

# **REPORT DIAKONIA-DRAE**

## **DENMARK AND NORWAY**

**January 2016**

DIAKONIA has two members in Denmark: Den danske Diakonissestiftelse and Diakonissehuset Sankt Lukas.

In Norway there are three members: Stiftelsen Bergen Diakonissehjem – Haraldsplass, Diakonova and Diakonissehuset Lovisenberg.

These five motherhouses have fairly good contact and for many years there has been regular meetings for the leading sisters once a year. Last meeting was in Bergen following the Assembly at Kongshaug. The leading sister at Helsinki Deaconess Institute in Finland also participated in the meeting.

### **DENMARK**

#### **Den danske Diakonissestiftelse**

##### **Personnel**

Forstanderinne Merete Pelle Poulsen

Diakonifællesskabet at Diakonissestiftelsen had at the end of 2015 76 members.

One deacon passed away during the year and one new was inaugurated.

There is no change in the staff.

##### **Issues**

The big development plan “UP2020” is materializing. The Church has already been renovated. The digging for the Hospice started in January 2015 and the new and bigger Hospice will open at 8. April 2016.

The next step will be to build senior houses.

#### **Diakonissehuset Sankt Lukas Stiftelsen**

##### **Personnel**

Leading Diakonisse sister Marie Oved.

The fellowship has only some few members and there is at the moment not so much contact with the other motherhouses in Denmark and Norway.

##### **Issues**

Diakonissehuset Sankt Lukas is an active institution especially in the hospice tradition.

## **NORWAY**

### **Stiftelsen Bergen Diakonissehjem – Haraldsplass**

#### **Personnel**

Forstanderinne Rollaug Waaler

Diakonifellesskapet at Haraldsplass had at the end of 2015 about 235 members. The number of members is still increasing although they do not have an active campaigning for this. The old deaconesses are staying healthy and that is also helping to keep the numbers up.

#### **Events**

During spring 2016 they will start a new course for the training of 4 new deaconesses.

#### **Issues**

The Nursing College has merged with other diaconal colleges in Norway starting a University College called VID.

Due to the refugee situation in Europe, and Norway, Haraldsplass started January 2016 to receive youngsters without families for asylum.

Haraldsplass is in the middle of the building process for their new hospital.

### **Diakonova**

#### **Personnel**

Diaconal leaders Kirsti Eide and Ann-Elin Winsnes Slettahjell

Diakonifellesskapet at Diakonova had at the end of 2015 about 650 members dropping from more than 700 in 2014.

They have been sorting out their member lists finding that some members were not active.

They are organized in fellowship for diaconal nurses around Norway. In 2015 it has been about 10 fellowships The diaconal leader Kirsti Eide are visiting regularly.

#### **Events/Celebration**

Diakonifellesskapet is arranging Alumni-day in their college. They had one successful one in 2015 and are in the planning process for another one in 2016.

The nursing College will celebrate 100 years 17. October 2016. The College was founded by the Deaconal fellowship.

#### **Issues**

Their project in Estonia is continuing but the aim is that the Estonians will be able to run it by themselves.

The Hospice-project in Narva goes on as planed.

During the year the Nursing College will be part of the new University College VID. There will be a discussion on how to organize the fellowships in this new system.

## **Stiftelsen Diakonissehuset Lovisenberg**

### **Personnel**

Diakonifelleskapet at Diakonissehuset Lovisenberg had at the end of 2015 between 200 - 250 members. The numbers are dropping partly due to the severe conflict with the board and the administration at the Foundation. Some elderly deaconesses have also passed during 2015. There has been no appointment of a new leading sister.

### **Events**

During 2015 it was no capacity to arrange an annual meeting, but that will be held in February 2016.