

Green Pilgrimage Network Meeting

Faithful Pilgrims



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Trondheim, Norway, July 26 – 28, 2013

TIMETABLE AND AGENDA

Please be aware that the dates of this meeting fall within the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan and therefore our Muslim guests will be dining before and after sunset. Prayer times will be at 12.30 and 15.45 every day.

THURSDAY 25 JULY

- Arrivals
- Optional guided tour of Nidaros Cathedral at 16.00
- 19.00–21.00: Informal gathering at Nidaros Pilgrim Centre, with soup served throughout the evening,

FRIDAY 26 JULY

All sessions, unless otherwise indicated, are in the main conference room, Rica Nidelven Hotel

09.00–09.40: Orientations

- **Orientation:** *Martin Palmer*, Secretary General, ARC, and *Reverend Berit Lånke*, Director, National Pilgrim Centre
- **Trondheim as a green city:** *Mayor Rita Ottervik*
- **Introducing the Live Green Map:** *Wendy Brawer*, Founder, Green Maps
- **Introduction to Trondheim Excursions:** *Simon Loveland*, Trondheim Municipality, and Trondheim guides

09.40–12.30: Excursions to show Trondheim as a Green City

Trondheim prides itself on being a city and a community that takes seriously the idea of “walking gently upon the earth”. The following guided walks offer a fascinating opportunity to see what that means in practice.

- Green transport
- Green city environment
- Biodiversity and Climate Adaption
- Green Energy Saving and Environmental Certification
- Trondheim’s Children’s Green City

12.30–13.45: Lunch, Rica Nidelven restaurant, hosted by the National Pilgrim Centre

14.00–15.30: Welcome and Opening Session

Introduced by *Martin Palmer*, ARC

- Opening Reflection: *Rev Jens-Petter Johnsen*, Director General, Church Council, Church of Norway
 - **Welcome** – from the National Pilgrim Centre and ARC: *Rev Berit Lånke*, National Pilgrim Centre and *Alison Hilliard*, Deputy Secretary General, ARC
 - **Council of Europe**: *Torbjørn Jagland*, Secretary General, Council of Europe
 - **Pilgrims’ Progress** – A roundup of how founder members have taken green action since Assisi: *Alison Hilliard*, ARC
 - **The Confucius Ecology Declaration** *Professor Tu Wei Ming*, President of the International Confucius Ecological Alliance (ICEA) and Director of the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies at Peking University
 - **Green Shoots**: Who are the 16 new GPN members? Welcome, certificates and photographs: *Alison Hilliard*, ARC
 - **Launch of the swift pilgrims initiative**: a symbol for green pilgrims everywhere: *Professor Chris Baines*, leading environmentalist and broadcaster
- Closing Reflection: *Master Zhu Shizhong*, Daoist Master

15.30–16.00: Break

16.00–17.30: Session One: Green Faith

Chaired by *Martin Palmer* and *Rev Berit Lånke*

- Opening Reflection: *Dr Nanditha Krishna*, Director, The CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation
 - **The inner and the outer journey of pilgrimage**: *Bishop Martin Lind*, Church of Sweden
 - **Being a Faithful Green Pilgrim**: *Dr Husna Ahmad*, OBE, author of “Green Guide for Hajj”
 - **Why Green Pilgrimage is a vital part of Hindu Practice**: *Dr Nanditha Krishna*, Director of the CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation
 - Panel discussion followed by general discussion
- Closing Reflection: *Bishop Martin Lind*

17.45–19.15: Opening Celebration including a walking procession to Nidaros Cathedral
Please see separate programme

19.30: Formal dinner in the Herresalen at the Archbishop's Palace, hosted by Mayor Rita Ottervik

- Grace: *Rev Ragnhild Jepsen*, Dean of Nidaros Diocese
- Cultural performance by Trondheimssolistene
- Welcome to Trondheim *Mayor Rita Ottervik*

SATURDAY 27 JULY

All sessions, unless otherwise indicated, are in the Conference Room, Rica Nidelven Hotel

09.00–10.30: Session Two: Greening Festivals and Large Events.

Sharing experiences: successes, problems and questions

Chaired by *Rev Berit Lånke* and *Martin Palmer*

- Opening Reflection: *Bishop Hovakim Manukyan*, The Armenian Orthodox Church
 - **Greening the St Olav festival:** *Randi Wenche Haugen*, Director, St Olav Festival, Trondheim
 - **Greening the Ratha-yatra chariot festival:** *Arvind Padhee*, Administrative head of Jagannath temple, Puri, India
 - **Greening the Maukib Pilgrimage,** *Yassin Garba Maisikelj*, Qadiriyyah Movement, Nigeria
 - Panel discussion including Church of Norway guidelines on greening events, followed by general discussion
- Closing Reflection: *Gopal Patel*, director of Bhumi Project

10.30–11.00: Break

11.00–12.30: Session Three: Greening Food.

