

# 2004

## PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

BARCELONA

JULY 7-13



**Pathways to Peace:**  
the Wisdom of Listening,  
the Power of Commitment

**2004**  
PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

## **PROGRAM BOOK**

**Pathways to Peace:**  
The Wisdom of Listening,  
the Power of Commitment



## PARAULES PER LA PAU

Només perdura allò que bastim amb esforç  
i creix en l'esperit dels homes i dels pobles  
fins a esdevenir l'àmbit on tota veu ressona.  
Així la pau, que es guanya tenaçment cada dia  
pel desig de voler-la més que tota altra cosa  
i és el mirall que fa possibles tots els somnis.  
Parlo de pau en pau, des d'aquest temps que em toca  
de viure i de sofrir, des de la meua altura  
d'home senzill que creu que la pau és possible,  
des de l'amor profund al poble i a la llengua  
que m'han fet el que sóc i em serveix i m'impulsen.  
La tarda és un espai de lentituds perdudes  
que se m'adorm als ulls plàcidament i clara.  
D'aquest silenci estant proclamo l'esperança,  
la pau no és un don ni un cim inassolible  
sinó el recomençar de moltes primaveres,  
la voluntat i el risc d'estimar i de comprendre.  
Tota la vastitud dels anys i el seu misteri  
ressona en les paraules que escric perquè serveixin  
de bandera i d'escut, de fita i de signifi.  
Més que amb l'eco estrident dels timbals i trompetes  
que senyoreja edats i vulnera silencis,  
més que amb tot l'aldarull dels cants victoriosos  
que ofeguen el lament dels desvalguts i els febles,  
i més que amb el menyspreu grogler dels prepotents  
que es proclamen hereus de totes les riqueses,  
talqueim l'ara i l'aquí, convençuts i solemnes,  
amb un anhèl de pau que encengui les mirades.  
Pensem en el futur des de l'ara que esclota  
dins i fora de tots, i fem amb les paraules  
un reduec de llum que en preservi la força.  
Vulquem la pau en pau, sense cap mesquinesa,  
perquè en l'ordre del temps només creix i perdura  
tot allò que bastim amb esforç, i fecunda  
la sang i l'esperit dels homes i dels pobles.

Miquel Martí i Pol

## PALABRAS PARA LA PAZ

Sólo perdura lo que edificamos con esfuerzo  
y crece en el espíritu de los hombres y de los pueblos  
hasta llegar a ser el ámbito donde resuena toda voz.  
Así la paz, que se gana tenazmente cada día  
por el deseo de quererla más que nada  
y es el espejo que hace posibles todos los sueños.  
Hablo de paz en paz, desde este tiempo en que me toca  
vivir y sufrir, desde mi altura  
de hombre sencillo que cree que la paz es posible,  
desde el amor profundo al pueblo y a la lengua  
que me han hecho el que soy y me guardan y me  
impulsan.  
La tarde es un espacio de lentitudes perdidas  
que se me duermen en los ojos plácida y claramente.  
Desde este silencio proclamo la esperanza,  
la paz no es un don ni una cumbre inalcanzable  
sino la vuelta a empezar de muchas primaveras,  
la voluntad y el riesgo de amar y de comprender.  
Toda la vastedad de los años y su misterio  
resuena en las palabras que escribo para que sirvan  
de bandera y de escudo, de hito y de designio.  
Más que con el eco estridente de timbales y trompetas  
que señorea edades y vulnera silencios,  
más que con todo el estrépito de los cantos victoriosos  
que ahogan el lamento de los desvalidos y de los débiles,  
y más que con el menosprecio grosero de los poderosos  
que se proclaman herederos de todas las riquezas,  
sujetemos el ahora y el aquí, convencidos y solemnes,  
con un anhelo de paz que encienda las miradas.  
Pensemos en el futuro desde el ahora que estalla  
dentro y fuera de todos, y hagamos con las palabras  
un redueto de luz que preserve su fuerza.  
Queramos la paz en paz, sin ninguna mezquindad,  
porque en el orden del tiempo sólo crece y perdura  
todo lo que edificamos con esfuerzo, y fecunda  
la sangre y el espíritu de los hombres y de los pueblos.

Miquel Martí i Pol

Traducción castellana de José M. Valverde

## WORDS IN FAVOR OF PEACE

Only that which we strive to build lasts and grows  
in the spirit of man and the peoples of the earth  
until it becomes the sphere where all voices resound.  
Thus peace, which is earned stubbornly every day  
by wanting it above all other things,  
the mirror that makes all dreams possible.  
I speak of peace in peace, from the time allotted to me  
for living and suffering, from my height  
as common man who believes that peace is possible,  
from the profound love for my people and the language  
that have made me what I am, giving me support and  
drive.  
The afternoon is a space of lost slowness  
that peacefully and openly drowns on my eyes.  
From the midst of this silence I proclaim hope,  
peace is not a gift nor an unattainable summit  
but the starting over of many springtimes,  
the will and risk of loving and understanding.  
All the vastness of the years and their mystery  
echo in the words I write that they may serve  
as flag and shield, as aim and purpose.  
More than with the strident echo of drums and trumpets  
looming over time and violating silence,  
more than with the din of victorious songs  
that drown out the sigh of the weak and helpless,  
more than with the coarse disdain of the high and mighty  
that proclaim themselves heirs to all riches,  
let us, solemn and convinced, steady the here and now  
with a desire for peace that will set all eyes ablaze.  
Let us think of the future from the erupting present,  
from within and without, and let us make a shelter  
of light to preserve the power.  
We must want peace in peace, without grudging hands  
because in the order of time only that which we strive  
to build lasts and grows and enriches the blood  
and the spirit of man and the peoples of the earth.

Miquel Martí i Pol

English translation by Sam Abrams



## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Letters of Welcome .....	pg 6
Recognition and Thanks .....	pg 15
A History of the Parliament .....	pg 19
Overview of the 2004 Parliament .....	pg 21
A Guide to the Program Book .....	pg 27
Parliament Programs .....	pg 31
Program Listings .....	pg 33
Plenary .....	pg 49
Assembly .....	pg 59
Symposia .....	pg 63
Exhibits and Art Gallery .....	pg 79
Parliament Academy .....	pg 80
Performances .....	pg 81
Film Focused Programs .....	pg 82
Morning Observances .....	pg 83
Partner Cities .....	pg 86
Open Space .....	pg 89
Special Programs .....	pg 90
Full Program Descriptions .....	pg 97
Indices .....	pg 239
Maps .....	pg 257

2004  
PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

LETTER OF GREETING

The Mayor of Barcelona

The President of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

Barcelona's Religious Communities

# Welcome from the Mayor of Barcelona

**I am pleased to welcome the participants of the Parliament of the World's Religions, which has brought you all together in the framework of Forum Barcelona 2004.**

It is both meaningful and symbolic for this gathering to be held in our city. We are convinced that building bridges of dialogue between different religious identities is a fine way to work toward peace and the recognition and understanding of people's different concepts of religion.

We realize that what brings us together or separates us as human beings is our conception of the world, along with our traditions, culture and beliefs, religious or otherwise. We are also aware, because of the fact that we experience it on a daily basis, that cities are where diversity is truly expressed and the place where conditions for peaceful coexistence are a necessity.

This explains why this is such an important gathering, and why it is essential that your voice should continue to be heard beyond these sessions of work and reflection. More than ever, we need to be mutually enriched by different views, to learn more about others, and to get committed. After all, this is the only way we can work towards a common, shared future.

Welcome to Barcelona, welcome to your home!

**Joan Clos  
Mayor of Barcelona  
and President of Forum Barcelona 2004**

# Welcome from the President of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia



El president  
de la Generalitat de Catalunya

The idea for the Universal Forum of Cultures, and I am speaking from first-hand experience, originated from the idea of bringing together the three religions from the Book of the Bible and the others to create a valuable tool for reconciling both cultures and relationships - not through dialogue on the many material issues such as arms or trade that currently face countries and citizens all over the world, but through dialogue on different sublime, immaterial issues which we allow to be imposed on us without excuses, reason or hidden interests of any kind. I am talking about dialogue between humanity and beyond. This is why I believe that the Parliament of World's Religions is particularly important - because deep down it is the essence of the Forum. I would like to welcome you all. We sincerely trust, as does humankind the world over, that your Parliament will help us to achieve unity on material issues by first reconciling positions on intangible issues.

**Pasqual Maragall**  
**President of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia**

# Welcome from the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

*Religion can be a realm of extraordinary power. It can offer solace in troubled times. It can make sense of the seemingly senseless because of the world we live in. It can give us strength to meet the physical and spiritual challenges of life. Religion helps us find our place in the cosmos; it knits families and communities together; it endows individuals with compassion and morality. Whether one believes without question or wrestles with doubt, whether one is part of a religious community or worships in the privacy of the soul, religious practices and beliefs are among the phenomena that define us as human.*

**Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General**  
**The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders**  
**August 2000**

*There will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions.*

**Hans Küng**  
**The Parliament of the World's Religions – Chicago**  
**August 1993**

There is a difference between optimism and hope. Optimism is like fortune telling. It has to do with assessing the prospects for something good happening. It is a deep-seated feeling that the odds are tipped in our favor. Are there good reasons today to be more or less optimistic about the prospects for peace around the world? Each of us could make a case one way or another.

Hope is something different. It has to do with how you live, regardless of the situation, often in spite the current circumstances. To live by hope has to do with where you put your time, energy, commitment, and life. It has to do with pursuing what will bring about peace, whether or not you should be optimistic about ever attaining it. Hope has to do with what you will work for, and how you will work for it, no matter how long it might take, or whether or not it will ever happen.

Hope is founded not on wishful thinking, but on the conviction that pathways to peace exist, and that peace will ultimately only happen if we follow these pathways into the future.

Finding such "pathways to peace" is the aim and theme for the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions. Thousands of people from around the world, from dozens of communities, traditions and perspectives, are gathering in Barcelona to foster the kind of understanding, mutual respect and goodwill that can be the basis for the shared work of seeking peace, justice and sustainability in a world where, at the moment, there is much

# Welcome from the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

Page 2

distrust, uncertainty, tension and violence. Often called "second-tier diplomacy," this person-to-person and community-to-community approach establishes the trust and the will to seek the practical solutions that make for peace. Those convening this Parliament are convinced that hope for the world lies in this approach.

And there is no better place to gather for such a purpose than Barcelona. Barcelona is, of course, a world-class city. It is one of the great gateways to Europe, and stands geographically, historically, and spiritually at the unique crossroads of East and West, North and South. As the host city, Barcelona enlivens this fourth Parliament experience with its own unique history and ethos, and by the fact that Catalan and Spanish will be two of three official languages of the event. And the history of Spain offers a rich and inspiring heritage of an unprecedented experiment in learning to live together in the midst of religious diversity - the "golden age" of Spain where Muslims, Jews and Christians sought to live, side by side, in peace.

Holding the Parliament event in conjunction with the Universal Forum of Cultures echoes the Columbian Exposition setting for the first World's Parliament of Religions, held in Chicago in 1893. We are excited and honored to convene the 2004 Parliament in the context of this great exploration and celebration of culture that will be open to all, that will be an expression of the creativity of all peoples, and that will provide for an encounter of global dimensions with new and imaginative means of participation. We share the Forum's premise that a constructive and inclusive dialogue between cultures and religious and spiritual communities is absolutely essential if we are to seek visions of a better world in the midst of pressing and often desperate problems facing all of humanity. The three core themes of the Forum - creating conditions for peace, protecting and promoting respect for cultural diversity, and sustainable development - could not fit more perfectly with the vision and mission of this 2004 Parliament event.

And there is no better time than now to hold this Parliament in Barcelona, for in many important ways what is happening in Barcelona today is representative of what is happening around the world. Today, Barcelona, Catalonia, and Spain are facing a future of growing immigrant and religious and spiritual diversity. Hosting the 2004 Parliament event in Barcelona provides a focal point for talking about and working towards more intentionally diverse and open societies. This current process of transformation underway in Spain is a compelling and instructive story the world needs to hear.

Central to our vision for the hosting of Parliament events is how the local religious and spiritual communities can actively shape the scope and nature of the event, The Council for

# Welcome from the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions

Page 3

a Parliament of the World's Religions, and the local partners for the event - the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia and the Universal Forum of Culture: Barcelona 2004 - have eagerly worked with local communities to make this truly a Barcelona event, with the spirit of the city reflected in all aspects of the gathering. The resulting enhanced relations between these communities will be a lasting legacy for the city. A city where religious and spiritual communities know each other and work together in deeper and fuller ways. Where the voices of religious and spiritual communities are more frequently heard and respected in the broader social and civic discourse. Where the values cherished by religious and spiritual communities are more widely heard and respected in the broader social and civic discourse; where the values cherished by religious and spiritual communities are more widely explored, embraced, and lived out.

Finally, we could not undertake this 2004 Parliament without acknowledging and reflecting upon the terrorist bombing at the Atocha and Charn Martin train stations in Madrid on March 11th of this year, claiming 192 victims. Yet perhaps it is in the face of this frightening and horrific tragedy that Spain has the most to teach us. For in the aftermath of the bombing there has been no backlash against newly arrived immigrants or minority religious communities. Spaniards distinguish between terrorists and the religious traditions terrorists seek to hijack as the basis for their justification of such acts. There is a broadly shared sense across the country that the reasons for terrorism are complex and long-standing, that the solutions will take more than simply waging war. That forging peace in the world at this moment in history will be a matter of engaging hearts and minds.

So we gather at the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions in the midst of this noble and invigorating example of what it means to pursue peace. May we leave as hopeful and committed travelers on many, varied and clear pathways to peace.

**Rev. Dr. William Leshner**  
**Chair, Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions**

# Welcome from the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

**The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia** is a non-governmental organization created in 1984. It is made up of representatives from different institutions: Catalonia Foundation, Congress of Catalan culture Foundation, Catalan Encyclopaedia Foundation, Jaume Bofill Foundation, Joan Miró Foundation, Peace Foundation, Roca Galès Foundation, Institute of Catalan Studies and Òmnium Cultural.

The objective of the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia is twofold: On the one hand, it aims at fostering the relations between the Catalan Culture and UNESCO, and on the other hand, it cooperates with UNESCO and with the other institutions of the United Nations system in some of the international programmes that could benefit from the Catalan savoir-faire and experience in specific areas. The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia relates with UNESCO through its status of institution maintaining official relations with the Organisation and with the United Nations as an NGO in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Our Centre stands out for promoting international activities in the field of human rights and people's rights, environmental education, language diversity and interreligious dialogue. In 1997, it created the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue which was decisive for the organisation of the Parliament of the World Religions we are holding in Barcelona. Before that, the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia had organised several meetings of religious leaders and experts from different spiritual traditions, culminating in the approval of the "Declaration on the Role of Religion in the Promotion of a Culture of Peace" in 1994. Ten years after the Declaration we are happy to collaborate with the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and with the Universal Forum of Cultures to make this year's great gathering come true.

From Catalonia, and from Europe, we want to give our warm welcome to all participants at this Parliament of the World's Religions. The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia is convinced that this huge event will significantly contribute to make a step forward on the pathway towards a world more respectful with cultural pluralism and more determined to get organized around non-violence and peace.

**Agustí Colomines i Companys**  
**Director of the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia**

# Welcome from Barcelona's Religious Communities

## **Dear Participants in the Parliament,**

On behalf of the local religious communities, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Parliament of Religions. The Catalan and Spanish communities of all traditions see this meeting as a special opportunity to make themselves known on both a local and a global level. In the past it was not easy to manifest our society's religious pluralism. Minority communities even suffered humiliation and persecution. In the context of the political democracy established since 1978, we now enjoy religious freedom and our political institutions are no longer confessional. All religious confessions are respected and the wealth of religious pluralism is beginning to be discovered. The Parliament will make a decisive contribution to the celebration of this diversity of traditions.

I would like to remind our visitors that Catalan society, like many other European societies, is characterised by its high degree of secularisation. Many people live outside of religious traditions, their communities and their institutions. Their beliefs and values make no reference to religion. In this context, the different religious traditions must also talk with the cultural universe of non-believers. Their explanations must take into account critical thinking, a feeling for human rights and, above all, the possible contributions by religions to the global struggle against poverty and in favour of sustainability and the culture of peace. At the Parliament, religions will make clear their contributions to the construction of freer, fairer, more learned and more peaceful societies.

Welcome to the country of Ramon Llull, to a land that has known the wealth of Christianity, of Islam and of Judaism and that today wishes fraternally to take in people of all creeds. Help us to consolidate the culture of pluralism and of religious peace.

**Fèlix Martí**  
**Director of the Local Secretariat**



## **RECOGNITION**

CPWR Board of Trustees

CPWR International Advisory Committee

Program Task Force

Program Task Force Special Advisors

Plenary Task Force

CPRW List of Staff

UNESCO Staff

Forum Staff & Volunteers

# Recognition

## Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR) Board of Trustees

### Chair

Rev. Dr. William E. Leshner

### 2004 Executive Committee

Mrs. Mazher Ahmed, *Vice Chair*  
Ms. Helen Spector, *Vice Chair*  
Mrs. Joyce Allen, *Secretary*  
Mr. William Gifford, Jr.,  
*Treasurer*  
Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Baima  
Mr. Rajinder Singh Mago  
Sr. Joan Monica McGuire  
Mr. Abdul Malik Mujahid  
Dr. John T. Pawlikowski  
Dr. Hemlata Pokharna

### 2004 Board of Trustees

Mr. Syed Wahajudin Ahmed  
Ms. Omie Baldwin  
H.H. Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati  
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein  
Ms. Angela Buchanan  
Dr. Jeffrey Carlson  
Mr. M. Blouke Carus  
Sr. Margaret Diener  
Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord  
Dr. Balwant Singh Hansra  
Ms. Asayo Horibe

Dr. Irfan Ahmed Khan  
Rabbi Peter S. Knobel  
Fr. Andrew Luczak  
Rev. Dr. Richard Luecke  
Most Rev. Timothy J. Lynne  
Imam Rashied Omar  
Dr. Kusumita Pedersen  
Aurie Pennick, Esquire  
Dr. Stephen Perkins  
Mr. Rohinton M. Rivetna  
Mr. Theodore Rojahn  
Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman

Dr. Howard Sulkin  
Br. Wayne Teasdale  
Rev. Robert V. Thompson  
Mr. Devendra Trivedi  
Swami Varadananda  
Dr. Donald Wagner  
Dr. James Waits  
Ms. Yael Wurmfeld

## CPWR International Advisory Committee

Dr. Saleha Abedin  
*Saudi Arabia*

Dr. Marcus C.R. Braybrooke  
*England*

Sri Sri Mata Amritanandamayi  
Devi  
*India*

Mrs. Mairead Corrigan-McGuire  
*Ireland*

H.H. The Dalai Lama  
*Tibet*

Dr. Homi Dhallia  
*India*

Venerable Dhammananda  
*Thailand*

Ms. Ela Gandhi  
*India*

Dr. Susannah Heschel  
*United States*

H.E. Dr. Abdullah  
Omar Nasseef  
*Saudi Arabia*

Rabbi David Rosen  
*Israel*

Dr. L. M. Singhvi  
*India*

Archbishop Emeritus  
Desmond Tutu  
*South Africa*

Mrs. Lally Lucretia M. Warren  
*Botswana*

Dr. Tu Weiming  
*China*

## Program Task Force Members

Dr. Ghulam-Haider Aasi  
*American Islamic College, Chicago*

Ms. Omie Baldwin  
*University of Wisconsin*

Mr. Josh Borkin  
*Education Coordinator, CPWR*

Rev. Dirk Ficca  
*Executive Director, CPWR*

Ms. Asayo Horibe  
*Buddhist Council of the Midwest*

Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan  
*World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations, Chicago*

Rev. Dr. William Leshner  
*Co-Chair*

Mr. Abdul Malik Mujahid  
*Justice for All, Chicago*

Mr. David Mumper  
*Center for International Conflict Resolution, Columbia University*

Mr. Gustav Niebuhr  
*Syracuse University, Former Religion Editor, New York Times*

Mr. Zachary Pall  
*Program Associate, CPWR*

Dr. Kusumita Pedersen  
*St. Francis College, New York*

Ms. Susan M. Pudelek  
*Program Associate, CPWR*

Mr. Travis Rejman  
*Co-Chair; Director, Partner Cities Program, CPWR*

Rabbi Herman Schaalman  
*Congregation Emanuel, Chicago*

Dr. Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.  
*Catholic Theological Union, Chicago*

Dr. Lou Ann Trost  
*Associate Director for Parliament Program, CPWR*

Mr. Matt Weiner  
*Interfaith Center of New York*

## Advisors to the Program Task Force

Dr. Saleha Abedin  
*King Abdulaziz University Women's College, Saudi Arabia*

Mr. Macky Alston  
*Auburn Seminary, New York*

Dr. S. Wesley Ariarajah  
*Drew University School of Theology, New Jersey*

Dr. Andrea Bartoli  
*Columbia University, New York*

Ms. Barbara Fields Bernstein  
*The Association for Global New Thought, California*

Dr. Andrew Clark  
*International Association for Religious Freedom, UK*

Rev. Selena Fox  
*Circle Sanctuary, Wisconsin*

Dr. Michael Gottsegen  
*National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, New York*

Dr. Balwant Singh Hansra  
*Sikh Religious Society of Chicago*

Mr. Naresh Jain  
*Jain Association in North America (JAANA)*

Dr. Jennie R. Joe  
*University of Arizona*

Rabbi Peter Knobel  
*Beth Emet Synagogue, Chicago*

Dr. Ishmael Noko  
*Lutheran World Federation, Switzerland*

Dr. Rashied Omar  
*University of Notre Dame, Indiana*

Dr. Hemlata Pokharna  
*Jain Association in North America*

Dr. K.L. Seshagiri Rao  
*University of South Carolina, Editor, Encyclopedia of Hinduism*

Mr. Rohinton Rivetna  
*Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America*

Rabbi David Rosen  
*Anti-Defamation League, Israel*

Mr. Miguel Gil Santesteban  
*Bahai Office of Public Information, Israel*

Dr. Ataulah Siddiqui  
*The Islamic Foundation, UK*

Dr. Michael Taylor  
*World Faiths Development Dialogue, UK*

Ms. Diane and Dr. Gary Tobin  
*Institute for Jewish and Community Research, California*

Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker  
*Bucknell University, Pennsylvania*

Rev. Dr. Hans Ucko  
*World Council of Churches, Switzerland*

Dr. Chun-Fang Yu  
*Rutgers University, New Jersey*

## Plenary Task Force

Rev. Dirk Ficca  
*Co-Chair*

Dr. Kusumita P. Pedersen  
*Co-Chair*

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

Sr. Margaret M. Diener, O. P.

Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord

Dr. Hemlata Pokharna

Ms. Susan M. Pudelek

# Recognition

## CPWR Staff

Rev. Dirk Ficca  
*Executive Director*

Nancy Renick  
*Chief Operating Officer*

Travis Rejman  
*Director  
Partner Cities Program  
Goldin Institute for International  
Partnership and Peace*

Lou Ann Trost  
*Associate Director, Program*

Francesca DiBrito Shuster  
*Associate Director, Development and  
Public Relations*

Cynthia V. Lima  
*Development Assistant*

Josh Borkin  
*Education Coordinator*

Erin J. Williams  
*Outreach Coordinator*

Khalid Awad  
*Program Associate  
World in Our Backyard*

Emily Chou  
*Program Associate  
Assembly*

Zach Pall  
*Program Associate  
2004 Parliament Symposium*

Laela Prieto-Ruiz  
*Program Associate  
2004 Parliament*

Susan M. Pudelek  
*Program Associate  
Plenary, Performance, Film, Art  
Gallery*

Sheila Thornton  
*Program Associate  
Partner Cities Program  
Goldin Institute for International  
Partnership and Peace*

Tracy Nicholas  
*Technical and Logistics Director*

Barbara Rhodes  
*Administrative Assistant / Operations*

Clayton Benson  
*Intern, International Outreach*

Colin Benson  
*Intern, Program Assistant*

Mamie Broadhurst  
*Intern, 2004 Parliament Assembly,  
General Coordinator*

Rebecca Carter  
*Intern, 2004 Assembly, Religious  
Violence*

Luigi Gentile  
*Intern, 2004 Parliament Assembly,  
Refugees*

Kristina Lobo  
*Intern, Partner Cities*

James Nelson  
*Intern, 2004 Assembly, Water*

Michael Persoon  
*Intern, 2004 Assembly, International  
Debt*

Ryan Shaw  
*Intern, 2004 Parliament Academy*

Dick Whitaker  
*Coordinator, 2004 Parliament  
Exhibitions*

Mary Hess  
*VIP Coordinator*

Sharon Gourley  
*VIP Volunteer*

Steve Rohrbach  
*Staff Photographer*

Richard Williams  
*Volunteer*

Michael Nueroth  
*Volunteer*

Amber Henry  
*Volunteer*

Ian Cowe  
*Volunteer*

Tamao Koyama  
*Volunteer*

Krishna Kaushik  
*Volunteer*

David Michael Brown  
*Volunteer*

## UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

Agusti Colomines  
*Director of the UNESCO Centre of  
Catalonia*

Fèlix Martí  
*Director of the Local Secretariat of the  
2004 Parliament*

Raimon Panikkar  
Francesc Torradeflot  
*Co-chairs of the Barcelona Program  
Committee*

Francesc Rovira  
*Outreach and pre-Parliament activities*

## UNESCO Local Advisory Committee

Jalil Bárcena  
Agusti Borrell  
Juan Bosch  
Joan Botam  
Enric Capó  
Pilar Claret  
Maria Corbi  
Ariel Edery  
Joan-Carles Elvira  
Manuel Garcia Doneel

Miguel Gil  
Ya'far González  
Sebastià Janeras  
Francesc-Xavier Marín  
Gaspar Martínez  
Antoni Matabosch  
Xavier Melloni  
Vicente Merlo  
Yaratullah Monturiol  
Jordi Moreres

Ramon Maria Nogués  
Xabier Pikaza  
Joan Prat  
Ramon N. Prats  
Antoni Prevosti  
Armand Puig  
Raimon Ribera  
Mario Saban  
Samuel Salama  
Albert Sasson

Jordi Savall  
Ana Maria Schlütter  
Etsuro Sotou  
Juan José Tamayo  
Oriol Tuñí  
Jaime Vándor  
Amador Vega  
Josep Maria Via  
Mercè Viladrich

## UNESCO Local Support

Program assistants:  
Alain Blomart  
Pilar Claret

Volunteer coordinators:  
Hawwa Morales  
Elisabeth Lheure

Media and outreach:  
Lluís Garcia  
Maria Llop  
Marta Masdeu  
Àlex Gelonch

Local plenary stage direction:  
Produccions El  
Gran Mogol

TV commercial:  
Bassat & Ogilvy

# Recognition

## UNESCO Staff

### Staff:

Maria Jesús Agustín  
Josep Anton  
Sara Batet  
J. Bosco Baudouin Botsho  
Ferran Cabrero  
Silvia Cedó  
Lain Corral  
Àlex Cosials  
Josep Cui  
Francesc Germà Martin  
Salua L'Aouaji Garbi  
Aram López  
Miquel Martí  
Susanna Martí  
Daniel Mundet  
Xavier Padullés

Marie Amélie Ponce

Sergi Rovira

Onno Scroo

Ramon Solé

### Program support team:

Teresa Botey  
Montse Castellà  
Frederic Jean  
Lourdes Porcar  
Roger Rapp  
Mercè Sala  
Moisés Stankowich  
David Vendrell  
Bernardo Villarroja  
Yves Werling

### Outreach and pre-Parliament activities support team:

David Casals  
Esther Crivillers  
Amin Egea  
Montserrat Farré  
Josep Maria Figueras  
Isabel Herrera  
Agustí Navarro  
Romina Ostrowicz  
Margarita Serra  
Elisa Vall

### UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue:

Cristina Monteys  
Nathalie Reverdin  
Yaratullah Monturiol  
Arjan Nathurmal  
Ariel Ederý  
Isabel Herrera  
Jesús Martínez

## Forum Staff

Gemma Farradell

*Operations Dialogues - Forum Barcelona 2004*

Víqui Calsina

*Operations Dialogues - Forum Barcelona 2004*

Joan Hernández Serret

*Responsible for the Program and the Contents, Forum Barcelona 2004*

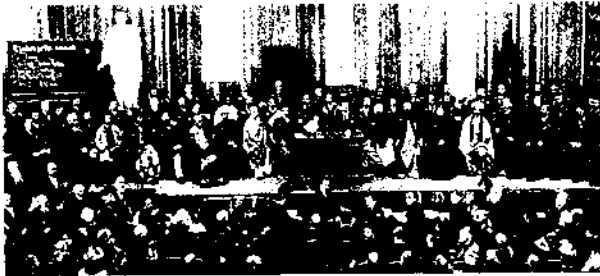
Sofia Pascual Pape

*Editor, Forum Barcelona 2004*

2004  
PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

# HISTORY OF THE PARLIAMENT

# A History of the Parliament



The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions works to cultivate harmony among religious and spiritual communities and to foster their engagement with the world and its other guiding institutions in order to achieve a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.



## 1893 CHICAGO

The Parliament of the World's Religions held its inaugural event as part of the Columbian Exposition. This historic gathering is widely regarded as the beginning of the interreligious movement worldwide.



## 1993 CHICAGO

Eight thousand people from around the world came together for a centennial Parliament celebration to foster harmony among religious and spiritual communities and to explore their responses to the critical issues facing the global community.



## 1999 CAPE TOWN

The Parliament convened in South Africa to promote interreligious dialogue and cooperation and call the world's attention to the powerful role that religious and spiritual communities played in the struggle against apartheid.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE 2004 PARLIAMENT**

Greetings from the Program Task Force

2004 Parliament Overview

Summary of Activities

# Welcome from the Program Task Force

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions. The wide-ranging program described in this book offers a unique opportunity to engage the many facets of the theme **“Pathways to Peace: the Wisdom of Listening, the Power of Commitment.”**

Thanks to the hard work of the staff in Chicago and Barcelona and their advisors around the world, 1500 program proposals were received from which four hundred have been selected. These programs represent our best efforts to achieve a balance of religious and spiritual traditions, emerging and well-known leaders, gender, regions and formats.

The aim of the program in its entirety is to help all participants:

- Seek peace, justice and sustainability, and commit to work for a better world
- Acknowledge the humanity of the other, and broaden the sense of community;
- Foster mutual understanding and respect and learn to live in harmony in the midst of diversity; and,
- Deepen spirituality and experience personal transformation.

The program for each day have been arranged in three primary sections:

- **Intrareligious:** This section offers an opportunity to learn about the teachings, practices and dynamics of a wide variety of religious and spiritual communities, and the resources and rationales from within these traditions for dialogue and cooperation.
- **Interreligious:** This section focuses on structured opportunities for dialogue and a wide range of panel discussions from a variety of religious and spiritual perspectives.
- **Engagement:** This section offers an exemplary selection of successful projects and initiatives that are making a difference around the world, and sessions that help us to build capacity for effective dialogue and collaboration.

In addition to the programs, you are invited to join the morning meditations; participate in specialized symposia on a variety of topics; attend performances, off site events and the film festival; take advantage of the open space opportunities; invest time in the issue-oriented Assembly process and come together at the festive evening plenaries.

In all of these activities, presenters and participants are expected to adhere to the Parliament principles of respectful dialogue, which include non-proselytizing, willingness to engage in interreligious dialogue, and a commitment to explore difficult issues from religious perspectives in a search for points where diversity does not need to lead to conflict.

**“Listening”** and **“Commitment”** are key words in the theme around which this Parliament's program has been formed. By listening to our traditions and to each other, and by making commitment to return home with new and specific ways to work for peace, justice and sustainability, participants at this fourth Parliament of the World's Religions will forge new Pathways to Peace.

Peace,

**Rev. Dr. William Leshner**  
Co-Chair, CPWR Program Committee

**Raimon Panikkar**  
Co-Chair, Barcelona Program Committee

**Travis Rejman**  
Co-Chair, CPWR Program Committee

**Dr. Francesc Torradeflot**  
Co-Chair, Barcelona Program Committee

# 2004 Parliament Overview

Conflict, violence and injustice in the world today, often carried on the in the name of religion, can leave us feeling helpless and discouraged. *In this climate, we struggle to build a better world.*

## Pathways to Peace:

*The Wisdom of Listening,  
the Power of Commitment*

A way to begin is by listening. There is wisdom in listening to each other, to our traditions and to the world. By listening, our assumptions can be challenged and our perspectives broadened. *By listening, we can discover that changing the world is possible. But change requires a commitment. A commitment to live out the change we want to see in the world.*

### **The 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions**

provides an extraordinary opportunity to listen and to make commitments. This unique international interreligious gathering offers an engaging and promising forum to:

**Deepen our spirituality**, and experience personal transformation;

**Foster mutual understanding** and respect;

**Learn to live in harmony** in the midst of diversity;

**Recognize the humanity** of the other, and broaden our sense of community;

**Seek peace, justice, and sustainability**; and

**Actively work** for a better world.

By coming together to listen and to commit, this gathering itself will be a pathway to peace.

The 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions will highlight strategies to help communities of faith transform the world through real action. Attendees will be invited to commit to "simple and profound acts" to take home and use to improve their communities.

The 2004 Parliament will be one of the largest events during the Universal Forum of Cultures Barcelona 2004, a five-month public forum to address cultural diversity, sustainable development, and conditions for peace.

# Summary of Activities

## PLENARY SESSIONS & SPECIAL GATHERINGS

Complete each day with inspiration and beauty. Listen to revered religious and spiritual leaders, prominent social activists and luminaries from other guiding institutions. Experience spiritual observances and spectacular music and dance performances from around the world. Gather for a Communities Night, a Regional Night, and a Sacred Music Concert at the world-renown Sagrada Familia Cathedral. See pages 33-42 and 74-80 for more information.

## INTRARELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) a basic understanding of religious and spiritual communities, and the teachings, practices, and dynamics of their traditions; (2) resources and rationales from within religious and spiritual communities and movements for dialogue, engagement, and cooperation; and (3) tools for intrareligious reflection and dialogue. See pages 97-238 for more information.

## INTERRELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) structured opportunities for interreligious encounter and dialogue; (2) sharing the convictions and motivations for engaging with each other and the world; and (3) innovative methodologies for interreligious encounter, dialogue and cooperation. See pages 97-238 for more information.

## ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) building capacity for religious and spiritual people, communities and organizations to collaborate with guiding institutions in service to a peaceful, just and sustainable future; (2) examples of successful programs and best practices that are addressing critical issues around the world; and (3) creative approaches and tools for effective dialogue and collaboration. See pages 97-238 for more information.

## SYMPOSIA

Participate in a variety of Symposia, each exploring a particular topic or issue in greater depth over multiple days. Science and Religion, Religion and Human Rights, and Interfaith Education are among the many symposia that will be offered. See pages 47-62 for more information.

## PERFORMANCES

The 2004 Parliament is not just lectures, workshops, seminars, and dialogues. It is also performances, music, dance, poetry, and drama! You'll find a tremendous



variety of performance offerings throughout the the week. See pages 65 for more information.

## EXHIBITS

Exhibitor booths with vendors of every sort, booksellers, and representatives of a wide variety of religious, spiritual and service organizations sharing information about their work will be featured in the Multi-Use Room of the CCIB. See page 63 for more information.

## ART GALLERY

A fantastic collection of work by international artists will be on display in the lobby of the auditorium and the tunnel connecting the auditorium to the CCIB. Art from various cultures and origins will be included in the gallery, providing a moving visual expression of the spirit of the 2004 Parliament. See page 63 for more information.

