

Nordic Children Conference

Copenhagen 23-25 April 2025



Workshop Introduction

On the second day of the conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in two out of four engaging workshops.

These workshops provide hands-on experiences and practical insights into working with children in church settings.

To ensure the best experience for all participants, please prioritise between the workshops in advance and register your choices before the conference. Below is a brief overview of the available workshops. You will find the link for registration at the bottom of second page.

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Workshop 1

Church Work with Kindergartens - Naja Månson

The Childrens' Service (Børnetjenesten) is a non-preaching offer from the local church to the oldest kindergarten children. Based on six holidays over a year, the Childrens' Service combines a current event (Lent, Easter, Pentecost, harvest, All Saints' Day and Christmas) with concepts such as community and loneliness, hope, spirit, gratitude, death, joy and life. The form is a combination of concrete creative activities, conversation, wonder, group singing and reflection. The workshop will present all this and show some of it.

Workshop 2

Moving Movements - Nicole Ovando Kruckenberg

Storytelling, playfulness and spirituality, through different ways of moving. Nicole has vast experience of working with kids in churches. She uses many forms of movement in activities for kids, amongst others: singing with gestures, bible stories on the back, bible disco and yoga for young adolescents in confirmation class. After a presentation of different methods, we will try short sample classes in different activities, so that the participants will leave with a higher knowledge of working with movements but also have learned simple ways of using these methods with various content.

Workshop 3

Forum for Children's Hymns - Martin Lysholm Hornstrup

Since 2016 a mixed group of pastors, church musicians, choir leaders and deacons have been working with children's hymns. Knowing that the tunes we teach our children will follow them the rest of their lives, the focus of the group is to ensure the quality of the hymns we sing in the Danish folk church both in terms of theology, music and poetry. An important aspect has been how we can use musical forms, gestures and moves to support the singing. During the workshop you will get to know some of the new Danish hymns for children and learn about the thoughts and structures behind.

Workshop 4

Children's Ministry made by Children - Josephine Blay

An acknowledgment of children's spirituality, faith, and theological thoughts. What happens when children are allowed to create their own worship service? At Bethlehem Church, we don't just play with the idea. Once a month, we ask the children this question, which leads to many interesting and surprising answers. And even teaching adults to a better understanding of God's attributes, when seen through the eyes of a child. After all, children are exactly like children. They don't need to change to become so: Ref. Matt. 18:1-4.

SIGN UP FOR WORKSHOPS

You sign up for the workshops when you sign up for the conference.