

Welcome to Porvoo!

Invitation

The Porvoo Communion Pastoral Conference 2016 is hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland and will be held in Porvoo from 1 to 6 September.

The ecumenical document "Porvoo Common Statement" received its final form in the autumn of 1992. Its objective was to create church communion between the Anglican Churches of Great Britain and Ireland and the Lutheran Churches in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

The Porvoo Agreement containing the common statement was signed in the autumn of 1996. Therefore, 2016 will see the 20th anniversary of the Agreement.

The theme of this year's conference is **Extending hospitality beyond our comfort zone**. During the conference we will approach this theme from biblical, academic and grass-root level perspectives.

Participants to the conference are appointed by their national churches and/or their clergy associations.

Accommodation

The conference participants will be accommodated with host families.

Cost

The conference fee is 250 € and includes all meals and excursions.

Registration

Please, register no later than 31 July. Remember to indicate any food allergies and dietary requirements.

Send your registration by email to:

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For more information you can also contact her by phone at +358 9 4270 1506 (office) or +358 50 5423 664 (mobile).

How to reach Porvoo

Porvoo is 50 km east from Helsinki and 50 km from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. There are good bus connections from both places. The bus ride takes appr. 50 minutes. If you let us know the time and place of your arrival to Finland, we will try to meet you there and drive you to Porvoo.

Porvoo Communion Pastoral Conference

1 - 6 September 2016, Porvoo, Finland

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EXTENDING HOSPITALITY beyond our comfort zone



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 1 September

Arrival, coffee and refreshments at Café Ankaret, Svenska församlingshemmet (inner court), Runeberginkatu 24

16:30 Departure to the Cathedral

17:00 **Opening Mass**, Porvoo Cathedral,
Presentation of the Cathedral, coffee

Brief history of the Porvoo Agreement, Emeritus Bishop Erik Vikström

19:00 Dinner, *Restaurant Fryysariranta, Jokikatu 20*

Friday, 2 September

9:00 Morning Prayer, *Taivaskappeli, Suomalaisen seurakuntakoti, Lundinkatu 5*

9:30 **Hospitality in the Bible – Recovering the principle, reviving the practise**
Lecture and workshop, Hans Krause, Pastor for Ministry in English, Lutheran Parishes of the Metropolitan Area, *Svenska församlingshemmet, Runeberginkatu 24*

12:00 Visit to the City Hall, refreshments

13:00 **Porvoo and its history**, guided tour, coffee

15:00–17:00 **The power of sympathy — Perspectives about and for us, about and for the church**
Jenni Spännäri, Researcher in Church and Social Studies, Helsinki University, *Svenska församlingshemmet, Runeberginkatu 24*

19:00 Dinner, *Café Cabriole, Piispankatu 30*
Evening Prayer

Saturday, 3 September: Excursion to Helsinki

Departure by bus from Porvoo at 8:30

10:00 Tempeliaukio Church, Morning Prayer, presentation of the church

11:00 Kamppi Chapel of Silence, presentation of the chapel

11:45 Ferry to Suomenlinna (departure 12:00)

12:30 Lunch, *Café Chapman*

13:30 Guided tour of Suomenlinna, presentation of the church

15:00 Return to the ferry

15:30 Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral, presentation of the Cathedral, concert by Johannes Teologin Laulajat choir from Joensuu. (dir. Petri Nykänen), coffee

17:00 (*appr.*) Departure by bus from the Cathedral back to Porvoo

17.30 Arrival in Porvoo

Sunday, 4 September

Breakfast with the host families, Mass at the local churches, lunch and coffee with the host families, return to Porvoo after lunch

17:00 **Porvoo Diocesan Chapter**, Bishop Björn Vikström, presentation of the Diocese, *Chapter House, Lukiokuja 2*

18:00 Buffet dinner at the Bishop's Residence

Evening devotion, Bishop Björn Vikström

Monday, 5 September

9:00 Morning prayer, *Taivaskappeli*

9:30 **The Body of Christ 2016 – Hospitality in the everyday life of the church**
Examples and discussion, Marjaana Toiviainen, Pastor, Oulunkylä Parish, Helsinki, *Svenska församlingshemmet*

12:00 Lunch, *Upper Room*

13:30 Synopsis, planning the next meeting, suggestions for possible themes

15:30 Coffee, *Upper Room*

Free time

18.00 Closing Mass, *Cathedral*

19.00 Closing Dinner, *Restaurant Wanha Laamanni, Vuorikatu 17*

Tuesday, 6 September

Departure