## FILM-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

We are pleased to offer a comprehensive line-up of film-focused programs for our participants. See page 66 for more information.

## MORNING OBSERVANCES

Participate in religious or spiritual observances from your tradition or observe worship or sacred practices of another tradition. See pages 67-69 for more information.

## OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS

Free time or opportunity to engage with participants from around the world on topics of special interest through facilitated "open space" dialogue and working sessions. Spaces are also available for meetings of groups, organizations, and delegations. See page 72 for more information.

# Summary of Activities

## ASSEMBLY

Be one of 1,000 Parliament participants to join in a challenging two-day Assembly process that will address four pressing global issues:

- Supporting refugees worldwide;
- Eliminating international debt for developing countries;
- Overcoming religiously motivated violence; and
- Increasing access to clean water.

Assembly participants will be inspired to commit to "simple and profound acts" in their home communities that will have local impact and global implications. See pages 43-46 for more information.



## PARLIAMENT ACADEMY

If you are between the ages of 16 and 30, register for the Parliament Academy and experience the broad variety of the world's religious and spiritual traditions in an engaging, educational environment geared towards young people. Participate in training workshops on Religious Freedom and Conflict Resolution and in leadership forums that support the efforts of young people to make a positive difference in the world. Over 30 colleges, universities, and seminaries are participating in the Parliament Academy. See page 64 for more information.

## PARTNER CITIES

During the week of the Parliament event, the Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace will sponsor 15 programs that feature grassroots activists and religious leaders involved in the Partner Cities Program. This series of programs will address critical issues, highlight best practices, and build the capacity of interreligious initiatives around the world. Accordingly, program leaders will serve on panel discussions, lead guided conversations and help introduce the Partner Cities Program to the thousands of participants attending the Parliament. See pages 70-71 for more information.

## OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

Many Barcelona groups, organizations, communities, churches, mosques, temples, etc. will be holding off-site events to celebrate the Parliament. See page 77 for more information.

## SOLIDARITY FAIR

Visit the Fair at the Forum and learn about non-profits, community organizations and educational institutions from around the world working together to promote understanding and cooperation among diverse religious and spiritual communities. The Fair provides an excellent opportunity to talk with others, to share knowledge and explore how you can become more involved in local peace efforts while connecting with others from other regions of the world. See page 78 for more information.

## PARLIAMENT BY THE SEA

*This unique venue - just a five-minute walk south of the Forum Site - offers four unique experiences open to Parliament and Forum participants alike: A Walk Through Time exhibit depicting the evolution of the Earth and life on it; a "sacred space" set aside for prayer, meditation and contemplation; a labyrinth; and a major venue celebrating the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Sikh scriptures, along with seminars, films, exhibits, observances, and the serving of langar, a free blessed vegetarian meal. See pages 74-75 for more information.*

People come to the Parliament seeking new understanding more than agreements or solutions. In the conversations and dialogues of the Parliament, we hope that people will hold in their consciousness the following ways of interacting and goals for the experience:

- listen and be listened to so that all speakers can be heard;
- speak and be spoken to in a respectful manner;
- develop or deepen mutual understanding;
- learn about the perspective of others and reflect on one's own views; and
- discover new insights.



2004  
PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

# GUIDE TO THE PROGRAM BOOK

Day-at-a-Glance

Official Languages

Sample Entry

# Day-at-a-Glance

	TUESDAY 6 JULY	WEDNESDAY 7 JULY	THURSDAY 8 JULY	FRIDAY 9 JULY	SATURDAY 10 JULY	SUNDAY 11 JULY	MONDAY 12 JULY	TUESDAY 13 JULY
8:00-9:00	<b>ARRIVAL,</b>		<b>MORNING OBSERVANCES</b>					
	<b>REGISTRATION,</b>							
	<b>ORIENTATION,</b>							
9:30-11:00	<b>AND</b>		<b>INTRARELIGIOUS:</b> A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) a basic understanding of religious and spiritual communities, and the teachings, practices and dynamics of their traditions; (2) resources and rationales from within religious and spiritual communities and movements for dialogue, engagement and cooperation; and, (3) tools for intrareligious reflection and dialogue.					
	<b>SIGHTSEEING</b>							
11:30-1:00			<b>INTERRELIGIOUS:</b> A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) structured opportunities for interreligious encounter and dialogue; (2) sharing the convictions and motivations for engaging with each other and the world; and, (3) innovative methodologies for interreligious encounter, dialogue and cooperation.					
			<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>					
			Time for enjoying performances and informal dialog on the 200 acre beachfront setting.					
3:00-4:30			<b>ENGAGEMENT:</b> A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) building capacity for religious and spiritual people, communities and organizations to collaborate with guiding institutions in service to a peaceful, just and sustainable future; (2) examples of successful programs and best practices that are addressing critical issues around the world; and, (3) creative approaches and tools for effective dialogue and collaboration.					
	<b>OPENING PLENARY</b>							
5:00-6:30	(Please note: Opening Plenary on July 7 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM)		<b>OPEN SPACE:</b> Free time or opportunity to engage with participants from around the world on topics of special interest through facilitated "open space" dialogue and working sessions. Spaces are also available for meetings of groups, organizations, and delegations.					
7:00-8:30			<b>PLENARY FOCUSING ON BARCELONA'S INTERRELIGIOUS MOVEMENT</b>	<b>GATHERINGS BY RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>SACRED MUSIC CONCERT</b>	<b>GATHERING BY REGION</b>	<b>PLENARY FOCUSING ON THE INTERNATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS MOVEMENT</b>	<b>CLOSING PLENARY</b>

# Day-at-a-Glance

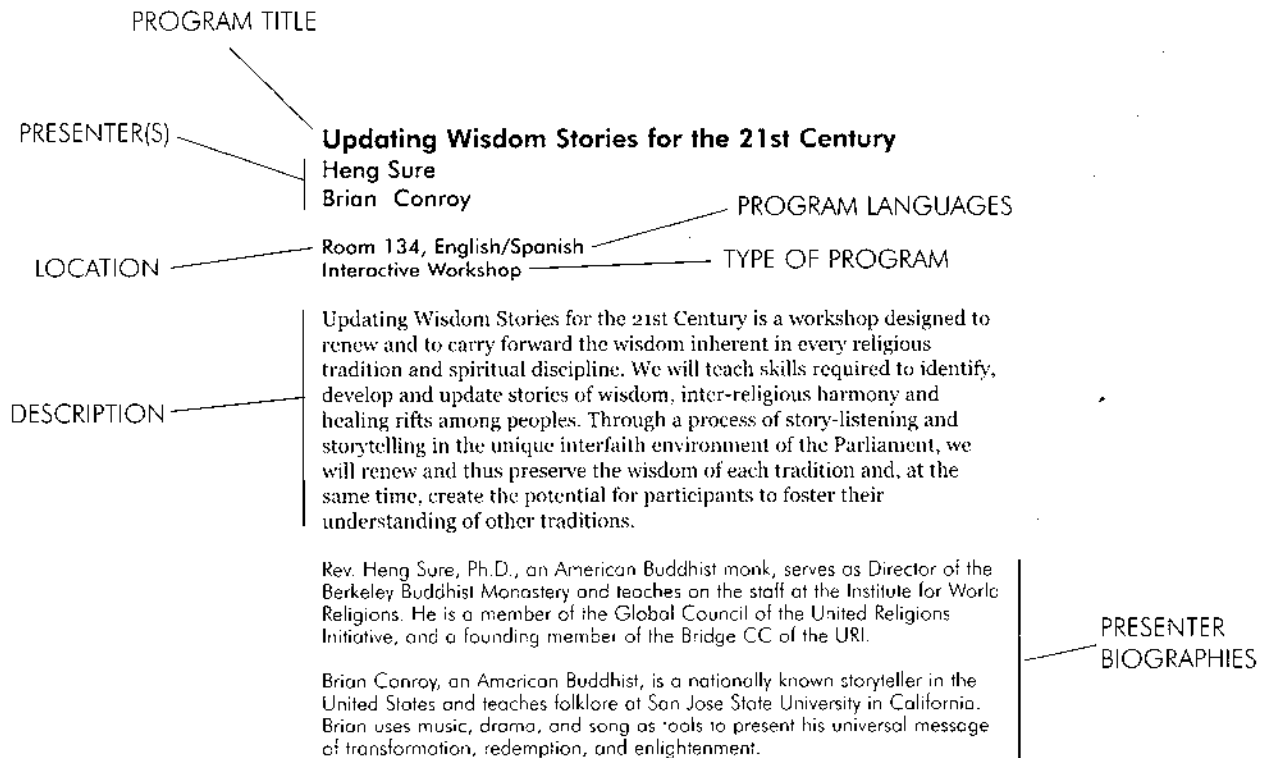
	SESSION	THEME	PREFERRED FORMAT
8:00-9:00	<b>MORNING OBSERVANCES</b>	Experiences of religious and spiritual observances, meditations, and prayer.	Meditations, prayers, reflections
9:30-11:00	<b>SESSION A</b> <i>"Religious and Spiritual Communities Share their Stories"</i>	A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) a basic understanding of religious and spiritual communities, and the teachings, practices and dynamics of their traditions; (2) resources and rationales from within religious and spiritual communities and movements for dialogue, engagement and cooperation; and, (3) tools for intrareligious reflection and dialogue.	<b>INTRARELIGIOUS</b> Primarily single-tradition panel presentations
11:30-1:00	<b>SESSION B</b> <i>"Religious and Spiritual Communities Dialogue with Each Other"</i>	A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) structured opportunities for interreligious encounter and dialogue; (2) sharing the convictions and motivations for engaging with each other and the world; and, (3) innovative methodologies for interreligious encounter, dialogue and cooperation.	<b>INTERRELIGIOUS</b> Primarily multiple-tradition panel presentations and facilitated dialogues
1:30-4:30	<b>SESSION C</b> <i>"Religious and Spiritual Communities Work Together"</i>	A wide variety of programs focusing on: (1) building capacity for religious and spiritual people, communities and organizations to collaborate with guiding institutions in service to a peaceful, just and sustainable future; (2) examples of successful programs and best practices that are addressing critical issues around the world; and, (3) creative approaches and tools for effective dialogue and collaboration.	<b>ENGAGEMENT</b> Primarily facilitated dialogues, workshops and multi-religious panels
5:00-6:30	<b>OPEN SPACE/ GATHERINGS</b>	Free time or opportunity to engage with participants from around the world on topics of special interest through facilitated "open space" dialogue and working sessions. Spaces are also available for meetings of groups, organizations, and delegations.	<b>ENCOUNTER</b> Open space, dialogues
7:00-8:30	<b>PLENARY</b>	Plenary sessions and large group gatherings. (Please note: Opening Plenary on July 7 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM)	<b>CELEBRATION</b> Arts & evocative presentations

# Languages & Sample Entry

## LANGUAGES

The official languages of the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions are English, Spanish and Catalan. For plenary programs and large venues, simultaneous translation will be provided. For smaller venues, please see the program description for the language of the program.

## SAMPLE ENTRY



2004  
PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

## PARLIAMENT PROGRAMS

Program Listing by Day

Plenary

Assembly

Symposia

Exhibits and Art Gallery

Parliament Academy

Performances

Film Focused Programs

Morning Observances

Partner Cities

Open Space

Special Programs

Program Descriptions by Day



# Program Listings

## Thursday, July 8, 2004

### 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances

Ancient Jain Meditation with Munishree Kirtiji  
Breathing Peace, Breathing Joy: A Morning Meditation  
Interactive Sufism for peace  
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice  
Meditation for Peace  
Native American Morning Observance  
Prayer of contemplation  
Praying with Theresa of Jesus: the wisdom of listening  
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths  
Self-Inquiry Meditation  
Taoist celebration  
The architecture with Christian symbols  
The love communion  
The Shoa.  
The Wisdom of Listening to the Earth: Waiting Worship in the Manner of Friends  
Tibet: tradition, art, spirituality, thousand-year-old culture and philosophy of compassion and wisdom  
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

A Gathering of the Community: Symposium on Interfaith Education  
Challenges to the intercultural and interreligious dialogue in Cuba  
Christianity: presentation of the essential points  
Diversity of traditions in Eastern Christianity  
Going Beyond Cultural Ignorance and Dualistic Thought  
Guru Granth Sahib: Promoting Religious Pluralism, Equality, Social and Economic Justice  
Interfaith Cooperation for the Common Good: Serving Langar at the Ram Katha Event  
Listening for Love and Forgiveness in the Emerging Global Community  
Lovingkindness Overflowing: Rebuilding a Consciousness of Compassion  
Peace - A Quest for Universal Harmony  
Ramon Llull: a model of bridge between cultures  
Religious Mandala  
Seeing into Being: Empowering Dignity of the Self, Others, and the World  
Spirits in Rebellion  
Sri Guru Granth Sahib - Quadricentennial Celebration of Interfaith Scripture as the Source of Sikh Values, Ethics, Love and Peace  
Teaching of Sincerity: A Shinto Pathway to Peace  
The Art of War/ The Tao of Peace: The Yin/Yang Dance of Being Human  
The future of Christianity in the Spanish young people  
The Influence of Religion on Mahatma Gandhi  
Vision of the Future - A New World View Toward Peace

# Program Listings

## Thursday, July 8, 2004

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

"Believing" and "Belonging" in a Plural Society

A psychological approach to the challenges and difficulties in the interreligious dialogue

Affirmative Prayer as Common Ground: The Path of Personal Transformation and Spiritual Harmony

Commitment to Harmony for a Peaceful World

Dialoguing in the midst of violence: an experience of Islam-Christian dialogue in Mindanao

Ethical banking and religious communities

Honoring Shared Views in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam

Interreligious Dialogue in the 21st century: a Christian perspective

Middle-East Stories: The Significance of the Holy Land in Our Sacred Texts

Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening

Praying Together?

Requirements for the interreligious dialogue in a global world: an anthropological approach

Spiritual Democracy of Jainism - a Precursor of Interfaith Movement

Spiritual Life Circle: SPOT (Special Place of Transformation)

The Global Imperative for Interfaith Education: Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address

The Imperative of Peace and the Obsolescence of War

Theological and philosophical aspects of interreligious dialogue

Updating Wisdom Stories for the 21st Century

Walking the Labyrinth as a Pathway of Peace

World Peace Begins from Within

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

Clash or Conversation: A Dialogue of Civilizations, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

Faith on Film: The Drums of Winter (Uksuum Cauyai), 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

Ties That Bind, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

Song of Peace, 2:30 PM–3:30 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

A Buddhist-Christian Dialogue on Communal Responses to Social and Environmental Violence

Challenges Facing Sikh Identity

Conditions for peace, sustainable development and cultural diversity: a Christian perspective

Dealing with Anger Compassionately

Designing Interfaith Sacred Space: Lessons from the First International Interfaith Sacred Space Design Competition

How can religious communities be engaged in fair trade?

Interreligious Partnerships in Crisis Relief - An Innovative Strategy for Cooperation, Empowerment and Sustainability

InterSpiritual Dialogue - The Vision in Practice

Lessons from Phoenix: Creating Peace in a World of Religious Violence

Partner Cities and Capacity Building Opening Session

# Program Listings

## Thursday, July 8, 2004

### **3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session, con't.**

Proselytization and Religious Freedom  
Protestantism in Spain and its engagement with society  
Religious Values and Social Activism  
Secularity and religions: suggestions for a new world  
Sufi Psychology Forum: From Mind to Heart: Pathway to Peace  
Sustainable Development - Poverty, Social Development, Globalization and Social Values  
The necessary values for the creation of a happy interreligious family  
The Peace Pole Project  
The voice of different religious traditions on cultural diversity  
Unity in diversity: the foundations of a culture of peace and justice in an intertraditional cooperation

### **Additional Performances**

Concert and Dance of Shinto Traditional Music, 4:30 PM–5:00 PM  
Dance of the Four Cultures, 5:00 PM–5:30 PM  
The song of the Sun: music and Sufi Menlevi dance, 5:30 PM–6:30 PM

### **Symposia**

Religion & Conflict Resolution  
Interfaith Education  
New Awareness Summit  
Interfaith Peacebuilding Skills  
Crisis of the Holy

## Friday, July 9, 2004

### **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances**

Bob's Martyrdom  
Dreams and spirituality  
Hindu pooja and fire ceremony  
Jewish Meditation  
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice  
Mayan Ceremony  
Power of Prayer and Meditation  
Praying Together - Morning Observance  
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths  
Rumi: a mystical Sufi for today's dialogue  
Sacred songs of secret rituals of Tibet  
Service of Examination  
Spirituality and social engagement  
Sufi songs and invocations  
The religious dimension as a supplement of humanity  
The social dimension of the contemplative Christian pray  
Universal Meditation  
We sing praying to Jesus  
Workshop on the use of aromas and fragrance  
World Peace Prayer Ceremony with the Flags of All Nations

# Program Listings

## Friday, July 9, 2004

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

Cultural fusion: Tibetan voices and occidental songs  
Experience of the interreligious dialogue in the Islamo-Christian Center of Copenhagen  
Hinduism: Valuing Diversity and Promoting Harmony Through its Practice and Application  
Judaism and Justice  
Mahatma Gandhi and Religious Pluralism  
Navigation for the Inward Journey: Spiritual Direction as a Pathway of Peace  
Pagan Dialogue Inside & Outside of the Circle  
Pathways to Peace in the Thought of Joseph Smith  
Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Two: Madhu Kishwar  
The Importance of Intra-Religious Dialogue  
The Islamic View of Human Cloning  
The Praxis of Reconciliation: Restoring the Broken Arm of the Cross  
The Tibetan book of the Life and Death  
The Way of the Saints: The Path of Personal Transformation through Meditation  
The Zen garden: a paradise  
Thomas Merton: The Monk's Response in Times of Crucial Choices  
Tikkun Olam: Fixing the World  
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us - The Story  
What is CaoDai and what does it say about peace?  
Zen Meditation Practice  
Sephardic music, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Representative songs from Jewish & Sephardic world, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Fool's Mass, 12:30 PM–1:30 PM

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

"World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality" Roundtable  
Does the media promote interreligious dialogue?  
Education and Native Americans: Schooling and Cultural Values  
Holistic Meditation: An Embodied Inquiry into Integral Spirituality  
Interfaith Encounters: Marriages, Child Rearing, Funerals, and Other Practical Concerns  
Interreligious Dialogue and Non-negotiable Dogmas  
Joseph Campbell's Contribution to the Deep Listening of the World's Religions  
Partnership: A Key to Building the International Interreligious Movement  
Peace-Building for Women - Taught by Middle East Interfaith Women  
Reaching Out to the Religious Other: Four Interfaith Institutions that Make a Difference  
Religions at school in Spain: a necessary dialogue  
Restorative Justice and Exploratory Faith: A Model for Intercultural Peace and Cooperation  
Secularism and Spirituality in the city: the experience of interreligious dialogue in Perpignan  
The "Three Religions" chair of the University of Valencia  
The Ethics of Speaking and Listening: An Interfaith Forum on Communication as Spiritual Practice

# Program Listings

## Friday, July 9, 2004

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session, con't.

The multicultural and interreligious life in Melilla  
Towards the construction of the world peace: Tenrikyo's proposal  
Universal Message of the World's Religions  
Walking together to God, from his diverse names

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

One With the Soul of the Earth, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Peace By Peace: Women on the Frontlines, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Theologies of liberation and interreligious dialogue, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Trembling Before G-d, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

Crisis of the Holy  
Cross City Connections: Addressing Critical Issues Through Interreligious Cooperation  
Dimensions of Peace, Politics and the Spirit  
Faith beyond religions  
Five years of interreligious dialogue in Catalonia  
How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona - Session 1 - Getting Organized  
Islam and democracy  
Peace Over the Korean Peninsula: The Reconciling Role of Faith Communities in the History of Confrontational North and South Korea  
Religion from the point of view of biology: present and future  
Religious Freedom for All  
The Challenge of Peace and the Calling to Inter religious Dialogue in Myanmar  
The Earth Charter: Shared Values for Building a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable Future  
The Global Eco-Social Marshall Plan / Club of Budapest  
The Headscarf Debate: Religious Dress & Secular Fundamentalism  
The Meaning of "Awakening" in Modern Spiritual and Scientific Contexts  
Towards peace because of love to humankind: the experience of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Organizations  
Uniting Youth Leaders for Global Transformation

### Additional Performances

Spiritual Peacemaking, 4:30 PM–5:15 PM

### Symposia

Religion & Conflict Resolution  
A Dialogue of Civilizations  
Interfaith Education  
New Awareness Summit  
On Religions & International Institutions

# Program Listings

## Saturday, July 10, 2004

### 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances

A Celebration of the World's Religions Through Prayer and Practices  
Love, breath of healing: the prayer of heart  
Mashriqu'l-Adhkar (Baha'i adoration house)  
Meditation for Morning Observance  
Native American Morning Observance  
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace  
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths  
Religions are Many, Spirituality is One  
Religious caricature  
Sacred Dance  
Self-Inquiry Meditation  
Singing in a foreign place: the expression of the faith of the immigrants  
*Spirituality in Islam, art and reason*  
The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth I  
The precious human rebirth  
Then our mouth was filled with laugh - Ecumenical workshop  
Yoga Prayer: Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice with Father Thomas Ryan  
Zazenkaï: practice of Zen meditation

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

Bridging the Gap: Engaging Religious Communities and Social Activists  
Circles in the Greenwood: Pagan Religion Around the World  
Evolutionary Enlightenment: Discovering a Greater Commitment to Our Common Future  
History read from the ground and the fatalism of poverty: a Christian perspective  
Moroccan Islamic model in the contemporary world  
Pathways to Peace in Sikhism  
Peace, Equanimity and Stress-Free Life by way of Chanting Sacred Hymns  
Pope John Paul II's Contribution to Interreligious Dialogue  
Promoting active tolerance with Christian spirit: an old Masonic and Chivalric organization in the 21st century  
Sikh Spirituality: The Guru Granth Sahib Ji - An Interfaith Message  
Sufism & Shariah as the Significant Other  
Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Three: Raimon Panikkar  
The contribution of the Jewish in the Spanish contemporaneous culture  
The movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and monotheist religions  
The Role of Women in Traditional Native Societies  
The Way to World Peace: A Thai Buddhist Perspective  
Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (session one)  
Wisdom of the Individual and Community Body - Cultures of Peace through Interplay  
Zoroastrian History, Religion, Culture and Present Day Challenges

# Program Listings

## Saturday, July 10, 2004

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

A Commitment to the Future: Religion and Spirituality for an Evolving World  
A pathway to peace: the Golden Rule initiative  
An integrative perspective on training for interreligious dialogue  
Building Peace in the Midst of Conflict  
Christian Anthropology - Biblical Visions of the Human Being  
Christian visions of religious pluralism  
Dances of Universal Peace  
From the intercultural to the interreligious in Europe  
Grassroots Community Outreach: Healthcare and Education Initiatives in India  
Healing Art: The Power of Faith  
Keeping the Path Clear - Women Engaging in Inter-Faith, Inter-Action and Inter-Relationships  
Pathways to Peace: Using Artistic Metaphors for Dialogue and Collaboration  
Religions and spiritual path in secular and global societies  
Religions in dialogue: the experience of the International Center of Mystical Studies of Avila  
The Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Its Potential Contribution to the Wider Inter religious Dialogue  
The Millionth Circle Initiative: Intercultural Women's Dialogue  
Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (session two)  
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us - Implications  
World Spirituality: Into the Future

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

Faith on Film: Investigation of a Flame-A Documentary Portrait of the Catonsville Nine, 1:15 PM-2:45 PM  
Mother Teresa: The Legacy, 1:15 PM-2:45 PM  
Mystic Iran: The Unseen World, 1:15 PM-2:45 PM  
Concert of traditional music of India, 1:30 PM-2:30 PM  
Krishna: his music and philosophy, 1:30 PM-2:30 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

"The Lord of the Rings": religious background  
A Course in Miracles: The Advent of a Great Awakening - The Final Adventure Begins...  
A Culture of Peace: Building a Coalition with the UN Community  
Biblical translation, interculturality and human dignity  
Building Social Cohesion in the Midst of Diversity: The Manresa Story  
Dialogue of Civilizations: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World - Symposium Wrap-Up  
Fostering World Peace through Maintaining Traditions  
How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona - Session 2 - Developing Programs  
Humankind and Nature: the Islamic perspective on the ecological problem  
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

# Program Listings

## Saturday, July 10, 2004

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session, con't.

Religion and Human Rights Symposium: Opening Session  
Rethinking Martyrdom - A Sikh Perspective  
The ethical Buddhist commitment : an alternative to our society  
The Gipsy religious experience as a bridge between East and West  
The Lost & Endangered Religions Project: Preserving the World's Diverse Religious Heritage  
The social tradition of doing good in Classic Islam  
We are living in a global village, but justice is partial  
Why Muslims Rebel: The Struggle for Self-Determination  
Young People and Religious Freedom

### Additional Performances

Sephardic Survival - The Balance of the Kabbalistic Heart, 4:30 PM-5:15 PM

### Symposia

Exploring the Face of AIDS  
Interfaith Education  
Science & Religion: Scholar's Symposium  
Religion & Conflict Resolution  
Human Rights  
A Dialogue of Civilizations

## Sunday, July 11, 2004

### 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances

Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga  
Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist  
Collective Rituals of the Haudenosaunee  
Lights' Festival  
Morning Observance by ISKON Delegation  
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace  
Practicing Taoism in the Spanish culture  
Protestant Celebration  
Psychotherapy as a tool for peace, listening and liberation  
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths  
Religions and commitment for peace  
Sacred dance - The strength of gathering in the dance  
Salat: How Muslims Connect to God  
Spirituality in order to live together  
Sport and spirituality  
Techniques for listening art  
The importance of full awareness in our lives  
Zen Practice - Morning Observance  
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day

# Program Listings

## Sunday, July 11, 2004

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

A Holistic Jain Approach to Peace with Reference to the Role of Women  
African American Muslims: Building Bridges for Peace and Collaborative Social Action  
Beginning With Our Own Communities: Stories From Jerusalem and the Philippines  
Between Jewish Pluralism and Post-Denominationalism: A Jewish Roundtable  
Christian roots of Catalan traditions  
Current state and future development of Tibetan Buddhism in China's Tibet  
Ephemeral path to eternity: intersections between Christian liturgy and art  
Essence of Islam: God, Guidance and the Hereafter  
Familiaforum: a project of Claret Foundation for Christian Humanism  
How Can Humanity's Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?: Religion and Human Rights Symposium  
Microcredit for Interreligious and Community Development  
Native People and Environmental Justice  
Preserving Learnings for the Future: What should we Archive from the Interreligious Movement?  
Religion, Religions, and Religious Unity: a Baha'i View  
The case of Miquel Servet: dialogue and freedom of conscience  
The Wisdom of Listening to God: Ancient Raja Yoga of Brahma Kumaris  
Unity of Minds: A Congregation of Spiritual Leaders with the President of India  
What is Islam? Q&A Session  
Which Islam? Struggle for the Soul of Islam

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

A Moral Code of Interreligious Understanding  
Academic teaching of the Holy Book: interpretation in monotheistic religions  
An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 1)  
Badshah Khan and Mahatma Gandhi: Allies in a Revolution of Human Spirit, Pioneers in a Culture of Peace  
Connecting with Young People in Our Cities  
Engaged Wonder: New Pathways in Conflict Transformation  
Faith or Economics: What is the Bottom Line?  
Finding the Brother in the Other: Overcoming Negative Images of Other Faiths as We Build Our Religious Identities and Seek Common Ground  
How can mysticism contribute to the contemporary world?  
Human Moral Development in Islam, Christianity and Buddhism  
Interpretation of Religious Texts from the Perspective of Women's and Children's Human Rights  
Interreligious dialogue from a Buddhist perspective  
Literature as a Tool for Shaping Children's Consciousness  
Pathways to Peace in Africa: A Contribution from African Traditional Religious Perspective  
Psychological attitudes for interreligious dialogue  
Religious bilingualism  
The History of Protestantism in Spain and Religious Pluralism  
The Natural World and the Political Lives of Indigenous Peoples  
The translation of sacred texts from the original languages and their interpretation.

# Program Listings

## Sunday, July 11, 2004

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

The Shumei Taiko Ensemble - Earth Songs: Water, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Art and Religiosity of Indonesia, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Faith on Film: Satya - A Prayer for the Enemy, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
God & Allah Need to Talk: A Multicultural, Interfaith Program for Healing & Reconciliation, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Nonviolent Peaceforce: Religious Peacemakers' Circles, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 2)  
Bridges of dialogue and commitment  
Building an Interfaith Youth Movement in Your Community: Shared Values and Social Action  
Commitment to Non Possessiveness for a Better World  
Dharma, Allah and Governance: A Buddhist and Muslim Dialogue  
Embracing the Feminine in Spirituality: Transcending Chaos and Awakening Peace in the World  
Ford Interfaith Network: A Model for Faith in the Corporate Workplace  
How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona - Session 3 - Partnering with Guiding Institutions  
Millennium Development Goals: Fostering a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development  
On Becoming A Converted Outsider  
Professional Commitment and the Preferential Option for the Poor  
Resolutions of the II European Women Synod "Sharing Cultures"  
Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Communal Violence  
The experience of intercultural courses and interreligious seminars of GERFEC  
The Need for Spiritual Justice and Native Inmates  
The spirituality of deeds  
The UNESCO civil society: religions and the culture of peace  
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us - Action  
Welcoming the Arabic and Muslim immigration with the Bayt Al-Thaqafa Foundation

### Additional Performances

Musical Kairoi, 4:30 PM–5:15 PM

### Symposia

Towards a Theology of Liberation  
Human Rights  
Science & Religion: Food, Justice, & Food Safety  
Religion & Conflict Resolution

# Program Listings

## Monday, July 12, 2004

### 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances

Morning Pray (multilingual and participative)  
Buddhist sculpture  
Dances of Universal Peace - Morning Observance  
Interspiritual Ceremony for Peace  
Monastic prayers of God's praise  
Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace  
Prayer with Taizé songs  
Raja Yoga Guided Meditation  
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths  
Self-Inquiry Meditation  
The multiple voices in Talmud  
The song of the sacred name of God in the Vaishnava tradition: theory and practice  
The training of character in Buddhism, Islam and Confucianism  
Theology and prayers: the language of icons  
This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer  
Traditional Pueblo Morning Prayers  
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

A Sacred Circle: A Call to Unity and Reverence for Each Other and the Earth  
A Way of Living in Harmony with Self and Others: Sikh Spiritual Practices  
Developing Rationales Within the Christian Tradition for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation  
How to Facilitate Intra-Religious Dialogue  
Madre Naturaleza y Cosmos (Mother Earth and the Cosmos)  
Mandala: the psychocosmic diagram in the Tibetan tradition  
Modern Application of Ancient Hindu Practices-The Yoga of Sound  
Religious studies and interreligious dialogue: possibilities and problems  
Spiritual Power as Envisioned Through Sri Guru Granth Sahib  
The application of the Bible to the current world  
The Confederacy and the Great Law of Peace  
The Global Face of Judaism  
The Global Faces of Buddhism  
The Islamic metaphysics and the dialogue with other traditions  
The religious traditions and the scientific cosmovision of the 21st century  
The Vision of a Oneness World - Sri Chinmoy's Approach to Global Love and Harmony  
The Zoroastrian View of Interfaith Dialogue  
Water: The Reverential Experience  
Works of art at the cathedrals and the monasteries at the exhibition "Christus Splendor"  
Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human (UBBH) - Many Pathways, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

# Program Listings

## Monday, July 12, 2004

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

A journey of discovery: experiences of a Muslim-Christian Encounter  
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: Personal and Scriptural Approaches  
Building Human Peace Through Interactive Interfaith Dialogue - The Story of the Interfaith Encounter Association  
Community Assessment and Interview Skills  
Do We Need Religion in Order to Have a Stable Ethics?  
Faith and Interfaith: Muslim Perceptions and Realities of Dialogue  
Hindu Teachings on Interreligious Relations  
Living Together in the Midst of Conflict  
Muslim, Christian, Jewish Trialogue  
Pathways to Peace - The Experiences of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum  
Religion in a World at War: The Transformation from Hate to Love of Our "Enemies"  
Sefarad and the history of the Jews living together in Spain  
The Battle for God  
The experience of interreligious dialogue in Uruguay  
The Forge Institute's Trans-Traditional Way of Being Together  
The non-existence of self: the absolute plenitude  
The Role of Religion to Protect the Earth  
Three loci of gathering, three dimensions of reality: Kosmos, Theos, Anthropolos  
Vital experiences in the Rarámuri religious tradition - Elements to dialogue

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

Making an Effort for a Peaceful World: Songs of Gratitude, Traditional Japanese Dance and Oriental Culture, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
A Seat at the Table: Struggling for American Indian Religious Freedom, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Faith on Film: The Smith Family, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Mother Teresa: The Legacy, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM  
Traditional Mevlevi Order Ceremony of Sema Dance, 1:30 PM–2:30 PM  
Death: meeting place for all traditions, 2:30 PM–3:30 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

Birth of a Global Community, Appreciative Inquiry in Action in the United Religions Initiative  
Business activity and ethical requirements: What do religions say?  
Cultural, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue and theology through Internet  
How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona - Session 4 - Raising Money  
Hungry for More: Raising Religious Voices on the Question of Global Consumption  
I-kuan Tao's Teachings of Peace  
Media Empowerment - Understanding and Using the Power of Media  
Meditations for Inner Happiness  
Mind the gap: filling the cultural gap  
Muslim Women Between East & West  
Northern Lights, A Celebration of Edmonton's Interfaith Life at Latitude 53°

# Program Listings

## Monday, July 12, 2004

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session, con't.

Religious fundamentalism and violence: a challenge to interreligious dialogue

Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Terror: lessons from New York and Madrid

Role of Religion to Eliminate Poverty

The experience of interreligious dialogue in scouting: First Scout Interreligious Symposium

The Role of Museums in the Interreligious Movement for Dialogue and Understanding

The sacred space as a spiritual pedagogy for peace

The voice of different religious traditions on sustainable development

What is the Appropriate Role of Guiding Institutions in Fostering Positive Interreligious Relations?

