



## FFWPU part of establishing new important Dialogue Group

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**F**FWPU was invited to Oslo City Hall on 21st October – together with 36 other religious and life stance communities – to help found The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities Oslo (STL Oslo). As the official representative of the Family Federation, Knut Holdhus signed the founding document.



*Knut Holdhus and the mayor of Oslo Marianne Borgen*

This represents a major step forward for the FFWPU Norway and means both recognition from the authorities and religious leaders. We applied 15 years

ago to be admitted to the The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities but were turned down.

But now an opportunity suddenly opened up to join. It turned out to be important that FFWPU has been a registered religious community since 2003. All registered religious and philosophical communities in Oslo were invited to attend the founding meeting of STL Oslo. Because we participated there, we are part of this important dialogue group. Had we not attended the meeting, we would have had to apply to be admitted. Then a 2/3 majority among the other religious and life stance communities would be required to be accepted.

Oslo Municipality considers STL Oslo to be an important project. The field of faiths and life stances in Norway does the same.

The municipality's positive attitude was clearly expressed when they made their large City Hall available for the inaugural meeting. The municipality also contributes financially to the project. The state does the same.

The meeting took place in a wonderful and positive atmosphere. This made it easy to talk to other participants. And many already know the FFWPU. Many have become acquainted with the Family Federation through the extensive UPF work of national leader Steinar Murud.

Especially those who are connected to the National Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities (STL), know the FFWPU through 2nd generation member Irene Incerti-Théry. She has worked there as a secretary for many years. This has very likely contributed to many faith leaders getting a positive impression of the FFWPU and the True Parents.

Full report in Norwegian

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