



**Invitation to
Edinburgh 1910-2010 Centennial Conference**

'Transforming Mission- Misjon til forandring'

7.-9. September 2010
Storsalen, Staffeldtsgt. 4, Oslo



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Transforming Mission

The world mission conference in Edinburgh in 1910 has profoundly influenced church and mission in the 20th century. The conference had as its theme "The evangelization of the world in our generation". In many ways it set up the visions for the 20th century and resulted in a development which in 1948 led to the establishment of WCC and in 1974 gave birth to the Lausanne movement. Both of these streams are born out of Edinburgh 1910. Both of them will therefore also celebrate the centenary with conferences in Edinburgh and Cape Town.

Internationally most churches in the world have joined hands in the work on nine study processes towards 2010. As in 1910 it is hoped that the outcome from these study processes will contribute to setting up signposts for mission in the 21st century (see www.edinburgh2010.org).

How may we then in Norway celebrate in such a way that we together ask about the direction for mission and church in a new century?

We belong to different church traditions. We believe that without the challenge to mission from Edinburgh 1910 the role of the Christian faith as a world religion would have looked very different from what it does today, particularly after the church in the West has declined. Today we find vital and numerous expressions of the Christian faith on all six continents. To a large degree this is a fruit of the missionary activities. At the same time Edinburgh 1910 painted a Western, Protestant view of mission and designed plans for the Global South, to a large degree without the participation of the Global South. May we one hundred years later turn this picture upside down and invite the South to evaluate us and in that way provide us with inspiration and challenges for the way ahead?

Edinburgh 1910 looked upon itself as Ecumenical even though the Catholics, Orthodox and Pentecostals were not invited. Together with other Christians these three play a central role in mission today and in the international preparation of the celebration. The same will apply in our own context.

A celebration in 2010 should provide much space for input from youth in Norway. We need their dreams and hopes for mission today and tomorrow. Edinburgh 2010 must provide a voice for a new generation. We have therefore set in motion a study process for young missiologists and students about themes related to mission in our new century. In addition a special youth event will be part of Norwegian celebration.

The main focus for the Norwegian celebration will be a South-evaluation of Norwegian mission and the role of the church in mission. We have invited a team from the South to start a process for such an evaluation. This team is composed of persons who know our situation and have a broad experience within mission. The team, dr. **Julie Ma**, South Korea, dr. **Rasolondraibe Peri**, Madagascar, bishop **Nicholas Tai**, Hong Kong and dr. **Anastasia Vassiliadou**, Greece, represent the Pentecostal movement, Lutheran tradition and the Orthodox Church. Together with the South-team we want to explore the way ahead for Norwegian mission in the years to come.

The conference is arranged by the Christian Council of Norway, the International Interchurch Council of the Church of Norway, the Norwegian Council on Mission and Evangelism, the Cooperative Committee on Congregation and Mission, the Egede Institute and Areopagos.



Program

Time	Tuesday 7. September	Wednesday 8. September	Thursday 9. September
8.30		Morning Prayer – Catholic Tradition	Morning Prayer – Migrant Church
9.00		From Edinburgh 1910 to the World of 2010: Transformation Mission Kenneth R. Ross, Edinburgh Questions – Discussion	Response from North to Challenges from South Team Kjell Nordstokke , Diakonhjemmet University College Rolf Kjøde , Normisjon Else-Britt Nilsen , Roman Catholic Church Olav Skjevesland , Church of Norway Chen Xida , Scandinavian Chinese Church, Oslo Anne Margrethe Ree Sunde , Mission Covenant Church UNG Andreas Hegertun , Pentecostal Moderator: Knud Jørgensen
10.30		Team from South – Second Report Bishop Nicholas Tai , Hong Kong Dr. Anastasia Vassiliadou , Greece Presentation Questions – Discussion	Together on the Way Ahead Panel Discussion between South Team and Ingrid Vad Nilsen , Ministry of Government Administration, Reform and Church Affairs Notto R. Telle , Oslo University Bjørn Bjørnø , Pentecostal Mission Asle Finnseth , Editor Moderator: Kjetil Aano
12.30		Lunch	Lunch
13.30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edinburgh 1910-2010: Centennial Celebration on the Global Scene South Evaluation of Norwegian Mission: Self Harassment or Bridge Building? Knud Jørgensen , Areopagos Ørnulf Steen , Christian Council of Norway	Communicating Christian Faith Today Kjell Magne Bondevik , WCC Commission for International Affairs Raymond Johansen , Labour Party Secretary Jarle Råmunddal , Mission Covenant Church Jenny Skumsnes Moe , Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations Arnfinn Haram , Roman Catholic Church Moderator: Jorunn Strand Askeland , Norwegian Church Aid	16.00: Worship Service in Oslo Cathedral Nicholas Tai Anastasia Vasiliadou Olav Skjevesland
15.00	Team from South – First Report Dr. Julie Ma , South-Korea/ Oxford Dr. Rasolondraibe Peri , Madagaskar	Dialogue South – North: SouthTeam and Norwegian Reference Group Moderator: Rolv Olsen , The Egede Institute	
16.30	Presentation Questions – Discussion		
18.00	Dinner	Dinner	
19.00-21.00	Norwegian Mission Yesterday and Today: From World Evangelization to Mutuality Kjetil Aano , Norw. Miss. Society Beate Fagerli , Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations Rolf Ekenes , Norwegian Council for Mission and Evangelization Jørn Lemvik , Norwegian Missions in Development Knut Hallen , The Cooperation Council for Congregation and Mission Ola Tulluan , Norw. Luth. Mission	Edinburgh 2010: Witnessing to Christ Today Challenges from Youth to Mission and Church (See Separate Program)	

Minor changes in the program may happen.





Praktisk informasjon

- Konferansen koster kr 850 pr deltaker, kr 250 for ungdom. Dette inkluderer kveldsmat tirsdag og lunsj onsdag/torsdag, samt kaffe/frukt. Ungdomsarrangementet onsdag kveld har sitt eget program og starter med kveldsmat.
- Det er mulig å melde seg på enkelt dager. Pris for onsdag 8. sept er kr 450, og for hv tirsdag 7. og torsdag 9. september er kr 350 pr dag.
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- Påmeldingsfrist 25. august.
Begrenset antall deltakere, derfor: vær snar. Overnatting ordnes selv.
- Har du spørsmål til konferansen, ta kontakt med Rolv Olsen, Egede Instituttet, Ørnulf Steen, NKR, Knut Hallen, SMM, Beate Fagerli, MKR, Knud Jørgensen, Areopagos eller Rolf Ekenes, NORME.