### Additional Performances

Sacred Dance of India: Light on Peace, 4:30 PM–5:00 PM

Lama's chant, 4:30 PM–5:15 PM

### Symposia

Science & Religion: HIV/AIDS

Towards a Theology of Liberation

Digital Storytelling Workshop

Religion & Conflict Resolution

The Future of Religion, the Media, and Our Communities

## Tuesday, July 13, 2004

### 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, Morning Observances

A higher taste as a dialogue (workshop of kitchen)

Bhakti Yoga Experience

Dances With the Earth

Human, social and spiritual nets

Jain Prayers Yoga and Meditation

Lovingkindness and Inner Light: An Interfaith Sharing of Reflective Prayer and Meditation Practices

Oneida Nation Wolf Clan

Orthodox iconography

Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace

Praying with Psalms

Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses People of All Faiths

The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth II

The taste of India, the light of awakening

This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer

Walking Meditation with Maha Ghosananda

Women and spirituality

# Program Listings

## Tuesday, July 13, 2004

### 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, Intrareligious Session

Awakening the Transformative Power of Shakti: The Life Force of Peace  
Community of Christ: Maintaining Identity in a Diverse World  
Cosmological Insights of the Urantia Book and their relation to Interreligious Dialogue  
Developing a Strategy for Engaging Communities in Your City  
Doctrine of the Scientology Religion  
Fundamentalism: The Final Frontier for Interreligious Dialogue?  
Global Peace and Leadership: A Jain Perspective  
Ideological Roadblocks on Pathways to Peace and Suggested Solutions  
Interreligious dialogue and New Awareness  
Islam: voice, vision and action of women  
Justice, War and Peace in Islam  
Pagan Teachings About the Earth  
Practicing Sikh Values in Daily Life  
Socially Engaged Buddhism: A Pathway to Peace  
Struggling Muslim Communities in the West  
The movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and Eastern religions  
The Relevance of Zoroastrianism in the Modern Age  
The Variety of Chinese Religious Expression  
Vedanta Interpreted By Sri Ramakrishna and Goals of Peace, Harmony and Spirituality  
What is Shinji Shumeikai?  
Interreligious Youth Concert, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

### 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Interreligious Session

Active Non-Violence: The Pathway to Peace  
Bahá'í theological basis of the interreligious dialogue  
Christian perspectives on interreligious dialogue  
Comparative Religion for Understanding the Other  
Future Search: People Acting Together For a More Inclusive and Collaborative Community  
God in Unitarian Universalist Perspective - Creating a Religious Language to Deepen Spirituality and Nurture Interfaith Understanding  
Joining the Partner Cities Network: The Request for Partnership Process  
Model for Interfaith Conversation and Cooperation Sparked by the Olympics  
Peace Initiatives to Bridge the Hindu-Muslim Divide  
Practical Steps Along the Pathways to Peace  
Promoting Sustainable Development through Partnerships with Religious and Spiritual Communities and Youth  
Recognizing and Crossing the Boundaries of Religious/Spiritual Traditions in Interfaith Encounters - a Unifying Experience  
Resources for Peacemaking in Areas of Religious Conflict  
Self Discipline, Peace and Spiritual Growth  
The Culture of Peace  
The Global Heart Vision: Principles and Practices for Personal Transformation and Global Change  
The Pluralism Project: Listening to America  
The Responsibility of the Global Muslim Community in the Post 9/11 World  
Toledo as an example and witness of cultural exchange  
Water as the Wellspring of Life - The Emerging Alliance of Religion and Ecology

# Program Listings

## Tuesday, July 13, 2004

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Lunch Break

A Circle of Hearts, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Faith on Film: Hiding and Seeking - Faith and Tolerance, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Sikhs in America, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

Splendors of the Spirit: Swedenborg's Quest for Insight, 1:15 PM–2:45 PM

Tari Sesaji Tri Yoni Saraswati: Dance Offering Tri Yoni Saraswati, 1:30 PM–2:30 PM

Sounds of the Heart: Musical Explorations in Interfaith Dialogue, 2:30 PM–3:30 PM

### 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Engagement Session

A Catalan good practice of training of religion at schools

A String and a Prayer

Children Affected by Armed Conflict: Our Ethical and Moral Responsibility

Cleaning the Amazon in Ecuador and the U.S.

Global Responsibility: A Reason for Hope

How does the Spiritual nourish our social practices?

How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona - Session 5 - Communicating and Dealing with the Media

Interreligious Engagement in Higher Education - A Princeton Model

Islamic Pluralism: Between Ideals and Challenges

Legislating for the Seventh Generation

Pingalwara: A Story of Interreligious Compassion in Action

Reflections on Critical Issues Facing Mankind, and Solutions Suggested in Guru Granth Sahib

Religion and Government: One Principle, Many Perspectives

Religions Collaborate for Peace: the Guatemalan Model

Staying Connected: Partner Cities Website Consultation

The Bahá'í concepts of life and death

The contribution of Protestantism to the dignity of women

The Empire Listens

The Politics of Meaning

The voice of different religious traditions on peace

### Additional Performances

Shirai: vibrational music concert for body and soul, 4:30 PM–5:00 PM

Tradition of Conchera's dances, 4:30 PM–5:15 PM

### Symposia

A Day of Interreligious Organizing Workshops

The Future of Religion, the Media, and Our Communities

Abrahamic Reunion: Peacemaking in the Holy Land



# Plenary Overview

Celebrate the 2004 Parliament theme **Pathways to Peace: the Wisdom of Listening, the Power of Commitment** at evening plenary gatherings designed to be filled with beauty and inspiration. Sessions will include welcome, blessings, and keynote addresses featuring revered religious and spiritual leaders, as well as observances, music and performance.



## July 7: Opening Plenary

- Keynote speakers His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama and Shirin Ebadi, 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- Buddhist chanting and Jain prayers for world peace
- Music, meditation, blessings featuring Sri Chinmoy, Reverend Munemichi Kurozumi, and Wande Abimbola
- *Invocation for World Peace*, a cello solo composed and performed by Michael Fitzpatrick

## July 8: Celebration of the Barcelona Interreligious Movement

- Testimonials by local interreligious practitioners from diverse religious and spiritual communities
- Music from Al-Andalus, and performance by Jordi Savall of the Catalan peace anthem, *The Song of the Birds*

## July 9: Communities Night

- International participants hosted by local religious and spiritual communities
- Opportunities for dialogue, observances, hospitality

## July 10: Sacred Music Concert

- Evening of music, movement, meditation and chant inspired by religious and spiritual traditions from around the world, held at the world-renown Sagrada Familia Temple.

## July 11: Regional Night

- Opportunity to meet Parliament participants according to regions in the world
- Conversation about Parliament experiences, sharing of ideas and projects to take home
- "Interreligious Bazaar" with information about regional interreligious activities

## July 12: Celebration of the International Interreligious Movement

- Keynote speakers His Excellency Dr. Abdul Omar Nasseef and Rabbi Henry I. Sobel
- Celebration of the 400th anniversary of the *Guru Granth Sahib* (Sikh scriptures)
- Inauguration of the Paul Carus Award for Outstanding Contribution to the International Interreligious Movement
- KulturBakanligi Devlet Sema Sanatcilari, Turkish Ministry of Culture (Whirling Dervishes)

## July 13: Closing Plenary

- Keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Raimon Panikkar and Dr. Federico Mayor
- Young people share their Parliament experiences and commitments
- Musical offerings by Joanne Shenandoah and the Shumai Taiko Ensemble

# Plenary Sessions

## Opening Day Celebrations Wednesday, July 7th

Join ceremonies and celebrations marking the Opening Day of the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions! Gather together with people from around the world in a spirit of harmony and peace to mark the opening of the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions.

**2:15 PM**

### **Dedication of the Parliament Peace Pole**

The Peace Pole is given to the city of Barcelona by the World Peace Prayer Society, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to spreading the message and prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" all over the world.

### **Lighting of the World Peace Flame**

The World Peace Flame (Life Foundation International), a universal symbol of hope, was created in 1999 when, for the first time in history, seven Flames of Peace were lit by peacemakers on five continents, flown across the world and united into one.

Location: Parliament by the Sea

### **Procession to The Tree of Peace**

**3:15 PM**

### **Ceremonial Planting of The Tree of Peace by Chief Jake Swamp of the Mohawk Nation**

Long ago a prophet named Skannenrehowi came to the troubled Iroquois people in the northeastern part of North America to show them how to end warfare among themselves by following a set of rules called the Great Law of Peace. He brought his message from the Creator who instructed him to create the world's first united nations characterized by the highest degree of freedom ever enjoyed by humanity. This new way of living took the form of the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations Iroquois) Confederacy which exists to the present day. To mark the birth of this new peace, Skannenrehowi raised a great tree of peace that joined heaven and earth with roots extending to all four directions. Anyone who wished to live in peace, free from warfare, could find shelter beneath Ohnehta:kowa the "Great Tree" by following the four roots to their source. All of the weapons of war were buried underneath the tree. Therefore, the tree became a living reminder to be at peace at all times. Chief Jake Swamp of the Mohawk Nation, Haudenosaunee Confederacy, will plant a Tree of Peace while reciting the words of hope spoken by Skannenrehowi many generations ago.

Location: East of the CCIB (International Barcelona Convention Center)

# Plenary Sessions

## Opening Plenary Session Wednesday, July 7th

Edifici Forum Auditorium  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### WELCOME to the 2004 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS!

The 2004 Parliament *Pathways to Peace: the Wisdom of Listening, the Power of Commitment* opens with offerings from inspiring leaders and artists from around the world dedicated to peace.

### Open Plenary Highlights

- Welcome from representatives of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, UNESCO Centre de Catalonia, Universal Forum of Cultures and the Archbishop of Barcelona
- Music and meditation with Sri Chinmoy
- Shinto Observance with Reverend Munemichi Kurozumi
- *Invocation for World Peace* cello solo by Michael Fitzpatrick
- Commitments to address the plight of refugees
- Yorba observance by Wande Aminbola
- Jain Blessing

As a Parliament participant, you are invited to fully engage in the unique opportunities of this week, to actively and respectfully listen, to consider how to make a commitment to better world, to make new friends from a religion or spirituality other than your own and to create continuing pathways to peace. Together we can be signs of peace and hope for the world.



### **His Holiness XIV Dalai Lama**

Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet, is the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people and has received many international awards including the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.



### **Shirin Ebadi 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate**

An Iranian lawyer and human rights activist with Islam as her starting point, Ebadi campaigns for peaceful solutions to social problems and promotes new thinking on Islamic terms.

Photo: The World Foundation

# Plenary Sessions

## Celebration of the Barcelona Interreligious Movement Thursday, July 8th

**Edifici Forum Auditorium**  
**7:00 PM – 8:45 PM**

Interreligious encounter, dialogue and cooperation are signs of a young and ever growing movement in Catalonia. For the local religious and spiritual communities of Barcelona, the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions is a turning point.

The 2004 Parliament event marks a new approach to embracing the religious and spiritual diversity of Barcelona and Catalonia, where unique and dynamic communities live out their traditions while living side by side. The 2004 Parliament event is also a call to the broader community to reconsider the importance of religion and spirituality and their contributions to the welfare of all. This plenary highlights the vibrant and transformative contributions of the local interreligious movement to Catalan society.

### Barcelona Plenary Highlights

- Choral overture by local Christian choirs
- Sikh Prayer
- Testimonials by local interreligious practitioners from diverse religious and spiritual communities: Nathalie Reverdin, Yaratullah Monturiol, Iñaki Alonso, Lama Tsondru, Sidney Azagury, Emilio Egea, Lucía Caram
- Sacred Hindu music performed by Bhakti Das
- Commitment to address the need for clean water
- Music from Al-Andalus
- Performance by Jordi Savall of the Catalan peace anthem, *The Song of the Birds*

# Plenary Sessions

## Communities Night Friday, July 9th

The religious and spiritual communities of Barcelona extend a warm and gracious welcome to members of their own traditions from around the world who have gathered at the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions. Parliament participants are invited to "feel at home" by joining with their own religious and spiritual community to share in this opportunity for dialogue, observances and hospitality.

**Addresses and times for community gatherings are indicated on the next page along with identification of the closest Metro station.**

To begin your journey, please take the metro at the Maresme/Forum Metro station, just outside the Forum site. It is line 4 (L4 or yellow line). In order to get to your desired station, please check the Metro line connections on your own Metro map or at the Maresme/Forum Metro station.

When you get to your final station, members of your community will be there on the platform to help you find the way from the station to the meeting place. It will never be more than a 10-minute walk.

### **Bahá'í**

7:30 PM  
Escola Pia Balmes  
Balmes, 208  
Metro: Fontana (L3)

### **Buddhist Zen**

7:30 PM  
Centre Dojo Zen Budista  
Plaça Sant Agustí Vell, 6, 2n 1<sup>a</sup>  
Metro: Jaume I (L4)

### **Buddhist Tibetan**

7:30 PM  
Fundació Casa del Tibet  
Rosselló, 181  
Metro: Diagonal (L5)

### **Chinese (Taoist)**

7:30 PM  
Parròquia de la Mare de Déu del Pilar  
Carrer Casanova, 175  
Metro: Hospital Clinic (L5)

### **Christian Catholic**

8:00 PM  
Basílica de Santa Maria del Mar  
Plaça Santa Maria, 1  
Metro: Jaume I (L4)

### **Christian Orthodox**

7:30 PM  
Església Ortodoxa de la Protecció de la Mare de Déu  
Carrer Aragó, 181  
Metro: Urgell (L1)

### **Christian Protestant**

7:30 PM  
Centre Cívic Cotxeres de Sants  
Carrer de Sants, 79-83  
Metro: Plaça de Sants (L1)

### **Hindu**

7:30 PM  
Parròquia de la Verge de la Pau  
Plaça Ferran Casabiancas, 4-6  
Metro: La Bonanova (L6; also known as U6 - Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat)

### **Humanists**

7:30 PM  
Col·legi Claret  
Carrer Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 49  
Metro: Joanic (L4)

### **Indigenous**

7:30 PM  
Forum  
Room 113/CCIB

### **Jain**

7:30 PM  
Forum  
Room 114/CCIB,

### **Jewish Orthodox**

8:15 PM  
Comunitat Israelita de Barcelona  
Carrer Avenir, 24  
Metro: Gràcia (L6; also known as U6 - Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat)

*(Please note that the two Jewish communities will meet together after the religious service for kiddush and shabbat songs)*

### **Jewish Reform**

8:15 PM  
Comunitat Jueva Atid de Catalunya  
Carrer Castanyer, 27  
Metro: Vallcarca (L3)

*(Please note that the two Jewish communities will meet together after the religious service for kiddush and shabbat songs)*

### **Mormons**

8:30 PM  
Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días  
Marquès de Sentmenat, 35-37  
Metro: Les Corts (L3)

### **Muslim**

7:30 PM  
Poliesportiu Municipal El Raval  
Carrer Sant Pau, 83-85  
Metro: Paral·lel (L2)

### **New Age**

7:30 PM  
Centre Cultural Casa Elizalde  
Carrer València, 302  
Metro: Passeig de Gràcia (L4)

### **Sikh**

7:30 PM  
Sikh Celebration Site  
Parliament by the Sea

### **Zoroastrian**

7:30 PM  
Forum  
Centre de Convencions  
Room 115/CCIB

### **Pagan**

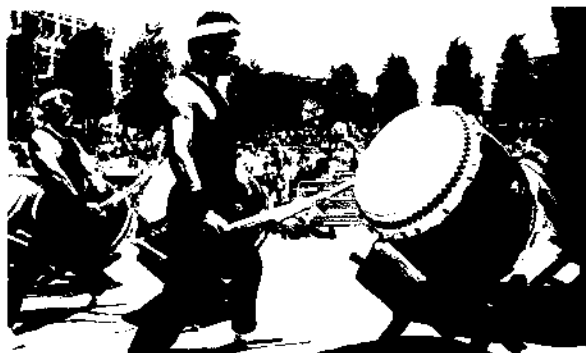
7:30 PM  
Location TBA

# Plenary Sessions

## ***Sacred Music Concert*** **Saturday, July 10th**

**Sagrada Familia Temple**  
**8:45 PM – 11:30 PM**

An evening of music, movement, meditation and chant inspired by religious and spiritual traditions from around the world, held at the famous Sagrada Familia Temple.



### **Featuring**

#### **Joanne Shenandoah, Native American**

- Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy – Oneida Nation
- Multiple award-winning composer, vocalist and performer

#### **The Shumei Taiko Ensemble, Shinji Shumeki**

- Uniting people of all beliefs, nations and languages in a grand vision of peace and friendship

#### **Russill Paul, Hindu – Christian**

- A profound contemplative journey in sacred sound, drawing from East and West, ancient and modern cultures

#### **Cor Gospel Barcelona, Protestant Christian**

- Classic spirituals and modern Gospel music that offers a message of hope, joy and reflection

#### **Bhai Sahib Bhai Avtar Singh Ragi, Sikh**

- 11th generation “Ragis” singer of the original ‘ang’ style of religious music of North India

#### **Carmen Miró and Xavier Pardo, Catholic Christian**

- Soprano and pianist who bring a prayerful spirit to music

#### **Gagaku, Shinto**

- Traditional Japanese court music, “Gagaku” means “elegant music”

#### **Ushaq: Danza y música sufíes, Sufi / Muslim**

- The rich musical legacy of taríqa mawlawiyya, mevlevis order

#### **Sheva, Jewish and Muslim**

- World music ensemble from Israel with roots in Hebrew, Arabic and Tribal cultures

#### **Carmen Corpas, Saetas**

- Flamenco singer from Malaga

#### **Travel Directions:**

**Metro: Sagrada Familia (L2, L5)**

# Plenary Sessions

## Gatherings by Regions of the World Sunday, July 11th

**Regional Sessions: 7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**Connecting close to home**

Regional Night is designed for Parliament participants to meet others from their home place. In small groups, you will engage in conversation about your experiences at the Parliament and share ideas to take back home. The evening will be a relaxed and friendly opportunity to connect with people from your part of the world, to share what you have been learning at the Parliament, and to discuss your ideas and commitments when you get home. At the Interreligious Bazaar you can visit different booths and learn about interreligious activities in your part of the world.

The host for these regional sessions is the United Religions Initiative (URI), a global interfaith organization. URI's dynamic, locally rooted and globally connected grassroots groups practice daily, enduring interfaith cooperation in more than 50 countries. The URI is a growing global community that relies on people's initiative, creativity, friendship and mutual support.

Please bring the information on the next page with you to your regional session.

Participants are asked to use these questions for conversation. URI leaders in each regional room will lead the session and make every effort to provide translations of the material when necessary.

### Locations

**Africa:** Room 113/CCIB

**Asia:** Room 116/CCIB

**Europe:** Multi-Use Room/CCIB

**Latin America/Caribbean:** Room 111/CCIB

**Middle East/North Africa:** Room 114/CCIB

**North America**  
**Eastern/Central Time Zones:** Room 117/CCIB  
**Mountain/Western Time Zones:** Room 112/CCIB

**Southeast Asia/Pacific:** Room 115/CCIB

### Interreligious Bazaar

9:00 - 10:00 PM

*Learn about like-minded programs and possibilities*

**Location:** Lobby of the CCIB

# Plenary Sessions

## Guidelines for Appreciative Conversations

### Step 1

#### APPRECIATIVE CONVERSATIONS

- Create groups of two or three people. Each person is invited to participate in an appreciative conversation by asking and answering questions. These are called 'appreciative' because they ask each person to speak from the heart and to listen deeply for the unique qualities in the other person.
- Begin with one person asking and another answering all the questions. Once you are finished, change roles. After each person has been interviewed, take time to share impressions and say thank you.
- You might want to take notes during your conversation in order to introduce the your interview partner by sharing highlights from your conversation. After interviews, directions will be given to form groups of 6-8 persons.

#### Interview Questions:

- 1 Who are you?
  - Where are you from?
  - What brought you to the Parliament?
  - What would you like to share with me about yourself, your life and your vision for the world that would help me understand more about you?
- 2 What has been your Parliament experience?
  - Since you have been attending the Parliament, what high points or remarkable experiences have moved you most?

- Please share an experience that is meaningful to you about something that happened here (describe the setting, the people, its effect on you).

#### 3 What will you take home?

- What do you want to share with people back home?
- What are your hopes for what could happen?
- What are you willing to commit to doing back home?
- What challenges do you anticipate?
- How will you find support for your ideas and initiative?

### Step 2

#### SMALL GROUP SHARING

Form into groups of 6-8 people with your interview partner(s). Take a few minutes to introduce your interview partner by sharing highlights from your conversation. After everyone is introduced, you might talk about what people are inspired to do when they get back home and what ideas people have for mutual support to meet the challenges.

### Step 3

#### INTERRELIGIOUS BAZAAR

Leaders will offer brief closing words or a blessing and direct you to the Interreligious Bazaar.

# Plenary Sessions

## Celebration of the International Interreligious Movement Monday, July 12th

**Edifici Forum Auditorium**  
**7:00 PM – 8:45 PM**

We live in a world of difference. Yet, we are interdependent. Nowhere is learning to live with difference more important than religion. Too often religion is misused as an instrument for division and injustice, betraying the very ideals and teachings that lie at the heart of each of the world's great traditions. At the same time, religious and spiritual traditions shape the lives of billions in wise and wonderful ways. They gather people in communities of shared beliefs and practices. When these diverse communities work in harmony for the common good, there is hope that the world can be transformed.

Over the last forty years, the international interreligious movement has initiated dialogue and nurtured relationships among people of difference. In doing so this movement has provided a framework for expressing many visions of a just, peaceful and sustainable future. In the process, religious and spiritual communities have developed trust and discovered shared commitments, leading to collaborative action. The well-being of the Earth and all life depends on such collaboration. Together, we can make a world of difference.



### International Plenary Highlights

#### Keynote speakers:

**Rabbi Henry I. Sobel**  
Congregacao Israelita Paulista, Brazil

**His Excellency Dr. Abdul Omar Nasseef**  
World Muslim League, Saudi Arabia

- Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of *Guru Granth Sahib*, presented by Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh, spiritual leader of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha
- Paul Carus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the International Interreligious Movement
- Commitments to address the international debt crisis
- Partner Cities Network and Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace
- KulturBakanligi Devlet Sema Sanatcilari of the Turkish Ministry of Culture (Whirling Dervishes)
- Baha'i Blessing

# Plenary Overview

## Closing Plenary Session Tuesday, July 13th

**Edifici Forum Auditorium**  
**7:00 PM – 8:45 PM**

Amidst the terror and grief associated with the attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Washington DC, and in the various efforts to combat terrorism since, the role of religion has been emphasized, generally in a negative light. This has been coupled with a politicization of the larger meanings associated with September 11, in many instances erasing the heroic and healing responses that have followed this terrible tragedy. All of these dynamics have surfaced again with the recent bombings in Madrid on March 11, 2004, with a renewed sense of sorrow, outrage and confusion.

What has been missing in the unfolding story since September 11 has been the positive role and healing power of religious and interreligious responses. This gathering in Barcelona is an opportunity to tell this critical dimension of the story, as well as to point to alternative pathways to peace that are rooted in the teachings and practices of the world's religious and spiritual traditions.



### Closing Plenary Highlights

#### Keynote speakers

**Rev. Dr. Raimon Panikkar**

Philosopher  
Catalonia

**Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza**

Former Director-General  
UNESCO

- Zoroastrian Blessing
- Young people share their Parliament experiences and commitments
- Commitments to address religiously targeted or motivated violence
- Musical offerings by Joanne Shenandoah and the Shumei Taiko Ensemble
- Religious and spiritual communities working together for peace

## Montserrat Assembly

July 5-7, 2004

The Benedictine Monastery at Montserrat

## Parliament Assemblies

July 9-10 and July 11-12, 2004

Room 112/CCIB

### History of the Assembly

The 2004 Assemblies at Montserrat and during the Parliament event in Barcelona represent the next step in the progression of leaders' gatherings that began in 1893, with the first Parliament, and continued in 1993 in Chicago and in 1999 in Cape Town. The first Parliament of the World's Religions was, in effect, a gathering of religious leaders who, through addresses and presentations, made visible to the world the diversity of religious and spiritual traditions from East and West and generated academic interest in the study of comparative religions.

The second Parliament in 1993, in Chicago, included an Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, invited to consider the document which came to be known as *Towards a Global Ethic: An Initial Declaration*. At this Assembly, 250 leaders of religious and spiritual traditions and international interreligious organizations met to discuss the document based on the work of Prof. Hans Küng, which presented four ethical principles common across the major eastern and western traditions. Since 1993, the Declaration has been translated into many languages, has provided the focus of many books and engendered much additional study.

In 1999, the Council broadened participation in the Assembly of Leaders to include young people as well as leaders from eight guiding institutions: Religion and Spirituality; Government; Agriculture, Labor, Industry and Commerce; Education; the Arts and Communications Media; Science and Medicine; International Intergovernmental Organizations; and Organizations of Civil Society. These leaders considered another document, *A Call to Our Guiding Institutions*, which presented an invitation to people leading these institutions to consider how they would behave if they took seriously the ethical principles from the Global Ethic.

At the end of the Cape Town Assembly participants had made over 200 individual commitments to take up or

extend projects for the benefit of people and communities throughout the world. While no comprehensive tracking system has followed the progress of these projects, examples of impact from these commitments include the Millionth Circle project with over 200 women's circles devoted to local spiritual development and community service, the Lost Texts project providing copies of sacred texts to communities who thought they were irretrievably lost, and the connection of three programs for educating women and girls in India. Some of the programs at the 2004 Parliament highlight projects resulting from individual commitments made at the Cape Town Assembly.

### The Assemblies of 2004

The 2004 Montserrat and Parliament Assemblies will engage invited leaders and activists, experts in critical issues, young people, and those impacted by one of four issues, as well as Parliament participants, in developing commitments for their local religious and spiritual communities and institutions.

At the Montserrat and Parliament Assemblies, the Council will:

- Introduce a methodology (principles and processes) for creatively engaging religious and spiritual communities, in partnership with other guiding institutions, to address critical issues facing the world.
- Call for religious and spiritual communities and other institutions to develop and enact practical and transformative responses to four critical issues: improving the plight of refugees, relieving the crushing burden of international debt on poor countries, creating access to clean water, and overcoming religiously motivated violence.

The Council's methodology for the creative engagement of religious and spiritual communities with critical issues reflects the key organizing principles at the center of the Council's work—enabling religious and spiritual communities worldwide to make a constructive and effective contribution to a more just, peaceful and sustainable world. Through pilot projects and grassroots organizing, partnerships and collaborations, the Council has developed a simple yet sophisticated methodology for religious and spiritual communities to use to make such a contribution.

The latest developments in this emerging methodology have shaped the design and goals of the Assemblies. The methodology used in the Assembly meetings involves identifying "simple and profound" acts that

# Assembly

create the conditions for visceral and multivalent connections, and supporting the development of commitments by local communities and institutions to act. At the heart of the process, participants are asked to view the issues through the lens of their own traditions:

- What in their own (others') tradition compels and inspires them to care about this issue?
- How does the strategy for social change embedded in the teachings of their own and others' traditions shape their response?

## Development and Support of the 2004 Assembly Process

For 18 months before the 2004 Parliament, under the guidance of the Council's Assembly Task Force, a Design Group of world-class professionals have worked, to develop, test and improve the design for the Assemblies at Montserrat and during the Parliament. Working with partners in Jerusalem, Israel and Kericho, Kenya, the Council hosted meetings to test and refine the process design. At these meetings, people from across the world and throughout the local host communities met, engaged in deep dialogue, and created commitments to work with their home communities on the four issues. Many of these commitments have already become active, with reports of progress coming in every day.

Throughout this time, a dedicated part of the Design Group has reached out across the world and recruited an international team of highly skilled, professional facilitators and other volunteers from every inhabited continent to support Assembly participants as they work through the process at Montserrat and at the Parliament Assemblies.

## ASSEMBLIES OF THE 2004 PARLIAMENT

### The Montserrat Assembly, 5-7 July, 2004

In response to feedback from Cape Town participants, the Council scheduled the 2004 Assembly to take place during the 3 days before the Parliament event opens in Barcelona. This will eliminate the tension between Assembly participation and program presentation, ensuring that Parliament participants have full access to all program presenters during the event, and enabling Assembly participants to give their full attention to the discussions of the Assembly. It also makes the commitments of this Assembly available during the Parliament.

This gathering will take place at the world renowned Benedictine Monastery at Montserrat. The Montserrat Assembly provides the opportunity for invited religious and spiritual leaders, leaders of other guiding institutions, young people, experts in the issues, interreligious practitioners and people impacted by the issues to consider the contribution of religious and spiritual communities to a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

### The 2004 Parliament Assemblies, July 9 & 10, and July 11 & 12, 2004

Additional feedback from Cape Town indicated a desire on the part of many participants to be able to engage in the Assembly process themselves. The Council will repeat the Montserrat Assembly process for registered Parliament participants, at four Parliament Assemblies during the Parliament event.

These four Parliament Assemblies will take place on the forum site. Each Assembly will unfold across two days during the Parliament. The Assemblies on July 9 and 10 will focus on Supporting Refugees and Creating Access to Clean Water. The Assemblies on July 11 and 12 will focus on Eliminating the Burden of International Debt on Poor Countries and Overcoming Religiously Motivated Violence.

### Supporting Commitments After the Assemblies

The Council has already activated plans to create a Sustainability Infrastructure that will make it possible to keep in touch with Assembly participants after they return to their home communities. The Council wishes to support participants by helping them connect with others who have made similar commitments, and with resources that can help them work with their religious or spiritual community or institutional groups, to make their simple and profound acts a reality.

This infrastructure will support sharing of accomplishments and challenges across distances, and will enable Assembly participants to know that their efforts are part of a larger movement by making visible what others are doing, and sharing the lessons from one place to other places where the learnings can be adapted to other settings and circumstances. This network will also share stories of hope within its membership and beyond, so that the world will see how religious and spiritual communities in partnership with each other and with other guiding institutions can make a positive difference.

To access this network, log onto [www.cpwrglobal.net](http://www.cpwrglobal.net).

## Members of Assembly Task Force

Donald B. Benson, Susan Dupre, Rev. Dirk Ficca (Co-Chair), Sr. Joan Monica Maguire, Imam Rashied Omar (Co-Chair), Steve Perkins, Helen Spector, Br. Wayne Teasdale Swami Varadananda

## Members of Assembly Design Group

Billie Alban, Caroline Alexander-Furnas, Vasu Alasingachar, Roberto Aponte, Emily Axelrod, Julie Beedon, Sherrin Bennett, Donald Benson, Hernando Bermudez, Lisa Beutler, Kendra Coleman, Timothy Corey, Dave Dickson, Sr. Margaret Diener, OP, Diane Branson, Peter Dupre, Susan Dupre, Elizabeth Elliott, Jorge Estrada, Greg Gollaher, Ray Gordezky, Thava Govender, David Hasbury, Amy Keill, Sonja Koehler, Kathy Konecki, Samuel Magill, Susan Munaker, Ted Oppenheimer, Regina Rowland, Bruce Schuman, Rita Schweitz, Glen Sebera, Helen Spector, Maria Elena Van Yurick, Nancy Voss, Anne Ward.

## Volunteers Supporting Assembly Processes

Name	City	State/Region	Nation
Diane Abbey-Livingston	Toronto	Ontario	Canada
Ogola Achola Nicanor	Kisumu	Nyanza province	Kenya
Billie Alban	Bloomfield	Connecticut	USA
Caroline Alexander-Furnas	Granite Bay	California	USA
Roberto Aponte	San Francisco	California	USA
Mary Ann Archer	Toronto	Ontario	Canada
Emily Axelrod	Wilmette	Illinois	USA
Valerie Baciak	Praha	Czech Republic	Czech Republic
Anna Balaguer	Barcelona	Catalunya	Spain
Julie Beedon	St Michael Road	Lichfield	United Kingdom
Sherrin Bennett	Point Richmond	California	USA
Donald Benson	Oakland	California	USA
Hernando Bermudez	Bogotá	D.E	Colombia
Lisa Beutler	Sacramento	California	USA
Rachael Beutler, LCSW	Elk Grove	California	USA
Yvonne Bonner	Reggio Emilia	RE	Italy
Don Braisby	Pontybodkin	Mold	United Kingdom
Loretta Brill	Locust Hill	Ontario	Canada
Lynn Brinkerhoff	Millford	Connecticut	USA
S. Max Brown	Reston	Virginia	USA
Pilar Chaparro	Milano	Michigan	Italy
Margaretha A (Grethie) Coetzee	Pretoria	Gauteng	South Africa
Kendra Coleman	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Timothy Corey	Seattle	Washington	USA
Alan Davies	Rosebank	New South Wales	Australia
Sandra Di Domizio	San Carlos	California	USA
Dave Dickson	Orangevale	California	USA
Margaret Diener, OP	Oakland	California	USA
David Dinwoodie	Barcelona	Catalunya	Spain
Sarah Duffy	Sao Paulo	Sao Paulo	Brazil
Peter Dupre	Colorado Springs	Colorado	USA
Brenda Dupre	Colorado Springs	Colorado	USA
Susan Dupre	Auburn	California	USA
Conor Dupre-Neary	Sacramento	California	USA
Ann Elliott	Berkeley	California	USA
Elizabeth Elliott	Berkeley	California	USA
Edward Emery	Northampton	Massachusetts	USA
Jorge Estrada	Puyallup	Washington	USA
Gabby Ewen-Phillips	Val des Monts	Quebec	Canada
Anne Fitzgerald	Waltham	Massachusetts	USA
Cheryl Franciscani	Oakland	California	USA
Yoav Frankel	Jerusalem	Israel	Israel
Arthur Frankincense	Santa Barbara	California	USA
Freddi Friedman, Ph.D.	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Harvey Friedman	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Victor Garza, H.	Hangzhou	Zhejiang	China
Carol S. Goldbaum	Wilmette	Illinois	USA
Greg Gollaher	Elk Grove	California	USA
Ray Gordezky	Richmond Hill	Ontario	Canada
Thava Govender	Richards Bay	Kwa-Zulu Natal	South Africa
Beth Hansen	Lennox Head	New South Wales	Australia
David Hasbury	Peterborough	Ontario	Canada
Kelvin Hazangvi	Harare	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
Karin Hedenstrom	Stockholm	Stockholm	Sweden
Chris Henderson	West Bridgford	Nottingham	United Kingdom

# Assembly

## Volunteers Supporting Assembly Processes, continued.

Name	City	State/Region	Nation
Karen Holladay	Barcelona	Catalunya	Spain
Briagh Hoskins-Hasbury	Peterborough	Ontario	Canada
Carolyn Janson	Concord	California	USA
Barry Johnson, PhD	Middleville	Michigan	USA
Ronita Johnson	Pleasant Hill	California	USA
Dr. Rita Marie Johnson	Escazú	San José	Costa Rica
Patricia Jordan	Benton Harbor,	Michigan	USA
David Kaulam	Harare	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
Marion Keil	Roesrath	NRW	Germany
Amy Keill	San Francisco	California	USA
Sonja Koehler	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Kathy Konecki	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Monica Kruglanskas	Barcelona	Catalunya	Spain
Marilyn Laiken	Toronto	Ontario	Canada
Merlyn Lawrence, LCSW	wheaton	Illinois	USA
Mara Ester List Avner	Doar Na	Menashe	Israel
Ernest Maganya	Troyeville	Johannesburg	South Africa
Samuel Magill	Edmonds	Washington	USA
Betty Makoni	Waterfalls Hararem	Harare	Zimbabwe
Judith McGill	Richmond Hill	Ontario	Canada
Philip Merry	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore
Katherine Mitchell	Berkeley	California	USA
Robert Mittman	Moraga	California	USA
Susan Munaker, Ph.D.	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Melina Mürner	Olivos	Buenos Aires	Argentina
Jim Needham	Carmel	California	USA
Deverahn Noga	Sebastopol	California	USA
Ted Oppenheimer	Chicago	Illinois	USA
Janet Pinto	Mumbai	Maharashtra	India
Gillian Pollock	Barcelona	Catalunya	Spain
Jane Presto	Davis	California	USA
Rosemary Rash	Edmonton	Alberta	Canada
Ingrid Richter	Toronto	Ontario	Canada
Caleb Rosado	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	USA
Regina Rowland	Mill Valley	California	Austria
Elana Rozenman	Jerusalem	Israel	Israel
John Scherer, MDiv	Spokane	Washington	USA
Chris Schoch	Paris	Ile de France	France
David Schoof	Shepherdstown	West Virginia	USA
Bruce Schuman	Santa Barbara	California	USA
Rita Schweitz	Denver	Colorado	USA
Patti Scott	Franklin Park	New Jersey	USA
Peggy Sebera	Petaluma	California	USA
Glen Sebera	Mill Valley	California	USA
Aida Shibli	jerusalem	Israel-Palestine	Israel
Helen Spector	Oakland	California	USA
Michael Stanley	Visalia	California	USA
Linda Starodub	New York	New York	USA
Mary Stewart-Pellegrini, Ph.D.	Oak Park,	Illinois	USA
Susan Teegen-Case	Media	Pennsylvania	USA
Juan Enrique Toro	Escazú	San José	Costa Rica
Carlotta Tyler	Salem	Massachusetts	USA
Erin Uritus	Falls Church	DC	USA
Lynne Valck	Fresno	California	USA
Maria Elena Van Yurick	Maipu	Region Metropolitana	Chile
Madhu Vedak	Columbus	Indiana	USA
James Voss	Arlington Heights	Illinois	USA
Nancy Voss	Arlington Heights	Illinois	USA
Anne Ward	Algonquin	Illinois	USA
Irene Wasserman	Penn Valley	Pennsylvania	USA
Sandy Weiner	Stahnsdorf	Brandenburg	Germany
Bonnie Wentworth	Oakland	California	USA
Rosemary Wickman	University Place	Washington	USA
Dean Wight	Arlington	Washington	USA
Susan Wight	Arlington	Washington	USA
Dana Wilcox, MS	Middleville	Michigan	USA
Fran Woodruff	Hepburn Springs	Victoria	Australia
Randa Zarik \ Sabbagh	Turaan 16950	Israel	Israel

# Symposia

The Parliament Symposia are a chance to focus in depth on issues of importance to a wide variety of different religious and spiritual communities. These high-powered events will offer Parliament participants the chance to explore a variety of issues interactively with some of the leading international scholars and practitioners on these issues.

