

EXTRAORDINARY ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REQUEST FOR AFFILIATION

NAME OF THE MOVEMENT AND CONTACT DETAILS

Name of the movement: YMCA and YWCA Denmark

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Brief description of the SCM:

The YMCA and YWCA in Denmark has been a joint movement for more than 30 years. Both organizations were founded around 1880. Today, we have approximately 9.500 members from ca. 100 local associations from all over Denmark.

We are characterized as a Christian volunteer based organization, and according to our Bylaws, our president and vice president must be of different gender, and the main board must have equal representation of both men and women. At the moment, our president is Mrs. Henriette Kirkeskov.

We are an organization for both children and youths and we aim to put Christian principles into practice by helping children and youths develop a healthy body, mind and spirit. Our logo has the triangle as a common denominator wherever you go in the world, and it signifies the Christian perception of a human being: Body, mind spirit.

In november 2016, the YMCA and YWCA agreed on a new foundational paragraph, saying that « The purpose of the YMCA and YWCA in Denmark is to create activities and communities, in which they will encounter the Christian faith and experience its relevance to their lives. »

In our Bylaws it states that we are an « ecumenical movement based on the evangelical-lutheran doctrine. » This means that we have a clear identity that is oriented toward the ecumenical community, first of all through the World YMCA, but also through other ecumenical forums and organizations.

We wish to increase the level of ecumenical awareness among our members and strengthen the ecumenical agenda as a whole in Denmark. This is why we gladly accepted the invitation, when the previous Danish SCM, Økumenisk Ungdom, contacted us and asked us to become the new Danish SCM in its stead. Økumenisk Ungdom has now been dissolved.

The YMCA see great potential in being the new Danish SCM and we are still considering how best to integrate this new global network and platform for theological empowerment and training. We see WSCF as a key factor in the formation of our youths towards a stronger ecumenical identity, and we wish to take upon us the task of presenting ecumenism to Danish students.

We sincerely hope to be accepted as an affiliated movement.

For more detail, please see the attached pdf-flier in english about YMCA and YWCA Denmark.

With regard and respect and on behalf of the Danish YMCA and YWCA,
Morten H. Sorensen, Lutheran pastor.