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Dear members,

With this newsletter, we are happy to give out important information for anyone in the field of study of diaconia.

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Professor emeritus in the Sociology of Religion Anders Bäckström (Uppsala University) has founded a fund to support research on diaconia, Christian social practice, welfare and religion, and in particular young researchers in this field. The Anders Bäckström Fund is placed at Diakonhjemmet foundation in Oslo/Norway. The board of the Anders Bäckström Fund announces this year for the second time an award for an excellent master thesis in the field of diaconal studies and welfare and religion. The Anders Bäckström Prize will be awarded for the second time during the conference of the International Society for the Research and Study of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice (ReDi) 16-18 September 2020 in Stavanger/Norway. Please see the full [announcement](#) on our website and do not hesitate to apply for the award.

Call for Papers: Diaconia Journal

Diaconia Journal calls for papers for the Special Issue on Diaconia and Community Development 2/2019. Please see the [call](#) on our website. Deadline for submitting full papers is 15 October 2019.

Save the Date for the 8th International ReDi Conference in Stavanger 2020

The 8th International ReDi Conference will take place on 16-18 September 2020 in Stavanger. It will be hosted by VID Specialized University and focus on the theme of “Organising and leading service in contexts of change and diversity. Diaconal perspectives on innovation”. Please be on the lookout. The Call for Sessions will be published during September 2019 on the [ReDi Website](#).

Call for Papers: Research Conference in Theology and Religion 2020, Helsinki

The conference invites proposals for papers of high level with any subject in the field of theology and religious studies until November 8th, 2019. Study of diaconia and Christian social practice is one field of study to be discussed in the conference. Please see the call for sessions on the website of the conference. Call for Sessions has closed, and the list of sessions has been published on September 23rd, 2019. Please find more information [here](#).

Reports from Practice and Essays

We call your attention to the Reports from Practice and Essays. We invite to have a look at this section and read the contributions. We also invite to submit your own contributions. Please find the guidelines and more information in our [Reports from Practice Section](#). For more information, please contact [Herman Noordegraaf](#).

Board News: Farewell Beate Hofmann, Welcome Dennis Solon

ReDi is both happy and sad to announce that our board member Prof. Dr. Beate Hofmann is leaving the board, while we welcome her successor Dr. Dennis Solon. Please read our words of thanks for Beate and our words of welcome for Dennis [here](#).

For a final remark, you can also contribute by sending us information about events, research, publications or other things to make the development of this field visible.

With best wishes,

Ninna Edgardh

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