

General Information

Danish Heritage Seminar

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Heritage Seminar participants will enjoy a range of amenities at the Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre, including a daily hot breakfast with their modern guest room, an on-site restaurant, fitness facilities, room service, and laundry and dry-cleaning services. The hotel also features a 24-hour business centre and complimentary on-site parking. In addition, a variety of shops, restaurants, and local attractions are conveniently located nearby in this quaint town.

Transportation: Driverseat Canada

June 8, 2026: Shuttle service from Toronto Pearson International Airport with two departures at 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM.

June 12, 2026: Shuttle service to the airport with two departures at 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon.

*Please indicate if transportation is required.

Hotel Arrival: Check-in by 3:00 pm Monday, June 8 and meet in the Yorkshire Room at 4:00 pm.

Hotel Departure: Friday, June 12 after Goodbye Breakfast in the restaurant at 8:30.

Full Heritage Program Includes:

- Guestrooms for **4 nights with hot breakfast**
- **Transportation** From and To Airport
- **Meals** included as follows:
 - Lunches (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
 - Dinners (Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- All program meetings and presentations
- Beverage Stations available at all events
- Use of facilities, including business centre.
- All gratuities and taxes.
- Expert speakers with unique perspectives
- Explore the City of Cambridge



The seminar is modelled on the Danish Folk School tradition and will be led by Pastor Kirstine Rasmussen of the Danish Church in Toronto. The theme, ***Making Denmark Great Again***, is intended to highlight and celebrate the many significant contributions Danes have made -both historically and in recent years. Qualified presenters (see reverse side) will share their insights and experiences throughout the program. The seminar's focus is to encourage and strengthen pride in Danish heritage.

JOIN US to experience culture, history, and engaging lectures while sharing in fun and meaningful fellowship. The seminar will feature singing, lively discussions, time to relax, and wonderful opportunities to reconnect with old and new friends from near and far. Sessions will be held in English, with Danish also heard and spoken along the way. For those with alternative accommodation arrangements, the cost structure also allows participation in the program only.

The seminar will be held immediately following the **Federation's Annual National Conference**, taking place **June 4-7** and hosted by the Sunset Villa Association with accommodation at the same Cambridge Hotel.



Danish Heritage Seminar June 8 – 12, 2026

Making Denmark Great Again !



Cambridge on the Grand River

Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre

**700 Hespeler Road
Cambridge, Ontario
N3H 5L8
Tel: 519-622-1505**

Registration Form

(Return Registration no later than **April 12, 2026**)

Mail or e-mail to:

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Mississauga, ON L5L 2L6
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PLEASE PRINT :

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Sharing Room with: _____

Registration Fees: (mark as needed)

- ☐ Full Program w/Shared Double Room (each) \$1,000
- ☐ Full Program with Single Room (single) \$1,375
- ☐ Full Program with Single Room (couple) \$1,950
- ☐ ***NEW*** Full Program Only (no room, each) \$ 600
- ☐ ***NEW*** Single Day Only (each) – Monday \$ 100
- ☐ ***NEW*** Single Day Only (each) – Tuesday \$ 200
- ☐ ***NEW*** Single Day Only (each) Wednesday \$ 100
- ☐ ***NEW*** Single Day Only (each)–Thursday \$ 250

Deposit of \$250 per person is required if not paid in full.

Note: Cancel by **April 12, 2026** for a refund; deposit forfeited afterward.

Cheque payments should be made payable to
Federation of Danish Associations in Canada

Or by *e-transfer* to suneovergaard@hotmail.com
E-transfer requires security question for receipt
Use “heritageseminar” (one word, no space)

Program

Making Denmark Great Again!

The Seminar will be held in the Yorkshire Room at the Cambridge Hotel & Conference Centre as per the schedule listed below.

Monday afternoon starts with introductions in the Yorkshire classroom at 4:00 pm, followed by a speaker and Welcome Dinner at 6:00 pm. And then an evening presentation on Danish food culture.

Tuesday begins with a hot breakfast in the main lobby restaurant, opening at 6:30 AM. The program starts at 9:00 AM in the Yorkshire Room with Morgensang, followed by a report from Danish Parliamentarian Heidi Bank.
After lunch, enjoy a presentation on the Danish design tradition, exploring its history and guiding principles. In the afternoon, there will be a screening of the Oscar-nominated 2024 film, *The Girl with the Needle*. Our 3-Course Plated Dinner will be followed by a sing-along with songs from Højskolesangbogen.

Wednesday after breakfast, join us in the Yorkshire Room for Morgensang followed by a presentation on how Danish movie production became world-famous. After lunch, enjoy free time to relax or explore for the rest of the day.

Thursday after breakfast, join us in the Yorkshire Room for Morgensang, followed by a presentation from Pastor Simon Kangas on how to defend Danish culture. Later, Defence Attaché Kasper Ladegaard will share insights on protecting Denmark. The afternoon includes a hands-on workshop, and the day concludes with dinner, followed by a Goodbye Party featuring entertainment and a lottery.

Friday at 8:30am, meet for a Goodbye Breakfast in the main lobby restaurant.

Who are the teachers?

Headmaster: Pastor Kirstine Rasmussen has served as pastor of the Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto since October 2023. Before moving to Canada, she was a pastor at Søndermarkskirken in Viborg and has also served at the Danish Church in Australia, gaining international experience in ministry and church life. She holds degrees in theology from both Aarhus University and the University of Copenhagen. Her academic interests focus especially on N. F. S. Grundtvig, with particular attention to his hymn writing and its lasting significance for faith and worship.

Speaker: Heidi Farsøe Bank is a member of the Danish Parliament (*Folketinget*) representing the liberal party Venstre. She has served multiple terms as a parliamentary representative for the East Jutland constituency. She has a broad and diverse educational background. Within Parliament, she has held several leadership and spokesperson roles, including: Housing spokesperson (*boligordfører*), Spokesperson for education and research, Spokesperson on citizenship and immigration issues (*indfødsretsordfører*), Internal affairs spokesperson (*indenrigsordfører*), Chairing the Gender Equality Committee (2019–2022), Vice Chair of the Interior and Housing Committee (2021–2022).

Speaker Commander Kasper Flinker Ladegaard is the Danish Defence Attache to Canada. He has worked intensely on Arctic and High North security and defence policy. Policy advisor for commander Joint Arctic Command. Transatlantic, Faroese and Greenlandic relations.

Speaker Oscar Bang Hansen is studying Media and Film at Copenhagen University.

Speaker Simon Kangas Larsen, Former Pastor at the Danish Church in Toronto.

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