- **Leading Institutional Partners.** Each symposium is organized and sponsored by a partnership of different institutions that are recognized as leaders in these fields. Working with the Parliament, they have designed programs that bring internationally recognized individuals in these fields to the Parliament
- **Interreligious Focus.** Each symposium addresses topics that are of concern to a broad range of religious and spiritual communities and the design of the symposium reflects this with leaders and scholars from diverse traditions working together to explore these topics.
- **Interactive.** Each symposium is an opportunity not only to hear the views of these leaders and experts but to participate with them and, in doing so, develop resources that you will have as you return to your community. For an even more interactive experience, we are also offering a few daylong workshops to focus on specific methodologies.

Because the different programs build on one another over the course of each day, we hope that participants will consider attending the entire day of a given symposium.

## Symposia Topics:

- **Abrahamic Reunion: Peacemaking in the Holy Land** (July 13)
- **Religion & Conflict Resolution** (July 8, 9, 11, & 12)
- **Crisis of the Holy** (July 8 & 9)
- **A Dialogue of Civilization** (July 9 & 10)
- **Digital Storytelling** (July 12)
- **New Awareness Summit** (July 8 & 9)
- **Human Rights** (July 10 & 11)
- **Interfaith Education** (July 8, 9 & 10)
- **On Religions & International Institutions** (July 9)
- **A Day of Interreligious Organizing Workshops** (July 13)
- **The future of religion, the media and our communities** (July 12 & 13)
- **Exploring The Face of AIDS** (July 10)
- **Science & Religion** (July 10 & 11)
- **Interfaith Peacebuilding Skills** (July 8)
- **Towards an Interreligious and Intercultural Theology of Liberation** (July 11 & 12)

# Symposia

## Abrahamic Reunion: Peacemaking in the Holy Land. Awakening to Oneness through Prayer and Practice

**Tuesday, July 13th 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**  
**AC Barcelona Hotel**

This symposium is a unique opportunity to engage in discussion and spiritual practices with internationally recognized spiritual teachers, religious leaders and peacemakers at the forefront of interfaith peace efforts in the Holy Land. The first morning session, Spiritual Peacemaking in the Holy Land, highlights gifts brought by each religion and culture to peace building. The second session, Observations of the Heart: Reflections on Peace Building, includes teams of men and women sharing personal reflections on what happens when people from different religions make a commitment to each other and to God to work in partnership for peace.

Three afternoon seminars provide experience with specific spiritual peacemaking approaches. The first, Healing Our Souls and Our Future: Women's Peace Building, features women who are actively building bridges between faith communities, healing ancient cultural divides by healing each other, and creating a new, more hopeful heritage to pass on to the next generation. The second, The Unity of Religions, provides an exploration of the unity that lies within all of the world's religions and implications for creating a peaceful global consciousness. The third, In Unison with the Will of God: Prayers and Practices of Peace, provides experience with specific practices based on spiritual principles that can help build healthy, peaceful communities, including the practice of "sulha" (traditional Arab model for peace), interfaith education, and community development.

9:30 – 9:45, Sagrada Familia, AC Barcelona  
**Meditation and Welcome.**  
Shahabuddin David Less and Andrea Blanch

9:45 – 10:45, Sagrada Familia, AC Barcelona  
**Spiritual Peacemaking in the Holy Land.**  
Moderator: Andrea Blanch;  
Speakers: Elias Jabbour, Sheikh Hussein Abu Rukkun, Sheikh Abdul Aziz il-Bukhari, Eliyahu McLean

10:45 – 11:00, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona  
**Shared Spiritual Practice**

11:30 – 11:45, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona  
**The Prayer Cycle – Prayers Shared from all Traditions**

11:45 – 12:45, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona  
**Observations of the Heart: Reflections on Peace Building.**  
Moderator: Shahabuddin David Less  
Speakers: Elana Rozenman, Ibtisam Mahamid, Sheikh Tal El Sider, Rabbi Menachem Froman

12:45 – 1:00, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona  
**Shared Spiritual Practice: In the Footsteps of the Prophets**

3:00 – 4:30, **Seminars on Spiritual Peace Building** (in breakout rooms)

**#1: Healing Our Souls and Our Future: Women's Peace Building,** Sants Room, AC Barcelona  
Speakers: Elana Rozenman, Ibtisam Mahamid, Andrea Blanch

**#2: The Unity of Religions,** Eixample Room, AC Barcelona  
Speakers: Shahabuddin David Less, Sheikh Tal El-Sider, Sheikh Hussein Abu Rukkun, Elias Jabbour, Rabbi Menachem Froman

**#3: In Unison with the Will of God: Prayers and Practices of Peace,** Gràcia Room, AC Barcelona  
Speakers: Anna Less, Eliyahu McLean, Deacon Jiries Mansur, Ibrahim El-Hawa, Sheikh Abdul Aziz il-Bukhari

Sheikh Hussein Abu Rukkun. An elder and recognized spokesperson for the Mowahhidoon (Druze) faith

Sheikh Abdul Aziz il-Bukhari is Sheikh of the Naqshibandi Order in Jerusalem.

Andrea Blanch is internationally known for her work on conflict management and on women and violence, and is co-founder of The Center for Religious Tolerance.

Ibrahim Abu El-Hawa. Born on the Mount of Olives, Ibrahim Abu El-Hawa has been active for 30 years in Arab-Jewish reconciliation and is involved in many humanitarian missions.

Rabbi Menachem Froman. Known throughout Israel as the "Peace Rabbi," Rabbi has pioneered Jewish-Islamic religious dialogue, and is one of the initiators of the Alexandria interfaith peace accords.

Elias Jabbour. An Arab Christian and founder of the House of Hope, Elias Jabbour is an internationally recognized spokesperson for interfaith dialogue, peace education, and for "sulha," a traditional Palestinian peacemaking process.

Anna Less. A world-renowned scholar, healer, educator, and co-founder of the Hope Project in India.

Shahabuddin David Less is spiritual director of Rising Tide International and The Universal Worship and senior teacher in the Sufi Order International.

Ibtisam Mahamid. Ibtisam, a religious Muslim woman, has been active for 20 years in the field of Arab-Jewish co-existence and is Muslim coordinator of the Women's Interfaith Encounter.

Deacon Jiries Mansur. Deacon Mansur represents the Greek Catholic Church and is on the Board of the Interfaith Encounter Association.

Eliyahu McLean. An observant Jew living in Jerusalem, ordained by Reb Zalman Schacter as a "Rodef Shalom" or "Peace Pursuer," Eliyahu is a global messenger of peace.

Elana Rozenman co-founded the Women's Interfaith Encounter in response to the severe wounding of her son in a terrorist bombing in Jerusalem and is co-director of the Women's Interfaith of the Middle East and North Africa.

Sheikh Tal El-Sider is a former Hamas sheikh who has worked for fifteen years to create interfaith dialogue. From Hebron, Sheikh Tal El-Sider serves as advisor of inter-religious affairs for the Palestinian Authority and was part of the Alexandria accords.

## Religion & Conflict Resolution

**Opening Session: Preventing, Resolving and Containing Conflict: The Third Side**  
**July 8th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona**

All of the world's religious and spiritual traditions carry a deep commitment to alleviate suffering and create a peaceful world. Unfortunately, we often feel as though we lack the skills to achieve these goals. In every conflict there are two sides, but there is also a third side. The third side sees not only the perspective of both sides in a conflict, but the "bigger picture" as well. Being a third sider is a way of looking at the world.

Rev. Robert V. Thompson is a trustee and former Board Chair of CPWR and Senior Minister of the Lake Street Church of Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. Andrea Bartoli is Senior Research Scholar Director at the Center for International Conflict Resolution, Columbia University.

Dr. Yehuda Stolov, an Orthodox Jewish-Israeli, is the Director and founding member of the Interfaith Encounter Association.

Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, was a vigorous non-violent opponent of apartheid, and member of South African Parliament for nearly nine years. She is currently Editor of Satyagraha, Secretary of the Gandhi Development Trust, Vice President of WCRP South Africa, and Member of Commission on Religious Affairs of the African National Congress.

**The Third Side: A Workshop on a New Way of Seeing and Dealing with Conflict**  
**July 9th, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

The Third Side is a systemic approach for perceiving and handling conflict. In contrast to the traditional two sided view of conflict that often polarizes people with tragic consequences, the Third Side envisions conflict as three sided – the two parties and the surrounding community. This interactive workshop will focus on key skills associated with preventing, resolving and containing conflict.

Joshua N. Weiss is currently the Associate Director of the Global Negotiations Project at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard University. Joshua received his Ph.D. from the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

Shari N. Leyshon is a co-founder Great Lakes Consensus, a consulting group which provides joint problem solving processes in public and planning forums, for government agencies, and NGO's specializing in ecological issues, social justice and early childhood education. Shari is a Harry S. Truman Scholar with a degree in Cultural and Physical Geography from the University of Chicago.

## Religious Contributions to the Prevention of Violent Conflict

**July 10th – 11th, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

Over the course of two days of group work, participants will 1.) Review and respond to a concept paper on the role of religion in preventing violent conflict; 2.) Share and draw lessons from their own experiences in conflict, peacemaking, and conflict prevention; 3.) Analyze those experiences based on Third Side methodologies 4.) Propose next steps and action plans for their specific context in preventing violent conflict.

**Day 1: Sharing Stories and Gathering Lessons of Religious Peacemaking**

**July 10th**  
**9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

**Day 2: Strengthening Our Role as Religious Peacemakers**  
**July 11th**

**9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

Dr. Andrea Bartoli is the Founding Director of CICR. A Senior Research Scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs, Dr. Bartoli has taught at SIPA since 1994. He also is the chair of the Columbia University Seminar on Conflict Resolution.

Bridget Moix works as a lobbyist with the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). She has worked with the Quaker United Nations Office in New York from 2000-2002. Bridget also worked from 1998-2000 with the World Policy Institute's Arms Trade Resource Center. Bridget is a member of the Religious Society of Friends. In 2000, she received a grant under the Clarence and Lily Pickett Quaker Leadership Fund and now serves on the Board of Trustees for the Fund.

**Alternatives to Violence**  
**July 12th, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

Alternative to Violence Project workshops empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation, and trust. Founded in and developed from the real life experiences of prisoners and others, and building on a spiritual base, AVP encourages every person's innate power to positively transform themselves and the world. These experiential workshops are currently in operation in Rwanda, supported by the Rwandan government to manage a potentially explosive situation.

**Note:** This program will be delivered in both Spanish and English and attendance is limited to 25-30 people

Elaine Klaassen has been an AVP facilitator in Minnesota, USA, for four years.

Elena Garcia, from Valladolid, Spain, has facilitated workshops in Nicaragua where she worked in an NGO. In Spain she is a social worker who works especially with young people.

# Symposia

## Crisis of the Holy: an Interreligious Think-tank of the Elijah Interfaith Institute

"The Holy" is one way of addressing that special realm of life to which all religions appeal. Religious life is based on a fundamental recognition of a dimension that is different, other, transcendent, special, or otherwise recognized as "holy". This dimension dictates priorities, ways of life, habits and customs. The purpose of the series of seminars here presented is to discuss both the concept of "the holy" as it is particular to each of the five traditions represented – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, and the ways in which contemporary life undermines a notion of holiness, thereby creating what we term "the Crisis of the Holy". The work of the Think-tank will consist of sharing reflections, survival strategies and assessments regarding how the different religions understand, grasp and confront this crisis.

The work of the Elijah Think-tank is a first in a series of meetings planned over a two year period. The topic for research was suggested by world religious leaders at a meeting recently convened by the Elijah Interfaith Institute. All presenters are scholar practitioners, representing the finest in their intellectual and religious traditions.

### **Crises of the Holy (Parts 1 and 2)** **9:30 am to 4:30 pm, July 8 22@, AC** **Barcelona Hotel**

First, we shall engage in short textual study from key texts of each of our traditions. These will be followed by reflections on "the Crisis of the Holy", as spelled out above.

Second, following individual presentations a group interreligious conversation will be developed, that will seek to highlight the subject in a comparative perspective, drawing forth similarities and insights for possible collaboration.

### **Crises of the Holy (Part 3)** **3:00 to 4:30 pm, July 9, Room 117, CCIB**

Third, a conversation will be launched between representatives of the religions and thinkers representing secular society. The goal of this conversation is to consider the ramifications of the crisis to society at large, to raise suggestions concerning healthier relations between religious and secular and to share what are usually internal religious concerns with a broader public in society.

David Martin, Christianity, London School of Economics

Bernice Martin, Popular Culture, Royal Holloway College, University of London

Deepak Sarma, Hinduism, Case Western Reserve University

Vincent Cornell, Islam, University of Arkansas

Barry Levy, Judaism, McGill University

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Judaism, The Elijah Interfaith Institute

Dr. Tamar Ross, Judaism, Bar Ilan University

## A Dialogue of Civilizations: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World

### Symposium Description:

Respected religious and interreligious leaders, scholars, and activists explore the possibility of a Dialogue between Islam and the West and offer participants the opportunity to become significantly engaged in an exciting new project.

### Session One (July 9, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona) Dialogue or Clash of Civilizations

Is the world bound, as some have argued, for a “clash of civilizations”, defined primarily by inevitable conflict between the Muslim world and the culture of the West? Or, is a genuine Dialogue of Civilizations possible?

### Session Two (July 9, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona) The Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Participants examine, refine, critique and get personally involved with an exciting intercultural experiment, the Dialogue of Civilizations Project: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World – organized by the Interreligious Engagement Project (IEP21), the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR), and the Movement for a Just World (JUST) – a two-year dialogue culminating in a “dialogue to action” conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2006.

### Session Three (July 9, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Sants, Eixample, and Gràcia Rooms, AC Barcelona) Small Group Engagement Process

Small groups work to shape key elements of the Dialogue of Civilizations process and to begin to sketch possible ongoing action / service projects to be initiated at the culminating conference in Kuala Lumpur, 2006.

### Session Four (July 10, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Room 117, CCIB)

### Dialogue of Civilizations: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World

Symposium wrap-up. Participants in the Symposium will review the reports of the working groups and finalize a summary statement and a list of recommended action projects to be taken up by the Dialogue Project, which will take shape in a series of Internet seminars and a physical conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2006. Attendees at today's program need not have participated in the previous day's sessions.

### Participants:

Jim Kenney, Executive Director, Interreligious Engagement Project (IEP21); former Global Director, CPWR; Co-Editor, *Interreligious Insight: a Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*

Irhan Ahmad Khan, President, World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR); Trustee, CPWR; Chair, IEP21

Saleha Abedin, Professor of Sociology, Women's College, King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Director, Office of Muslim Minority Affairs; Steering Group, Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Abdullah Ahsan, Professor of History, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Steering Group, Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Muriel Adcock, Club of Budapest USA; Advisory Group, Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Sultana Afroz, Department of History, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

Ans Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Riphah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Iqbal Ansari, Secretary General, Minority Council of India

Marcus Braybrooke, Vicar, Marsh Baldon, Oxford, UK; Peace Councilor, International Interreligious Peace Council; author of numerous works, including *Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age*.

Herbert Bronstein, Rabbi Emeritus, North Shore Congregation Israel, Illinois; Trustee, WCMIR; Trustee, IEP21

Concetta Kenney, Trustee, IEP21; Photo Editor, *Interreligious Insight: a Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*

Rashied Omar, Trustee, CPWR; Imam, Cape Town, South Africa; coordinator, program in religion, conflict, and peacebuilding, University of Notre Dame, US.

Nusba Parveen, Ph.D. student, Islamic Studies, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Eboo Patel, Ph.D., Founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core ([www.ifyc.org](http://www.ifyc.org)), a Chicago-based international nonprofit committed to building an interfaith youth movement.

Alan Race, Vicar, St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, UK; Editor-in-Chief, *Interreligious Insight: a Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*; author, *Interfaith Encounters*; Trustee, IEP21; Trustee, World Congress of Faiths

Seshagiri Rao, Editor, *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*; Co-Editor, *Interreligious Insight: a Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*; Trustee, World Congress of Faiths

Theodore Rojahn, Trustee, CPWR; Trustee, IEP21

Ven. Vijaya Samarawickrama, Buddhist Maha Vihara, Kuala Lumpur.

Georgene L. Wilson, Franciscan sister and author; trustee, IEP21; Poetry Editor, *Interreligious Insight: a Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*

# Symposia

## Digital Storytelling and Appreciative Inquiry as Tools for Peace-building

**One-Day Workshop July 12, 2004**  
**9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Gòtic Room, AC Barcelona**

In this workshop, participants will be taken on a journey through the process of Appreciate Inquiry and Digital Storytelling. They will tell their own stories, listen to the stories of others, and envision new stories for the future. In the afternoon, we will work in small teams in our portable digital lab to collectively create a digital story (mini movie), which each participant will take home on a cd. This process will demonstrate how relationships between individuals, communities and societies can be created and re-created through the telling and sharing of stories and how technology can be used to connect people across all boundaries.

No prior computer/technical experience necessary.  
This workshop will be conducted in English.

### Bios of Presenters:

Marla Kolman, MSW, is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Partners In Peace, a non-political, non-profit organization that prepares future leaders (primarily youth) for inter-group dialogue and uses technologies to connect them globally in dialogue and collaboration. She is about to finish a program to become a teacher of Jewish meditation, and her work and her passions keep her connected to Israel where she spends much time.

Leslie Rule is Project Supervisor for KQED's (public television) Digital Storytelling Initiative. She has trained over 500 digital storytellers around the world and sits on the Executive Board of the Digital Storytelling Association. Ms. Rule has degrees in Rhetoric and Linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley.

## New Awareness Summit

**July 8th and 9th**

### 1st PANEL

Gracia Room, AC Barcelona Hotel

9:30 – 11:00 am, July 8th

#### **The society of the New Paradigm**

Presentation of the New Awareness Summit

Moderator: Jordi Orús

Panelists: Koldo Aldai, Marina Borruso, Eva Montferrer, Juan Ruiz

### 2nd PANEL

Gracia Room, AC Barcelona Hotel

11:30 – 1:00 pm, July 8th

#### **Mystics and Spirituality in the New Paradigm**

Moderator: Koldo Aldai

Panelists: Luján Comas, Alana Messineo, Kathy Newburn, Maite Pardo

### 3rd PANEL

Gòtic Room, AC Barcelona Hotel

3:00 – 4:30 pm, July 8th

### Healing and Holistic Therapy

Moderator: Angi Carmelo

Panelists: Maria Martinez, Virginia Poggi, Federica Tardito

### 4th PANEL

Born Room, AC Barcelona Hotel

3:00 – 4:30 pm, July 8th

#### **Sustainability, Business, and Networks**

Moderator: Koldo Aldai

Panelists: Joaquin Tamames, Miquel Vidal, Josep Puig, Ricardo Ocampo, Jorge Lomar

### 5th PANEL

Gracia Room, AC Barcelona Hotel

9:30 – 11:00 am, July 9th

#### **Arts, Science, and New Paradigm**

Moderator: Jordi Orús

Panelists: Imma Nogués, Miguel Ramirez, Teresa Versyp, Anna Ferrer

## Religion and Human Rights: Towards a Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the World's Religions

### Session I

**Saturday, July 10, 2004**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Multiuse Room, CCIB**

This session inaugurates the Symposium with a video interview of the Dalai and a discussion of how human rights discourse could be enriched by insights garnered from Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Native American religious traditions.

#### **Opening session: 30 minutes**

Video Presentation

His Holiness, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: An Interview on Human Rights and Peace

#### **Roundtable: 60 minutes**

Theme: How Can Humanity's Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?

Panelists: Rama Rao Pappu (Hinduism), Sulak Sivaraksha (Buddhism), Tu Wei-ming (Confucianism), Ines Talamantez (Native American religion)

### Session II

**Sunday, July 11, 2004**

**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**Room 113, CCIB**

This second roundtable discussion will identify the creative contributions of Christianity, Jainism, Chinese religions, the Yoruba tradition in Africa and the African diaspora, Islam, and Sikhism to human rights discourse.

#### **Roundtable (90 minutes)**

Theme: How can Humanity's Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?

Panelists: Philip Rossi, S.J. (Christianity), Christopher Chapple (Jainism), John Berthrong (Chinese Religions), Wande Abimbola (Yoruba Religion), Abdulkarim Soroush (Islam), Surjit Singh (Sikhism)

### Session III

**Sunday, July 11, 2004**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Sants, Eixample, and Gràcia Rooms, AC  
Barcelona Hotel**

The third session will consist of three breakout sessions. The first of the three breakout groups will be devoted to Islam, the second to Chinese traditions, and the third to Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Baha'i faith.

Breakout Sessions:

#### **I. Focus: Islam**

Sants room, AC Barcelona

Session Leaders: Abdulkarim Soroush, H.M. Habib Chizrin, Irfan Omar

#### **II. Focus: Chinese Traditions**

Eixample room, AC Barcelona

Session Leaders: Tu Wei Ming, Xinzhong Yao, John Berthrong

#### **III. Focus: Hinduism, Buddhism, and Baha'i**

Gràcia room, AC Barcelona

Session Leaders: Arvind Sharma (Hinduism), David Chappell (Buddhism), Brian Lepard (Baha'i)

### Session IV

**Sunday, July 11, 2004**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Sagrada Familia room, AC Barcelona Hotel**

The fourth session will be devoted to a discussion of the draft document of the UDHRWR.

#### **Closing Session**

Speaker: Arvind Sharma

Topic: The Rationale for a Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the World's Religions: Before and After September 11, 2001

Respondents: Dan Cohn-Sherbok (Judaism), Frances Adeney (Christianity), Brian Lepard (Baha'i), H.M. Habib Chizrin (Islam)

# Symposia

## Interfaith Education

### The Work & Goals of the Symposium

The purpose of this symposium is to identify both the promising and problematic features of interfaith education, explore the multiple contexts in which it exists, ask how it can address the most pressing issues of our time, and consider the transformative potential it has to offer. While many organizations that work with interfaith education exist, the support structures that would connect them as a field and lend coherence and momentum for growth need to be strengthened. This symposium endeavors to create an interactive forum through which educators and practitioners can navigate the complex landscape of interfaith education by building networks, sharing resources and support, and collaboratively addressing the challenges necessary to developing this nascent field.

The Symposium on Interfaith Education is part of a multi-year collaborative endeavor, sponsored by the Consultation for Interfaith Education: Auburn Theological Seminary, ARIU/CrossCurrents, Cobb & Associates, CLAL—the National Jewish Center for Leadership and Learning, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Association for Religious Freedom, the International Mahavir Jain Mission, the Interfaith Community, the Loretto Community, the Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development, and the Temple of Understanding. For more information on this project, see [www.globalinterfaithed.org](http://www.globalinterfaithed.org).

### July 8, Day 1: Pathways to Peace—The Multiple Contexts of Interfaith Education

Within the broad scope of interfaith education lie the methods of the classroom, the academy, and the seminary, alongside the restorative practices of dialogue and community building among people of diverse religious backgrounds. H.H. the XIVth Dalai Lama, who has promoted interfaith education for many years, will give the keynote address.

8:00 – 9:00 am, Room 114, CCIB

Jain Meditation with Munishree Kirtiji, India

A revolutionary Jain monk from Shanti Niketan Sadhana Kendra ashram in Gujarat, Kirtiji has taught the scientific methods of Patanjali yoga and Jain meditation to thousands of peoples in India, U.S.A., Canada, and France.

9:30 – 11:00, Room 114, CCIB

Opening Ceremony

Gathering of the Community Interfaith Education: A Global Imperative. Panelists:

Dame Dr. Prof. Maher Master-Moos, India. Dr. Master-Moos, the Founder and President of the only Zoroastrian College in the world in Mumbai, India, is the recipient of the Dag Hammarskjöld Award (1968) and the Medal for Inter Faith Peace by HH Pope John Paul II (1989).

Dr. Betty A. Reardon, U.S. Dr. Reardon is the founding Director of the Peace Education Center at Teachers College Columbia University in New York and founder and General Coordinator of the International Institutes on Peace Education.  
Dr. Heidi Hodsell, U.S. Dr. Hodsell is the President of Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. She came to the Seminary from the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, where she served as Director.

11:30 – 1:00, Auditorium, Edifici Forum

Keynote address: His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Tibet.  
Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet, the

spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, has received many international awards, including the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

Respondents:

Dr. Leo D. Lefebure, U.S. Dr. Lefebure is an associate professor of theology at Fordham University in New York City. He is the author of four books, including *The Buddha and the Christ* (1993) and *Revelation, the Religions, and Violence* (2000).

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh, U.K. Bhai Sahib Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha, member of the European Council of Religious Leaders (ECRL/WCRP), and advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust (Anandpur Sahib).

3:00 – 4:30, Sagrada Família, AC Barcelona  
Discovering the Best of Interfaith Education through Appreciative Inquiry

### July 9, Day 2: The Power of Commitment—Interfaith Education, Community & Justice

On this second day, we explore how interfaith education addresses religious and social conflict and the histories of violence and oppression found within many of our religious traditions.

8:00 – 9:00 Room 117, CCIB

Jewish Meditation with Eliyahu McLean, Israel.

McLean is the Coordinator of the Jerusalem Circle, a network of spiritual peace activists in Israel/Palestine. An Orthodox Jew, he has traveled worldwide with Palestinian Muslim Ibrahim Abuethana to promote dialogue.

9:30 – 11:00 Room 117, CCIB

Keynote address: Madhu Kishwar, India.

Kishwar is a senior fellow at the Centre for Studies in Developing Societies in New Delhi, India. She is the author of many books, including *Religion at the Service of Nationalism and Other Essays* and founding editor of the journal *Manushi*.

Respondents:

Dr. Al-Harith A.H. Hassan Al-Asady, Iraq. Dr. Hassan, Dean of Psychological Research Center, Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, in Baghdad, Iraq, also teaches courses in comparative religions at Babel College of Philosophy and Theology.

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, U.S. An ordained Orthodox rabbi, Hirschfield is Vice-President of CLAL-The National Jewish Center for Learning & Leadership. He is currently at work on a book about new ways of commemorating the Holocaust.

Paul F. Knitter, U.S. For the past 40 years, Paul F. Knitter, Emeritus Professor of Theology at Xavier University (USA) has been working to promote a globally responsible dialogue among religions.

11:30 – 1:00, Sants, Eixample, and Gràcia Rooms, AC Barcelona Hotel

Interactive Best Practice Session: The Relationship between Interfaith Education and Justice, Conflict Resolution, Reconciliation and Coexistence

## Sants Room

Interfaith Education for World Peace  
Ela Gandhi, University of Natal, South Africa

Interfaith Education in Action: A Young Adult Perspective  
Morse Flores, Philippines, & Ramola Sundram, U.K., Religious Freedom Young Adult Network

## Eixample Room

Tools for Conflict Transformation in Interfaith Dialogue  
Janice Marie Johnson, Educators for Social Responsibility, U.S.

Interfaith Education in Regions of Conflict:  
A facilitated dialogue among participants to share curriculum, explore specific challenges and network with colleagues

## Gracia Room

Beyond Hate: Living With Our Deepest Differences in Northern Ireland  
Sr. Deirdre Mullan, RSM & Carol Rittner, RSM, Mercy Global Concern, Ireland

Interfaith Education in Regions of Coexistence: A facilitated dialogue among participants to share curriculum, explore specific challenges and network with colleagues

3:00 – 4:30, Sagrada Familia room, AC Barcelona Hotel  
Interfaith Education in a Violent World, Panel & Dialogue

## Panelists:

Sheik Abu Bakarr Conteh, Sierra Leone. Sheik Conteh is the Chief Imam of three mosques in Freetown, Sierra Leone, as well as a Senior Lecturer in Religious and Moral Education at Freetown Teachers' College.

Danielle Celermajor, Australia. Celermajor is a fellow at Columbia University's Center for the Study of Human Rights and former director of policy with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in Australia

Toh Swee Hin, Australia. Prof. Toh is the founding Director of the Griffith University Multi-Faith Centre in Brisbane, Australia, a consultant for UNESCO and the Asia-Pacific Center of Education for International Understanding, and recipient of the 2000 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education.

## July 10, Day 3: The Wisdom of Listening— Interfaith Education & Transformation

On this day, we address the contemplative aspect of interfaith education and the role of personal transformation. We explore the challenges that experiential pedagogical practices pose, ask how the experience of another religious tradition influences one's religious identity, and consider the risks and rewards involved.

8:00 – 9:00 Room 117, CCIB

Yoga Prayer: Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice with Fr. Thomas Ryan, U.S.

Fr. Ryan directs the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. He is the co-founder and former director of Unitas in Montreal, an ecumenical center for spirituality and Christian meditation.

9:30 – 11:00 Room 117, CCIB

Keynote address: Raimon Panikkar, Spain.

Dr. Panikkar holds doctorates in philosophy, chemistry, and theology. Among his major books are *The Vedic Experience: The Unknown Christ of Hinduism*; *Myth, Faith, and Hermeneutics*; *The Cosmotheandric Experience*; and *Blessed Simplicity*.

## Respondents:

Rita M. Gross, U.S. Gross is Professor of Comparative Studies in Religion at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the author of numerous articles and essays on women and religion.

Ibrahim Abdil-Mu'id Ramey, U.S. Ramey, coordinator of the Peace and Disarmament program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation is the 2002 co-recipient of the first Better World Award for activism from the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation.

Mark Larrimore, U.S. Larrimore is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Eugene Lang College, New School University in New York.

11:30 – 1:00, Sants, Eixample, and Gràcia Rooms, AC Barcelona Hotel

Interactive Best Practice Session: The Challenges and Rewards of Experiential Interfaith Education

## Sants Room

Education in Europe: Interfaith Dialogue in the Classroom.

Jenny Banks Bryer, GERFEC, U.K.

Primary Education for Peace, Human Unity and Harmony Among Peoples. Kiran Vyas, Tapovan/Adi Shakti—Center of Integral Yoga & Ayurveda, France

## Eixample Room

Youth Interfaith Education Initiative. Dr. Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, U.S.

Building Bridges through Multi-faith Education. Stacy Fagan & Rajinderjit K. Singh, Long Island Multi-faith Forum, U.S.

## Gracia Room

The Dilemmas of Interfaith Studies in a 'Secular' University.

Dr. David Cheetham, University of Birmingham, U.K.

Values, Ethics, Religion and Spirituality: What Are We Talking About? Pilar Queta Colomina, Spain, & Diane Tillman, U.S., Living Values Education

3:00 – 5:00, Sagrada Familia room, AC Barcelona

Visioning for the Future: Where Do We Go from Here?

One World: A Celebration of Global Values through Interfaith Education The symposium closes with the Taiko Drums and sacred music by Carman Moore. Alison Van Dyk and Dr. Karan Singh, present the 7th Juliet Hollister Award to:

## Dr. Hans Kung.

Dr. Kung is a Professor of Ecumenical Theology, University of Tübingen, and the President of the Foundation for a Global Ethic.

## Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan.

Pir Vilayat is the eldest son and successor of Hazrat Pir-o-Mursid Inayat Khan, founder of the Sufi Order in the West

# Symposia

## On Religions and International Institutions

The aim of the Symposium is to increase understanding and cooperation between religious communities & organisations and international institutions. It strives to raise awareness in the mainstream of academic work and public policy for the related issues and to contribute to improved relations between international institutions, religious communities/organisations, interreligious organisations and indigenous communities. It attempts to strengthen the engagement with the UN System as a partner for intercultural and interreligious encounters and projects.

The Symposium is organized by the Department of Theology, University of Birmingham, UK and co-sponsored by: the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha (Birmingham, UK), the Temple of Understanding (New York), and the Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace.

**July 9th, 2004**

**22@, AC Barcelona Hotel**

**9:15 – 10:45**

Historical Overview and Introduction into the Issues  
Chair: Dr Martin Stringer

Religions and International Institutions: An Overview  
Dr Josef Boehle

The Interfaith Movement: Changing Priorities  
Rev Marcus Braybrooke

Methodologies of International Interreligious Activities: the WCRP Approach  
Rev Kyoichi Sugino

**11.00 – 12.30**

Panel on Religions and International Institutions  
Chair: Dr Josef Boehle  
Dr Felix Marti  
Dr Azza Karam

**2.00 – 3.30**

Religions, Civil Society and International Institutions  
Chair: Rev Marcus Braybrooke  
Chair: Rev Marcus Braybrooke

Religions and the World Bank  
Katherine Marshall

Religious Communities, Transnational NGOs and the Development of a Global Civil Society  
Prof Patrice Brodeur

Critical Issues in Working with International Institutions  
Dr John Taylor

**3.45 – 5.00**

Concluding Panel and Examples of Organisations, Initiatives and Research  
Chair: Prof Pal Ahluwalia

Temple of Understanding  
Sister Joan Kirby and Diane Williams

United Religions Initiative  
Rev Charles Gibbs

Project 'Towards a Spiritual Forum at the UN'  
Dr Gerardo Gonzales

An Interfaith Perspective on Globalisation  
Dr Kamran Mofid, UNESCO Chair for Interfaith Studies,  
University of Birmingham, UK  
Dr Martin String

### Symposium Presenters and Panel Chairs:

Dr Pal Ahluwalia is Professor of Politics at Goldsmith College, University of London.

Dr Josef Boehle is Research Fellow in Globalisation, Religion and Politics at the University of Birmingham, UK and Moderator of the Symposium.

Rev'd Marcus Braybrooke, Anglican vicar near Oxford, is President of the World Congress of Faiths, a Peace Councilor and author of over thirty books.

Dr Patrice Brodeur is Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Connecticut College, New London, USA.

Rev Charles Gibbs is the Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative.

Dr Gerardo Gonzales is Doctor in Social Psychology (Sorbonne), worked for 27 years as UN international officer in the field of PRSD. At present he is Trustee of URI and Director of a project aimed at creating a permanent Spiritual Forum within the UN.

Dr Azza Karam is President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN and works for the World Conference on Religion and Peace as Director of the Women's Program and Special Advisor to the Secretary General on Arab and Islamic Affairs.

