

## Torgeir Sørensen



### **Personal**

Born in Tønsberg, Norway, 1969. Married with three children.

### **Education:**

- Cand.theol. at MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, 1995
- Practical theological exam, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, 1996
- Pastoral-clinical education at Lovisenberg Diakonale Sykehus, 2003
- Defended the PhD-thesis "Epidemiological studies of religious behaviours and health in the Nord-Trøndelag Health Study (HUNT 3), Norway" 30 November 2013 at MF Norwegian School of Theology

### **Work experience:**

- Chaplain at Skjold Garnison, Brigadeni Nord-Norge, 1995-1996
- Youth pastor, Norwegian Universities and Schools Christian Fellowship (NKSS), Hordaland and Sogn og Fjordane, 1997-1999.
- Substitute vicar, Sparbu (Steinkjer), Nord-Trøndelag, 1999
- Vicar in Verdal, Nord-Trøndelag, 2000-2007
- Substitute vicar at the bishopric of Oslo, 2007-2008
- Research fellow (20%), Centre for Psychology of Religion, Innlandet Hospital Trust, 2008-2011
- Research fellow, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, 2008-2012
- Substitute priest in Ås and Nesodden, Akershus, 2013-
- Researcher at National Centre for Dual Diagnoses - Research, Education and Service Development, Innlandet Hospital Trust (ROP), 2013-

### **Academic working experience:**

- Responsible for planning of courses and teaching of students working as substitute vicars in Nidaros bishopric, 2002-2007
- Worked with implementation of world view and religious items in the HUNT 3 Study in collaboration with HUNT Research Centre (NTNU), 2004-2007
- Visiting scholar at HUNT Research Centre (3 months), 2007
- Administrative leader for the PhD-seminar for psychology of religion scholars in Norway, 2008-
- Lectures in quantitative methods, psychology of religion, religion and health, practical theology, and sociology of religion on a master level, MF Norwegian School of Theology, 2008-
- Responsible for the psychology of religion master topics, MF Norwegian School of Theology, 2008-2012
- Temporary teacher, Institute of Psychology, University of Oslo, 2012
- Non-resident faculty scholar at Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Duke University, NC, USA, 2011-

### **Presentations at international research conferences**

- **Sørensen, T.** View of life, health and coping. The Nord-Trøndelag Health Study, Norway.  
*Poster presentation at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion's international conference in Vienna, Austria, 2009*
- **Sørensen, T.** Religious context and the relationship between church attendance and blood pressure. The HUNT Study, Norway. *Oral paper presentation at the Conference in Faith and Health in Secular Society, Odense, Denmark, 2010*
- **Sørensen, T.,** Danbolt, L.J., Lien, L., Koenig, H.G., Holmen, J. The relationship between religious attendance and blood pressure: the HUNT Study, Norway. *Oral paper presentation at the Norwegian Association of Epidemiology's 18<sup>th</sup> conference for epidemiology, 2010*
- **Sørensen, T.,** Dahl, A.A., Fosså, S.D., Holmen, J., Lien, L., Danbolt, L.J. Religion, spirituality and subjective experiences in cancer patients. A population-based study among patients with colo-rectal, breast and prostate cancer. The HUNT Study, Norway. *Oral paper presentation at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion's international conference in Bari, Italy, 2011*

### **Presentations at Norwegian conferences**

- **Sørensen, T.** Eksistensielle og åndelige perspektiver på fysisk og psykisk helse. Presentasjon av religionspsykologiske aspekt ved Helseundersøkelsen i Nord-Trøndelag (HUNT). *Foredrag på Fagkonferanse i religionpsykologi (Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Hamar 21. sept 2007.*
- **Sørensen, T.** Livssynsspørsmålene i HUNT 3. *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Fagkonferanse i religionpsykologi (Religionspsykologisk senterSI og Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Hamar 11. sept 2008*
- **Sørensen, T.** Tro og helse – hva vet vi og hva bruker vi kunnskapen til? *Foredrag på Diakonidaros 2008 – Diakonikonferansen i Nidaros, Trondheim 19. nov 2008.*
- **Sørensen, T.** Livssyn, religiøs mestring og livssynskontekst. *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Fagkonferanse i religionpsykologi (Religionspsykologisk senter, SI og Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Hamar 7. mai 2009*
- **Sørensen, T.** Livssyn og helse i HUNT 3. *Foredrag på fagdag om religion og helse, Den kristne legeforeningen, Oslo 20. nov 2009*
- **Sørensen, T.** Sammenhengen mellom religiøs deltakelse og blodtrykk - HUNT. *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Fagkonferanse i religionpsykologi (Religionspsykologisk senter, SI og Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Biri 6. mai 2010*

