

## Preserve, Use, Develop

April 2018, Lund, Sweden

### CONFERENCE PURPOSE

The conference aimed to bring together a Swedish and International audience to reassess the ways churches, facing the impact of demographic change, can successfully adapt.

### KEY OUTCOMES

The presentations and discussion might be summarized as focusing on three issues:

1. Finding and articulating the 'essence' of an understanding of values, balancing cultural and ecclesiastical (or theological) values
2. Identifying the meanings associated with the potential conflict between individual and shared values - especially focusing on the need to properly appreciate different perspectives
3. Finding the point of 'sustainability' between perceptions of an under or an over-developed church and the potentially disastrous ramifications of either.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGES.

**Equality of Esteem** between all stakeholders and partners in project formation

**Everyone is an expert** in their own experience of life - therefore more listening and learning is required

**It is the process that engages**, not the idea.

**Barriers to participation** must be addressed so the process can enable solutions,

**Community wellbeing** should be the focus on community and church

**The value of a Strategic Diocesan approach**

**The value of approaching challenges strategically**

**Advantages of Theory of Change models**

### SELECT CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

"I take home with me an openness for new things"

"Seeing where we have come from helps us find a good direction for the future, of we fail to see this we do not dare move"

"a most inspiring exchange of ideas and experiences"

"my head is swimming over with ideas from all the participants"

## Preserve, Use, Develop International conference on Ecclesiastical Heritage and its future challenges

*"Breakthrough moments only  
come through dialogue"*



*"If we want dynamic cultural heritage then we need a dynamic  
process to achieve it"*

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## REFLECTIONS FOR HISTORIC ENGLAND

*Importance of capitalizing on the  
opportunities offered by the Taylor  
Review*

To concentrate efforts on  
understanding multiple values and  
supporting the dialogue that enables  
solutions to emerge from them

Support Taylor review dioceses to  
articulate clearly the social benefit,  
public value and community wellbeing  
advantages of community-led projects

*Clearer methods for analyzing  
cultural and user values, better  
frameworks for assessing  
significance*