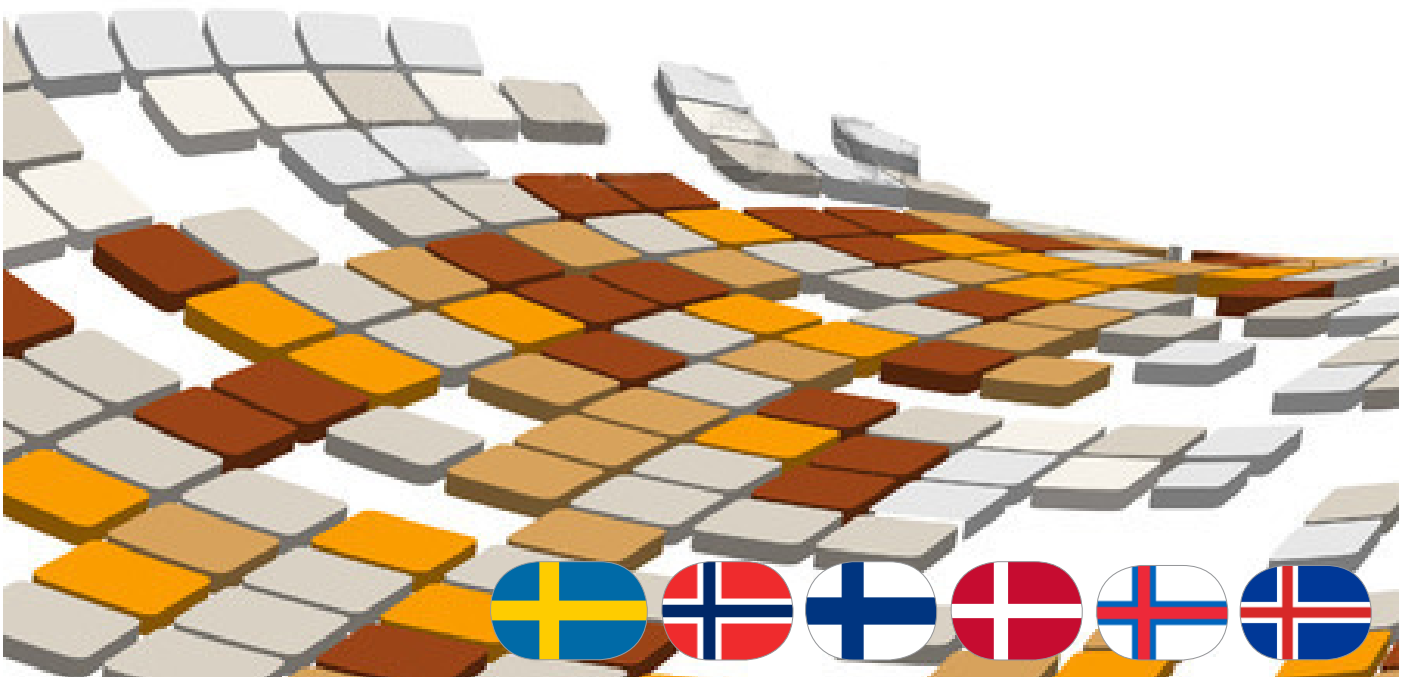




ENGLISH PRESENTATION OF SALT & LIGHT NORDIC





Worship and praise at Salt & Lights nordic leader conference in Västerås 2013

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

Salt & Light is an international apostolic family of about 2,500 churches (not a network, denomination or institution) on five continents. It is built through apostolic initiatives; congregations join the community and new churches are planted into the family. Building good and lasting relationships, friendships and fellowship with one another is essential.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

We are Bible-believing, evangelical and charismatic with classical Christian beliefs (in accordance with the Apostolic and Nicene creeds). We are part of the international Evangelical Movement which has formulated its foundational views and ethos in the Lausanne Covenant. Faith, fundamental teaching, prayer, joy, and discipleship are important. We are totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit's guidance, gifts and fruits. Praise and worship of the Father and the Son pervade us.

MISSION

We want to plant and build churches where all members participate, so that the body is built up through the contribution of each part. A living, functioning body, sent to the world. A good spiritual leadership, the participation of all, and mission into the world belong to the churches' foundational values. Salt & Light began in England in the 1970s and in Sweden in the 1990s, and we are growing.

Most of the churches in the Nordic countries are relatively young (5-30 years old), but there are also older denominational churches belonging to Salt & Light. In addition, we are planting new churches.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

We place a great deal of emphasis on building leadership. Leadership means primarily serving, and we raise up spiritual sons and daughters. Fellowship in ministry is more important than a position on the platform. We choose to lead and minister in and through teams rather than a "one-man-show". Servanthood has none of the glamour that surrounds the modern-day leadership in society and business. It is a question of stamina and giving ourselves completely to the work of the Lord.

SUCCESSORS

We want to walk in Jesus' footsteps as followers and disciples. We do not want to imitate or compare ourselves with role models and idols. Every leader and pastor has a "father" and personal pastor. To walk in Jesus' footsteps means to be led by the Spirit and to focus on God and His will. We want to follow Jesus, grow in Christ-likeness, and get to know Him more and more. It is not my own needs and desires that are in control, but instead, we seek first of all the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.



Salt & Light Nordic Team in Värnamo 2015



NTS at the startup in Jakobstad 2014.

CARE AND CONCERN

We pray for each other both locally and globally. When something happens to someone in our international family, we engage in prayer and care. Everyone is precious to us; we are part of the same family. "When one member suffers, we all suffer." We love each other and are in the same Spirit. Concern for people and churches is important.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVANTHOOD

Both men and women are called to leadership. "The main leaders" are often married couples serving together. Every pastor and congregation receives help from apostolic teams, which are available for the entire Nordic region and also for each region within it. Dave & Chris Richards (England) and Buck Hudson lead our Nordic team. Dave & Chris have regularly visited Scandinavia since 1990.

Currently, we have several regions in Sweden and regions in Finland, Denmark and Norway. We affirm and acknowledge the fivefold ministries according to Eph. 4:11, which generally serve in or are sent out from and responsible to their local congregations. However, it is not the offices and ministries that are important, but the mission and task. We are focused on preaching, living and establishing the Kingdom of God.

NORDIC TRAINING SCHOOL

Together, in the Nordic countries, we have started a training school with the purpose "to train and equip spiritual sons and daughters to be developed as ministry gifts and leaders in our congregations and church plants." The training school is not an independent Bible school, but a training school tied to local congregations. It includes both theoretical teaching and practical work in the church, in close collaboration with pastors, mentors, and leaders (spiritual fathers and mothers). Teaching takes place in several regions. We are building future generations of church leaders!

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