



On-line Porvoo Theological Conference ‘A Vision for Communion’ October 8th, 2020

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	Technical information, introduction, opening prayer and presentation of participants
10:00 – 10:30	09:00 – 09:30	08:00 – 08:30	

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	First session – The Original Vision for the Porvoo Communion
10:30	09:30	08:30	The Revd Dr Tiit Pädam (Priest at the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stockholm) Abstract see below
10:45	09:45	08:45	Dame Mary Tanner (Former European President of the WCC) Summary see appendix
11:00	10:00	09:00	Group discussions
11:20 – 11:45	10:20 – 10:45	09:20 – 08:45	Questions and comments

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11:45 – 12:15	10:45 – 11:15	09:45 – 10:15	Break

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	Second Session – Living Communion over 25 Years: How Full? How Visible?
12:15	11:15	10:15	The Revd Anne Burghardt (Advisor for International and Ecumenical Relations for the Estonian Evangelical Church) Abstract see below
12:30	11:30	10:30	Pater Fredrik Emanuelson OMI (Former Ecumenical Officer of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Stockholm) Abstract see below
12:45	11:45	10:45	Group discussions
13:05 – 13:30	12:05 – 12:30	11:05 – 11:30	Questions and comments



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13:30 – 16:30	12:30 – 15:30	11:30 – 14:30	Lunch break (Three hours)

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	Third Session – Emerging Challenges for our Communion
16:30	15:30	14:30	The Revd Dr Paddy McGlinchy (Lecturer at Church of Ireland Theological Institute) Summary see appendix
16:45	15:45	14:45	Dr Henrietta Grönlund (Professor of Urban Theology at Helsinki University) Abstract see below
17:00	16:00	15:00	Group discussions
17:20 – 17:45	16:20 – 16:45	15:20 – 15:45	Questions and comments

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17:45 – 18:00	16:45 – 17:00	15:45 – 16:00	Break

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	Fourth Session – The Future of the Our Communion: Some Proposals
18:00	17:00	16:00	The Rt Revd Dr Michael Jackson (co-chair, PCG) The Rt Revd Dr Matti Repo (co-chair, PCG)
18:30	17:30	16:30	Group discussions
18:50 – 19:15	17:50 – 18:15	16:50 - 17:15	Conclusion

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19:15 – 19:30	18:15 – 18:30	17:15 – 17:30	Closing prayer The Revd. Jenny Sjögren (Deputy Rector at Strängnäs Cathedral Parish with Aspö, Sweden)



Abstracts

Revd. Dr. Tiit Pädam

The Original Vision for the Porvoo Communion

Porvoo dreams and visions

The short presentation begins with some reflections on the beginning of the Porvoo-process. It gives some inputs to the background of the text and discusses thereafter some central issues in the text in relationship to the lived community of Porvoo churches. Some shorter remarks are made in connection to the challenges mentioned in the agreed text and when taking them into considerations, the presentation ends with some shared dreams and visions.

Rev. Anne Burghardt

Living Communion over 25 Years: How Full? How Visible?

The short presentation will briefly explore the terminology of 'full communion' and 'visible communion', and continue with a local (Estonian) and a global perspective on the topic. Accordingly, some observations about the fullness and visibility of the Porvoo communion from a Lutheran perspective in the Estonian context will be offered: where does this communion become/has become visible? Where and how is its fullness recognizable? What have been the main contributions of the Porvoo communion both to theology and to practical church life in Estonia? Seen from the Estonian point of view, has Porvoo rather been a 'one-way' or a 'two-way-street'?

Moving from the local context to the global, some reflections will be offered on the significance that full communions such as *Porvoo*, *Called to Common Mission* or *Waterloo* have for global Anglican-Lutheran relations, and vice versa: which impulses from the global level could enhance the reciprocity in Anglican-Lutheran relations in the context of Porvoo?

Pater Fredrik Emanuelson, OMI

Communion and Ecclesial Conversion

As the unity of the Church is a gift and a vocation to be lived, Communion is the way of the Church. Yet, Communion needs to be revisited and described anew, as to the lived experience in communion, but also as to find that obstacle which is in the way of full and visible communion. At that point, the faithful stand before the mystery of conversion, personal as well as ecclesial and ecumenical.



Professor Dr. Henrietta Grönlund

Planetary urbanization and changing religious landscapes – shaping the world and the work of churches

Today's world is defined by global interlinkedness: the continuous, global exchange of information, resources, goods, social connections, services, money, and power. This interlinkedness intertwines and is fueled by the power of global markets, global consumerism, and urbanization. Together these phenomena make our world diverse, dynamic, innovative, and connected, yet at the same time unequal, polarized, and self-destructive through overconsumption, pollution, and their consequences. These global conditions provide the environment for churches today. They highlight a need for justice, hope, meaning, and communion, and as such they call for the message and work of churches, and motivate theological reflection. In the case of European churches, the religious landscape poses another frame of reference which affects the work of churches. Diversity of world views, individualism, and weakening of religious memory and tradition make the role of churches in Europe and in European societies complex and challenging. I will in my presentation, first, contextualize the situation of today's churches by discussing the above introduced global and European conditions, which make up the environment for churches and their quest to carry out their mission. I will apply the framework of planetary urbanization, and discuss the conditions and needs the current circumstances pose for churches. I will end my presentation by presenting some opportunities and questions related to the practical and theological work of churches in these circumstances.



On-line Porvoo Contact Group Meeting October 9th 2020

(Only for Contact Group members)

<i>Helsinki time</i>	<i>Copenhagen time</i>	<i>London time</i>	Porvoo Contact Group Meeting
10:00 – 11:45	09:00 – 10:45	08:00 – 09:45	Morning Prayer Reflection on the consultation Terms of reference Country Reports including effects of Covid-19 Looking ahead to future meetings Other issues
11:45 – 12:00	10:45 – 11:00	09:45 – 10:00	Break
12:00 – 13.00	11:00 – 12:00	10:00 – 11:00	Communiqué and Closing Prayer