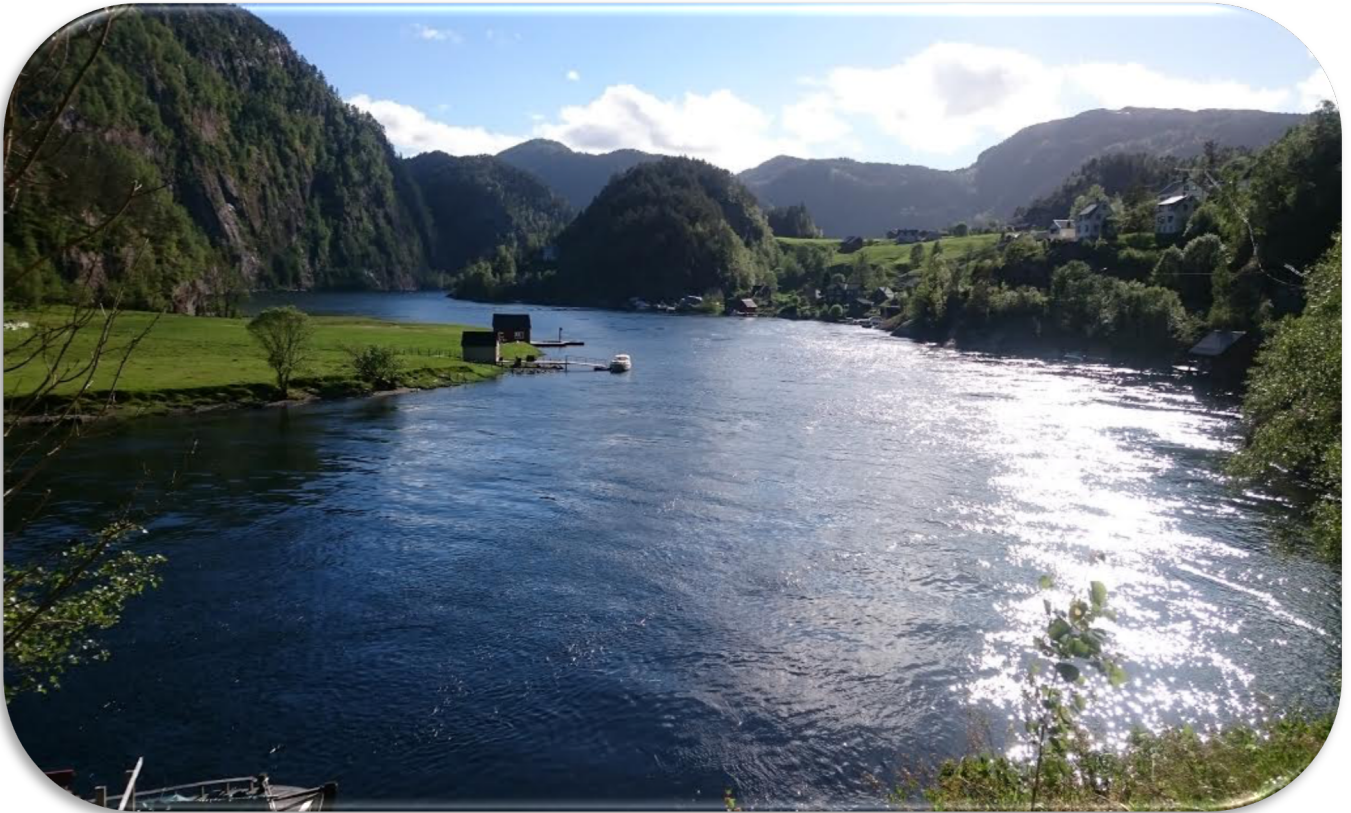


Spiritual Care

- The State of the Art and International Perspectives



International Conference, October 18th 2019, Bergen, Norway

VID Specialized University, Faculty of Health Studies welcomes you to listen to and meet some of the key nursing researchers in spiritual care.

This conference aims to

- Explore the concept of spirituality from an international perspective
- Provide insight into some of the contemporary thinking
- Demonstrate the importance of spiritual care in practice

09.00: **Welcome Vice-Rector for Research Dr. Bård Mæland**, Professor Systematic Theology, VID

09.05: **Spirituality and Limit Situations Dr. Tove Giske**, Norway, Professor in Nursing

09.15: **Spirituality and Spiritual Care – Why Does it Matter in Health Care?**
Dr. Wilfred McSherry, UK, Professor in Nursing

09.40: **Spirituality from Patients’ Perspectives – How Can That Inform the Nurse?**
Dr. Linda Ross, UK, Professor in Nursing

10.05: **Comparing Patients’ and Nurses’ Perspectives on Spiritual Care: How Are They Alike and How are They Different?** **Dr. Pamela Cone**, CA, Professor in Nursing

10.30 – 10.50: Break – drink & fruit – view posters

10.50: **How often Do Nurses Provide Spiritual Care? Results From Research Around the World**
Dr. Elizabeth Johnston Taylor, CA, Professor in Nursing

11.15: **Motherhood and Spirituality Dr. Josephine Attard**, Malta,

11.40: **The Ethics of Spiritual Care – Principles for Appropriate Practice.**
Dr. Bart Cusveller, The Netherlands, Senior Lecturer in Nursing Ethics

12.05: **Competence Development in Spiritual Care by Use of Online Learning Tools**
Dr. René van Leeuwen, The Netherlands, Professor in Nursing

