

43rd Annual Conference of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada

Toronto May 23-26, 2024



Toronto Beckons!

Like many other place names in Canada, 'Toronto' has indigenous roots. In the Mohawk language it refers to a place where tall trees stand in water. It indicates a good fishing spot, at the mouth of a river that flows into big open waters. To the Huron people, Toronto means Plenty. Plenty of trees? Plenty of water, maybe, or plenty of space? Plenty of opportunities is certainly what beckoned the Danes who left Denmark behind in the big wave of emigration in the 1950s and 60s, and who came to settle here – where tall trees do stand in the water, and where land and industry and adventure are plentiful.

That wave of emigration quickly became a community! It was this community that founded The Danish Lutheran Church here, which became a place where Danes and their expanding families have now gathered for decades, and not just for Sunday services. Over time, we have become much more than that – we like to think of ourselves almost as a *Forsamlingshus* like the ones that still exist in every town and village in Denmark. A *Forsamlingshus* – a gathering house - is a community meeting space where people come together for all manner of activities: celebrations and gatherings for all of life's milestones, and for harvest fests, bingo nights, and amateur theatre productions.

With this theme of *The Meeting Place*, and as your hosts for this conference, we welcome you to our city and to our *Forsamlingshus*. We hope to show you some of the many places to gather and share in the activities of Canada's biggest city, and to show you how we gather and share in the spirit of our Danish culture and heritage here in our church. We hope above all that you will enjoy your visit.

On the next pages you will find the conference program and registration forms, and practical information about the hotel, meal selection, transportation, etc. You will also find phone numbers for key members of the organizing group, and we encourage you to reach out if you have questions.

Venlig Hilsen,

the Organizing Committee:

*Kirstine Rasmussen,
Gerda Andersen,
Susanne Truelsen,
and Sune Overgaard*



Conference Program

*NOTE: Shuttle service available between
Hotel and Church in time for programs*

Thursday May 23, 2024

6:00-7:30 pm	Conference Registration <i>Free time for delegates</i> <i>Dinner on your own</i>	Novotel North York
7:30-9:30 pm	Welcome Reception Speakers: City Councilor Lily Cheng Danish Ambassador Hanne Fugl Eskjær <i>Snacks served – cash bar</i>	Novotel North York

Friday May 24, 2024

8:30-9:30 am	Registration packages available <i>Free time for delegates</i> <i>Breakfast on your own</i>	Danish Church
9:30-10:00 am	Danish Canadian Museum Board Meeting <i>Board members only</i> <i>coffee/tea available</i>	Danish Church
10:00-11:30 am	Danish Canadian Museum Annual General Meeting <i>All conference delegates welcome</i> <i>coffee/tea available</i>	Danish Church
12:00-2:00 pm	Lunch with Speakers Michael Bach Petersen, Danes Worldwide Toronto Historian <i>wine/beer available</i>	Danish Church Hall
2:00-5:00 pm	Trip to Ripley's Aquarium and/or CN Tower <i>self-tour via subway (TTC)</i>	Ripley's Aquarium/ CN Tower
5:00-7:30 pm	<i>Free time for delegates</i> <i>Dinner on your own</i>	
7:30-10:00 pm	Danish Canadian Museum Presentation Silent and Live Auction <i>Coffee/tea and wine/beer available</i>	Danish Church Hall

Saturday May 25, 2024

8:00-9:00 am	Free time for delegates <i>Breakfast on your own</i>	
9:30-10:00 am	Danish Federation Board Meeting <i>Board members only</i> <i>Coffee/tea available</i>	Danish Church
10:00 am-11:30 pm	Danish Federation Annual General Meeting Reports given by individual clubs <i>All conference delegates welcome</i> <i>Coffee/tea available</i>	Danish Church
12:00-2:00 pm	Lunch with Speakers Consul General Karina Bech Lena Moore, Pass Lake Historical Society <i>Wine/beer available</i>	Danish Church Hall
2:00-5:00 pm	Trip to Arla Foods Hans Sommer – Site Director <i>Bus pick-up at Hotel and Church</i>	Arla Foods
5:00-5:30 pm	Danish Federation Board Meeting <i>Board members only</i>	Danish Church
6:00-10:00 pm	Dinner/Dance - Gibson Ballroom with Entertainment and Live Rock 'n Roll Band <i>Plated Dinner - cash bar</i>	Novotel North York

Sunday May 26, 2024

10:00 am	Meet in lobby for transport to church <i>Breakfast on your own</i>	Novotel North York
10:30 am-11:30 am	Service in the Danish Church <i>All conference delegates welcome</i>	Danish Church
12:00-2:00 pm	Farewell Lunch and Closing Ceremony <i>with Dansk Smørrebrød</i> <i>Coffee/tea and wine/beer available</i>	Danish Church Hall
2:00 pm	Return to Novotel North York	



Registration Form

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Please fill out a registration form for each person attending the conference.