Sharing experiences: successes, problems and questions

Chaired by **Rev Berit Lånke** and **Martin Palmer**

- Opening Reflection: *Bishop Munib Younan*, President of the Lutheran World Federation and Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bishop of Palestine and Jordan in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
 - **Greening traditional food** – a film and introduction: *Dr Karen Nazaryan*, Director of Armenia Inter-Church Round Table Foundation, Armenian Orthodox Church
 - **Green food, green power and green celebrations by Sikhs:** *Ravneet Singh*, EcoSikh Project Manager, India
 - Panel discussion followed by general discussion
- Closing Reflection: *Rev Joanna Anderson*, Iona Community, Scotland

12.30–14.00: Lunch, Rica Nidelvan Hotel Restaurant, hosted by Bishop Tor Singaas

14.00–16.00: Session Four: Tools for greening pilgrimage places

Chaired by *Rev Berit Lånke* and *Martin Palmer*

- Opening Reflection: *Rev Canon Caroline Pinchbeck*, Diocese of Canterbury, Church of England
 - **The Green Passport Experience:** raising awareness among tourists and pilgrims: *Helena Rey*, tourism and environment programme officer, UNEP
 - **Greening Urban Spaces:** *Nerys Jones* and *Prof Chris Baines*
 - **Partnerships to advance green pilgrimage** – working with local environmental and governmental organisations: *Emani Kumar*, Deputy Secretary General ICLEI Worldwide and Executive Director ICLEI South Asia
 - **Live Maps of Trondheim and GPN** – an update: *Wendy Brawer*
 - Panel discussion followed by general discussion
- Closing Reflection: *Prof Tu Weiming*, President of ICEA.

16.00–16.30: Break

16.30–18.30: Session Five: Green Pilgrimage promoting understanding and dialogue:

Case studies from the Middle East, chaired by *Martin Palmer* and *Rev Berit Lånke*

- Opening Reflection: *Rev Canon Peter Doll*, Norwich Cathedral
 - Friends of the Earth, Middle East and the Lower Jordan River Rehabilitation Project: *Nader Khateeb*, Palestinian Director, *Hana Al As'ad*, Jordanian Good Water Neighbours Project Co-ordinator; *Elizabeth Ya'ari*, Jordan River Projects Co-ordinator
 - *Fiona Kanter*, Director of International Relations and Strategic Project Development for Green Pilgrim Jerusalem
 - *Dr Inad Sourkhi*, Department of Planning and Development, Jerusalem Governorate
 - *Bishop Munib Younan*, President Lutheran World Federation and Evangelical Lutheran Church Bishop of Palestine and Jordan
 - Discussion
- Reflection: *Rigmor Aasrud*, Minister of Government Administration, Reform and Church Affairs, Norway
- Closing Reflection: *Dr Rajwant Singh*, President, EcoSikh

19.15: Dinner hosted by County Mayor in Sør-Trøndelag at the Tore Sandvik Restaurant, Rica Nidelven

21.00ish until late: Trondheim Tales: informal evening of storytelling about pilgrimage

Led by *Rev Andrew Patterson* and *Rev Dr Dane Sherrard*, Church of Scotland

SUNDAY 28 JULY

The morning session is in the Conference Room, Rica Nidelven Hotel

09.00-11.50: Session Six: The Green Pilgrimage Network: The Way Forward
Chaired by *Rev Berit Lanke* and *Martin Palmer*

- Opening Reflection: *Dr Husna Ahmad*
 - **Growing the Idea...** from Luss and beyond: *Rev Dr Dane Sherrard*
 - **Starting an India Chapter:** *Chantal Elkin*, ARC programme manager, Wildlife and Forests
 - **The way forward from St Albans:** *Rev Dr Kevin Walton*, Canon Chancellor, St Alban's Cathedral, Church of England
 - **The Daoist Experience:** *Master Ren Xingzhi*, Abbot, Louguantai Monastery, China
 - **Growing the GPN Idea Worldwide:** *Naomi Tsur*, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Municipality

Group discussion around GPN future, over refreshments

- **Plenary discussion**

11.50 Formal close and Shinto invitation to Ise

President Tanaka, President of Jinja Honcho (Association of Shinto Shrines)

12.00-12.30: Simple lunch, restaurant, Rica Nidelven

12.30: Walk to Trondheim Torg

13.00-14.30: Opening of St. Olav's festival

1300: Pilgrimage procession from Trondheim Torg to Archbishop Palace

1330: Official opening of the festival in courtyard of Archbishop Palace

14.30: Non's meal at Archbishop Palace

16.30 Tea and coffee at the Rica Nidelven Hotel

17.00– 18.00: Special interest group meetings in breakout rooms

- Setting up a European Network
- Green Spaces Discussion with Prof Chris Baines and Nerys Jones
- Green Maps with Wendy Brawer

19.30: Dinner, Rica Nidelven Hotel hosted by National Pilgrim Centre and ARC

20.30: Depart hotel and walk to Church of Our Lady

21.00: Pilgrimage Procession from Church of Our Lady to Nidaros Cathedral

23.00-24.00: Celebration of St Olav's Vigil in Nidaros Cathedral

Fruit and snacks available upon return to hotel

MONDAY 29 JULY

Departures and official end of meeting. Stay for festival at own cost.