12.30 – 13.15: Lunch – view posters

13.15: **Leadership in Research and Education: Towards Strengthening the Role Spiritual Care**
Dr. Erlinda Castro-Palaganas, The Philippines, Professor in Nursing

13.40: **Spiritual Care in a Nursing Culture With No Traditions for Spiritual Care – a Mongolian Perspective - Anne Biro**, Mongolia, Nurse, PhD-student

14.05: Break – drink & cake – view posters

14.25: **Spirituality in Health Care From a Low-income Country’s Perspective – a Luxury or a Necessity** **Dr. Barbara Parfitt**, UK, Professor Emeritus

14.40: **Hope in Health Care in Sierra Leone – Why Does It Matter?**
Edeen Jalloh, Sierra Leone, Nurse, master in Global Health, Project Leader

15.15: **How to Overcome Challenges – New Ways to Improve the Health of Your People.**
Benson Owusu, Ghana, Nurse, PhD student

15.40: **Summing up and closure**

16.00 **End of conference**

Presentation of speakers:



Dr. Tove Giske, Norway, is a Professor in Nursing at VID Specialized University, Faculty of Health Studies, Bergen. Her main research area is in spirituality. She is a part of the EPICC network and President of Nurses Christian Fellowship International



Dr. Wilfred McSherry, UK, is Professor in Nursing in a joint appointment between Department of Nursing, School of Health and Social Care, Staffordshire University and the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust and part-time Professor at VID Specialized University, Bergen, Norway.



Dr. Linda Ross, UK is a Professor in Nursing (Spirituality) at University of South Wales and Visiting Fellow Staffordshire University. She is also an EPICC Partner, Executive Editor of “Journal for the Study of Spirituality” and Member Secretary of British Association for the Study of Spirituality. Member of All Wales Spirituality Health & Wellbeing Special Interest Group.



Dr. Pamela Cone, CA is a Professor of Nursing in the Doctoral programs at Azusa Pacific University. She teaches courses in Research, Theory, Writing, and Qualitative Methods especially focusing on Grounded Theory. Her research interest is primarily in Spiritual Care, and she collaborate with Dr. Giske for research and writing.



Dr. Elizabeth Johnston Taylor, CA, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Loma Linda University School of Nursing, Loma Linda, California, USA, has pursued a program of research exploring the intersection of spirituality, religiosity, health, and nursing for 25 years. Her latest book, *Fast facts about religion: Implications for nursing care* provides clinicians with healthcare-related information about religions.



Dr. Josephine Attard, Malta, is Head of the Midwifery Department and Lecturer at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta. Her professional work as a midwife is centered around pregnancy, labour and birth. Her research interests are in the areas of normal birth, midwifery education, and competencies in spiritual care in nursing and midwifery.



Dr. Bart Cusveller, The Netherlands, is PhD trained as a nurse and holds a degree in philosophy. He is currently a Senior Lecturer and researcher in spiritual care and nursing ethics at the School of Nursing of Viaa University of Applied Sciences in Zwolle, The Netherlands.



Dr. René van Leeuwen, The Netherlands, is leader of the Research Group Spirituality and Healthcare of Viaa University in Zwolle, Netherlands. The focus of the research group is competence development in spiritual care. He developed and validated the Spiritual Care Competence Scale (SCCS). He is as a partner involved in the EPICC project.



Dr. Erlinda Castro-Palaganas, The Philippines, holds a PhD, RN and is Professor at the University of the Philippines, Baguio. She is the national president of the Philippine Nurses Association and Founding President of the Philippine Nursing Research Society, Inc. She is an academic, researcher and development worker earned by many years of living with the people as a community health nurse.



Anne Biro is a Canadian nurse who has lived in Mongolia since 2004. Anne is interested in how different cultures understand and practice nursing. She is currently researching the roles and responsibilities of Mongolian nurses. Anne volunteers in a variety of areas and is the Vice-President of Nurses Christian Fellowship International.



Professor Emeritus **Barbara Parfitt**, UK, is a qualified nurse and midwife. After working as a community nurse midwife in Afghanistan and Bhutan, she married, completed her doctorate and was appointed as a nursing Professor, Dean and Secretary General of the WHO Nursing Global Network. In 2014, she established a Nursing School in Bangladesh. She currently works voluntary, supporting nurses in Pakistan. She is an honorary Doctor at VID Specialized University.



Edeen Jalloh, Sierra Leone is a state registered nurse from Sierra Leone and Ukraine. He is a master's holder in Global Health from the University of Bergen and UCL. Edeen Jalloh is working with Haraldsplass Diaconal Foundation on the project *"Providing hope to the rural poor of Sierra Leone"*



Benson Owusu, Ghana, is a registered general nurse at the intensive care unit of the Greater Accra Regional Hospital in Ghana. He holds a master of Public Health from the University of Ghana and is currently pursuing a PhD Public Health in the same university. He is the founder of the QUIK Medical Consult.

Deadline for booking for the conference is September 25th 2019 and you book here:

<https://www.vid.no/en/events/spiritual-care-the-state-of-the-art-and-international-perspectives/>

The conference fee, including lunch, is NOK 500,-. You pay when you register.

You are invited to send in abstract for a poster related to the main theme of the conference. Send abstract with name, e-mail, professional qualifications, affiliation, TITLE of the poster and max 200 words to tove.giske@vid.no no later than August 15th 2019. Only abstracts following the guidelines will be evaluated. Applicants will be notified no later than September 16th 2019 if their abstract has been accepted. Presenters of abstracts must book and pay the conference fee to be allowed to present a poster.