Sister Joan Kirby is the UN representative of the Temple of Understanding and a member of the Sacred Heart Order.

Katherine Marshall is Director and Counselor to the President of the World Bank on the Development Dialogue on Values and Ethics.

Dr Felix Marti is President of the Institute Linguae Pax and Former Director of the Centre UNESCO de Catalunya.

Dr Kamran Mofid, an Economist, is the Founder/Convenor of the 'An Interfaith Perspective on Globalisation' conference series.

Dr Martin Stringer is the Head of the Department of Theology, University of Birmingham, UK.

Rev Kyoichi Sugino is Director of Worldwide Services of the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

Dr John Taylor studied & taught Islamics at Cambridge, Punjab, McGill, Birmingham & Harvard. He has worked with the WCC, WCRP and CEC and now serves as UN (Geneva) representative of IARF (International Association for Religious Freedom).

Diane Williams is Special Projects Coordinator & UN Representative, Temple of Understanding and Chair, NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns at the UN.

## A Day of Interreligious Organizing Workshops

The Parliament is committed to helping the diverse communities who attend the 2004 Parliament develop the interreligious networks locally and internationally after the Parliament. The Partner Cities network is one resource for these activities but the diverse interactive workshops available in the Parliament program are another example. This symposium brings together some of the skills that participants will be able to access through the participation of the diverse groups from around the world.

The first morning session, led by Emily Axelrod, will focus on tools and techniques that can make any organization stronger. The skill building will continue with some of the lessons and experiences of URI UK, allowing participants to focus on the nuts and bolts of interreligious organizing from outreach to fundraising. Finally, the Rev. Lawrence Brown will cap off the day with some ideas for engaging the media – specifically, the skills to develop your own interfaith television programming.

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

### **You Don't Have to Do It Alone – How to Involve Others to Get Things Done.** **Montjuic room, AC Barcelona**

The focus of this session expands the traditional definition of “community.” All arenas where people are creating a world that works for all require community. All of these arenas require people to involve others. Members of spiritual communities, businesses, governments, and not-for-profit organizations will benefit from the steps outlined in this session. Those making a difference at individual, community, local and global levels of change will find value in the tools introduced in this session.

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

### **Devising a Strategy for Interfaith Work** **Montjuic room, AC Barcelona**

Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet. Malcolm Stonestreet has been a Parish Priest in the Anglican/Episcopalian Church in the UK for 42 years. He launched United Religious Initiative, UK in the Millennium Dome on the 11th of May.

**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

### **Producing Interfaith Television Programming** **Montjuic room, AC Barcelona**

Just as television provides powerful images of violence and religious intolerance, so can television provide models of civil (even cordial) interfaith discussion and respect. This can be especially healing in communities torn by religious differences. In his lecture, Rev. Brown will pose questions such as, “Who is God?” “Why should we marry?” and accompany his presentation with video clips.

The Rev. Lawrence Brown. For over 8 years, Rev. Lawrence Brown has produced and moderated, “On Sacred Ground,” an interfaith cable TV program. In a 60-minute format, a multi-faith panel discusses theological and ethical issues, often in the context of something going on in the news. He has been a newspaper columnist for 20 years, and a humanities teacher for 26.

# Symposia

## The future of religion, the media and our communities

In a world of mass communication, the interaction of religious communities and the media has dramatic implications for how we are understood in the world and how we understand ourselves. How can the issues that drive and motivate us as religious people have a higher profile?

How can we, as religious people, have a voice in how the media shapes our stories? What tools do I need to better interact with the media in a changing landscape? How can the media serve the need for interreligious understanding and the wider interreligious movement? This two day symposium will address each of these questions, bringing leaders from religious communities and the media around the world.

Note: the Program organized by Dr. Jose Manuel Vidal (11:30 am to 1:00 pm, July 13th, will be conducted in Spanish, all other programs will take place in English).

### July 12, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

#### Opening Address: The Effects of the Internet on Religion and Religious Community featuring Rev. Paul Raushenbush.

Paul Raushenbush is the author of the regular column, "Ask Pastor Paul" on the award-winning website beliefnet.com. He is currently Associate Dean of Religious Life at Princeton University and has written the book, "Teen Spirit: One World, Many Paths." He has served churches in New York and Seattle and has been involved in ministry to street youth in Seattle and Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is an ordained American Baptist and one of the founders of the social gospel movement.

### July 13, 9:30 to 11:00 am, 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

Strange Bedfellows: Media and Religion Partnerships as Catalysts for Change. There is no denying it: the news media is the single largest disseminator of images of violence and conflict in the world. This panel brings together innovative examples of efforts that bridge the gap between training or knowledge about the world of faith and journalists. Specifically, this program will look at programs to train journalists in religion, government-funded partnerships with the media, and efforts to fund research in altruism, love, forgiveness or the science-religion connection as a way to yield media coverage and to focus in ways a more overt strategy might not.

Debra L. Mason. Debra L. Mason, Executive Director, Religion Newswriters Foundation, is a former award-winning religion reporter and journalism college professor who, for the past seven years, has headed the Religion Newswriters Association.

Annabel McGoldrick. Annabel McGoldrick, Peace Journalism Trainer, runs "Reporting the World," a journalism think-tank offering publications and seminars for United Kingdom-based journalists. Previously she was project coordinator for Conflict and Peace Forums.

Pamela Thompson. Pamela Thompson directs communications at The John Templeton Foundation, which was established in 1987 by renowned international investor, Sir John Templeton.

Douglas Todd. Douglas Todd is a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Faith and Media. Todd is the religion and ethics writer for the Vancouver Sun.

Keith Spicer. Keith Spicer is Director of the Institute for Media, Peace and Security, which is an "intellectual tool" aimed at educating people in the ways media interact with issues of war and peace. He was chairman of Canada's broadcasting and telecommunications regulatory body as well as editor-in-chief of The Ottawa Citizen.

### Concurrent Workshops:

#### July 13, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Exiample Room, AC Barcelona

The conflicting relations of journalists and religious communities. Are modern mass media, which tend towards the superficial and the spectacular, able to transmit the message and mystery of religious traditions? Can religions engage the media without becoming ostracized or socially irrelevant? What is the communications policy of the main religious communities in Spain?

Jose Manuel Vidal (Orense, 1952) holds degrees in Theology and Sociology and a doctorate in Journalism. He has specialized in religious study for 20 years and has been religious correspondent of the newspaper El Mundo and director of Religiondigital.com (one of the internet's most visited sites).

#### July 13, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Sants Room, AC Barcelona

In the Eye of the Camera: Media Skills for Religious Leaders and Communicators. This session is a practical, hands-on workshop for religious leaders who work with the media. Topics covered will include understanding the "motives" of the media, maximizing your media opportunities, preparing your messages, "turning the question," dealing with adversity, and more. Participants will prepare for, and rehearse, a live interview.

Anuloma Daso is the Director of Communications for the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON); he is based in Washington, D.C. and recently served as the Vice President of the Religion Communicators Council.

#### July 13, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Graciá Room, AC Barcelona

The use of Media in Conflict. A workshop led by George Papagiannis of Internews. The organization fosters independent media in emerging democracies, produces innovative television and radio programming and Internet content, and uses the media to reduce conflict within and between countries.

George Papagiannis is Director of Radio Training and Operations for Internews. Mr. Papagiannis manages the International Journalism and Media Management training program for Internews at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He has conducted journalism seminars for Internews in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Armenia and Indonesia.

#### July 13, 3:00 to 4:30, 22@ Room. AC Barcelona

#### Keynote Address: Making News of Interfaith Relations featuring Gustav Niebuhr

Over a 20-year career in journalism, most recently at the New York Times and, prior to that, at the Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and the Atlanta Journal/Constitution, Gustav Niebuhr has established a reputation as a leading writer about American religion.

## Exploring The Face of AIDS

This Symposium is a unique opportunity to bring together religious leaders, advocates, parliament participants and people living with HIV and AIDS to not only learn about the disease from diverse perspectives, whether it be religious, regional, cultural and economic but also explore how we can actually make an impact on the rate of infection.

### Session 1

**July 10th / Intrareligious / 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM / Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona**

#### Exploring The Face of AIDS

This session will offer compelling stories from religious leaders, AIDS advocates and people living with AIDS from diverse cultures, traditions and social backgrounds who will share their experience of the AIDS pandemic.

Moderated by Rev. Ken South of Action AIDS.

Panel: Father Centurio, Religious leader, Uganda; Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, Religious leader, US; Troy Truter, Person living with AIDS, South Africa; AIDS Positiva spokesperson, AIDS activist from Barcelona; Michael DeVito, Person living with AIDS, San Francisco

### Session 2

**July 10th / Interreligious / 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM / Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona**

#### Strategizing The Aids Pandemic From A Faith Perspective: What Are The Resources And Obstacles For Religious Communities Responding The Aids Crisis?

This session will be a facilitated dialogue to explore available resources and obstacles that different religious communities encounter in their response to the AIDS crisis. This session will explore the importance of breaking the boundaries of religious persecution, ignorance and prejudice, stigma and discrimination, which are keys to changing the way people affected and infected with HIV/AIDS are viewed.

Panel: Rev. Alberta Ware, AIDS Activist, Balm in Gilead, USA; AIDS Positiva spokesperson, AIDS activist from Barcelona; Rev Ken South: AIDS Activist, AIDS Action, USA

### Session 3 A

**July 10th / Engagement / 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM / 22@ Room, AC Barcelona Hotel**

#### AIDS And Religion: What Every Religious Leader And Their Community Needs To Know

This session will examine the nature and transmission of the disease, as well as prevention, care, statistics and demographics. Organizations working internationally will explore social impact and future of the pandemic and the pivotal role they see religious communities need to play in stopping the spread of this disease.

Presented by Rev Ken South, AIDS Action and Rev Alberta Ware, Balm in Gilead.

### Session 3 B

**July 10th / Engagement / 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM / Sants Room, AC Barcelona Hotel**

**A Closer Walk – The visual story of AIDS in the world today.** A Closer Walk is the first film to depict humankind's confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. The film's director and producer, Robert Bilheimer, is an Academy Award nominee for his film Cry of Reason, a profile of the South African anti-apartheid leader Beyers Naude.

Rev Ken South. Rev Ken South has been very active in the interfaith AIDS community for many years. His involvement includes AIDS National Interfaith Network, AIDS Medicine & Miracles and the National Religious Leadership Roundtable for GLBT Concerns. He is currently working for AIDS Action in Washington DC. Rev South has great breadth of experience with AIDS and religious groups.

Rev Alberta Ware. The Rev. Alberta Ware is Director of Church & Community Mobilization for The Balm In Gilead, Inc., an organization whose mission is to mobilize Black churches to become community centers for HIV/AIDS education and compassion. As director, Rev. Ware provides technical assistance to churches, non-profits and government agencies.

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati. Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati is the founder of Kashi Ashram, an interfaith spiritual community. Ma Jaya's teachings are based upon a commitment to humanity through service. Ma is a Trustee of the Parliament and an inductee into the MLK Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. She is founder of the River Fund, dedicated to serving people with AIDS.

Father Centurio Olabora. Father Centurio is director of the Uganda Martyrs Orphan's Project, Chairman of the Uganda Joint Christian Council, an interfaith peace activist and AIDS advocate. He runs Ma's Orphans' Centre in Uganda which takes care of 800 orphans, most of whom have lost their parents to AIDS or have been involved in civil war or child slavery. Father has lost three of his own sisters to AIDS.

# Symposia

## Science and Religion

### Science and Spirituality—Case Study in the Wisdom of Listening—July 10, 2004

These sessions will introduce two projects in which interfaith and religion/science perspectives have been the center of attention. The first is the Science and Spiritual Quest program, in which scientists speak of their own spiritual visions. The second is the Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program, where scientists devote their research to spiritual transformation.

This symposium, sponsored by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science, is designed to be presented in three tracks, each of which will explore the elements of the current religion and science dialogue.

#### Session I “Science and the Spiritual Quest”

9:30 – 11:00 AM, 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

Pauline M. Rudd, Researcher in the Glycobiology Institute, Department of Biochemistry, University of Oxford. She is a member of the SSQ project.

Ramanath Cowsik, Department of Physics, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. He is a member of the SSQ project.

#### Session II “Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program”

11:30 – 1 p. m., 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

Solomon Katz, Professor Anthropology and director of the Krogman Center for Research in Child Growth and Development, University of Pennsylvania. He is Principal Investigator for the Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program.

Joan Koss-Chiolino, Research Professor, Psychology and Anthropology, George Washington University. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program.

#### Session III A

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Eixample Room, AC Barcelona

Conversation with Professors Rudd and Cowsik and the Science and Spiritual Quest Project.

#### Session III B

3 PM – 4:30 PM, Gràcia Room, AC Barcelona

Conversation with Professors Katz and Koss and the Spiritual Transformation Research Project.

Symposium Coordinator: Philip Hefner, Professor of Systematic Theology Emeritus, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Editor, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program.

### Food Justice and Food Safety – the Wisdom of Listening, the Power of Commitment July 11, 2004

Questions about the production, fair distribution and safety of food are of interest to all people. In three sessions, this symposium attempts to create opportunities for a constructive and exploratory dialogue within and between religious traditions and scientific disciplines, informed by the best of contemporary knowledge, and the requirements of justice, compassion, and respect for persons and the natural world.

#### Session I:

9:30 am – 11:00 am, 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

THE FOOD: Food and Biotechnology

This session will present information about food science and technology and address some of the ethical issues involved.

#### Session II:

11:30 am – 1:00 pm, 22@ Room, AC Barcelona

THE LAND: Agri-Culture and Agri-Business

This session will widen the perspective by exploring the food topic within the framework of cultural dynamics. It will draw attention to the connection between science, technology and socio-economics for the global north and the global south.

#### Session III:

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Eixample Room (Program A) and Gràcia Room (Program B), AC Barcelona

THE TABLE: From Thought to Action

This session will have two parallel programs, each consisting of a presentation and a group conversation aiming at reflection toward action. Group conversations will be offered in Spanish, Catalan and English as well as other languages as needed.

#### Session I

9:30 – 10:15

David Magnus, Co-Director of the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Palo Alto, CA, USA. He has served as an “expert consultant” for the World Bank on food security and biotechnology.

10:15 – 11:00

Geoff Tansey, West Yorkshire, UK, is a specialist in food, agriculture, development and related intellectual property issues

#### Session II

11:30 – 12:15

John Mugabe, Science and Technology Advisor to the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) and Secretary, NEPAD’s African Ministerial Council on Science and Technology. He is the immediate former Executive Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS).

Solomon Katz, Professor of Physical Anthropology and director of the Krogman Center for Research in Child Growth and Development at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA.

12.15 – 1.00

Vandana Shiva, Director of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, New Delhi, India. Her expertise on issues of food security includes intellectual property rights and biodiversity as well as community action.

## Session III A

3.00 – 3.45

Elizabeth Dowler, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, is a qualified public health nutritionist with many years of research and professional experience in the social, public health and policy aspects of nutrition and food at local, national and international levels.

3.45 – 4.30

Group conversation

## Session III B

3.00 – 3.45

Anje Varch is a biologist working as a consultant focusing on the scientific and political discussion about genetic engineering in agriculture related to various cultures and societies.

3.45 – 4.30

Group conversation

Symposium Coordinator: Anje Jackelén, Director of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology/Religion and Science at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, USA.

## Symposium on HIV/AIDS: “Listening to Understand and Committing To Act Together”

Symposium Coordinator: Prof. James F. Moore is director of inter-faith programs at the Zygon Center for Religion and Science and professor of theology at Valparaiso University in Indiana, USA. He is author of the newly published volumes *Post-Shoah Dialogues* and *Toward a Dialogical Community* and is special editor of two issues of ZYGON on HIV/AIDS and the inter-faith dialogue.

### Session I: Science and HIV/AIDS – What we know about the disease, its cause, spread, treatment and prevention

9:30 am – 11:00 am, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona

This panel will explore the most recent scientific information that informs our discussion of the current state of the

HIV/AIDS pandemic including the current understanding of the disease from a molecular biologist and the global epidemiology from a physical anthropologist.

Presenters: Gayle Woloschak, Professor of Radiology, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA; Solomon Katz, Prof. of Physical Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA; Barbara Strassberg, Professor of Sociology, Aurora University, Aurora, IL, USA

### Session II: Religion and HIV/AIDS – What can religions say about the disease together and how can religious leaders act to help treatment and prevention?

11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Sagrada Familia Room, AC Barcelona

This panel aims to introduce views from the various religions in an effort to discover areas of common assessment and concern so that we can also discover how the religious communities can become more effective agents for education and for enabling efforts at intervention and prevention.

Presenters: V.V. Raman, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Scholar of Hinduism, The Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, USA; Ghulam-Haider Aasi, Professor of Islamic Studies, American Islamic College, Chicago, IL, USA; Joseph Edelheit, Professor of Religion and Director of Jewish Studies, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, USA; Christoffer Grundmann, John R. Eckrich Professor of Religion and the Healing Arts, University Professor, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, USA; Pinit Ratanakul, Professor of Buddhist Studies, Thailand

### Session III: Toward a Strategy of Action – Raising Awareness and Planning Cooperation

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Sants, Eixample, and Gràcia Rooms, AC Barcelona

This final session becomes an opportunity to strategize what can be done and talk further about the details introduced in previous sessions.

Presenters: James Moore, Professor of Theology, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso Indiana, and Director of Inter-faith Programs, Chicago, IL, USA (The Chicago Project); Prof. Joseph Edelheit, Professor of Religion and Director of Jewish Studies, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, USA and Scott Norling, Director, Gospel Missions of India, Hyderabad, India (The India Project)

# Symposia

## Interfaith Peacebuilding Skills

**July 8th, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm**  
**Montjuic Room, AC Barcelona**

This unique one-day training is for anyone who wishes to develop peace leadership skills for daily practice and to enhance interfaith work among diverse religions, spiritual paths and indigenous traditions.

Two organizations—Pathways to Peace and the United Religions Initiative—are collaborating to bring you this interactive skill-building workshop.

In the first session we focus on peacebuilding from within by discovering how we define and practice peace, the lenses through which we see the world, and our own readiness to engage in peacebuilding. Core principles and practices of peace will be presented, and we will develop a “safe space” for effective interfaith work.

## Towards an Interreligious and Intercultural Theology of Liberation

We are in the presence of—or, rather, the protagonists of—a paradigm shift in all the fields of action and knowledge. One of the characteristics of this change is the passage from a single religion and culture to a religious and cultural pluralism. This makes necessary a radical change of mentality, of ways of life, and of attitudes which include tolerance and respect for differences, interculturality, and interreligious dialogue.

The main challenge that faces religions today is the creation of a theology of liberation according to interreligious, intercultural, and interethnic perspectives on a planetary level. This must, moreover, contribute to constructing a world where we all fit, without exclusions based on gender, ethnicity, religion, class, or culture. Theoretical clarification in this field is the necessary condition to activate a liberation-based praxis. This is precisely the aim of this seminar, which counts on the participation of contributors—men and women who work in theology—from the different continents and from numerous religious and cultural traditions. It is a theology of liberation capable of responding to the inequalities of our time.

**July 11 AM: Theology from an intercultural perspective**

**9:30 AM – 11:20 AM, Sala Sagrada Família**

**Raül Fornet-Betancourt.** Professor of Philosophy, Universidad de Aachen-Departamento de América Latina-Missio. From interculturalism to interculturality.

**Raimon Panikkar.** Copresidente del IV Parlament of religions del Mundo: Bases for a theology from intercultural perspective.

**11:30 AM–13:00 AM Sala Sagrada Família**

**Diego Irarrázabal.** Chilean theologian and president of the Ecumenical Association of Theologians of the Developing World. Latin American Theology: an indigenous perspective.

In the second session we look into our own traditions and learn from others how our teachings, rituals and practices can lead either to inclusion and peace or to exclusion, prejudice, and violence.

In the final session we focus on principles for leading interfaith action and non-violent action from an interfaith perspective and close with peace songs and dancing.

### Workshop Presenters:

**Masanaka Bonda.** Internationally renowned peacebuilder, performing artist and African healer; received the “Unsung Hero” award from His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his international peacebuilding work; Vice President of Pathways to Peace.

**Barbara Hartford.** Peacebuilding Initiatives Director of the United Religions Initiative; collaborated on the first interfaith Peacebuilding Guide for grassroots groups around the world.

**André Porto.** Latin American Regional Coordinator for the United Religions Initiative; Program Director for Viva Rio, one of the largest social service organizations in the world, serving people of the favelas (slums) in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

**Hyundok Chae.** Korean Presbyterian Theologian, Intercultural Theology: An Asian Perspective.

**July 11 PM: Theology from an inter-religious perspective**

**3:00–4:30 PM Sala Sants**

**Paul Knitter.** Theologian, Emeritus Professor of Theology, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Theologies of liberation and religious pluralism.

**Juan José Tamayo.** Director of the Ignacio Ellacuría Chair of Theology and Religious Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; Inter-religious Feminist Theology.

**July 12**

**11:30 AM–1:00 PM Sala Sants**

**Theology from a liberating perspective**

**José María Vigil.** Member of the ‘Comisión Teológica Latinoamericana’ de la Asociación Ecueménica de Teólogos y Teólogas del ‘Tercer Mundo,’ Panamá. World liberation and religions.

**Harold Suermann.** Theologian, Theology of liberation: A Palestinian perspective.

**11:30 AM–1:00 PM Sala Eixample**  
**Gender, Ecology, and Religions**

**Clarisa Nieva.** Bahá’í Faith.

**Margarita Pintos.** Theologian, Catholicism.

**Yafar González.** Teólogo, Islam.

**Miriam Subirana.** President of the Brahma Kumaris Association.

**11:30 AM–1:00 PM Sala Gràcia**  
**Religions and Human Rights**

**Estrella Israel Garzón.** ViceDean, Facultad de Ciencias de la Comunicación, Universidad de Valencia. Judaism.

**Antonio Mínguez.** Ex-president, Federación de Comunidades Buddhistas.

Representatives of Hinduism.

**Tarik Ramadan.** Intellectual, Islam.

**Ana Boloni.** Hinduism.

**3:00 PM–4:30 PM, Location TBA**

**Theology from a liberating perspective**

**Annette Meuthen.** Professor of Incology, Dalit Theology of Liberation.

**Elisabeth Steffens.** Theologian, Diplomat in Latin American Studies (theme: TBA).

# Exhibits & Art Galleries

Parliament participants will have the opportunity to visit exhibitors from around the world. Although we encourage exhibits that will disseminate information relating to diverse religious and spiritual traditions, there will be a wide variety of booths with information on service organizations, educational institutions and cultural groups. There will also be crafts, books and other merchandise for sale. Exhibits are located in the Multiuse room of the CCIB building.

Artistic expressions are powerful means of communication that can spark meaningful insights and offer us moments of joy, compassion and deep reflection. Visit the 2004 Parliament Art Gallery and encounter the visions of 21 artists from around the world who offer us fresh, new experiences that transcend religious and cultural boundaries. The Art Gallery is located in the Edifici Forum Auditorium Lobby and Tunnel and the AC Barcelona Hotel on the 14th Floor in the Lesseps room.

## EXHIBITS IN THE EDIFICI LOBBY/TUNNEL ART GALLERY

- Sephardic World in Medieval Spain
- Interfaith Sacred Space Design Competition: Winning Designs and Honorable Mentions  
English/Spanish
- Portraits of 100 Spiritual Leaders in 100 Years – A Dedication to World Peace  
English
- I AM  
English
- Silence and word. An experience of dialogue between Muslim and Christian women
- Looks in dialogue: interreligious exhibition  
Catalan
- Exhibition of icons  
Spanish/English
- International exhibition of art of children
- Exhibition of paintings, sculptures and photographs on the different religious communities of Melilla  
Spanish/English
- Christian paintings of today's Armenia
- Woman and God  
Spanish
- Promoting action, harmony and unity in diversity through Europe for over a century  
Spanish/English/Catalan/French
- Exhibition: icone and tradition  
Spanish
- Objects for the Buddhist Practice
- Faces of Hunger / Faces of Hope
- "Jharna-Kala," the "Fountain-Art" of Sri Chinmoy
- The Sacred in Art
- Life of Mahatma Gandhi
- Healing Art

## EXHIBIT AT THE AC BARCELONA HOTEL, 14TH FLOOR, LESSEPS ROOM

- Our Lady of the Universe

## OFF-SITE EXHIBIT

- The success of a people: the Sagrada Família temple  
Spanish/Catalan/English

# Parliament Academy

Young people have been meeting at Parliament since the event's modern inception in 1993. Today people under the age of 30 are attending the 2004 Parliament from around the world for a variety of different reasons.

Some are undergraduate and graduate students, seminarians, and student activists from over 30 different schools who have incorporated the Parliament into their schools ongoing religious education course work. Others are young people from different religious and interreligious groups looking to gain the essential skills needed to engage with other religious and spiritual communities when they return from the Parliament Event. Look for participants wearing Academy t-shirts at the Opening Plenary for more information

Under the banner of the **Parliament Academy**, the following are gatherings, programs and discussions geared to people under the age of 30 at the 2004 Parliament:

**Gatherings:** On Thursday July 8th during Open Space, participants under the age of 30 will be greeted by young alumni from the 1999 Parliament and a small group of youth leaders meeting before the Parliament event. Come hear commitments made at previous Parliaments and develop your own goals for this Parliament. Please meet in Room 116 promptly at 5:30 on July 8, 2004.

## **Honoring Shared Views in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam**

Thursday, July 8  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Room 116  
Spanish/English/Catalan

## **Uniting Youth Leaders for Global Transformation**

Friday, July 9  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Room 121  
English

## **Young People and Religious Freedom**

Saturday, July 10  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Room 121  
English

## **Building an Interfaith Youth Movement in Your Community: Shared Values and Social Action**

Sunday, July 11  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Room 121

## **Connecting with Young People in Our Cities**

Sunday, July 11  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Room 134  
English

## **Media Empowerment – Understanding and Using the Power of Media**

Monday, July 12  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Room 121

**Discussions:** At the opening youth gathering, participants will break up into groups of 12 to meet daily in room C-2. Digest the day's activity and share your experiences with other youth delegates.

**Programs:** Each day young people will have the opportunity to participate in interreligious skill-building workshops. Learn dialogue and interview skills, community mapping and information gathering, faith inspired community service, media training, and religious freedom. See youth program descriptions for more details.

Young people play a special role at the 2004 Parliament. As full participants young people bring a sense of compassion, energy, and leadership vital to building a deep spirit of harmony between and among religious communities. Youth leaders from different religious traditions, backgrounds, and beliefs from, will build relationships, and gain strategies for continuing cooperative based social action projects back to their own communities. Identified at the opening gathering, 1999 alumni and youth leaders will help all youth participants engage in the larger Parliament-building relationships, enjoying Barcelona, attending observances and having fun.



## **Promoting Sustainable Development through Partnerships with Religious and Spiritual Communities and Youth**

Tuesday, July 13  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Room 125

## **Interreligious Engagement in Higher Education – A Princeton Model**

Tuesday, July 13  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Room 121

# Performances

Creative performing artists of faith and spirit abound at the 2004 Parliament! A stimulating array of music, theatre and dance performances from religious and spiritual traditions around the world are offered throughout the week. All are invited to these unique, challenging, joyful, reflective and thought-provoking experiences!

Performance times vary from the regular Parliament daily program. Please check the specific time of each performance and its' location.

## Onsite Performance locations include:

- Theater
- Cabaret
- Marina Stage
- Edifici Forum Auditorium

(Refer to the general map on page 257 for specific locations).

## Offsite Performances include:

- Sacred Music Concert at the Sagrada Familia Temple (see Plenary Session on page 38).
- Others are listed on page 77 in the "Special Programs" section of the Program Book.

Song of Peace	7/8/2004	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Theater
Concert and Dance of Shinto Traditional Music	7/8/2004	4:30 PM-5:00 PM	Theater
Dance of the Four Cultures	7/8/2004	5:00 PM- 5:30 PM	Cabaret
The song of the Sun: music and Sufi Menlevi dance.	7/8/2004	5:30 PM- 6:30 PM	Theater
Cultural fusion: Tibetan voices and occidental songs	7/9/2004	9:30 AM- 10:00 AM	Theater
Representative songs from Jewish & Sephardic world	7/9/2004	10:30 AM- 11:30 AM	Theater
Sephardic music	7/9/2004	10:30 AM- 11:30 AM	Theater
Fool's Mass	7/9/2004	12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Theater
One With the Soul of the Earth	7/9/2004	1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	TBA
Spiritual Peacemaking	7/9/2004	4:30 PM- 5:15 PM	Cabaret
Concert of traditional music of India	7/10/2004	1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	Auditorium (3155)
Hope in an Oppressed World	7/10/2004	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	TBA
Krishna: his music and philosophy	7/10/2004	1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	Auditorium (3155)
Sephardic Survival: The Balance of the Kabbalistic Heart	7/10/2004	4:30 PM- 5:15 PM	Cabaret
The Shumei Taiko Ensemble-Earth Songs: Water	7/11/2004	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	TBA
Musical Koirai	7/11/2004	4:30 PM- 5:15 PM	Cabaret
Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human (UBBH) - Many Pathways	7/12/2004	10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Cabaret
Making an Effort for a Peaceful World: Songs of Gratitude, Traditional Japanese Dance and Oriental Culture	7/12/2004	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	TBA
Traditional Mevlevi Order Ceremony of Sufi Dance	7/12/2004	1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	Auditorium (3155)
Death: meeting place for all traditions	7/12/2004	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Theater
Sacred Dance of India: Light on Peace	7/12/2004	4:30 PM- 5:00 PM	Theater
tama's chant	7/12/2004	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Cabaret
interreligious youth concert	7/13/2004	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Cabaret
A Circle of Hearts	7/13/2004	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	TBA
Tari Sesaji Tri Yoni Saraswati: Dance Offering Tri Yoni Saraswati	7/13/2004	1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	Auditorium
Sounds of the Heart: Musical Explorations in Interfaith Dialogue	7/13/2004	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Theater
Shirai: vibrational music concert for body and soul	7/13/2004	4:30 PM- 5:00 PM	Theater
Tradition of Concheras dances	7/13/2004	4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Cabaret

# Film Focused Programs

Experience the extraordinary power of faith that transforms lives and creates communities that are catalysts for change. View never-before-seen footage, filmed with special permission, of sacred rituals hidden for centuries. Honor the testimony of those who, empowered by their spiritual beliefs, survived persecution and invite us all to pray for peace.

Don't miss this remarkable series of interactive film-centered programs offering screenings of exceptional, rarely-seen documentaries and world premieres immediately followed by moderated discussions with religious leaders, producers, directors and others involved in the film-making process. For longer-length films, discussions will take place during the Open Space period on the same day as the screening.

## Faith on Film

In addition, the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions, in collaboration with Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary, and the Center for Religion and Media, New York University, will showcase five (from a total of ten) films from the *Faith on Film* series of extraordinary documentary films dealing with religion, spirituality and ethics. Award-winning filmmaker and Auburn Media Director Macky Alston and a group of religious leaders representing the faith traditions depicted in the films will host this series. The *Faith on Film* series aims to circulate these important films to diverse public and educational audiences and spark dialogue in these communities about religion, culture and representation.

Screening times: 1:15 – 2:45 PM  
Location: CCIB

Faith on Film: The Drums of Winter (Uksuum Cauyai)	7/8/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
Ties That Bind	7/8/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
Faith on Film: Trembling Before G-d	7/9/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
Peace By Peace: Women on the Frontlines	7/9/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
Faith on Film: Investigation of a Flame— A Documentary Portrait of the Catonsville Nine	7/10/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
Mystic Iran: The Unseen World	7/10/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
Mother Teresa: The Legacy	7/10/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	117
Faith on Film: Satya—A Prayer for the Enemy	7/11/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
God and Allah Need to Talk: A Multicultural, Interfaith Program for Healing and Reconciliation	7/11/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace	7/11/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	117
Faith on Film: The Smith Family	7/12/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
A Seat at the Table: Struggling for American Indian Religious Freedom	7/12/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
Mother Teresa: The Legacy	7/12/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	117
Hiding and Seeking—Faith and Tolerance	7/13/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	111
Splendors of the Spirit: Swedenborg's Quest for Insight	7/13/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	116
MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Sikhs in America	7/13/2004	1:15 PM–2:45 PM	117

# Morning Observances

Begin your day at the 2004 Parliament with religious and spiritual observances, meditation, prayers and reflections from a wide variety of traditions. Experience your own tradition's offerings or respectfully observe or engage with a tradition that is new to you.

Morning Observances are from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM each day in a variety of locations.

## Locations:

CCIB

Parliament by the Sea

Other Forum outdoor locations

## Sacred Space Observances:

Formal observances are scheduled each day at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. At other times, the Sacred Space is available for personal and group contemplation, meditation, chanting and prayer.

Location: Parliament by the Sea

## Offsite Observances:

A number of observances will take place offsite at varying times. Please refer to the "Special Programs" section of the Program Book for exact times and locations.

Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
The Shoa	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
Ancient Jain Meditation with Munishree Kirtiji	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
The architecture with Christian symbols	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
Tibet: tradition, art, spirituality, thousand-year-old culture and philosophy of compassion and wisdom	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	116
Native American Morning Observance	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
Taoist celebration	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Self-Inquiry Meditation	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122
Prayer of contemplation	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	123
The Wisdom of Listening to the Earth: Waiting Worship in the Manner of Friends	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
The love communion	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	125
Meditation for Peace	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
Breathing Peace, Breathing Joy: A Morning Meditation	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
Interactive Sufism for peace	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
Praying with Theresa of Jesus: the wisdom of listening	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance—One of the Five Watches of the Day	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 1
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice	7/8/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
Workshop on the use of aromas and fragrance	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
The social dimension of the contemplative Christian prayer	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
The religious dimension as a supplement of humanity	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
Dreams and spirituality	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	116
Jewish Meditation	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	117
Spirituality and social engagement	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
Sufi songs and invocations	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Universal Meditation	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122

# Morning Observances

Hindu pooja and fire ceremony	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	123
Praying Together-Morning Observance	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
We sing praying to Jesus	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	125
Power of Prayer and Meditation	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	129
Sacred songs of secret rituals of Tibet	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
Service of Examination	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
Rumi: a mystical Sufi for today's dialogue	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
Bab's Martyrdom	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
World Peace Prayer Ceremony with the Flags of All Nations	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 2
Mayan Ceremony	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 3
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice	7/9/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
Religions are Many, Spirituality is One	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
Singing in a foreign place: the expression of the faith of the immigrants	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
Religious caricature	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
The precious human rebirth	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	116
Yoga Prayer: Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice with Father Thomas Ryan	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	117
Self-Inquiry Meditation	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth I	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Meditation for Morning Observance	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122
Zazenkaï: practice of Zen meditation	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	123
Native American Morning Observance	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
Then our mouth was filled with laugh-Ecumenical workshop	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	125
Mashriq'ul-Adhkar (Baha'i adoration house)	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
A Celebration of the World's Religions Through Prayer and Practices	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
Spirituality in Islam, art and reason	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
Love, breath of healing: the prayer of heart	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
Sacred Dance	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 3
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace	7/10/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
Spirituality in order to live together	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
Sport and spirituality	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
Sacred dance-The strength of gathering in the dance	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
Techniques for listening art	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	116
Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
Lights' Festival	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Salat: How Muslims Connect to God	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122
Protestant Celebration	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	123
Zen Practice-Morning Observance	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
The importance of full awareness in our lives	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	125
Morning Observance by ISKON Delegation	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	129

# Morning Observances

Religions and commitment for peace	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
Collective Rituals of the Haudenosaunee	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
Psychotherapy as a tool for peace, listening and liberation	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
Practicing Taoism in the Spanish culture	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Auditorium (3155)
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance- One of the Five Watches of the Day	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 1
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace	7/11/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
Dances of Universal Peace-Morning Observance	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
Theology and prayers: the language of icons	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
Buddhist sculpture	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
The training of character in Buddhism, Islam & Confucianism	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	116
Traditional Pueblo Morning Prayers	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
Morning Pray (multilingual and participative)	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Raja Yoga Guided Meditation	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122
Self-Inquiry Meditation	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
Prayer with Taize songs	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	125
Interspiritual Ceremony for Peace	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	129
Monastic prayers of God's praise	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
The multiple voices in Talmud	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
The song of the sacred name of God in the Vaishnava tradition: theory and practice	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance- One of the Five Watches of the Day	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 1
Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace	7/12/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses People of All Faiths	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	111
A higher taste as a dialogue (workshop of kitchen)	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	113
Orthodox iconography	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	114
The taste of India, the light of awakening	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	115
Bhakti Yoga Experience	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	120
Dances With the Earth	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	121
Jain Prayers Yoga and Meditation	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	122
Praying with Psalms	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	123
Lovingkindness and Inner Light: An Interfaith Sharing of Reflective Prayer and Meditation Practices	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	124
The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth II	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	129
Oneida Nation Wolf Clan	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	130
This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	131
Women and spirituality	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	132
Human, social and spiritual nets	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	134
Walking Meditation with Maha Ghosananda	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 1
Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace	7/13/2004	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	M.O. 4

# Partner Cities

The Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace is an annual forum to bring together grassroots peace activists from current and potential Partner Cities to provide the methodologies, tools and mutual support needed to enhance the interreligious movement for peace, justice, and sustainability in their cities and create effective partnerships internationally. These encounters and conversations are the cornerstone of the emerging Partner Cities Network of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Participants in the Goldin Institute gain the capacity and inspiration to help religious and spiritual communities and peace activists in their area understand each other, live together in peace, and work constructively on issues facing their city. The Goldin Institute provides an opportunity for grassroots leaders to share their experiences and learnings as their own journeys unfold. In these growing relationships, the interreligious movement in each Partner City can uncover opportunities for cooperative action on issues of common concern.

