

# the power and responsibility of majority churches in interfaith relations

8TH CONFERENCE ON NORDIC FOLK CHURCHES IN A  
MULTIRELIGIOUS SOCIETY

MALMÖ, 10-12 FEBRUARY 2020

## THE POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MAJORITY CHURCHES IN INTERFAITH RELATIONS

The majority position of the Nordic Lutheran churches is in decline, but we still play a privileged role in society compared to other religious communities.

What does this majority position mean in interreligious relations? Welcome to the eighth conference on Nordic folk churches in a multireligious society, where we will discuss this subject.

The conference aims to bring together practitioners of interfaith work from parishes in the Nordic Lutheran churches to reflect on their practice with scholars from academia.

**DATE:** 10–12 February 2020

**VENUE:** Kyrkans Hus in Malmö

**ACCOMODATION:** Clarion Hotel & Congress

**COST:** 4000 SEK including meals and accommodation

**REGISTRATION:** Via

<https://anmalan.svenskakyrkan.se/GroupRegistrationForm.aspx?id=10697>

before November 30

### QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions or if you need help with registration (only available in Swedish), please contact Mats Aldén, mats.alden@svenskakyrkan.se.

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MALMÖ!

Mats Aldén, Helene Egnell, Henrik Frykberg, Sofia Nordin, Peter Lööv Roos

## SPEAKERS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)



### ANNE HEGE GRUNG

*"Gender Justice in Nordic inter-religious dialogues: Imagining a shared future"*

Anne Hege Grung is associate professor in interreligious studies at the Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo. She has worked on questions on Interreligious dialogue and gender in Norway and beyond as a scholar and an activist for more than twenty years.



### DAVID THURFJELL

*"The post-lutheran mindset and the paradox of Scandinavian secularity"*

David Thurfjell, professor in the Study of Religions at Södertörn University, and author of *Det gudlösa folket*, lectures on the historical and discursive turns that created the religious ambiguities of contemporary Scandinavians.



### BISHOP JOHAN TYRBERG

*"The Diocese of Lund and the responsibility in interfaith relations"*

Johan Tyrberg is the Bishop of Lund Diocese. He wants the church to be noticed and leave an imprint throughout society. He has chosen "Salt of the Earth" as his motto (Matt. 5:13). The idea is that God's people are to mix with their surroundings. Mixed in like salt, and noticeable like salt.



### KRISTINA HELGESSON KJELLIN

*"Power, reciprocity and the complexity of the gift – diversity work in the Church of Sweden"*

Kristina Helgesson Kjellin is researcher in anthropology at the Church of Sweden Research Department. Her research areas are migration, the role of the church in a culturally and religiously diverse society, mission.



### MOSHE DAVID HACOEN & SALAHUDDIN BARAKAT (AMANAH)

*"Minorities – their power and responsibility in interfaith relations"*

Moshe David Hacoen is serving as the rabbi at the synagogue in Malmö, with a special interest of Jewish spirituality. Salahuddin Barakat is a Swedish imam, teaching at Islamakademin. They are representatives of Amanah; a Jewish-Muslim bridge building project in Malmö. The name has similar meanings in both Hebrew and Arabic, referring to faith, reliance and safeness.

