

3.-6. November 2026

Reykjavík, Iceland

Leitourgia 2026: In Our Own Languages

Tuesday, November 3.

Arrival and registration at the Reykjavík Cathedral, Dómkirkjan. There will be hot coffee and tea that will wait for us and give us time to renew our friendship as well as we get our conference documents.

Time	What to do?	Location
17:00 - 18:00	Everyone is welcomed and we have a short community time together before the program starts.	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
18:00	Mini-Pilgrimage through Reykjavík city center led by Rev. Elínborg Sturludóttir	Departure: Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
18:50	Welcome reception. Bishop Guðrún Karls Helgudóttir invites us to “biskupsgarður” to feast and drink like true christian vikings!	Biskupsgarður, Tjarnargata 4
20:00	Conference opening.	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
	Evening Prayer	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
20:30	Concert / Hymn Sing-a-long where Sálmabandið led by Rev. Sveinn Valgeirsson cathedral minister is playing.	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)

Wednesday, November 4. Part 1/2

Time	What to do?	Location
09:00	Morning prayer led by Danmark	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
9:20	Lecture by Rev. Dr. E. Byron (Ron) Anderson “In our own languages: Language, Community, and Identity”	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
10:20	Seminar groups with coffee and tea	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral) and parish hall (Lækjargata 14a)
11:00	Lecture by Rev. Dr. Sigríður Guðmarsdóttir "Baptismal Languages: Flood, Drought and the Renewal of the Altar Book"	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
12:00	Midday prayer led by Finland	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral)
12:30	Lunch time!	Parish hall, Lækjargata 14.a
13:30	Seminar goups	Dómkirkjan (Reykjavík Cathedral) and parish hall (Lækjargata 14a)

Wednesday, November 4. Part 2/2

Time	What to do?	Location
15:15	Guided historical walking tour led by Rev. Eiríkur Jóhannsson.	Hallgrímskirkja
16:30	Coffee and tea time!	Hallgrímskirkja
17:30	Presentation and mini concert. We will hear about the poet Rev. Hallgrímur Péturssonand the Hymns of the Passion. Following, there will be a mini concert featuring the wonders of the Klais organ and contemporary Icelandic church music performed by The Choir of Hallgrímskirkja.	Hallgrímskirkja
18:45	It’s Dinner time!	Hallgrímskirkja
20:00	Hymn swimming! Even though we are going to be in a swimming pool there is still the option to stay dry join us in singing sitting by the pool.	Sundhöll Reykjavíkur (Barónstígur 45a)

Thursday, November 5. Part 1/2

Time	What to do?	Location
09:00	Morning Prayer led by Sweden	Háteigskirkja
9:30	Lecture by Rev. Dr. E. Byron (Ron) Anderson “In our own languages: Common Prayer and Common Song”	Háteigskirkja
10:30	Seminar groups with coffee and tea	Háteigskirkja
12:00	Midday prayer led by Denmark	Háteigskirkja
12:30	Lunch time!	Háteigskirkja
13:15	Lecture and workshop led by church musicians Arngerður María Árnadóttir and Guðný Einarsdóttir. "The Language of Music: Contemporary Nordic Hymns"	Háteigskirkja
15:00	Free time to explore	
16:30	Coffee and tea time!	Háteigskirkja

Thursday, November 5. Part 2/2

Time	What to do?	Location
17:15	General meeting of Leitourgia / Årsmøde	Háteigskirkja
18:00	Service with Holy Communion led by Iceland	Háteigskirkja
19:15	Festive dinner	Háteigskirkja

Friday, November 6.

Time	What to do?	Location
09:00	Morning prayer led by Norway	Háteigskirkja
09:30	Lecture by Rev. Arto Vallivirta "(Mis)-Translations in the Body of Christ: From Metaphysics to the Language of Participation"	Háteigskirkja
10:30	Seminar groups with coffee and tea	Háteigskirkja
11:45	Sending led by Finland	Háteigskirkja
12:00	The final lunch time together this year	Háteigskirkja

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. E. Byron Anderson

E. Byron (Ron) Anderson is the Ernest and Bernice Styberg Professor of Worship and Associate Dean of Institutional and Educational Assessment at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.

He completed the BA with majors in organ and psychology at Carthage College, the MDiv at Yale Divinity School and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and the PhD at Emory University.

His scholarly work has focused primarily around questions related to the formative role of liturgy in Christian life.

He is past president of Societas Liturgica and serves as the convener of the Liturgical Hermeneutics Seminar in the North American Academy of Liturgy.

He has served in parish ministry as a pastor, musician, and educator.



Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Sigríður Guðmarsdóttir

Sigríður is a full professor of practical theology at the University of Iceland.

She works with constructive, philosophical and practical theologies and her current research interests are in at the interstices of ecotheology and decolonial theology.

She is currently working on a monograph on blue theology in the Arctic as well as coediting a volume on Arctic Christianity, both which are scheduled for publication in 2027.

She is the author of Tillich and the Abyss: Foundations, Feminism and Theology of Praxis by Palgrave Macmillan (2016) and has coedited the book Trading Justice for Peace? Reframing reconciliation in TRC processes in South Africa, Canada and Nordic countries, published by AOSIS (2021).

Sigríður is the leader for the committee of worship for the Lutheran Church of Iceland which is currently working a new altar book.



Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Arto Vallivirta

Arto Vallivirta (ThM) works as an advisor in liturgy and spirituality at the Finnish Church Council (Kyrkostyrelsen).

His fields of interest (apart from cycling ridiculously long distances) include philosophy of language, theology of mysticism and how the language shapes liturgical life.