Name: (first and last)	
Address: (number and street)	Email:
(city, province, postal code)	Phone No:
Club Name:	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if Voting Delegate:

NB: Conference Registration Deadline is May 1, 2024

Conference Registration for all participants: (includes misc expenses re facilities, transportation, etc., and one copy of Heritage Book)	\$160	Check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	=	Cost: \$160
Spousal Registration Discount: (\$20 discount, as this does not include a Heritage Book)	\$140	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Special Early Registration Discount: (registration must be received on or before March 31, 2023)	(\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Welcome Reception at Hotel - Thursday from 7:30 - 9:30 pm with Danish Ambassador Hanne Fugl Eskjær, and Councillor Lily Cheng (includes music, and snacks - cash bar)	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Friday Buffet lunch at Church from 12:00 - 2:00 pm with Michael Bach Petersen (Danes Worldwide) and Toronto Historian	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Trip to Ripley's Aquarium and/or CN Tower from 2:00 - 5:00 pm - Self Tour via Toronto Subway		(Check <input type="checkbox"/> one)		
Ripley's Aquarium only	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>	(under 65)	\$25
or CN Tower only	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Senior 65+)	\$30
or Ripley's Aquarium and CN Tower (Sea the Sky)	\$65	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$50
Saturday Buffet lunch at Church from 12:00 - 2:00 pm with Consul General Karina Bech, and Lena Moore from Pass Lake Hist Soc	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Trip to Arla Foods from 2:00 - 5:00 pm Tour by Hans Sommer (Site Director) - via Bus from Hotel and Church	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Saturday Dinner and Dance at Hotel from 6:00 - 10:00 pm includes dinner, entertainment, live R'n'R band and cash bar	\$65	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Sunday Lunch and Closing Ceremony at Church Church Service 10:30 - 11:30 am; Smørrebrød Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 pm Closing Ceremony, Hand-Off to Calgary	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____
Additional 2024 Heritage Books: (each \$20 - enter qty)	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	_____

Total Cost _____

NB: Please see separate forms for payment info and meal selection



Payment Form

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Payment Format

(please check the box of your preferred payment method)

Cheques payable to:

Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto

Payment by Credit Card on Church Website:

danishchurchtoronto.ca/contact-us/pay

E-Transfer to *e-transfer@danchurch.ca*

Mail / Email Registration Form to:

Danish Federation Conference 2024,
C/O Sune Overgaard,
4105 Treetop Cres., Mississauga, ON L5L 2L6
Enquiries/Email: *suneovergaard@hotmail.com*
or via cell phone 416-709-3139

NB: Please see separate form for meal selection



Meal Selection Form

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These selections must be received by May 1st - otherwise a standard meal will be assumed.

Your Name:

Club Name:

**NB: Please check the meal choice you wish for each of the meals listed below.
Mark only the meals where you have signed up for on the registration form.
Choose only one selection per relative option.**

Friday May 24

Check:

Buffet lunch at Church from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Buffet Variety (**standard**)

-salad, chicken, battered fish, potatoes, vegetables, dessert

Or Buffet Vegetarian (as above and/or with spaghetti).....

Saturday May 25

Buffet lunch at Church from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Buffet Variety (**standard**)

-salad, beef stew, tilapia, potatoes, vegetables, dessert

Or Buffet Vegetarian (as above and/or with lasagne).....

Saturday May 25

Dinner/Dance at Novotel Gibson Ballroom from 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Appetizer: -Romain wedge, bacon, parmesan
and roasted chick peas (**standard**)

-Cream of potato and leak soup

-Mixed greens, fennel, pears, pecan,
pomegranate vinaigrette

Main: -Beef striploin, garlic mashed potatoes, crispy onions,
and cabernet sauce (**standard**)

-Roasted chicken supreme, spinach parsnip puree,
sauteed mushrooms, and bourbon glaze

-Pan seared salmon, herbed coated potatoes,
and dill mustard cream

Vegetarian Main: -Seven grain stuffed acorn squash, goat cheese,
toasted walnut and balsamic reduction

-Portobello and cheese ravioli, rose sauce, sweet pea and kale ...

Dessert: -New York cheesecake with fruit coulis (**standard**)

-Dark chocolate truffle with raspberry coulis

-Granny Smith apple tart

NB: Conference Registration Deadline is May 1, 2024

NOVOTEL TORONTO NORTH YORK

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Accommodation arrangements for
Federation of Danish Associations in Canada
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To book your guest room at **NOVOTEL NORTH YORK** call 416-733-2929 ext 1
mention group name “**Danish Federation Conference**”, or **Block ID # 1714861**,

or by email: reservations@novotelnorthyork.com

to receive special group rates per below:

(NB: Reserve before April 16, 2024 !!!)

Dates: Thursday May 23 to Saturday May 25

Superior King Bed - \$229 per night

Executive Double (2 Beds) - \$259 per night

- Notes:**
- ❖ Rates are subject to 6% Municipal Accommodation Tax and 13% HST
 - ❖ Rates do not include breakfast.
 - ❖ Above are 3-day block dates. Rooms can be booked per night or extended based on availability.
 - ❖ Reservations must be booked before April 16, 2024 as block booking will be released at that time.
 - ❖ A limited quantity of rooms is in this group booking.
 - ❖ Rooms will be released on a first come – first served basis.

Note: Shuttle Service to meet program starting times between Hotel and Church will be provided by Danish Church. Details to be explained at Welcome Reception on Thursday May 23 at the Hotel.



Practical Information

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Deadlines

- Early Bird Registration - March 31, 2024
- Novotel Special Room Rate Registration - April 16, 2024
- Conference Registration - May 1, 2024

Locations

The Hotel

Novotel North York
3 Park Home Ave,
Toronto, ON M2N 6L3
Phone: (416) 733-2929

The Church

The Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto
72 Finch Ave West
Toronto, ON M2N 2H4

Transportation

Public Transit

The Hotel is located near North York Centre Station.

The closest station to the church is Finch, which is just one stop North from the hotel.

TTC Two-Ride ticket will be provided for those signing up for Ripley's Aquarium / CN Tower tour.

Shuttle service

There will be a shuttle service provided between the hotel and the Danish Church for the meetings at the church, and there will be pre-arranged transportation to the Arla Factory.

Key Contacts

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