## April 2021: The Co-operation Council for Religious and Philosophical Societies in Grenland (STL)

Inspired by today's service by vicar of Skien kirke, Liv Espeland Jettestuen, everyone can rejoice in the basic principle of "new beginnings". Even spring emphasizes Easter's message of light and life in that we can feel the sun's warm rays and nature's waking up from its deep sleep.

We hope that there soon will be new opportunities to meet in person, with significant plans for 2021 both in the form of open meetings and our traditional "philosophical café" (next: Tue 13 Apr - registration to receive the online link), VIP banquet, FILAD (football, ping pong and chess for all), visits by school classes and our annual celebration of Ramadan (Tue 11 May at Skien Mosque), to name a few.

Most of all, we look forward to constructive dialogue with local politicians on important issues and expanding the network with more and more communities. We still have a lot to learn about working together, talking together, getting to know each other and challenging each other in mutual understanding. Soon all organizations and denominations will have been contacted and invited!

Wishing you a bright spring!

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