Perhaps most importantly, meeting face-to-face at this unique annual forum and developing enduring friendships can offer the kind of mutual support that will sustain participants in their important work. As the Goldin Institute facilitates and documents these encounters and conversations, an ever-expanding set of resources will be developed and shared with a growing set of partners.

The success and learnings of the 2002 Goldin Institute in Chicago and 2003 Goldin Institute in Manresa suggest an emerging character and programmatic trajectory for the Goldin Institute and Partner Cities work of the Council. While we are in the early stages of the organic unfolding of the work of the Goldin Institute and Partner Cities, this work is guided by the following core principles:

- Balance of Community Building and Social Action
- Bridging Local and International Dynamics
- Engaging Religious and Spiritual Communities and Other Sectors of Society
- Grounded in the Grassroots Realities
- Metropolitan Centers as the Locus
- Religious and Spiritual Convictions
- Inductive and Facilitative Approach

During the week of the Parliament event, the Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace will sponsor 15 programs that feature grassroots activists and religious leaders involved in the Partner Cities Program. This series of programs will address critical issues, highlight best practices, and build the capacity of interreligious initiatives around the world.

Accordingly, program leaders will serve on panel discussions, lead guided conversations and help introduce the Partner Cities

Program to the thousands of participants attending the

## PARTNER CITIES NETWORK

## THE GOLDIN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND PEACE

Parliament. Feedback and suggestions gathered through this unique international gathering will help guide the direction of the Goldin Institute and the Partner Cities Program for years to come.

Each day programs will be categorized into intrareligious, interreligious and engagement. During a five-day period, programs will cover the following areas:

- **Importance of Partnership:** Partnership is a cornerstone of the Partner Cities Program. Learn about the Council's philosophy on partnership and hear from cities around the world that have engaged in fruitful partnerships.
- **Making Local to Global Connections:** Every community has a unique set of dynamics and issues that make interreligious community building both essential and challenging. These programs will discuss how religious communities address critical issues as well as explore how systemic issues affect communities on both the macro and micro levels.
- **Sharing our Best Practices:** Within our cities cooperative efforts between and among religious and spiritual communities have led to valuable learnings and reciprocal models for cooperation. These presentations will give rise to discussion about how religious and spiritual communities can best facilitate positive change within their cities and between cities.
- **Developing Capacity:** Each of the participating cities has a variety of partnerships in different stages of development. These programs will help existing interreligious partnerships build their capacity for creating positive change, and hopefully create new ones.
- **Returning Home:** Creating effective lines of communication and building the grassroots networks through existing grassroots organizations is essential to long-term growth and development of the Partner Cities Program. Learn from the Council's staff about how your city can be part of the Partner Cities Network after Barcelona.

Each day during the "Open Space" section of the program, staff will facilitate a discussion based on one of the above themes. These open discussions will focus on connections between programs, the local dynamics of your community or city, and the broader Partner Cities Network. On the evening of July 8, the series will kick off with a reception for all existing partner cities and people interested in becoming part of the Partner Cities Network.

# Partner Cities

	Thursday, 8 JUL	Friday, 9 JUL	Saturday, 10 JUL	Sunday, 11 JUL	Monday, 12 JUL	Tuesday, 13 JUL
TOPIC		Importance of Partnership	Making Local to Global Connections	Sharing Our Best Practices	Developing Capacity	Returning Home
INTRA		The Importance of Intra-Religious Dialogue <i>Kagee, Housser, Alan, Ingham</i>	Bridging the Gap: Engaging Religious Communities and Social Activists <i>Porto, Dimalog, Hailu, Singh, Glass</i>	Beginning with our own communities: Stories from Jerusalem and the Philippines <i>Stolor, Dimalog, Salvador-Anayatin</i>	How to facilitate Intra-Religious Dialogue <i>Stolor, Aasi, Nambiarampillai, Brodeur</i>	Developing a Strategy for Engaging Communities in Your City <i>Coprene, CPWR Staff</i>
INTER		Partnership: a Key to Building the International Interreligious Movement <i>Hirshaw, Filipovych, Eppinger, Teegen-Casa, Baba</i>	Building Peace in the Midst of Conflict <i>Saje, Hussein, Ruzivo, Kohini</i>	Connecting with Young People in Our Cities <i>Yi-Ning, Brodeur, Soares</i>	Community Assessment and Interview Skills <i>Harris, Semel, Hailu</i>	Joining the Partner Cities Network: The Request for Partnership Process <i>Silverman, Chang, CPWR Staff</i>
ENGAGEMENT		Cross City Connections: Addressing Critical Issues Through Interreligious Cooperation <i>Kagee, Lebon, Porto, Salvador-Anayatin, Chang</i>	Building Social Cohesion in the Midst of Diversity: the Manresa Story <i>Melloni Ribas, Simon, Valls i Riera, Belisle</i>	Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Communal Violence <i>Habimana, Eppinger, Shibli, Filipovych, Singh</i>	What is the Appropriate Role of Guiding Institutions in Fostering Positive Interreligious Relations? <i>Gandhi, Jorda, Ma, Walker</i>	Our Parliament Community: Staying Connected, Growing Together <i>Schuman, Benson, Holm, CPWR Staff</i>
OPEN SPACE	Goldin Institute Reception <i>Manresa, Taipei, Birmingham</i>	The Importance of Partnership	Making Local to Global Connections	Sharing Our Best Practices	Developing Capacity <i>Porto and Harris: Leadership Guide</i>	Returning Home

The Importance of Intra-Religious Dialogue	7/9/2004	9:30 AM–11:00 AM	113
Partnership: A Key to Building the International Interreligious Movement	7/9/2004	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	122
Cross City Connections: Addressing Critical Issues Through Interreligious Cooperation	7/9/2004	3:00 PM–4:30 PM	132
Bridging the Gap: Engaging Religious Communities and Social Activists	7/10/2004	9:30 AM–11:00 AM	125
Building Peace in the Midst of Conflict	7/10/2004	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	131
Building Social Cohesion in the Midst of Diversity: The Manresa Story	7/10/2004	3:00 PM–4:30 PM	114
Beginning With Our Own Communities: Stories From Jerusalem and the Philippines	7/11/2004	9:30 AM–11:00 AM	125
Connecting With Young People in Our Cities	7/11/2004	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	134
Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Communal Violence	7/11/2004	3:00 PM–4:30 PM	125
How to Facilitate Intra-Religious Dialogue	7/12/2004	9:30 AM–11:00 AM	125
Community Assessment and Interview Skills	7/12/2004	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	125
What is the Appropriate Role of Guiding Institutions in Fostering Positive Interreligious Relations?	7/12/2004	3:00 PM–4:30 PM	132
Developing a Strategy for Engaging Communities in Your City	7/13/2004	9:30 AM–11:00 AM	130
Joining the Partner Cities Network: The Request for Partnership Process	7/13/2004	11:30 AM–1:00 PM	134
Our Parliament Community: Staying Connected, Growing Together	7/13/2004	3:00 PM–4:30 PM	112

# Partner Cities Participants

**Mr. Mohammed S. Kagee**  
Cape Town, South Africa

**Rev. Sherri Hausser**  
Bryn Mawr, USA

**Mr. Shlomo Alon**  
Jerusalem, Israel

**Bishop Michael Ingham**  
Vancouver, Canada

**Mr. Tom Hinshaw**  
Columbus, USA

**Dr. Lyudmyla Filipovych**  
Kyiv, Ukraine

**Dr. Paul Eppinger**  
Phoenix, USA

**Rev. Susan Teegeen-Case**  
Philadelphia, USA

**H.H. Sri Sri Sri Saidas Baba**  
Ujjain, India

**Mr. Kainan Ma**  
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

**Ms. Mojca Leban**  
Sarajevo, Bosnia - Herzegovina

**Mr. Andre Porto**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Dr. Susana Salvador-Anayatin**  
Cotabato City, Philippines

**Dr. Jerry C.L. Chang**  
Honolulu, USA

**Ms. Sophia R. Dimalog**  
Quezon City, Philippines

**Mr. Mickey Glass**  
Cape Town, South Africa

**Mr. Mussie Hailu**  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Mr. Giani Swaran Singh**  
Surrey, Canada

**Ms. Vjekoslav Saje**  
Sarajevo, Bosnia - Herzegovina

**Ms. Merlinda Hussein**  
Cotabato City, Philippines

**Mr. Munetsi Ruzivo**  
Harare, Zimbabwe

**Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini**  
Kigali, Rwanda

**Fr. Javier Melloni**  
Manresa, Spain

**Mr. Jordi Simon**  
Manresa, Spain

**Deputy Mayor Alain Jorda**  
Manresa, Spain

**Mayor Jordi Valls i Riera**  
Manresa, Spain

**Dr. Denise Belisle**  
Montreal, Canada

**Mr. Yehuda Stolov**  
Jerusalem, Israel

**Ms. Liu Yi-Ning**  
Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

**Prof. Patrice Brodeur**  
New London, USA

**Mr. Flavio Soares**  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Sheik Saleh H. Habimana**  
Kigali, Rwanda

**Ms. Aida Shibli**  
Jerusalem, Israel

**Dr. Mohinder Singh**  
New Delhi, India

**Rev. Dr. Albert Nambiaparambil**  
Kerala, India

**Ms. Judith Grove Harris**  
Cambridge, USA

**Ms. Rita Semel**  
San Francisco, USA

**Mr. Donald Benson**  
Oakland, USA

**Ms. Ela Gandhi**  
West Bengal, India

**Mr. Neill Walker**  
Edinburgh, Scotland

**Mr. David Capraro**  
West Bloomfield, USA

**Mr. Bruce Schuman**  
Santa Barbara, USA

**Dr. Ghulam-Haider Aasi**  
Chicago, USA

**Mr. Noah Silverman**  
New London, USA

**Mr. Christopher Holm**  
Plymouth, Minnesota

## OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY

The experience of the Parliament of World Religions is fundamentally about encounters – encounters that shape and expand how we view this world that we all share. To help facilitate this, the 2004 Parliament has introduced a time of planned encounter – called **Open Space**. Open Space is a flexible, informal time to extend the conversations that you began earlier in the day, to form a discussion group around areas of shared interest, or to further explore a topic that you know little about. You may participate in Open Space discussions in two different ways: you can join in discussions that are already hosted by another group or individual, or, if you want to begin a new discussion, you can sign up to host a discussion meeting and form a new conversation group. School groups, travel groups, or other affinity groups can use this time to bring together people interested in similar topics.

### Process:

From 5:00 to 6:30 PM each day is reserved for open space meetings. If you are interested in participating in an Open Space discussion, the discussion topics will be announced at 4:00 PM each day of the Parliament (July 8th – July 13th). Discussion topics will be hosted in different rooms, ranging from large meeting rooms to smaller, more personal gatherings. Explore the variety of topics offered to seek out opportunities for transformative encounters.

If you are interested in hosting a discussion during this time, there will be a sign-up period from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Open Space/Base Groups sign-up table in the main lobby of the CCIB Building. At 3:00 PM the sign-up period will be closed and the Program Task Force will decide which discussion groups will be assigned to the limited number of rooms available. Signs announcing the room assignments will be posted at 4:00 PM near the Open Space/Base Groups table. The discussion groups themselves will take place in the various breakout rooms, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Sign-ups for hosting a discussion group will be limited to discussions occurring that day only.

## CONVERSATION GROUPS

Conversation Groups are a new addition to the 2004 Parliament of World Religions. This idea is based upon previous Parliament participants' desire to have a small, diverse group of individuals with whom they can share their experiences and growth throughout the week. Conversation Groups will be formed with approximately eight individuals with different religious backgrounds and from different parts of the world. These groups will then agree to meet throughout the Parliament during the afternoon's Open Space time in a room reserved for them. These groups will provide participants an opportunity to continue the transforming encounters that the Parliament offers in a small, intimate setting, meeting with people from different religious backgrounds and countries of origin than they may be able to encounter in their home. By agreeing to meet with a small group repeatedly throughout the week, the group will be able to form relationships that will expand and deepen their experience of the Parliament.

### Process:

The conversation groups will meet during the 5:00 – 6:30 PM Open Space time on July 8th – July 13th. All conversation group participants will be oriented to the small group process on July 8th, and a closing evaluation/debriefing will take place on July 13th. All Conversation Group meetings will take place in Room 112.

To participate in a conversation group, you must sign up at the Open Space/Conversation Groups sign-up table in the main lobby of the CCIB building on July 7th all day or July 8th before lunch. For the sake of group continuity, to participate in the conversation groups, you must be registered for the entire Parliament. We will create groups that are religiously and geographically diverse, however, efforts will be made to form groups with a common language, as no translation will be provided for individual conversation groups. Space is limited, so please come to the Open Space/Conversation Groups table in the lobby to sign up for this exciting opportunity!

# Special Programs

## Parliament by the Sea

The Parliament by the Sea offers four unique experiences for Parliament and Forum participants alike. (From the Greco Theatre take a five-minute walk south of the Forum site along the Mediterranean.)

### WALK THROUGH TIME

**A Walk Through Time . . . from Stardust to Us**, an awe-inspiring one-mile-long (1,500-meter) exhibit comprising ninety-one panels of text and color illustrations depicting major events and concepts in the 4.6-billion-year evolution of Earth and life upon it. This beautiful experience was developed at Hewlett-Packard Labs and then gifted to the Foundation for Global Community, which brings this story to businesses, communities, conferences, institutions, museums, universities, and others throughout the world as a fundamental context for identifying and addressing critical issues of the future of life.

**The Walk** was displayed at the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions in South Africa. English and Spanish versions will be exhibited at the 2004 Parliament and will be accessible to people attending other events at the Universal Forum of Cultures at that time; a brochure version in Catalán will also be available. The objective is for the Walk is to provide a frame of reference and starting point for other elements of the Foundation's program and a profound context that people of all religions and cultures share.

### SACRED SPACE

Experience the silence by the sea, or moving observances offered by a variety of religious and spiritual communities at this special venue. This "sacred space" has been set aside for personal and group contemplation, meditation, chanting and prayer. The space will be ringed by a "sacred carpets" exhibit created by the Acció Cívica Calderina of Caldes de Montbui. The Sacred Space is open from 8 AM to 10 PM July 8th to 13th. Formal observances are scheduled each day at 8 AM and 5 PM.

### SIKH CELEBRATIONS

2004 is the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji (the Sikh scriptures). In honor of this and other significant anniversaries, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha has established a major venue for celebration, education and hospitality. Along with seminars, films, exhibits, kirtan (hymns), and observances, the Sikh community invites you to partake of:

#### **Langar (free blessed vegetarian food)**

Parliament and Forum participants are welcome each day for a free vegetarian meal offered through the hospitality of the Sikh community. Langar is provided on

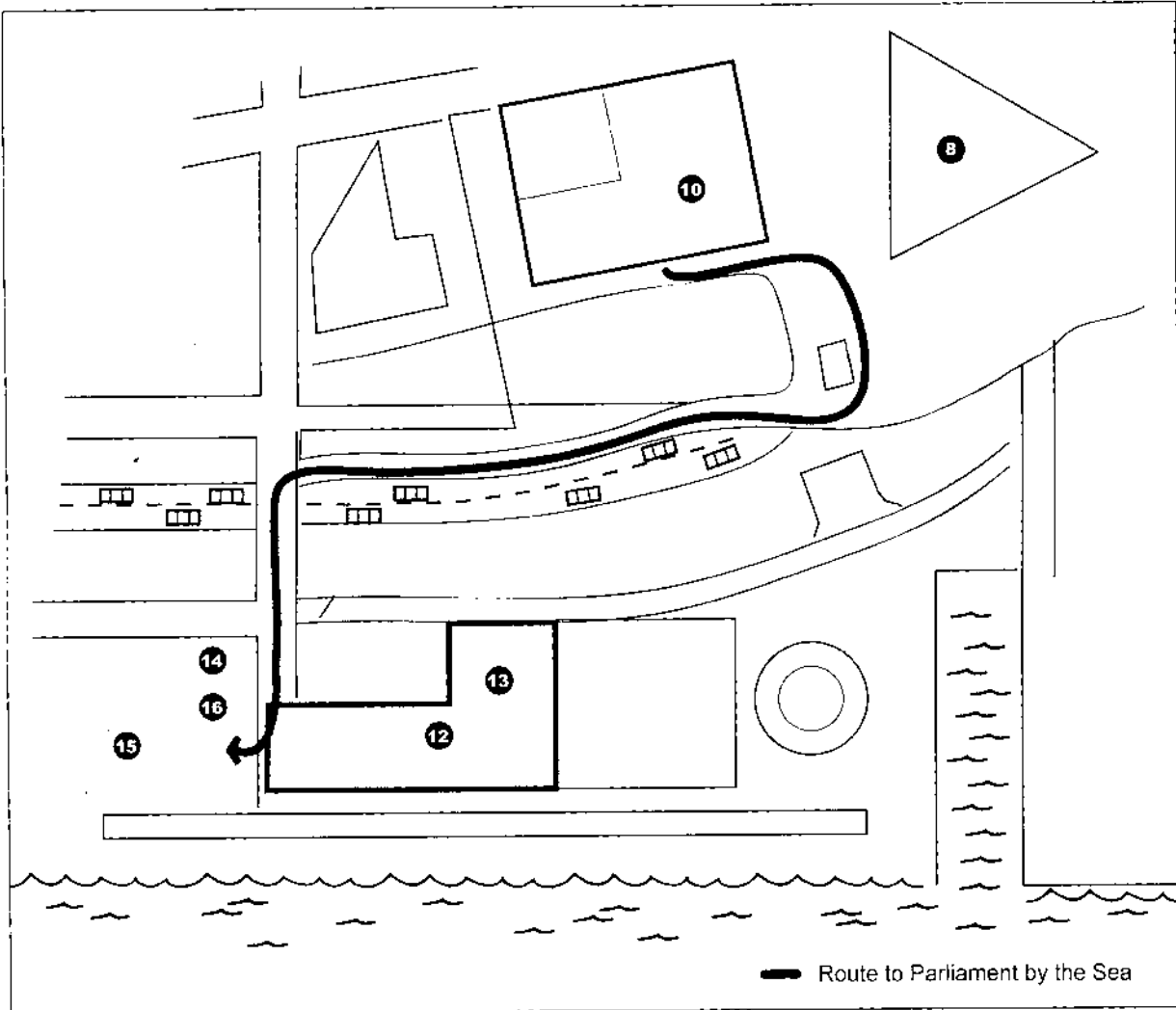
July 7th, 1900 to 2100

July 8th – 13th, 1200 to 1500

### LABYRINTH

Walking the labyrinth in quiet meditation offers opportunities for healing, insight, personal transformation and profound connection with others. Labyrinths are an ancient form of grounded, embodied spirituality that have been used in churches of various denominations and as a means to offer people of all faiths the experience of walking in community with the world. The Labyrinth is open for Morning Observances from 8 AM to 9:00 AM July 8th to 13th and is available throughout the Parliament day during the entire week.

# Special Programs



8 Edifici Forum (Auditorium)  
 10 CCIB  
 12 Sikh Celebration Area  
 13 Peace Pole

14 Labyrinths  
 15 Sacred Space  
 16 Walk Through Time

# Special Programs

## Sikh Celebration & Activities

During the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions the international Sikh community will be observing and celebrating four historic anniversaries. Through these celebrations the international Sikh community will share their spirituality and promote global peace and welfare for all.

The international Sikh community welcome participants from the Parliament and the Forum to join in commemorating these momentous anniversaries with the following activities:

### Langar

Preparation and serving of blessed vegetarian food  
July 7th 2004 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
July 8 – 13th 2004 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM

### Exhibition

Exhibits to include the Israeli-Palestinian Healing Quilt, artistic panels depicting hopes for peace from The Ribbon International, and murals from the Assembly at Montserrat.

## Readings of Sacred Scriptures of the Religious Communities of Barcelona

**Every day, during the Parliament event,  
from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 PM**

### Thursday, July 8

Christian-Orthodox Tradition (c/Aragó 181, baixos)  
Hindu Tradition (Samskara Center, Ronda Universidad, 7, 6<sup>a</sup> 4<sup>a</sup>)

### Friday, July 9

Zen Budist Tradition (c/Montcada 31-33, pral 2<sup>a</sup>)  
Islamic Tradition (c/Tallers, 55, entresol)

### Saturday, July 10

Christian-Evangelist Tradition (c/Tallers 26)  
Taoist Tradition (c/Córcega 530, entresol 1<sup>a</sup>)

### Films

Educational videos on the Sikh Faith  
July 8th – 12th 2004 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### Kirtan

Singing of hymns from the Sikh Scripture

### Seminars

On topics related to the Sikh faith

### Amrit Sanchar – Sikh Baptism Ceremony

July 12th 2004 from 2:30 – 5:00 PM

### Akhand Paath

Continuous reading of the Sikh Scripture –  
Guru Granth Sahib ji

• **Arambh** (commencement) of the reading,  
July 10th at 1:00 PM

• **Bhog** (culmination) of the reading,  
July 12th at 1:00 PM

Sponsored by Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha  
(Birmingham, UK).

### Sunday, July 11

Christian-Catholic Tradition (Sta M<sup>a</sup> del Pi Church,  
Plaça del Pi)

### Monday, July 12

Bahá'í Tradition (c/Galileo, 336, pral)  
Tibetan Budist Tradition (c/Rosselló 181 (cantonada  
c/Aribau))

The Sikh community will offer a continuous reading of its  
Sacred Text from Saturday, July 10 at 1:00 PM to Monday,  
July 12 at 1:00 PM in the Sikh venue.

The Jewish communities (Conservative and Liberal) can not  
provide a reading place because of a lack of security  
measures.

# Special Programs

## Spanish Off-Site Programs

### From Traditional Cultures to Interculturality

This is an exhibition in the Ethnologic Museum of Barcelona. It wishes to create dialogues between cultures and to bring the knowledge necessary for the respect of cultural and religious diversity.

Ethnological Museum of Barcelona

July 7–11 and 13 (10:00 am to 2:00 pm)

### Spiritual Piano Concert

The selected pieces will reflect the spirituality of the different Christian composers (Bach, Franck, Brahms, Liszt). This concert will be a time for personal meditation and will make possible to understand the relationship between musical sensitivity and spirituality.

Basilica Santa Maria del Pi

July 12 (21:00)

### Religious Books

Exhibition of religious books from the main religions, Christianity, Judaism, Islam and religions from the Orient. The exhibition will take place outside of the Forum grounds at the neo-gothic Cloister of the Dominican Church of Barcelona. Cloister of the Dominican Church of Barcelona. Every day except Monday.

### Religious Authorities as Peace Agents

Participants will have the opportunity to consult and discuss an understanding of peace among religions that the Universal House of Justice (government body of the Baha'i religion) addressed to the world's religious authorities.

Baha'i Center of Barcelona

July 11 (17:00 – 17:30)

### Architect of Unity

Exhibition of Mr. Francisco Gonz  lez' photos, showing seven Baha'i Temples from all over the world.

Cloister of the Dominican Church of Barcelona

Every day except Monday

### The Sacred Drama of the Passion of Olesa of Montserrat

This famous passion play recreates the final days of Christ's life, including a cast of 300 hundred actors.

Gran Teatre de la Passi   d'Olesa

July 10 (16:00– 18:00)

### City Walk: The Voices of the "Call"

Learn about Jewish life in the Middle Ages and the dynamic and diverse Jewish community in Barcelona of today. It includes a visit to the former Major Synagogue.

English, July 9 (17–18:30), Spanish, July 13 (17:00 –18:30)

### Guided Tours to the Sagrada Familia Temple

Antoni Gaud  s Temple, the Sagrada Familia, is one of Barcelona's many must-see monuments. It's also one of the most popular of Barcelona's sights. Current work is inside the main nave, as well as on one fa  ade, with the largest (170-metre) bell tower still to be built.

Sagrada Familia

Every day (17:00 – 18:30)

### Tribute to Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Exhibition of Mr. Morihiro Oki's photos about Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her humanitarian work.

Sagrada Familia

Every day (17:00– 18:30)

### Guided visit to a Church of Jesus Christ of Saints of Last Days (Mormons)

Visitors will have the opportunity to visit this church and the different activities of the center to include an approach to the Mormon's proclamation to the world in defense of the family.

Chapel of Calle, Marques de Sentmenat, 37.

Barcelona Bus 15, 49, 59

July 10 (17:00 – 18:30)

### Morning observance at the Monastery of Sant Pere de les Puel  s

Morning observance.

Monastery of Sant Pere de les Puel  s:

c/ Angli,55 / Barcelona

July 12 (8:00 – 9:00)

### Discover the City of Manresa

Discovering the spiritual landscape of Manresa and the richness of the interreligious and intercultural life of this city.

City of Manresa

July 10 (all day / departure 9:30 from the Parliament)

### Interreligious Meeting of Prayer for People Living with AIDS

Interreligious observance (prayers/music/songs)

Patriac Abraham Parish

carrer de Jaume Vicens i Vives, 6 (Vila Ol  mpica)

July 8 (17:00)

### Visit to a Buddhist Temple

Enjoy this opportunity to visit a Gropa in Barcelona.

July 9 & 10 (17:00 – 18:30)

### The Voice of the Temple

Concert

Santuari del Cor de Maria :

M  Claret 45-47 (N  pols/S  cilia)

July 12 (21:00)

### Religions and Ecologists: Can They Understand Each Other?

Present Society needs to protect the environment as a priority, but global trends show that we are not taking the right measures to save the Earth. A coalition between religious traditions and ecologist NGOs appears to be a key point to reverse the most negative trends. This seminar aims to deep in these challenges.

Auditorium La Pedrera, Proven  a

261-265 08008 Barcelona (corner Passeig de Gr  cia)

July 9 (9:00 to 13:30 two sessions)

# Special Programs

## The Paul Carus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Interreligious Movement

The Council for a Parliament of the World's has established the Paul Carus Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Interreligious Movement. The Carus Award honors, celebrates and affirms outstanding work in support of the international interreligious movement and the efforts of religious and spiritual individuals, communities and organizations towards a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

The Award is given in the memory of Dr. Carus—a world renown scholar, writer and publisher in the fields of religion, philosophy and science, a key figure in the introduction of Buddhism to the West, a pioneer in the early interreligious movement, and a prominent organizer at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago. Dr. Carus worked tirelessly to keep the vision and mission of the 1893 Parliament alive, and the current work of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions to foster interreligious dialogue, harmony and cooperation among religious and spiritual communities worldwide is a living testimony to his legacy.

## The Fair / Speakers Corner

Visit the Fair at the Forum and learn about non-profits, community organizations and educational institutions from around the world working together to promote understanding and cooperation among diverse religious and spiritual communities. The Fair provides an excellent opportunity to talk with others, to share knowledge and explore how you can become more involved in local peace efforts while connecting with

On Monday, July 12 at the International Plenary of the 2004 Parliament, the Carus Award will be publicly presented to Bishop McLeod Baker Ochola II and the Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative (ARLPI). This multi-faith peace group in Northern Uganda is being honored for their exemplary work in addressing violence. The Bishop and his fellow Anglican, Roman Catholic and Muslim leaders have continued in their seven-year long struggle to bring a peaceful solution to the 18-year old war that has devastated the people and many of the villages of the Acholi region of Northern Uganda. Chiefly, the ARLPI has served as a link between the LRA Rebels (Lord's Resistance Army) and the Ugandan Government, a position that has, at times, made them a target of both groups. Every year ARLPI organizes peace rallies and prayers in the main towns affected by the war. They help people express their deep desires for an end to the violence. In 2002 they started the Acholi Education Initiative, a scholarship foundation to help student orphans in secondary school.

The Carus Family is providing the monetary award of \$50,000 dollars. This prize will be given to support the local efforts of the ARLPI as they continue to courageously promote peace in their community.

others from other regions of the world. The Speakers Corner, which is located next to the Fair, will offer 24 programs throughout the week, including performances, debates, and presentations on a variety of issues relevant to the international interreligious movement, cultural diversity and peace. The programs and performance at the Speakers Corner will take place between 12:00 pm –6:00 pm. Please stop by the Fair and Speakers Corner throughout the week of the 2004 Parliament.

# Special Programs

## Special Receptions

### Youth Gathering

#### Thursday July 8, Room 117

Don't miss the chance to meet hundreds of young people and be greeted by alumni from the 1999 Parliament. Hear commitments that made at previous Parliaments and develop your own goals for the week. If you are under thirty and want to learn about opportunities at the event, come join us in this exciting beginning to the Parliament experience.

### Partner Cities Reception:

#### Thursday July 8, Room 129

The Partner Cities programs will kick off with a reception for all people associated with Partner Cities Network. Reconnect with participants from the Goldin Institute for Partnership and Peace and talk about common goals and objectives for the week.

### Seminary Student Reception

#### Friday July 9, Room 130

Gather with other seminarians utilizing the rich resources the Parliament has to offer. Discuss the opportunities and challenges of working in a multi-religious environment and reflect on your Parliament experience.

## Post-Parliament Gatherings

### Chicago, Illinois USA (Hyde Park – Kenwood)

#### First Unitarian Church

Post-Parliament event: An evening potluck on Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Venue: First Unitarian Church, 5757 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

For more information contact: Ms. Rosemary Snow  
rosemarys@mail.com (773) 324-8645

### Berkeley, California USA

#### The Church of the Divine Man

Post-Parliament gathering on August 29, 2004

Venue: The Church of the Divine Man  
For more information send a message to  
ParliamentRSVP@aol.com

### Torrington, Connecticut USA

#### United Congregational Church

Post-Parliament gathering on

Sunday, October 24, 2004, 2–5pm

Venue: United Congregational Church  
1622 Torrington Street, Torrington, CT 06790

For more information contact: Rev. Eileen Epperson at United  
Congregational Church (860) 482-8685

### Montreal, Canada

#### World Religions After September 11: A Global Congress

September 11–15, 2006

For more information contact: Ms. Lina Salvati E-mail:  
lsalvati@sorelcomm.ca Phone: (514) 499-8920 Fax: (514) 499-8921

### New Delhi, India

#### Delhi Peace Summit

Post-Parliament event on November 22, 2004

Venue: India International Centre

Theme: Parliament of the World's Religions: Retrospect and Prospect

For more information contact: Dr Mohinder Singh, Executive Trustee, Delhi Peace Summit, Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi 110001, India. Email: parliament\_religion@rediffmail.com

### Near London, England

#### World Congress of Faiths

22–24 July, 2004

Venue: Fintry House, Brook, near Godalming

Speakers include Huston Smith, Rabbi Jackie Tabick, Marcus Braybrooke.

£80 for registration and full board to Richard Boeke, WCF Secretary, 16 St Mary's Gardens, Horsham RH12 1JP. Cheques to World Congress of Faiths, r.boeke@virgin.net.

For more information: [www.worldfaiths.org](http://www.worldfaiths.org)

### Edinburgh, Scotland

#### Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities, EICWS

Post Parliament Gathering, Tuesday 27 July 2004

Venue: Edinburgh BK Centre, 20 Polwarth Crescent, Edinburgh

For information contact: Neill Walker,  
njwalk2300@hotmail.com, +44 0131 331 4469

# Special Programs

## **Support the Work of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions**

The 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions is an extraordinary gathering that will inspire new pathways to peace throughout the world. After the 2004 Parliament stay connected to the Council and consider supporting efforts to promote encounter, understanding, harmony and peace.

We invite you to support the work of the Council in the following ways:

- Send us your comments, critiques and suggestions so that we better serve the hopes and intentions of the interreligious movement.
- Contact us to discuss the possibilities of joining of our Partner Cities Network. This type of partnership enables religious and spiritual communities to address the world's most critical issues in new and ever inspiring ways.
- Make a financial gift to the Council. Your gift can help create a new source of hope for the world and its peoples.

## **If you would like to participate in the Parliament Community**

and continue our relationship until the next Parliament Event

Log on to [www.CPWRGlobal.net](http://www.CPWRGlobal.net)

a community of peers  
a place to learn  
a place to work together to make a  
difference in the world

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan  
Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This observance is offered throughout the week. Each day the observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text: it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text. July 8 - Meditation on the Opening Surah that is the first Divine Discourse in the Quran.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-in-Chief of *West and Islam*, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

## The Shoah

Samuel Salama  
Dr. Jaime Vidor

Room 113  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion with the participation of other non-Jewish organisations. Remembering the partial extermination of the Jewish people and other minorities. This tremendous tragedy, without any precedent in the history of humanity, should be recorded to ensure that anything similar affecting the humankind will never happen again.

Samuel Salama is Director of the Setardi School of Barcelona.

Jaime Vidor is Professor of Semitic Philosophy at the University of Barcelona.

## Ancient Jain Meditation with Munishree Kirtiji Kirtiji Munishree

Room 114, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This observance is also a part of the Symposium on Interfaith Education.

Kirtiji is a revolutionary Jain monk from Shanti Niketan Sadhana

Kendra ashram in Gujarat. He teaches the scientific methods of Patanjali yoga and Jain meditation to thousands of people in India, USA, Canada and France for a healthier relationship of mind and body. He likes to teach how to live peacefully in a high-tech world.

## The Architecture with Christian Symbols

Fabià Matas  
Jordi Bonet  
Msgr. Aragonés  
Msgr. Bonet

Room 115  
Morning Observances, Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the interrelation between architecture and symbolism at the Sagrada Família Temple.

Fabià Matas is a participant in interreligious dialogue initiatives in Spain.