- **Sørensen, T.** Sammenhengen mellom religiøs deltakelse og blodtrykk. Helseundersøkelsen i Nord-Trøndelag (HUNT). *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Innlandets helseforskningskonferanse 28. sept 2010.*
- **Sørensen, T.** Sammenhengen mellom religiøsitet og livskvalitet hos kreftpasienter - HUNT. *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Fagkonferanse i religionpsykiatri (Religionspsykologisk senter, SI og Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Biri 31. okt 2011*
- **Sørensen, T.** Religiøsitet, depressive symptomer og dødsfall i familien. *Muntlig paperpresentasjon på Fagkonferansen i religionspsykologi (Religionspsykologisk senter, SI og Norsk religionspsykologisk fagforum), Biri 23. okt 2012*

**Member of boards:**

- Member of boards of Den Norske Kirkes Presteforening at local and county level, 2003-2007
- Board member of Nordic Research Network in Faith and Health, 2012-

**Grants received:**

- Innlandet Hospital Trust
- MF Norwegian School of Theology
- Eckboe's legater

**Other experiences**

Administrative responsibilities through all of my positions. Functioned as the dean's substitute during holidays 2000-2007. Was leading chaplain in the Homegard 2000-2005.

**Torgeir Sørensen – list of publications**

Peer-reviewed publications in journals:

1. **Sørensen, T.**, Torbjørnsen, T. (2011) Religiøs mestring i medisinsk behandling [Religious coping in medical treatment]. *Tidsskrift for den Norske Lægeforening*, 131(9-10), 932.
2. **Sørensen, T.**, Danbolt, L.J., Lien, L., Koenig, H.G., Holmen, J. (2011). The relationship between religious attendance and blood pressure: the HUNT Study, Norway. *International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine*, 42 (1), 13-28.
3. **Sørensen, T.**, Lien, L., Holmen, J., Danbolt, L.J. (2012). Distribution and understanding of items of religiousness in the Nord-Trøndelag Health Study, Norway. *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*, 15 (6), 571-585
4. **Sørensen, T.**, Danbolt, L.J., Holmen, J., Koenig, H.G., Lien, L. (2012). Do experience of Death in Immediate Family Moderate the Relationship Between Religious Attendance and Depression in a Population-Based Sample? The HUNT Study, Norway. *Depression Research and Treatment* doi:10.1155/2012/396347
5. **Sørensen, T.**, Dahl, A.A, Fosså, S.D., Holmen, J., Lien, L., Danbolt, L.J. (2012). Is 'Seeking God's help' associated with Life Satisfaction and Disease-Specific Quality of Life in cancer patients? The population-based HUNT Study, Norway. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*, 34 (2), 191-213

6. Tronvik, E., **Sørensen, T.**, Linde, M., Bendtsen, L., Artto, V., Laurell, K., Kallela, M., Zwart, J.A., Hagen, K. (submitted 2013). The relationship between headache and religious attendance: An 11-year follow-up in the Nord-Trøndelag Health study (HUNT).
7. **Sørensen, T.** (submitted 2013). Sammenhenger mellom religion og helse. Implikasjoner for praktisk teologi [Relationships between religion and health. Implications for practical theology].

Dissertation

8. **Sørensen, T.** *Epidemiological studies of religious behaviours and health in the Nord-Trøndelag Health Study (HUNT 3), Norway*. Oslo: MF Norwegian School of Theology/Innlandet Hospital Trust. Defended at MF Norwegian School of Theology 30 November 2012.

Peer-reviewed book chapters:

9. **Sørensen, T.** (2008). Livssyn og helse. Forskningsfronten 2008 [World view and health. The research frontline 2008]. In I. Kjølsvik & J. Holmen (eds.) *Helse – Frelse. Samfunnsmedisin og livssyn - Et møte [Health – Salvation. Community medicine and world view – A meeting]*, pp. 135-144. Kristiansand: Høyskoleforlaget.
10. **Sørensen, T.** (2008). Livssyn, helse og mestring – Utdrag fra prosjektbeskrivelse [World view, health and coping – Extract from a protocol]. In I. Kjølsvik & J. Holmen (eds.) *Helse – Frelse. Samfunnsmedisin og livssyn - Et møte [Health – Salvation. Community medicine and world view – A meeting]*, pp. 271-279. Kristiansand: Høyskoleforlaget.
11. Kvande, M.N., **Sørensen, T.** (2012). Religion and Mental Health in the Elderly. In Innstrand, S.T. (ed.), *Health promotion in different settings*. Trondheim: Research report series, Research Centre for Health Promotion and Resources
12. **Sørensen, T.**, Kvande, M.N. (Accepted). Religion og helse [Religion and Health]. In Danbolt, L.J. et al. (eds.), *Religionpsykologi [Psychology of Religion]*. Oslo: Gyldendal