

Church News

- A greeting from the Danish pastor in NZ



Times change. Years ago most people joined a political party, a sports club, a charity organisation, a church or society, a school committee etc. It's not like that any more. Now organizations complain about the low membership and the lack of engagement from volunteers and supporters.

People don't move in flock anymore, we have become individualists and we have too much on our plate. Occasionally we pick an event or case we want to support for a time. The lifelong commitment to a society has become a thing of the past.

Organisations come and go, our needs and goals change in relation to the context we live in and so does our commitment.

What I find important to highlight in this reflection on the drop of membership of so many organisations is, that you can sign in and out of all the organisations, societies, clubs, associations, and churches you like but you can never sign out of God's love for you.

There is a parable in the New Testament (Luke 15.3-8) about a man who had 100 sheep. One of them got lost and he left the 99 sheep while he went out to look for the lost one. And when he had found it, he carried it on his shoulders, and rejoiced. That's the way it is. God always want us, he will look for us if we are lost or far away, because we can't sign out of the love of God.

Pastor Anja G. Mathiassen



Did you know?

- You can have your child baptised in the Danish church NZ, either by a church service or by another arrangement. I will be happy to find a way so we can have your child baptised in the area you live.



- Your child can be confirmed in the Danish Church NZ? The teaching will be done over the Internet through e-mail correspondence and the confirmation will take place at a place and time to suit you.
- Its possible to be married by a Danish pastor. I'm happy to come and bless you and be your celebrant on such a wonderful day.
- You can have a Danish-English funeral.

- You can support the Danish Church New Zealand Inc with a \$20 contribution per year. If you wish to become a financial supporter of the church, please e-mail anjagronne@hotmail.com

Next church services:

Auckland December 5 2010 4pm at the Danish Society Auckland

Dunedin December 12 2010 at 2.30pm at All Saints Church Dunedin

Christchurch December 20 2010 at 7.30 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church Burwood

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