Jordi Bonet is head architect of the Sagrada Família Temple in Barcelona.

Msgr. Aragonés is a Member of the Building Board of the Sagrada Família Temple.

Msgr. Bonet is Priest of the Sagrada Família parish.

## Tibet: Tradition, Art, Spirituality, Thousand-year-old Culture and Philosophy of Compassion and Wisdom

Thubten Wangchen

Room 116  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Presentation of the Tibetan tradition of arts and spirituality; it will be also an introduction to the Buddhist philosophy of compassion and wisdom.

Thubten Wangchen is a Buddhist monk born in Tibet, who studied 17 years in the private monastery of the Dalai Lama (Namgyal) in Dharamsala (India); he now lives in Barcelona and is the president of the Tibet House.

## Native American Morning Observance

Douglas George Kanentiio

Room 120  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

These traditional Pueblo morning prayers are normally done at sunrise. We begin with prayers and intentions, starting with the north and pray to all directions. We pray for the world and all its people. Then we pray for the world closer to us, our villages and its people. We pray for our family and finally for

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

our personal needs and hopes for the day and the wisdom to continue on our path.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

## **Taoist Celebration**

Xiu Lian Tian Cheng Yang

Room 121, Spanish/Chinese  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Performance of a Taoist celebration with the usual ritual (altar, etc.).

Master of international prestige and the first one who came to Europe to spread Taoism. He has published many books on this tradition.

## **Self-Inquiry Meditation**

Swami Gajenand

Room 122, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

"Yoga in Daily Life" offers numerous methods to attain physical and mental well-being. An important tool in self-investigation and self-knowledge is the technique of "Self-Inquiry Meditation." In this meditation practice we come into contact with our subconscious, the source of our desires, complexes, behavioral patterns and prejudices. We become acquainted with our own nature, and then beyond self-acceptance to Self-Realization. This technique enables us to overcome negative qualities and habits and helps us to better manage life's problems.

In 1987, Swami Gajenand found his spiritual master in His Holiness Mahamandaleswar Swami Maheshwarananda and became a qualified Yoga teacher and the leader of the Yoga in Daily Life Centre in Hamburg. He now resides in India continuing his spiritual development and teaching yoga and meditation in various ashrams and institutions.

## **Prayer of Contemplation**

Rafael Garzón Arévalo

Room 123, Spanish/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Spiritual practice presenting contemplative prayer as a simple form of prayer with deepening and transforming effects. Jesus and Saint John of the Cross are two models of this prayer.

Rafael Garzón Arévalo and his wife Amalie García Sanz are

teachers. They are leading prayer workshops in Córdoba. They have been very engaged in the pastoral of parishes in this city for many years. Nowadays they are leaders of TOV (Workshops of Prayer and Life).

## **The Wisdom of Listening to the Earth: Waiting Worship in the Manner of Friends**

Dr. Robert McGahey

Room 124, English/Spanish  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

A Quaker worship service providing a ritual space to pray for the earth's healing. We will read aloud Joanna Macy's poem *The Bestiary* as a way of reflecting on the state of the Ark, then enter into waiting worship in the manner of Friends, deepening our experience. The observance will end with the Elm Dance, a simple circle dance in which we will enact a forest of prayers for the healing of the earth.

Robert McGahey holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from Emory University's Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts. He served on the executive committee of the Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology and taught Humanities at Moorhead State University. Dr. McGahey now teaches Ecopsychology and Spiritual Development and writes on ecology and spirituality.

## **The Love Communion**

Archbishop F.E. Eckard

Room 125, English/Spanish  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Observance that reproduces an ancient Essenian ceremony. In this ritual, the participants want to represent the human brotherhood towards the same Father.

Archbishop F.E. Eckard Strohm is a bishop of the Essenian Christian Church, which was founded in Germany in 1971 and which is described as an ecumenical church.

## **Meditation for Peace**

Gyatrul Jigme Rimpoche

H.H. Ven. Samdech Maha Ghosananda

130, English/Spanish  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Buddhist meditation helping to calm the mind and to build the peace.

Young master who belongs to the hereditary lineage Ripa, whose head is his father, Vidyadhara Tertön Namka Drimed. He lives in Orissa (India) where he is the director of a monastery of 5.000 exiled Tibetans.

The Ven. Maha Ghosananda is the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhism in Cambodia. Ven. Ghosananda is a world-renowned peace

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

activist who has led numerous Dhammayietra peace walks in Cambodia. He is the winner of the Alternative Peace Prize and the Niwano Peace Prize.

## **Breathing Peace, Breathing Joy: A Morning Meditation**

Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari

Room 131, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari will lead a gentle, universal morning meditation to inspire and awaken participants to the beauty that is within and all around them. The meditation will set the tone for the day, greeting the morning with gratitude, joy and a deepening inner peace. It will invoke the blessings of the Divine on all the relationships and work of the Parliament. All those seeking a non-denominational Morning Observance, as well as those who wish to share a time in the union of prayer with others, are invited to attend.

Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari, a Hindu monk, founded Lokarath Divine Life Mission in 1985 and continues to direct its sustainable development programs. He is the author of pragmatic books on spiritual life, teaches meditation and offers lectures worldwide.

## **Interactive Sufism for Peace**

Abdel Sabate Areste

Room 132, Spanish/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

A combination of a workshop and an artistic performance, that will present Sufism in an interactive way and will be divided in three parts: 1) a talk combined with a projection of images; 2) a concert made by three groups of Sufi music; 3) the projection of the documentary "Sufism for peace" (o.v. Spanish/Catalan, subtitled in English).

Abdel Sabate Areste is founder of the Sufi Center of Barcelona; he has been a member of the group "Muslim converts" of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia since 2001.

## **Praying with Theresa of Jesus: the wisdom of listening**

Amparo Navarro Sierra

Room 134

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Observance about creating a space of prayer from the characteristics defined by Theresa of Jesus and her texts.

Amparo Navarro Sierra is a member of the Theresian Institution.

## **Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day**

Dr. Homi Dhalla

M.O. 1, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Zoroastrians divide the day into five gahs/watches/periods: sunrise to noon, noon to midafternoon, midafternoon to sunset, sunset to midnight and midnight to sunrise. The Havan Gah is the first watch of the day. The Havan Gah prayer will be recited followed by a brief explanation of other Zoroastrian principle ceremonies.

Dr. Dhalla is the Founder and President of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation, and is an advisor to the Parliament, providing interfaith leadership in India.

## **Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice**

Barbara Ducharme

Tricia Kibbe

Rev. Kathy Musser

Beth Burnham Mace

M.O. 4, English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Labyrinths are used in churches, hospitals and many other settings as an embodied walking meditation practice and pathway for healing. Walking the labyrinth in community has the potential for personal transformation, fostering inner peace, insight and developing compassion, crossing religions and cultures. This morning observance is facilitated by members of the Labyrinth Guild of New England.

Barbara Ducharme has hosted and facilitated open walks in northeastern USA since 1999, co-founded the Labyrinth Guild of New England, and constructed numerous temporary and permanent labyrinths for individuals and organizations. With Rev. Eileen Epperson, she co-led an interfaith dialogue workshop at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town, South Africa.

Tricia Kibbe, president of the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a labyrinth facilitator trained by Veriditas at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, California. In 2000, Tricia was chosen to coordinate the month-long "Let Us Walk With Mary" retreat sponsored by Veriditas, the World-Wide Labyrinth Project, at Chartres Cathedral in France.

Kathy Musser, treasurer for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is associate pastor at the Wellesley Congregational Church in Massachusetts. She has facilitated a labyrinth ministry there for 5 years, including monthly open walks, and various workshops and courses for all ages using the labyrinth as a spiritual tool.

Beth Burnham Mace, secretary for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a certified labyrinth facilitator with the San Francisco Grace Cathedral Veriditas Program. In August 2003, she and other members of the Guild led a week long pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral. She leads labyrinth workshops in Boston hospitals and church groups.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

## Teaching of Sincerity: A Shinto Pathway to Peace

Rev. Munemichi Kurozumi

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

Shinto is the indigenous religious tradition of Japan, and thus the original form has no founder, no doctrine, and no sacred scripture, yet its tradition remains deeply rooted in Japanese society today. Rituals and ceremonies are regarded as the most important, centering around deep sense of gratitude towards all kinds of blessings from the nature that sustains our existence. This lecture explains one of the main and essential aspects of Shinto and interprets the universality and openness of Shinto, which may be reflected in the contemporary societies that have to face the challenge of living together in diversity.

Rev. Kurozumi was born as the first son of the present 6th Chief Patriarch of Kurozumikyo Shinto in 1962. In his capacity as the Vice Chief Patriarch, he has devoted himself in providing spiritual guidance to people within and outside his group, and being one of the youngest religious representatives in Japan, he has been energetically involved with various local, national and international initiatives. Especially, in the sphere of inter-religious gatherings he has positively taken part in the programs of inter-faith dialogue and cooperation, starting from "Global Forum" in 1988 held at Oxford University when he was studying at SOAS of London University. Participant in the 1993 and 1999 Parliaments, and coordinator of the Japanese delegation to the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders that was held at the United Nations in 2000.

## Interfaith Cooperation for the Common Good: Serving Langar at the Ram Katha Event

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh

Bhai Sukhbir Singh

Dr. Arvind Pal Mandair

Bhima Bhai Godania

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan

The Ram Katha story is the legacy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, whose father gave him money to start a business. He spent all the money by offering food to holy people, much to the consternation of his Father. This act is the foundation of the institution of 'Langar' - the offering of free food in all Sikh Gurdwaras. In 2001 in Birmingham, Sikhs and Hindus forged a deep friendship as the Sikhs provided langar to the Hindu Ram Katha. This seminar explores the trials and tribulations that both communities endured, and provides an example of an interfaith transformative act. Part of the seminar will include a video presentation of the actual event.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Niskam Sewak Jatha in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both

a patron and member of several interfaith organizations, and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

Bhai Sukhbir Singh has previously been a school teacher in London. He is currently a businessman and volunteer of the Guru Nanak Niskam Sewak Jatha.

Dr. Arvind Pal Singh Mandair is Assistant Professor in the Bindra Chair in Sikh Studies at Hofstra University.

Bhima Bhai Godania is Executive Director of the Ram Vedic Festival.

## The Art of War/ The Tao of Peace: The Yin/Yang Dance of Being Human

Chungliang Al Huang

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan

If Tolstoy had titled his novel *Peace and Peace*, few would be interested in reading it. Crystallizing knowledge into wisdom and rhetoric into practice, Chungliang Al Huang will address the essence of Oswald Spengler's *The Decline of the West*, Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*, and the Tao Te Ching to explore possible resolutions for our world conflicts in personal practice, balancing our yin/yang polarity as human beings, and finding hopeful ways in the realization for a reciprocal, more peaceful world.

Chungliang Al Huang is an internationally respected Tai Ji master, Chinese calligrapher and authority of East-West cultural synthesis. He is the author and co-author of numerous books on Tai Ji (including the best-selling classic *Embrace Tiger, Return to Mountain: The Essence of Tai Ji*), and Taoism as it relates to business, performance and daily life. He is a recipient of the Republic of China's Gold Medal of Education. He and Joseph Campbell were friends for many years and he has been an advisor to the Campbell Foundation since its inception.

## A Gathering of the Community: Symposium on Interfaith Education

Dame Meher Master Moos, Ph.D.

Dr. Betty Reardon

Dr. Heidi Hadsell

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan

Within the broad scope of interfaith education lie the methods of the classroom, the academy, and the seminary, alongside the restorative practices of dialogue and community building among people of diverse religious backgrounds. In each of these contexts, interfaith education has distinctive characteristics and challenges that will be explored here. This program begins the three day Symposium on Interfaith Education.

Dame Master-Moos, Ph.D., D.Sc., is the Founder and President of the only Zoroastrian College in the world, Mazdayasnie Monastery

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Zoroastrian College, in Mumbai, India. She is the recipient of the Dag Hammarskjöld Award (1968) and the Medal for Inter Faith Peace by HH Pope John Paul II (1989). Dr. Maher Master-Moos has written 19 books and is a Barrister at law, Advocate, and Special Executive Magistrate, she has honorary doctorate degrees from several universities.

Dr. Reardon is the founding Director of the Peace Education Center at Teachers College Columbia University in New York and the founder and General Coordinator of the International Institutes on Peace Education.

Dr. Heidi Hodsell is the President of Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut. She came to the Seminary from the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, where she served as Director.

## Spirits in Rebellion

Rev. Dr. Mary Tumpkin

Rev. Dr. Sheila McKeithen

Rickie Byers Beckwith

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

In nineteenth century America, New Thought ideas began to stretch minds and inspire souls. Prominent among those new thinkers were women who refused to be shackled in the chains of subordination. These women rebelled against the old religious traditions that emphasized creeds and dogmas above practical demonstration. They dropped the pots and pans and stormed out of the kitchens and appeared on public platforms, preaching, teaching and healing. They brought a new message to a new world and neither they nor the world from which they came would ever again be the same. This program is part of a series organized by the Association for Global New Thought (AGNT).

Rev. Dr. Mary Tumpkin is the President of the Universal Foundation For Better Living and the Senior Minister of the Universal Truth Center for Better Living in Miami Gardens, Florida. A biblical historian and scholar, Dr. Tumpkin holds a Doctorate of Ministry from the South Florida Center for Theological Studies.

Dr. McKeithen is an international speaker and workshop/retreat leader, and a four-time author of *The Daily Inspiration*. She served as an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Florida until 1999, when she decided to realize her dream of becoming a judge.

Rickie Byers Beckwith is Music Director for the AGAPE International Center for Truth.

## Seeing into Being: Empowering Dignity of the Self, Others, and the World

Sr. Jayanti Kripalani

Dr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis

Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza

Dadi Janki

Judy Rodgers

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

When we listen to the outer world we can become disconnected from our own inner world, truth and dignity. This presentation will provide a deep experience of how we can strengthen our inner awareness so that we can discern what is good and valuable in the emerging world and have the power to bring that into being. The discussion will connect the self to its inner peace and by listening to God will empower individuals to act in accordance with the truth of their spiritual path.

Sister Jayanti is a widely traveled speaker, broadcaster and emissary for peace. She is the European director of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University and is the main representative for the Brahma Kumaris at the United Nations, Geneva.

Alfredo Sfeir-Younis Ph.D. is the Senior Advisor to the Managing Director's Office of the World Bank. He has also served as Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, and has received numerous awards including Lifetime Ambassador of Peace.

Professor Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Chairman of the Fundación Cultura de Paz in Madrid, is the former Minister of Science and Education. For 12 years he was Director General of UNESCO, and continues to promote the transition from a culture of violence and imposition to one of peace and tolerance.

Dadi Janki, the Co-administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, is a Vice President of the World Congress of Faiths. Now in her eighties, Dadi is internationally acknowledged as a great teacher and mentor who continues to offer inspiration to many people searching for peace and inner strength.

Judy Rodgers is a consultant and communication strategist who has worked extensively with thought leaders to produce transformation and to support social innovation. The emphasis in her work is on Appreciative Inquiry and on strength-based approaches to individual, community-wide and systemwide change.

## Vision of the Future - A New World View Toward Peace

Ralf Mueller-Amenitsch

Mario Zapata-Bahamon

Dr. Margarete Czerny

Gabriele Böhm-Wohnhas

Dr. Michael Oldiges

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

More and more people all over the world are searching for sustainable peace. Political, religious, and ethical leaders realize the importance of mutual understanding of a new world-view - the view of peace through spirituality. With this peace we can achieve tolerance and a sharing of resources to see that every man, woman and child has food to eat, proper health care, and the freedom of living without the threat of criminal acts or war. Participants will learn how to transform themselves and the world into one of sustainable peace and happiness.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Ralf Mueller-Amenitsch is a lawyer who has studied in Bonn, Germany and Lausanne, Switzerland. He currently works at the law office of Maaser and Mueller-Amenitsch, where he specializes in labor law and focuses in sociopolitical work against the phenomenon of mobbing, and organizes inter-religious prayer groups and workshops in Berlin.

Mario Zapatan is CEO of a business engaged in real estate. He is a finance consultant and member of the board of Planning and Cooperation for Development of the city of Cali, Columbia. He has been a member of Science of Spirituality for more than 40 years.

Dr. Margarete Czerny is head of the department of East-West relations, infrastructure, housing policy, and international economics in Austria, as well as being a member of numerous national and international advisory boards. A member of Science of Spirituality, she follows the teachings of Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj.

Gabriele M. Böhm, former scientific assistance at the research institute for technical physics at the German Luft- und Raumfahrtstechnik at Stuttgart, where she deeply engaged her knowledge in the field of chaos-, light-, and laser research. She earned a degree in divinity for her spiritual research from the University of California.

Michael Oldiges has been a Tax Consultant and Certified Public Accountant for more than twenty years in his own company. He is practicing meditation under the guidance of the Master of Science of Spirituality, H. H. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj.

## Challenges to the Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue in Cuba

Prof. Enrique Lluís López

Room 120  
Lecture

Lecture about the situation of religious and cultural diversity in Cuba today and the emergence of new religious tendencies as well as the resurgence of existing religious traditions sometimes through conversions as in the case of Judaism or Islam, all this taking place in a context where the cohabitation between Catholic and African traditions did not bring the desired fruits of brotherhood and harmony.

Enrique Luis López has been a professor of American History and History of the Religions in America at the University of La Havana for 27 years; he is the founder of the Interreligious Dialogue Team and the author of several essays.

## Listening for Love and Forgiveness in the Emerging Global Community

Mark Nepo  
Tom Callanan  
Mickey Olivanti  
Dave Sluyter

Room 121, English

In a world where we are repeatedly fractured by differences that erupt into violence, the power of love and forgiveness is one of the human capacities that can provide us with hope for a different future. Though love and forgiveness may be understood differently across the world's traditions, they are core concepts that remain key to the health of the human family. Please join us for a journey of questions, dialogue, story and most of all, listening, as we explore the themes of love and forgiveness as they relate to our world. This program will also introduce a series of Open Space sessions running throughout the Parliament for people to share stories of love and forgiveness.

Mark Nepo is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for thirty years. As a cancer survivor, he remains committed to the usefulness of daily inner life. He has written several books including *The Book of Awakening*, which focuses on the work of inner transformation, and has a new book, *The Exquisite Risk*, which will be coming soon. Mark serves as a Program Officer and Poet-in-Residence for the Fetzer Institute.

Tom Callanan has been a Program Officer at the Fetzer Institute for nine years. His current efforts at Fetzer involve helping to envision a world council/global network that will help to accomplish the Institute's mission of fostering awareness of the power of love and forgiveness in the emerging global community.

Mickey Olivanti is a Program Officer for the Fetzer Institute. Her focus is on formation programs in education and health care. She is the Network Coordinator for the Relationship-Centered Care Network, and serves on the planning team for the Southwest Michigan Regional RCC Network. Mickey has been engaged with several major programs of the Institute since 1987.

Dave served as President and CEO for the Fetzer Institute. He now serves as Senior Advisor. He has created programs for teachers, health professionals, and other public leaders that address the balance of mind, body and spirit in their lives and work. Dave received his doctorate from Western Michigan University in counseling psychology, and prior to the Fetzer Institute, held a number of leadership positions in mental health organizations.

## Sri Guru Granth Sahib - Quadricentennial Celebration of Interfaith Scripture as the Source of Sikh Values, Ethics, Love and Peace

Avtar Kaur Hansra  
Dr. Rajinder Kaur Rohi  
Dr. Harbans Kaur Sagoo  
Dr. Gurdeep Kaur

Room 122, English

2004 marks the 400th year of the compilation of the Guru Granth Sahib, the scripture of the Sikhism. The panel will discuss the structure, formation, philosophy, and teachings as presented in the Guru Granth Sahib. They will discuss how the Guru Granth Sahib is a gift to the whole of human society.

Mrs. Avtar Kaur Hansra is retired from the Chicago Public School System, where she taught Special Education.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Dr. Rajinder Kaur Rohi is a Reader in Sikhism & Comparative Studies at Punjabi University, in Patiala, India. Dr. Kaur Rohi specializes in Sikhism and Comparative Religion.

Dr. Harbans Kaur Sagoo is a Senior Reader at the SGTB Khalsa Post-Graduate College, New Delhi, India.

Dr. Gurdeep Kaur is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the SGTB Khalsa Post-Graduate College, New Delhi, India.

## The Influence of Religion on Mahatma Gandhi

Vinod Kapashi  
Jyotindra Doshi

Room 123, English  
Lecture

Where did Mahatma Gandhi learn his technique of passive resistance and civil disobedience? How was he inspired by the philosophy of Ahimsa (nonviolence) and who helped him? Mahatma, in his autobiography, has mentioned Shrimad Rajchandra's name as one of his gurus. This lecture explores some of the letters written by these two great men. This also gives insight into how Mahatma Gandhi developed his way of dealing with injustices in South Africa and in India.

Dr. Vinod Kapashi has taught Jainism for 15 years, and holds a Ph.D. in Jain sacred hymns. He is the president of Mahavir Foundation, and takes keen interest in the Interfaith activities in the United Kingdom, having served as the president of the Harrow Interfaith Council in the past.

Jyotindra Doshi is a Trustee, former President and former youth secretary in the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago. He has served as Director of the Jain Association in North America (JAINA), and has written many Jainism articles. Jyotindra has received many awards and has spoken at conventions, universities, and interfaith programs.

## Christianity: Presentation of the Essential Points

Francesc Torralba Roselló

Room 124  
Lecture

This lecture will offer participants an overview and analysis of the essential elements of Christianity.

Francesc Torralba Roselló is a doctor in philosophy and theology, and professor at the Ramon Llull University in Barcelona.

## Peace - A Quest for Universal Harmony

Nahid Angha  
Shah Nazar Kianfar  
Aisha Rafea  
Sharon Mijares  
Bahman Shirazi

Room 125, English

The teachers of the world's religious traditions have emphasized community, tolerance, love, and peace as keys to attaining universal peace and harmony. If we are to understand and benefit from their teachings, then we, as members of the human family, must safeguard their messages and not violate their compassionate teachings by enforcing absolute claims of truth and blind obedience to them. Speakers of this panel, Sufi leaders from international communities, will share their wisdom and experience to evaluate if peace, where rights are valued, is attainable through a universal harmony. This program is part of a series organized by the International Association of Sufism. ([www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org))

Nahid Angha, Ph.D., is co-founder of the International Association of Sufism (IAS), and founder of the Sufi Women Organization (SWO). An internationally published scholar and human rights activist, Dr. Angha is the main representative of the IAS to the United Nations (NGO/DPI).

Shah Nazar Seyed Ali Kianfar, Ph.D. is co-founder of the IAS and Editor-in-Chief of Sufism: An Inquiry. Dr. Kianfar is a published author and lecturer, having taught Sufism and Islamic philosophy internationally for over 30 years.

A Muslim writer of several books and numerous articles, Aisha Rafea is the daughter of the prominent Egyptian Sufi Teacher Rafea M. Rafea. With the support of her present Teacher, she is an advocate of spiritual awakening for all humankind.

Sharon G. Mijares, Ph.D. is a member of Sufi Ruhaniat International, and the International Association of Sufism. She co-authored *The Root of All Evil: An Exposition of Prejudice, Fundamentalism and Gender Imbalance*, which is due out in 2005.

Bahman A.K. Shirazi, Ph.D., is Director of Graduate Studies at CIIS in San Francisco, as well as faculty member at JFK University in Orinda, California.

## Guru Granth Sahib: Promoting Religious Pluralism, Equality, Social and Economic Justice

Dr. Jaswant Singh Neki  
S. Gurtej Singh  
Dr. Gursharan Singh Sandhu  
Dr. Nirmal Singh Nilvi

Room 129, English

In this program, panelists will discuss how pluralism is promoted in the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Gurus and the contributing Saints. They will consider how pluralism contributes to brotherhood, equality, peace, and spirituality, and what the role of clergy is in preaching religious tenets. Participants are invited to learn about the unique philosophy of the Sikh scripture showing a workable way of bringing about peace and harmony all over the world - a dream of all believers.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Dr. Jaswant Singh Neki is an author and is the Honorary General Secretary of Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi.

Gurtej Singh has been a college professor, worked as an administrator, and also as a high functionary of a political party. He is the author of six books, and a number of articles for newspapers and magazines.

Dr. Gursharan Singh Sandhu is the Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Punjabi University, Patiala. Dr. Sandhu has published numerous books and articles on philosophical topics and guided seven students for Ph.D degrees.

Dr. Nirmal Singh Nelvi works with the Guru Nanak Academy in the United States.

## Religious Mandala

Mireia Montserrat Viñes Roig

130, Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

Workshop consisting in creating a Tibetan mandala. The objective is to learn to know the deep meaning of mandala, that is, the symbolism of universe and divinity, and the interior harmony that makes it possible.

Mireia Montserrat has been practicing Buddhism since 1985 and she is a disciple of Ven Kulu Rimpoché. She is the director of the Center Kagyu Do, Ngak Chö Ling in Palma de Mallorca and is in charge of the monastery of Hosco, Dag Shang Kagyu.

## Ramon Llull: A Model Bridge between Cultures

Dr. Carles Llinàs Puente

Dr. Ignasi Roviró i Alemany

Joan B. Martínez

Maria Laffitte

Room 131, Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion introducing Ramon Llull as a bridge between cultures, as a meeting and reflexion point about what shall be a real intercultural dialogue. It will include three lectures and one artistic performance.

Carles Llinàs Puente is a Ph.D. in Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and expert in the figure of Ramon Llull. He is a professor at the Department of Philosophy at the Ramon Llull University.

Ignasi Roviró i Alemany is a Professor at the Department of Philosophy at the Ramon Llull University.

Joan B. Martínez is a Professor of Philosophy at the Ramon Llull University. He currently manages the group "think and live together", a meeting point aimed to promote and practice interreligious dialogue, especially between Catholics and Muslims.

Maria Laffitte is a singer specialized in ancient music and in medieval poetry.

## The Future of Christianity in the Spanish Young People

Felix Ortiz

Jaume Galobart Duran

Miquel Calavia

Room 132, Panel Discussion

Panel discussion in which Catholics and Protestants can develop a dialogue about the current situation of youth and the perspectives for the future.

Felix Ortiz has a B.A. in History and a Master in Christian Education from the Southwestern Theological Seminary (Texas); he is a professor at the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jaume Galobart Duran has a B. A. in Medicine.

Miquel Angel Calavia is Director of the Don Bosco Center for Religious Studies in Barcelona. He is also a teacher of Phenomenology and Pedagogy of Religion.

## Diversity of Traditions in Eastern Christianity

Prof. Sebastià Janeres Vilaró

Room 134  
Lecture

This presentation will offer an overview of the diversity of "Eastern Christianity" which includes Middle East and all the countries related to the Byzantine empire.

Sebastià Janeres Vilaró is a Doctor in Ecclesiastic Sciences and a professor at the Theological University of Catalunya. He is the director of a well known series of translated works of Christian authors: "Classics of the Christianity" (in Catalan).

## Lovingkindness Overflowing: Rebuilding a Consciousness of Compassion

Barbara Fields Bernstein

Br. Wayne Teasdale

His Holiness Dalai Lama

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

In both imagination and application, the deep contemplative disciplines within Buddhism and Christianity might offer new hope to a global society that, by many accounts, is spinning quickly out of control -- no matter how sophisticated the state of our sciences and social architecture. Will guidance be found in our return to the timeless spiritual practices of prayer and meditation that cultivate and demonstrate the power of consciousness to affect and transform circumstances in our lives and around the planet?

Barbara Fields Bernstein is Director, Synthesis Dialogues I, II, III with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Co-founder-Director of Gandhi King Season for Nonviolence. She is a participant in the UNESCO

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Seminar on Religion and Peace and is a contributing author of *The Community of Religions*.

Brother Wayne Teasdale, Ph.D., is a Roman Catholic lay monk and noted author of *The Mystic Heart: Finding a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions* and *A Monk in the World*. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and is a Counselor for the InterSpiritual Dialogue Action Community.

Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet, the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, has received many international awards, including the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

## Going Beyond Cultural Ignorance and Dualistic Thought

Dr. Deepak Chopra

Multiuse (1800)  
Spanish/English/Catalan

The key to the resolution of all problems confronting humanity is to go beyond the illusion of dualistic thinking. Perception, cognition, moods and emotions, social interactions and relationships, environmental situations, biological function and the forces in nature are inseparable expressions of a single reality. To make distinctions between the observer and the observed, biological organism and environment, leader and follower, friend and foe, me and other, mind and body, animate and inanimate is to fall into a trap. When one experientially understands the fallacy of dualistic thought, one recognizes that intention is a force of nature, that individual consciousness and universal consciousness are one, that healing is possible and that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Deepak Chopra has written more than twenty-five books, and is the author of more than one hundred audio and videotape series, including five critically acclaimed programs on public television. Dr. Chopra currently serves as CEO and founder of The Chopra Center for Well Being in La Jolla, California.

INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## Middle-East Stories: The Significance of the Holy Land in Our Sacred Texts

Rabbi Peter Knobel  
Imam Rashied Omar

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

The three Abrahamic faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - are scripturally based. They trace their origins to the God's covenant with Abraham and the relationships between his

descendents. Questions of land and people are connected to the way in which each group reads its sacred stories. This workshop will explore how these stories can be both a potential source of conflict and potential source for healing in the struggle between the Palestinians and Israelis.

Rabbi Knobel, Ph.D., has served as Rabbi at the Beth Emet Synagogue since 1980. He has published papers and articles on a wide variety of subjects, and is currently working on a new siddur while serving as Chair of the Liturgy Committee for the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rashied Omar is a Trustee of CPWR; Imam, Cape Town, South Africa; coordinator, program in religion conflict, and peace building, University of Notre Dame, US.

## Ethical Banking and Religious Communities

Joaquim Sabater  
Joan Cortadellas  
Angel Panyella  
Jordi Via  
Arcadi Oliveres

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion in which each participant will talk about ethical banking from their own field of activity: university, peace, 'fourth world', international cooperation, social-work and the social economy. Every day everyone contributes to make our society more or less fair, and because of that, everyone has its responsibility.

Joaquim Sabater is President of the association "Ethical and Solidarity Financement" ("Finançament ètic i solidari" - FETS) and General Secretary of "Caritas Diocesana" of Barcelona.

Joan Cortadellas is Secretary of the Ethical and Solidarity Financement (FETS) organization and President of the association "Solem" in Catalonia.

Angel Panyella is a Member of the Ethical and Solidarity Financement (FETS) and president of the Catalan environment commission "Airs."

Jordi Via is Director of "Arc cooperativa", an entity associated with the Ethical and Solidarity Financement (FETS), and a member of the network of "solidarity economies" and of the Higher Council of Cooperation.

Arcadi Oliveres is Honorary President of the Ethical and Solidarity Financement (FETS), President of the association "Justice and Peace" in Barcelona, Doctor of Economic Sciences and Professor of Economics in the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

## Walking the Labyrinth as a Pathway of Peace

Tricia Kibbe  
Barbara Ducharme  
Rev. Kathy Musser

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Beth Burnham Mace**  
**Sandra Comeau**

**Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan**  
**Interactive Workshop**

Participants will learn about the history of the labyrinth and its contemporary use. Following the presentation and discussion, they will have the opportunity to walk the labyrinth together in community, facilitated by the workshop leaders, offering a direct experience of the peaceful and healing power of the labyrinth and its use in ministry or community-building activities. Written materials will be provided.

Tricia Kibbe, president of the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a labyrinth facilitator trained by Veriditas at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, California. In 2000, Tricia was chosen to coordinate the month-long "Let Us Walk With Mary" retreat sponsored by Veriditas, the World-Wide Labyrinth Project, at Chartres Cathedral in France.

Barbara Ducharme has hosted and facilitated open walks in northeastern USA since 1999, co-founded the Labyrinth Guild of New England, and constructed numerous temporary and permanent labyrinths for individuals and organizations. With Rev. Eileen Epperson, she co-led an interfaith dialogue workshop at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town, South Africa.

Kathy Musser, treasurer for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is associate pastor at the Wellesley Congregational Church in Massachusetts. She has facilitated a labyrinth ministry there for 5 years, including monthly open walks, and various workshops and courses for all ages using the labyrinth as a spiritual tool.

Beth Burnham Mace, secretary for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a certified labyrinth facilitator with the San Francisco Grace Cathedral Veriditas Program. In August 2003, she and other members of the Guild led a week long pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral. She leads labyrinth workshops in Boston hospitals and church groups.

Sandra Comeau has been involved in the Veriditas Labyrinth Movement for over five years, obtaining her facilitator training from Dr. Lauren Artress of Grace Cathedral. She has extensive training in ancient cultures, sacred geometry, spiritual counseling and various other healing traditions, as well as an undergraduate degree in Cross-Cultural Studies.

## **Interreligious Dialogue in the 21st Century: A Christian perspective**

**Rev. Susana Woodcock**  
**Dimitri Tsiamparlis**  
**Jaume González Agápito**  
**Eliseo Vila**  
**Archbishop Epifanios Perialas**

**114, Spanish/English/Catalan**  
**Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion with representatives of the different Christian traditions who will share their opinion on the current situation and future possibilities of interreligious dialogue.

Susana Woodcock is an Anglican priest of the Reformed Episcopalian Church who has her parish in Sabadell.

Dimitri Tsiamparlis is Vicar General of the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Spain and Portugal.

Jaume González Agápito is Coordinator of interreligious relationships for the Catholic Diocese of Barcelona.

Eliseo Vila is an Economist and newspaper writer. In addition, he holds a Masters Degree in Theology. He has served on numerous evangelical committees in Spain, including the Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities of Spain (FEREDE).

Epifanios Perialas is the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Spain and Portugal of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

## **Theological and Philosophical Aspects of Interreligious Dialogue**

**Begoña Roman Maestre**  
**Josep M. Coll**  
**Francesc Xavier Marín**  
**Enric Cortès Minguella**  
**Vicente Merlo**

**Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan**  
**Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion presenting academic papers on Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Jewish and Islamic perspectives on dialogue with other religious traditions taking a rigorous interpretation of textual antecedents as the point of departure.

Dr. Maestre is an active participant in interreligious dialogue in Spain.

Josep M. Coll is a Professor of philosophy at the Ramon Llull University of Barcelona.

Francesc Xavier Marín is a Professor of Religion and Phenomenology at the University Ramon Llull and at the Institute of Religious Sciences ("Institut Superior de Ciències Religioses") in Barcelona.

Enric Cortès Minguella is a Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Theology of Catalonia.

Vicente Merlo is a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Valencia and specialist in Hindu philosophy; he is a professor of the Master of History of Religions of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Honoring Shared Views in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam

Esma Alp  
Zulekha Pirani

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Academy

This session will be led by students and staff from Dar Al-Hekma College in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and will explore the commonalities that exist between the three Abrahamic faiths: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Issues addressed will include prophethood, righteous and sinful actions, crime-punishment, love and forgiveness, signs of the Day of Judgment, and heaven and hell, in order to reveal the many shared doctrines and beliefs among these faiths, which seemingly are wholly incompatible with one another. Dar Al-Hekma is a private non-profit college whose mission is to be a premiere institution of higher education, built on vision, excellence, and pioneering concepts for women in Saudi Arabia. Its graduates will be capable of bringing about positive change for the betterment of self, family, society and humanity.

Ms. Esma Alp holds a degree in English Literature and is the Senior Officer for Student Advancement in the Division of Student Affairs at Dar Al-Hekma College.

Ms. Zulekha Iqbal Pirani holds a degree in Management Information Systems and is a Teaching Assistant in the MIS Program in the Division of Academic Affairs at Dar Al-Hekma College.

