? - Are some of the networks covering the same areas? - How do you terminate a network when it is no longer active? - How do we further networking that agile and to the point on current issues?

It is decided that the list of networks is limited to the Nordic-Baltic Networks.

An updated list containing only Nordic-Baltic Networks and also networks concerning migrant churches will be distributed.

8. **14:45 A need for pre-assemblies? Introduction by Beate Fagerli, Church of Norway**

How should we plan this? Who will take leadership in planning process?

a. WCC Karlsruhe 2022

The idea of a Nordic-Baltic pre-Assembly is supported by 87% of those, who voted.

b. LWF Krakow 2023

The idea of a Nordic-Baltic pre-Assembly is supported by 74% of those, who voted.

c. CEC Tallinn 2023

The idea of a Nordic-Baltic pre-Assembly is supported by 83% of those, who voted.

Thus, the idea of Nordic-Baltic pre-assemblies are supported. Within a short time, the general secretaries of the ecumenical councils will have a planning meeting in order to find out which form these assemblies will have.

If anyone would like to participate, please contact Mads Christoffersen  
[mc@danskekirkeksraad.dk](mailto:mc@danskekirkeksraad.dk)

9. **15:10 Short comments/reflections on the COVID 19 situation and its consequences for churches and ecumenical council. Introduction by Erhard Hermansen, Norway**

Focus for country reports.

a. How do we as Nordic secretaries/churches/entities intend to work together more effectively based on experiences from the Corona period and/or

b. How does experiences from the Corona period help us restructure ecumenical movement in more climate friendly ways

c. Nordic responses to collaboration with The World Council of Churches and Conference of European Churches – renewal of ecumenical working structures post-corona.

**10. 15:35 Dates for Nordic-Baltic Meeting 2022 in Finland – including Nordic-Baltic Faith & Order network meeting**

Nordic-Baltic Secretaries' Meeting 24-26 January 2022. Nordic-Baltic Faith & Order Network meeting 26-27 January 2022. In Finland.

**11. 15:45 Closing remarks by Mads Christoffersen and Erhard Hermansen**

A big thank you to everyone who participated and especially to Olle Kristenson, who will retire next week.

**Participants**

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Estonian Council of Churches	Ruudi Leinus
Estonian Ev.Lutheran Church	Anne Burghardt
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