



Service Report Greenland 2025

Greenland is the world's largest island and an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark. It spans a vast area of 2.16 million square km, which means its 2/3 the size of India. Around 80% of the island is covered by a massive ice sheet. Despite its size, Greenland has a small population of just about 56,000 people. It holds strategic importance due to its location and natural resources, especially in the context of climate change.

For decades, the BKs in Denmark have been reflecting how to start service in Greenland. An opportunity came by linking our service to climate change and the environment. About two years ago, we launched an exchange project titled **“Nature, Health and Well-being,”** which opened new doors.



Through this initiative, we were fortunate to find a local partner in Nuuk, Greenland's capital—a life skills coach, nutritionist, and mindfulness teacher. She has supported us with valuable guidance, helped us find a venue, and promoted our events locally. Later this year, she will visit Copenhagen to share insights about Inuit spirituality, and we plan to host a joint event at the Greenland House. Service in Greenland has finally begun!

Visit to Nuuk: 10th–14th July

The moment arrived as Golo and Sonja boarded the five-hour flight from Copenhagen to Nuuk. We were fortunate—the flights had been cancelled on previous days due to bad weather. Flying over the vast Greenland ice sheet, which we've heard so much about at climate change conferences, was a humbling experience. The



melting of this ice sheet is accelerating rapidly, contributing significantly to global sea level rise and posing a threat to all coastal communities around the world.

Greenland Institute of Natural Resources

In Nuuk, we met with a senior scientist from the **Greenland Institute of Natural Resources**, the government's centre for nature research, located on the university campus. The institute provides the scientific foundation for the sustainable use of living resources in and around Greenland, while ensuring the protection of the environment and biodiversity. We received an update on the current climate situation, including the health of the ice sheet.



Seminars: Inner Peace in a World in Transition

We held a three-day seminar at **Illorput Community Centre** in Nuuk. A mixed group of Danish residents, Greenlanders, and international visitors gathered to explore topics such as sustainability, Raja Yoga meditation, and healthy living. Deep thanks to our local partner for creating a beautiful space and attracting participants through her social media outreach.

As in many countries with a colonial history, there are still visible scars—suppressed local traditions and imposed modern values. Meditation and inner peace seemed to resonate deeply with the participants. We now have a group that will continue to meet online.



Journey to South Greenland

For the final three days, we travelled by coastal post boat to South Greenland. There are no roads so connecting these villages, boats are vital. The trip offered us breathtaking views of majestic icebergs and even a few whales. The weather changed a lot – one moment it was bright and sunny reaching up to 15C and soon afterwards it got cold (4 C) and rained. On sunny days, the local children even go swimming—despite the sea being just 5°C!

Planned visit to the Climate Change Negotiators

The official delegation of Greenland to the COP conferences is partly based in Copenhagen. We have an appointment with them soon to discuss possible collaboration.

We are deeply grateful to Baba for making this journey and the beginning of service in Greenland possible. May it grow steadily and shine light in the Arctic.



