War, Revolution, Violence and Resistance

A Christian understanding of the state and the authorities

NELA-Symposium
Sunday 3 – Wednesday 6 October 2027
in Copenhagen

The symposium examines Christians' relationship to state power, war and rebellion.

It will be exciting days with biblical and historical insights and theological outlooks, including Luther's conflict with the peasant revolt and the Norwegian church's resistance struggle in 1942. The program also focuses on the classical doctrine of "just war", Melanchthon's views on self-defense and pastoral care and preaching in times of war and peace.

Each day is framed by joint morning- and evening prayer, which provides space for spiritual contemplation and reflection. The days also offer a celebration of the Formula of Concord, the annual meeting of NELA and a concluding panel discussion.

Welcome to days with good theological food and good fellowship on topical topics.

Organized by NELA,
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Sunday 3 October 2027

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
Welcome – coffee – enrollment.

19:30 Martin Schwarz Lausten: **Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard's fight against anti-Semitism**

21:30 Evening Prayer *Matt. 15:19; Heb. 2:14-17*

Monday 4 October 2027

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
09:00 Morning Prayer *Ephes. 2:5; Acts 16:14*

The Adventist Church, Suomisvej 5:
09:30 Torbjörn Johansson: **Rebellion and Enthusiasm: Martin Luther's Struggle Against Thomas Müntzer**

11:00 Egil Morland: **On "The Foundations of the Church" (1942)**

12:30 Break for lunch

14:30 Jan Bygstad: **The Old Testament and the Wars**

16:00 Coffee

16:30 Halvar Sandell: **Legitimate and illegitimate violence according to Luther's comments on the peasant revolt**

18:00 Break for dinner

19:30 Daniel Johansson: **The view of the authorities in Romans 13 & First Peter 2**

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
21:30 Evening Prayer *Jer. 23:6 and 2. Cor. 5:21*

Tuesday 5 October 2027

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
09:00 Morning prayer *Rom 7:14-25; Efes. 2:8-10*

The Adventist Church, Suomisvej 5:
09:30 Odd Sverre Hove: **Justum Bellum – the doctrine of the just war in CA16 and Ap16**

11:00 Brandt Klawitter: **Preaching and pastoral care in times of war and times of peace**

12:30 Break for lunch

14:30 Tobias Jensen: **Joy of studying the Formula of Concord 1577/2027**

16:00 Coffee

16:30 **NELA's annual meeting**

18:00 Break for dinner

19.30 Brandt Klawitter: **Philipp Melanchthon on self-defense**

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
21:30 Evening Prayer *Acts 20:28 and 1 Cor. Tim. 3:16*

Wednesday 6. October 2027

Martins Church, Martinsvej 4:
09:00 Morning Prayer *Ephesians. 1:4-14 and 4:30*

The Adventist Church, Suomisvej 5:
09:30 Egil Morland: **Theme?**

11:00 PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00 Closing session, departure

Speakers

Martin Schwarz Lausten, dr. theol. prof. em. in church history, Copenhagen.

Torbjörn Johansson, Doctor of Theology in Systematic Theology, The Congregational Faculty in Gothenburg.

Egil Morland, Professor Emeritus NLA University College, Sandviken.

Jan Bygstad, D.D. pastor em. in DELK, Bergen.

Halvar Sandell, pastor, St. Martin Congregation Helsinki.

Daniel Johansson, PhD, Senior Lecturer in the New Testament, The Congregational Faculty in Gothenburg.

Odd Sverre Hove, pastor em., former editor-in-chief of Dagen.

Tobias Jensen, Master of Laws, student at Luther Academy, Riga.

Brandt Klawitter, pastor in LKNI and associate professor of church history, NLA University College, Sandviken.

Practical information



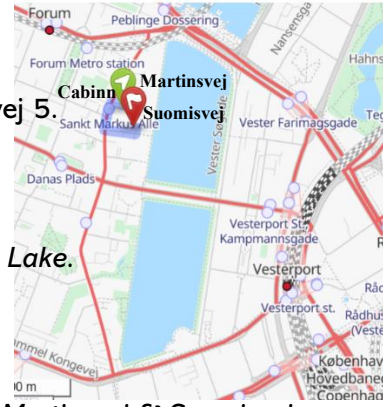
Martinsvej 4



Suomisvej 5

Location of the symposium

Martins Church Martinsvej 4
and meeting room in
The Adventist Church Suomisvej 5.



Martinsvej and Suomisvej are located with 2 min. walking distance and centrally located in Copenhagen at St. George's Lake.

Public transport

Fly to Copenhagen Airport.
Metro to Forum Station and *7 min. walk from Forum St. to Martinsvej & Suomisvej.*
Train to Copenhagen Central Station and *20 min. walk to Martinsvej and Suomisvej.*

Meals

Participants buy their own meal in the city. Lunch and dinner can be ordered on some days.

Idea for accommodation

Cabinn Scandinavia, Vodroffsvej 55, Frederiksberg
(2 min. from Martinsvej and Suomisvej)

Registration

by email until Sep. 1st 2027, mail@lutherakademi.org
Payment upon registration.

Price

Participation in the Symposium, all days DK kr. 1.050.
Students DK kr. 525 Dk.kr. (Nela-members DK kr. 950)
Participation in single lectures: 90 Dk.kr per lecture.
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