

## ***Ole Skjerbaek Madsen writes***

What I have learned over the years is the need to move from a defensive or even hostile attitude to new agers and neo-spiritual seekers and practitioners to dialogue and presence in their context for the Gospel to be heard and Christian fellowship shared.

In 1995 I started a new ministry in Denmark 'In the Master's Light' to people engaged with new spirituality practices of all sorts. This ministry began as spiritual meetings in premises known to new agers and in a form familiar to them, but unmistakably Christian: Our most effective ministry is being present at holistic health fairs, body-mind-spirit-festivals and other grass root events. It is a booth ministry, and we invite people to receive a blessing or a healing of the heart, which means praying the love of God revealed in Jesus into their life; we also pray with people for other concerns. Over the years we have experienced that even many of the co-exhibitors ask for our ministry.

To meet these people we have to find common concerns, for example in the

field of the environment and find points of contact in their beliefs and



practices.

To listen is the only foundation for being allowed to share our experiences of God and new life in Christ. We have to present the Gospel in a learning by doing mode, instead of overburdening people with the full package of Christian doctrine and ethics. We have to revitalize Christian worship and spirituality. New spirituality people can help us recognise our forgotten treasures, e.g. the power of prayer, Christian meditation, the liturgical heritage of the undivided church, retreats and communities, spiritual accompaniment, pilgrimage.

**The day will be broadly divided into three parts :**

**Morning:** *Spiritualities of life – Ole's experience of engaging with new spiritualities*

**Afternoon 1:** *Body and Spirituality with Oyvind*

**Afternoon 2:** *Christfulness practices meet secularized religion and new spiritualities (Ole)*

There will also be time for reflection and feedback.

**We look forward to welcome you and engage with these important questions together.**



**The Facilitators**



**Ole Skjerbæk Madsen :**

As a theological student, Ole was deeply influenced by the Coptic Orthodox church and the desert mothers and fathers. He was a Lutheran pastor in the Copenhagen area for many years. Since the 1970s he has been involved in ministry to adherents of New Religions, Cults, Esoteric and New Age milieus. In 1995 he started 'In the Master's Light', a bridge building ministry between Christian and Body Mind Spirit spirituality. This combines well with his role as a mission priest for the mission society Areopagos. He is also a scholar having written a number of books and articles related to New Age Spirituality as well as on Christfulness. He is married to Dorte and they have three grown up daughters.

**Oyvind Borgsoe** is a deacon, writer and a teacher of Body prayer and Christian meditation. He is a member of The International Community of Aidan & Hilda based at Lindisfarne. He had a profound encounter with Jesus in a Syrian cave, studied holistic traditions of east and west, including the desert Fathers and Mothers, undertook contemporary psychosomatic studies and a deep schooling in body-soul prayer. He now helps individuals and groups to be at home with themselves as body, soul and spirit so they can at the same time make themselves available to God with all of who they are.



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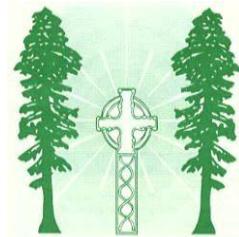
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Madsen & Oyvind Borgsoe**

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