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The Council for Religious and Life Stance Communities in Norway celebrates our 25 year anniversary, and Erna Solberg is happily quoted emphasizing "the important bridge-building role [we] have in building robust communities of disagreement". (See her greeting below). The point is that Grenland, like all other parts of the country, still has a lot to learn when it comes to "tolerating each other with *dialogue* as a tool and an increased awareness of mutual *respect*".

Did you know research in 2021 has revealed that we all have unconscious prejudice in one or more areas, to a greater or lesser degree? At the same time, we also have empirical data from May-June 2021 which indicates that we may greatly benefit from asking ourselves, while misinterpreting an opponent: "Could it be that I am not seeing the whole picture?" The statistical effect of this meta-question reveals subdued emotions and delayed judgment that provides opportunities to proactively adjust irrational behavior.

This inspiring collaborative effort is ongoing. May we all have a wonderful summer!

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