

..... Invitation:

Identity and belonging

Exploring Culture and Christian Community in Church and Society in Denmark

- Open Seminar for Danish and international pastors and church leaders.

Following the open seminar day in September 2025. We now invite Danish and international pastors and church leaders for yet another Open Seminar day to bring our conversation further.

This time we will dig deeper into questions of culture, identity and belonging. Danish and migrant congregations experience complex layers of belonging shaped by national culture, regional identities, migration stories, faith traditions and the universal Christian fellowship.

The theme acknowledges that:

- **Belonging and identity** are central to Christian life, yet they are often unexamined or assumed.
- **Culture** shapes both unity and fragmentation – it can build community but can also produce segregation, segmentation and marginalization.
- **Christian identity** in Denmark interacts with multiple influences such as Danish culture, inherited church traditions, local regional ties, relationships with other cultures, and the broader ecumenical communion.
- **Our perspective** includes the place in society, yet the primary focus is on identity and belonging within church communities.

..... Organizers:

**Danish Mission Council,
Danish Bible Institute, DBI,
Kirkernes Integrations Tjeneste,
Tværkulturelt Center, Folkekirkens
Migrantsamarbejde, Midpoint Dk**

**21. February
2026, 9.30-15.30.**

Venue: Dansk Bibel Institut, Leifsgade 33,
Dk-2300 Copenhagen S

Price: Free of charge – the organizers are covering expenses.

Registration link:

<https://dmr.org/kalender/#identityandbelonging>

Programme:

9.30-10.00 Welcome and introduction to the day

10.00-10.45 **Biblical reflection:** A biblical theology for understanding culture, belonging, difference and unity. By Clement Datchet
Q&A session

11.00-12.00 **Keynote:** An introduction to sociological perspectives on culture. By Iben Jensen, Ass. Professor, University of Aalborg
Q&A session

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.00 **Panel conversation:** How does culture, identity and belonging shape congregational life and exchange between churches in the Danish context?
Panel: Wamwati Karuri, Skovlunde kirke.
Leslie Appiah, Church of Pentecost Denmark.
Anders Graversen, Kingos kirke, Nørrebro.
Janitha Ranjansen Brohus, Alive Church, Hillerød.
Moderator: Dorothy Antwi Boasiako

14.00-14.45 Group discussion

14.45-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-15.30 Plenary discussion with follow-up from panel and group discussions
Closing remarks by moderator.

Prayer