

## Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland launch the Nordic Rally of Hope

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Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland cooperated on launching the Nordic Rally of Hope, with the title «Interdependence and mutual prosperity». Our European Director gave an introduction and called everyone to think how each one can contribute to peace.

The introduction was followed by an interfaith ceremony where 11 religious representatives participated.

A Danish professor was the first speaker and commented on the UN SDG goals as a good program towards peace and development.

The second speaker was the first woman Prime Minister in Finland. She commented on the Covid 19 pandemic and said no nation can handle this by themselves. No one is safe until everybody is safe.

The Swedish scholar spoke about common values and asked everybody to try to make their own personal list of values, share it with others, as an exercise to develop mutual values.

Before Hak Ja Han Moon's speech there was a piece of cultural performance by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea.

Hak Ja Han Moon reminded us of the need to listen to Heaven. We have tried to find solutions by our own power alone without finding lasting peace. We need to consider God, our Heavenly Parent.

The Icelandic scholar said we are God's extended hands. And then, he spoke of «homeostasis» -balance. We need to search for balance in all relationships.

The final speaker was a Norwegian former Member of Parliament. He spoke of how to meet current tension between different cultures. We need to search for the common values in each other's faith and culture. That can serve as a basis for sustainable peace.

Finally, the song *Eternity* concluded the Nordic Rally of Hope.