## Praying Together?

Mary Braybrooke  
Sr. Maureen Goodman  
Jim Kenney  
Kusumita Pedersen  
Fr. Javier Melloni Ribas  
Rev. Marcus Braybrooke  
Imam Abdul Jalil Sajid  
Rev. Dr. Richard Boeke

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

In this session, the first of a three-part program, panelists will share their experiences and initiate discussion with participants, which will be followed by preparation of an interfaith Morning Observance. Part Two will be the Morning Observance on July 9 followed by Part Three, a second workshop during Open Space on July 10 to discuss and evaluate the experience.

Mary Braybrooke is a social worker and magistrate.

Sister Maureen Goodman is Programme Co-ordinator at the International Centre of the Brahma Kumaris in London. She is also the BK representative at the United Nations, Vienna. Jim Kenney is the Director of the Interreligious Engagement Project and of Common Ground. He is also Co-Editor of Interreligious Insight.

Kusumita Pedersen, Ph.D., is chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Francis College. She has been involved with the Global Interfaith Movement for the past twenty years.

Javier Melloni Ribas is a Jesuit Priest and teacher. He is a Member of Cristianisme i Justícia, and Professor of Spiritual Theology in the Faculty of Theology of Catalunya. A Catalan anthropologist and Doctor in Theology, he has published books on the history of religions and is part of the advisory board of the Local Office of the Parliament of World's Religions. Father Javier specializes in interfaith spirituality and dialogue.

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age, What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report."

Reverend Dr. Richard Boeke is a Unitarian Minister, interfaith activist and is the Hon. Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths.

## Spiritual Democracy of Jainism - a Precursor of Interfaith Movement

Natubhai Shah

Room 120, English/Spanish  
Lecture

One of the most important principles of Jainism is 'relative pluralism', developed to resolve differing viewpoints. It is a synthesis of two doctrines: 'standpoints' and 'relativity'. *Relative pluralism is the fundamental attitude which comprehends multiple viewpoints into 'reality' or 'truth'; some term it as spiritual democracy. It aims to unify, coordinate, harmonize and synthesize individual viewpoints into a comprehensible whole and teaches the tolerance, coexistence and respect for others necessary in creating a harmonious society and peace.*

Dr. Natubhai Shah is the author of *Jainism: The World of Conquerors*, and has a Ph.D. in Jain religion. Honorable Research Fellow in the University of Birmingham, he has been involved in interfaith movements for many years, and is responsible for creating the beautiful Jain temple in Leicester, England.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening

Kay Lindahl

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

Deeply listening to another person is one of the greatest gifts we can give. This essential skill leads to mutual respect and is a key element in interfaith work. This workshop explores a spiritual approach to listening as sacred art and spiritual practice. Learn new ways to think about listening: as choice, gift and art and how to listen for what wants to be said (from the soul) rather than what I want to say (from the ego).

Kay Lindahl, an ordained interfaith minister, is the founder of The Listening Center and the Alliance for Spiritual Community, chair elect of the North American Interfaith Network and a global trustee for the United Religions Initiative. She is author of *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening* and conducts workshops and retreats around the world.

## A Psychological Approach to the Challenges and Difficulties in Interreligious Dialogue

Eduards Fonts

Room 122  
Lecture

Lecture followed by some practical exercises. The lecturer will analyze the importance of the cultural, historical and personal bases on which each part of the interreligious dialogue sets its own approach and vision.

Eduards Fonts is a theologian, psychotherapist, and professor of Theology at the High Institute of Religious Sciences. He is part of the Cova St. Ignasi Community of Manresa.

## Commitment to Harmony for a Peaceful World

Pratap Bhogilal

H.H. Sawmiji Devendrakeerty ji Maharaj  
Sudhir Shah

Room 123, English  
Lecture

The events of 9/11 brought into focus the danger facing the world from built up hatred and fear. Religion is a matter of faith and the way to achieve spiritual upliftment, not disruption of social harmony and mutually supportive human relationships. Nonviolence and compassion are common to religions. Interfaith harmony is needed so that worldwide spiritual awakening can underpin and balance the benefits of *advances in science and technology with durable human well being*. Interfaith harmony will create the basis for co-operative effort in education, health care, and the alleviation of poverty. Religions would become dynamic contributors to a healthier

environment, happier pluralistic human community and a stable and peaceful world.

Pratap Bhogilal is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the World Jain Confederation. He is an industrialist with an M.A. from Bombay University in Textile Technology. He is the Chairman of the Governing Council of Bhogilal Leherchod Institute of Indology, Delhi.

H.H. Swamiji is a Jain monk and an authority on Jain philosophy and scriptures. He has attended various national and international conferences. He is very knowledgeable of ancient languages including Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Kanada, and specializes in new temple inaugural ceremonies and consecration of Jain deities. Active member of the JAINA education committee and Public Affairs Council and the Jain representative of Yale University Interfaith group, Sudhir Shah has been involved in Jain education for 10 years. He is the author of *Think of These Things* - a collection of articles on the application of Jain philosophy.

## The Imperative of Peace and the Obsolescence of War

Joseph Prabhu

Room 124, English  
Lecture

This paper tries to establish two propositions: 1) war is obsolete as a way of settling conflicts and 2) there is an alternative to war in the mobilized will of the people - what Gandhi called Satyagraha (truth-peace). Developments in civil society and interreligious communication provide very real possibilities for peace.

Joseph Prabhu is a Professor of Philosophy at California State University and a Visiting Professor of Religion at University of California, Berkeley. He is the Co-Editor of *Revision Journal*, the author of *The Interreligious Challenge of Raimon Panikkar* (Orbis, 1996), a public speaker, and a peace activist.

## Requirements for an Interreligious Dialogue in a Global World: An Anthropological Approach

José Luis Cancelo

Room 125, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Social sciences consider fundamental the fact that modern history is taking its distance from spirituality. Even though our society is becoming more secular, there are opportunities to expand our faith.

José Luis Cancelo is a Doctor in Philosophy in Madrid, professor of Philosophy at the Theological Augustinian Institute at El Escorial, coordinator of the Department of Sciences of Religion at the Center of University Studies "La Salle" in Madrid, and an expert on the interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## **"Believing" and "Belonging" in a Plural Society**

Ahmeduallah Siddiqi  
Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Dultz  
Saleha Abedin  
Iqbal Ahmad Ansari

Room 129, English

The panel will explore Muslims' engagement in plural societies while highlighting the contemporary challenges and realities they face today. The panel will examine some new debates within Muslim societies, particularly the challenges posed by modernity and living as a minority group in European/Western societies.

Ahmeduallah Siddiqi is Professor of Journalism and Public Relations at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He has authored three books on Islam, contemporary perspectives and media.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Dultz is the President of the German-Muslim League, Bonn, and is the co-founder of the German Muslim League, Hamburg. He is also co-founder and Delegate to the Central Council of Muslims in Germany, Cologne and Muslim Team Leader of the Jewish Christian Muslim Summer School in Ammerdown.

Chief Editor of Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs, Saleha Abedin is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

A veteran human rights activist, Dr. Iqbal Ansari is a Visiting Professor at Hamdard University in India. He is the author of Report on Communal Riots: Prevention & Control for the National Commission for Minorities.

## **World Peace Begins from Within**

Aisha Rafea  
Safa Newman  
Sharon Mijares  
Leili First

130, English

The individual human being who believes in World Peace will cultivate and nourish the development of peace from within. Cultivating peace is accomplished within the individual human heart by removing the roots of prejudice and prideful superiority, seen (blatant) and unseen (subtle) to create fertile ground for the flowering of the heart. This panel includes international leaders from multi-faith traditions to address the importance of understanding individual peace as a gateway to the world peace. This program is part of a series organized by the International Association of Sufism ([www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org)).

A Muslim writer of several books and numerous articles, Aisha Rafea is the daughter of the prominent Egyptian Sufi Teacher Rafea

M. Rafea. With the support of her present Teacher, she is an advocate of spiritual awakening for all humankind.

Safa Ali Michael Newman is President of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Sufism. He has published a book on Uwaysi Sufism entitled *The Gift of the Robe - Uwaysieh*.

Sharon G. Mijares, Ph.D. is a member of Sufi Ruhaniat International and the International Association of Sufism. She co-authored *The Root of All Evil: An Exposition of Prejudice, Fundamentalism and Gender Imbalance*, which is due out in 2005.

Leili First is Co-Director of Program Development for the Institute for Sufi Studies and a member of both IAS and SWO. She participated at the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions.

## **Dialoguing in the Midst of Violence: An Experience of Islam-Christian Dialogue in Mindanao**

Angel Calvo Calderon

Room 131  
Lecture

Lecture that will address the experience of Christian and Muslim groups (respectively "PAZ" and "SALAM") to respond to the violence present in the Philippines (Islamist groups) by promoting peace through interreligious dialogue.

Angel Calvo Calderon is a Priest living on an island in the area of Mindanao that has been the most affected by the conflicts. He has been working on projects for developing and integrating communities. He is the leader of the Peace Advocates Zamboanga, a Christian organisation that promotes peace in the region and has founded the regional Interreligious Society Movement for Peace with the Muslim organisation SALAM.

## **Spiritual Life Circle: SPOT (Special Place of Transformation)**

Asayo Horibe  
Omie Baldwin  
Martha Howard  
Br. Wayne Teasdale  
Sr. Joyce Kemp  
Harold Kasimow

Room 132, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion

This panel will provide a setting that is representative of all traditions, religions and life practices for the sharing of life experiences that have resulted in transformation. It will be a space that will have the elements of earth, wind, fire, and water. Participants who have submitted their stories will come to tell their stories and facilitators will provide a setting for attendees to listen and share. The space will be comfortable, tranquil and safe. All will be equal in this setting and it will be a circle on

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

oneness. This program will accompany a series of Open Space sessions that will allow others to share their stories of transformation.

Asayo Horibe received her RPN degree from Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing and has facilitated and assisted in organizing workshops on racism, religious diversity and Buddhism in the Midwestern United States. She has been President of the Buddhist Council of the Midwest since 1998.

Omie Baldwin (Dine), MSW, LCSW organized the American Indian participation in the Parliament of the World's Religions in both Chicago and Cape Town. She is a therapist/clinical Social Worker at the University Health Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interests and involvements include peace, social justice, and environmental issues with indigenous people.

Dr. Howard is Medical Director of Wellness Associates of Chicago and is currently a board member of the National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine. She is co-editor of the book *Awakening the Spirit: Inspiring the Soul: 30 Stories of Interspiritual Discovery in the Community of Faiths*.

Brother Wayne Teasdale, Ph.D., is a Roman Catholic lay monk and noted author of *The Mystic Heart: Finding a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions* and *A Monk in the World*. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and is a Counselor for the InterSpiritual Dialogue Action Community.

Sister Joyce Kemp, RC, Ph.D., received her Ph.D. in Religion and Applied Spirituality from the Union Institute and is a member in good standing of the Religious of the Cenacle. She has written such articles as "An Empty Space: Sacred Drama as Spiritual Exercise," and "Where Improvisation and Spirituality Meet."

Harold Kasimow, George Drake Professor of Religious Studies at Grinnell College, has written on Abraham J. Heschel and Jewish-Buddhist dialogue. He is the author of *Divine Human Encounter* and co-editor of *No Religion Is an Island*, John Paul II and Interreligious Dialogue, and *Beside Still Waters*.

## Updating Wisdom Stories for the 21st Century

Rev. Heng Sure

Brian Conroy

Room 134, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

Updating Wisdom Stories for the 21st Century is a workshop designed to renew and to carry forward the wisdom inherent in every religious tradition and spiritual discipline. We will teach skills required to identify, develop and update stories of wisdom, inter-religious harmony and healing rifts among peoples. Through a process of story-listening and storytelling in the unique interfaith environment of the Parliament, we will renew and thus preserve the wisdom of each tradition and, at the same time, create the potential for participants to foster their understanding of other traditions.

Rev. Heng Sure, Ph.D., an American Buddhist monk, serves as Director of the Berkeley Buddhist Monastery and teaches on the staff at the Institute for World Religions. He is a member of the

Global Council of the United Religions Initiative, and a founding member of the Bridge CC of the URI.

Brian Conroy, an American Buddhist, is a nationally known storyteller in the United States and teaches folklore at San Jose State University in California. Brian uses music, drama, and song as tools to present his universal message of transformation, redemption, and enlightenment.

## The Global Imperative for Interfaith Education: Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address

His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Leo Lefebure

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

Interfaith education enables us to learn about religious traditions other than their own, while also deepening our understanding of our own traditions, engaging both the commonalities that bring us together and the particularities that make us distinct. Moreover, interfaith education offers the capacity for profound personal and societal growth, which is essential to fostering and sustaining cultures of peace. His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama will address the subject during this highlight of the first day of the Symposium on Interfaith Education.

Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet, the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, has received many international awards, including the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

Leo Lefebure is an Associate Professor of Theology at Fordham University in New York City. He is the author of four books, including *The Buddha and the Christ* and *Revelation, the Religions, and Violence*.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both a patron and member of several interfaith organizations and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

## Affirmative Prayer as Common Ground: The Path of Personal Transformation and Spiritual Harmony

Tom Zender

Deepak Chopra

Deborah Moldow

Michael Beckwith

Joan Borysenko

Lynne Brown

Mitchell Krucoff

Mary Morrissey

Rev. Juan Enrique Toro

Rev. Duke Tuft

Cassandra Viefen

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## **Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan Panel Discussion**

We will explore the premise that the exercise of prayer can lead to personal transformation. As affirmative prayer is utilized, participants become more intimate with the God of their understanding and more enlightened with collective and individual consciousness stimulated through spiritual growth. The program will address these attributes and encourage their vitality within the worldwide spiritual community. Prayer is both an intimate act in a relationship with God and an expression of citizenship in a larger spiritual community. This program will seek, enable, and facilitate participation in that community. This program is part of a series organized by the Association for Global New Thought (AGNT).

Tom Zender holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ottawa University, in Kansas, and has 36 years experience in management, marketing, and strategic development. He is the first president of Unity who is not a member of the founding Fillmore family.

Deepak Chopra has written more than twenty-five books, and is the author of more than one hundred audio and videotape series, including five critically acclaimed programs on public television. Dr. Chopra currently serves as CEO and founder of The Chopra Center for Well Being in La Jolla, California.

Deborah Moldow is Director of The World Peace Prayer Society (WWPS). As an NGO associated with the UN Dept. of Public Information, the WWPS supports initiatives to build a culture of peace and encourages observance of the International Day of Peace, including an annual program for children at UN headquarters in New York City.

Dr. Beckwith is the founder of the Agape International Spiritual Center, and is the co-founder and current president of the Association for Global New Thought. He is considered one of the metaphysical movement's most influential visionaries and is the recipient of many humanitarian awards for his commitment to world peace.

Dr. Borysenko completed her Doctorate in medical sciences at the Harvard Medical School, has had her work appear in numerous scientific journals, and has been featured in many popular magazines and newspapers. She is well known for her ability to bridge diverse disciplines and open up new lines of communication.

Lynne Brown serves as Vice President of Silent Unity and is an ordained Unity minister. She has served Unity in various capacities for more than 25 years, and oversees the international activities of 13 Silent Unity prayer ministries around the world. Dr. Krucoff is Associate Professor of Medicine/Cardiology at Duke University Medical Center. He is past Editor in Chief of *Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine*, and has published more than 100 articles and book chapters on various aspects of cardiology, coronary care, spirituality and complementary medicine.

Mary Mania Morrissey is the founder and senior minister of the Living Enrichment Center, and her book, *Building Your Field of Dreams*, was adapted for a PBS special. She has addressed the United Nations on curbing violence, worked with the Dalai Lama on interfaith dialogue, and received countless humanitarian awards.

Born in Quito, Ecuador, Rev. Juan Enrique Toro is the president of the Association of Unity Churches. For 11 years, he has been a Unity minister serving a bilingual/bicultural congregation in Costa Rica, where he also founded the "Season of Non-Violence" in 1998.

The Reverend Duke Tufty is the chairman of Unity's Board of Directors, and is the first non-Fillmore family member to head a primary Unity Board since it was founded in 1889. Rev. Tufty is a 1990 graduate of the ministerial program at Unity Institute.

Dr. Vieten is a research psychologist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences, California Pacific Medical Center, and The University of California, San Francisco. She is studying practices that cultivate transformation in consciousness and directing a project funded by the National Institutes of Health, examining the role of compassionate intention in healing.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## **Faith on Film: The Drums of Winter (Uksuum Cauyai)**

**Macky Alston  
Barbara Abrash**

**Room 111  
Film Festival**

Faith on Film Series: *The Drums of Winter* (Uksuum Cauyai) (1988) showcases a rare dance language that is at the heart of the Yupik Eskimo's (Bering Sea coast) spiritual and social life. This quietly beautiful film gives an intimate look at this art, which most people have never seen. Exceptional for its exquisite representation of the resilience of this indigenous people and their religious practice in the face of over 100 years of colonialism and westernization. (90 min.) A discussion session with Macky Alston and a religious leader of the faith tradition in the film follows during the Open Space period.

Macky Alston is the Director of Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary committed to cultivating, supporting and promoting engaging, responsible, balanced media about religion, spirituality and ethics.

Barbara Abrash is associate director of the Center for Media, Culture and History and the center for Religion and Media at New York University where she also teaches. She is an independent documentary producer, film curator and co-editor of *Personal Essay Filmmaking of the 1980's and 9-11 and After: A Virtual Casebook* as well as numerous articles.

**Ties That Bind  
Ann Feldman  
Jan Thompson  
Shakeela Hassan**

**Room 116, English/Spanish  
Film Festival**

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Ties that Bind (2004)** documents a local project in Metropolitan Chicago that brings together women spiritual leaders from the Black Evangelical, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Hispanic Protestant communities to share their music and personal stories, work together to create a vision of how the world can be and guide their communities to move this vision forward. The extraordinary spiritual leaders profiled in this film include Cantor Deborah Bard, Rev. Addie Wyatt, Sr. Kathy Sherman, Amina Saeed and Rev. Annie Gonzalez. (50 min.) A discussion session immediately follows.

Ann E. Feldman, Ph.D. (producer), founder and artistic director of Artistic Circles, is currently a Visiting Scholar in Gender Studies at Northwestern University and a Rhodes Scholar for the Illinois Humanities Council in the USA. She has written, produced and hosted nationally syndicated radio programs, public events and CDs, for which she has received several awards.

Emmy and NEH award winning videographer Jan Thompson created the Hidden Journeys program (Hidden China, Hidden Mexico, Food for the Ancestors, Hidden Korea), which were broadcast on PBS, Asia TV and REI as well as The Music Masters, profiling Daniel Barenboim.

For three years, Dr. Hassan served as the National Fundraising Chairperson for Unity Productions Foundation. She is a member of the Visiting Committee, Chicago Theological Seminary; the External Advisory Board, International Human Rights Law Institute; and the National Board of the Cardinal Bernardin Center of the Catholic Theological Union.

## Clash or Conversation: A Dialogue of Civilizations

Shirin Ebadi  
Hans Küng

Auditorium (3155), English/Spanish/Catalan

Are the cultural and historical differences between Christian and Muslim communities in the world too wide to reconcile? Are we doomed to a "Clash of Civilizations," or are there alternatives through creative dialogue? In this discussion Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Shirin Ebadi of Iran and distinguished theologian and author Prof. Hans Küng of Germany will explore the difficulties and challenges in creating meaningful dialogue and will make recommendations on how to break down cultural barriers.

Ms. Shirin Ebadi is the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Ms. Ebadi, born in 1947, is an Iranian lawyer and human rights activist. She received a law degree from the University of Tehran. In the years 1975-1979 she served as president of the city court of Tehran, one of the first female judges in Iran. After the revolution in 1979, she was forced to resign. She now works as a lawyer and also teaches at the University of Tehran. With Islam as her starting point, Ebadi campaigns for peaceful solutions to social problems and promotes new thinking on Islamic terms. She has displayed great personal courage as a lawyer defending individuals and groups who have fallen victim to a powerful political and legal system that is legitimized through an inhumane interpretation of Islam.

Dr. Hans Küng is an internationally known Christian theologian and president of the Global Ethic Foundation of Tübingen University. He has published over fifty titles, including *Does God Exist?*, *Christianity and World Religion*, *Paths to Dialogue with Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism*, *Christians and Jews*, *Global Responsibility*, *In Search of a New World Ethic*, and edited, *Yes to a Global Ethic*. Dr. Küng lives and teaches in Tübingen, Germany.

## Song of Peace Fei Hong-Kuei

Theater (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Inspired by her daily devotion, Ms. Fei's ancient Chinese zither music (guzheng) is powerful in healing the pain of a wounded heart, calming the irritated mind and encouraging the desperate. She integrates songs related to Buddhism and folk songs to express graciousness to the earth, loving kindness to all beings and harmonious co-existence. Songs include *Praising the Buddha*, *Song of Fa-Hwa*, *Inspiration from the Mt-Tou*, *High Mountain and Gentle River Runs* and *Music of the Peace Era*.

Fei Hong-Kuei (Taiwan) plays a guzheng, an ancient Chinese zither and holds the honorific title of "Best Zither Performer in the East." She is both founder and current leader of Hungyun Zither Music Orchestra and leader of Lu-Yuan Chinese Music Orchestra. She has given recitals all over the world including the USA, Australia, Japan, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Beijing and Shanghai. She has recorded five tapes and 6 CDs. Ms. Hong-Kuei is an associate of the University of Hawaii Department of Music, a graduate of the Far East Fine Arts Academy and of the East-West Music Senior Research Class.

ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## Secularity and Religions: Suggestions for a New World

Julio Gisbert Quero  
Ignasi Boada  
Mari Àngels Roqué  
Maurice Halimi  
Teresa Guardans

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This will be a panel discussion that seeks to come up with proposals for a new world order, based on respect and shared experiences.

Julio Gisbert Quero is General Secretary of the secular Association "Espacios del Hombre" and Chair of the Peace Space in Madrid.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Ignasi Boada is a Doctor in Philosophy and professor of History of Religions at the Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona, Vic and Tarragona.

Mari Àngels Roqué is an anthropologist, leads the magazine *Quaderns de la Mediterrània* and has recently written the book *Plural Islam*.

Maurice Halimi is an adjunct of the mayor of Perpignan, ex-president of the Israelite Community of Eastern Pyrenees. He made the interviews for the book *Secularity, spirituality in the city* and organized a travel for Israelis, Palestinians and French people of all the religions in Auschwitz.

Teresa Guardans is a teacher of Judaism at the Center for the Study of Religious Traditions ("Centre d'Estudi de les Tradicions religioses") and expert in pedagogy of religions.

## Unity in Diversity: The Foundations of a Culture of Peace and Justice in an Intertraditional Cooperation

Lama Rinpoche Denys

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Lama Denys will offer a presentation of the ethical and spiritual common ground of all peace and justice-oriented communities. Lama Denys's vision of unity in diversity offers a means to engage in intertraditional dialogue in a spirit of mutual respect.

Spiritual heir of Kyabje Kalou Rinpoche, one of the greatest contemporary Buddhist Tibetan masters, and the spiritual guide of Rimay Shongha International, a network of Dharma centers, Lama Rinpoche Denys is very involved in the interreligious dialogue as the Honorary President of the European Buddhist Union and the co-founder of the United Traditions Initiative.

## How Can Religious Communities Be Engaged in Fair Trade?

Francesc Mateu  
Rafael Sanchis  
Santi Bolívar  
Toni Codina  
Mrs. Rina Dewri  
Mrs. Mariam Begum

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

This workshop that will explain what fair trade is, and the means that exist for collaboration. There will also be testimonies as well as an exhibition of products of fair trade. Fair trade allows to avoid that the international trade produces more unfairness. Fair trade take into account ethical and environmental values. That implies the non acceptance of the children exploitation, to pay a fair price for products, to preserve the human and labor rights and the equal rights between women and men. Fair trade helps to producers to be

present in international trade and to reach a decent life and job.

Francesc Mateu has been the coordinator of Austral Africa for the department of International Cooperation of Intermon-Oxfam; now he is the spokesperson of the Universal Forum of Cultures of Barcelona at Intermon-Oxfam.

Rafael Sanchis is Director of Fair Trade of Intermon-Oxfam, which is an NGO of Cooperation having 189,833 members, thousands of consumers of Fair Trade and 1,235 workers in 7 headquarters and 37 committees in Spain, from whom 949 are volunteers. This organization is member of the international net of Oxfam.

Santi Bolívar is Director of the Barcelona Headquarter of Intermon Oxfam.

Toni Codina is Director of SETEM, which is a NGO of solidarity with more than 1,200 members and thousands of volunteers. SETEM actively works to promote the fair trade in a fairer world.

Mrs. Rina Dewri is one of the craftswomen of Bangladesh related to the Mennonite Central Committee, which is a local partner of Intermon Oxfam. She makes products of fair trade. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. MCC reflects the biblical call to care for the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in prison.

Mrs. Mariam Begum is one of the craftswomen of Bangladesh related to the Mennonite Central Committee, which is a local partner of Intermon Oxfam. She makes products of fair trade. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. MCC reflects the biblical call to care for the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in prison.

## Conditions for Peace, Sustainable Development and Cultural Diversity: A Christian Perspective

José Luis Suárez

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

This will be a lecture presenting the protestant approach to peace education based on biblical teaching and the example of Jesus Christ. It will also discuss the contrast between a culture for peace and the culture of violence that is presented in the media.

José Luis Suárez is a Mennonite pastor, member of the Evangelical Council of Catalonia and president of the Catalan diaconate.

## InterSpiritual Dialogue - The Vision in Practice

Kurt Johnson  
Wayne Teasdale  
Martha Gallahue  
Annette Knopp  
Matthew Miller

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Tom Downes  
Melanie Freas  
Alan Steinfeld  
Dorothy Cunha  
Martha Foster  
Alden Bevington  
William Hayashi

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion/Interactive Workshop

This program will open with a panel discussion describing the vision, genesis and progress of "InterSpiritual Dialogue" - an unfolding practice of the InterSpiritual Dialogue Action Community (ISDAC). Modalities of interspiritual dialogue and expression will be highlighted along with a global action initiative and exploration of models of cooperation. Participants will then be invited to share in a hands-on interactive process that will feature reflection, silence and collaborative interspiritual dialogue. ISDAC moderators will use techniques that demonstrate the advantage of different traditions working together to promote community action plans.

Dr. Kurt Johnson is a founding member of InterSpiritual Dialogue. He is a board member of the National Service Conference of the American Ethical Union, Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture and a member of the UN Spiritual Caucus. He is widely published in science, religion and ethics. He co-authored Nabokov's Blues: the Scientific Odyssey of a Literary Genius.

Brother Wayne Teasdale, Ph.D., is a Roman Catholic lay monk and noted author of *The Mystic Heart: Finding a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions* and *A Monk in the World*. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and is a Counselor for the InterSpiritual Dialogue Action Community.

Martha Gallahue is a founding member of ISDAC, a practicing psychotherapist and an interspiritual practitioner. She is a member of the United Religious Initiative at the UN representing the American Ethical Union. Martha also represents the Spiritual Caucus of the United Nations at the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Annette Knopp is a teacher/counselor in the Advaita Tradition and has pursued experiential work in Tibetan Buddhism, Shamanism and healing and integration techniques. Ms. Knopp specializes in holding Women's Circles for the recognition and celebration of the Spirit in its female embodiment and is a Counselor to ISDAC.

Matt Mitler originally trained in Humanistic and Existential Psychology and later discovered the healing potential of theatre. He studied with such masters as Jerzy Grotowski, Carl Rogers, and Jean Huston. In 1997, he merged psychotherapy and theatre to found Dzieci, a theater group with a higher purpose. He is a founding member of the ISDAC (InterSpiritual Dialogue) Service Council.

Rev. Tom Downes, Ph.D., is a founding member of ISDAC and a practicing psychotherapist and interspiritual practitioner with backgrounds ranging from Christian mysticism, eastern religious

practice and Tai Chi Chuan to shamanism. He is also representing Pax Christi at the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Melanie Freas is a member of the Service Council of ISDAC. Formerly associated with both the Omega Institute and the University of Creation Spirituality, she has pursued experiential and intellectual training from a wide variety of both Eastern and Western spiritual traditions. Her most essential work is that done under the tutorship of Russill Paul, a teacher from the Hindu tradition of Nada Yoga who is also presenting at the 2004 Parliament.

Alan Steinfeld is a member of the Service Council of ISDAC and producer and host of *New Realities Television* which has brought viewers the leading edge scientists and mystical and spiritual thinkers that are changing the way we think of the world. He is co-founder of the Concordia Foundation.

Dorothy Cunha, founding member of ISDAC, is a member of the corporate business community. Dorothy practices Peruvian Shamanism working with, among others, Oscar Miro-Quesada. She is on the steering committee of the Institute for Life Purpose, a non-profit organization dedicated to propagating the conversation of living one's purpose.

A member of the InterSpiritual Dialogue Collaborative Circle, Ms. Foster is the founder and executive director of *Living Earth Television*. She has worked for three decades with festivals, broadcasters, museums and universities in both the USA and Asia. She has graduate training in both anthropology and media. She created the *Windy City International Documentary Festival* and developed story ideas for an Emmy award-winning documentary series for Chicago Public Television.

A member of the Collaborative Circle of InterSpiritual Dialogue, Alden Bevington has studied, prayed and practiced with a full spectrum of teachers and congregations representing the many faces of human spirituality. His particular interests have been religious psychology and the philosophical and meditational techniques which comprise the world's mystical teachings.

Dr. Hayashi is a Professor of Humanities at Columbia College in Chicago, where he teaches courses in *Mystical Consciousness: East and West*, *the Philosophy of Love*, and *Spirituality and Empowerment*, and serves as Director of the Senior Seminar Program: *Voice, Values, and Vision*. He has been a teacher of Siddha Yoga meditation for over twenty years, a student of Chinese energy methods, and an author and panelist in the inter-faith movement.

## Religious Values and Social Activism

Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz  
H. H. Swami Sadyojathah  
Paul Knitter

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

One of the great challenges to religious communities is to find ways that the wisdom of respective faith traditions can motivate its adherents to work for social justice and world peace. Many young people have a hard time finding religious inspiration for their own altruism and their desire to make a

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

positive difference in the world. During this session, three religious leaders from different traditions will discuss the core values of their respective faiths that might inspire people towards lives of social activism. They will also reflect on how well their religious communities have succeeded in this regard in recent decades and what might be done to be more effective in this regard.

Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz, Ph.D., founder and president of PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, currently serves as Raabi Emeritus of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Rockville, Maryland. Additionally, Dr. Schwarz is the co-author of numerous books and over 100 of his articles have been published.

Born Raghu Raj Raja, into the royal family of Kerala, India, His Holiness Swami Sadyojathah found his calling at a young age and was attracted to community initiatives for the betterment of society. Over the years His Holiness has personally initiated more than 25,000 people in countries around the world.

Professor Emeritus of Theology at Xavier University, Cincinnati (Ohio, USA), he has been working with "Christians for Peace in El Salvador" and has published a critical survey of Christian approaches to other religions: "Introducing Theologies of Religions" (2002). He is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Committee for the Peace Council.

## Partner Cities and Capacity Building Opening Session

Rev. Dirk Ficca  
Richard Weingarten

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

Come hear from Executive Director Dirk Ficca, CPWR staff, and volunteers about the ongoing work of the CPWR and CPWR sponsored programs at the Parliament. Learn about the history of CPWR and how you can connect with the ongoing work of the CPWR throughout the week.

Rev. Dirk Ficca has been with the Parliament of the World's Religions since 1992, and has been its Executive Director since 1998. He was formerly a Presbyterian Minister in Benton Harbor, Michigan for ten years.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

## Challenges Facing Sikh Identity

Bhai Sukhbir Singh  
Pal Ahluwalia  
Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh  
Nikky-Guninder Singh  
Jagbir Jhutti-Johal  
Gurharpal Singh

Japjeet Kaur  
Inderjit Singh

Room 120

In the wake of the twin tower attacks, Sikh identity has been problematized. Sikhs condemn the demonisation of any person who endures racial vilification and is not allowed to freely practice their religion. Yet, there are commonly held misconceptions about Sikhs. This seminar seeks to explore the complicated nature of Sikh identity in the contemporary world, and deal with the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation.

Bhai Sukhbir Singh has previously been a school teacher in London. He is currently a businessman and volunteer of the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha.

Pal Ahluwalia is Professor of Politics at Goldsmiths College, University of London, and a volunteer of the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both a patron and member of several interfaith organizations, and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

Professor Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh is the Chair and Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies at Colby College.

Dr. Jagbir Jhutti-Johal is a lecturer in Sikh Studies, University of Birmingham.

Professor Gurharpal Singh is the Nadir Dinshaw Professor of Inter-Religious Relations at the University of Birmingham.

Ms. Japjeet Kaur is a Psychology student, and a volunteer of the GNNSJ.

Inderjit Singh is Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations.

## Lessons from Phoenix: Creating Peace in a World of Religious Violence

Rev. Paul Eppinger  
Gurukirn Kaur Khalsa  
Rev. Kyra Baehr  
Namagundalu Venkobarao Shamasundar  
Priscilla Eppinger  
Sybil Eppinger  
Sardarni Sahiba Gurukirn Kaur Khalsa

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

Religious ignorance and misunderstanding have erupted into violence and murder in the Phoenix, Arizona area with synagogues, temples, churches, and mosques desecrated and violated. The Sikh community has been especially targeted with murders, shootings, and other acts of violence. Over the past eight years we have learned how to bring strength and support

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

to the offended groups. The model developed by the Arizona Interfaith movement offers methods for proactively creating a positive force by engaging media, government, educational institutions, businesses and the religious community. You can learn to foster spiritual understanding and respect through education, dialogue, service and community-building. This seminar can help teach you how to move your community and our world from religious intolerance and violence to compassion, reconciliation and peace.

Dr. Paul Eppinger, an American Baptist minister, has served as Statewide Director of the campaign to establish a Martin Luther King holiday for Arizona, the Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council and is now the Executive Director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Guru Dev Kaur Khalsa grew up in the Sikh community in Phoenix, Arizona. She attended school in India for eight years, and received her Master's Degree in Architecture from Tulane University in 2001 and Yale University in 2004.

Rev. Kyra Boehr is a Unity minister and board representative for Arizona Interfaith Movement. Her experiences in Houston, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona as Unity minister, non-profit executive and human resources manager have all reflected her leadership in bridging cultural and religious differences to create community based on love, compassion and understanding.

Mr. N.V. Shamasundar has been a professional electrical engineer working for the City of Phoenix, Arizona since 1984. He received his Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) Degree in 1964 (India) and his Master's Degree in International Management in 1984 (USA). He is a Member/Director of Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Dr. Priscilla Eppinger is Assistant Professor of Religion at Graceland University in Iowa, USA. Her particular areas of interest are the appropriation of religion by popular culture and feminist and other liberation theologies. She previously served as a pastor in the American Baptist tradition.

Sybil C. Eppinger, B.A., M.A. was a Marriage and Family Therapist for 27 years and co-host of a television series on family issues for 10 years. She is the President of Church Women United, and a Board Member of the Phoenix Interfaith Chaplaincy and a professional organization. She co-authored a book on marriage, and was named Arizona Mother-of-the-Year for 2002.

Sardarni Sahiba Gurukirn Kaur Khalsa has been a Sikh since 1971. She received her introduction to Sikhism from Yogi Bhajan while attending Pomona College in Claremont, CA. She is an ordained Sikh Minister, President of Sikh Dharma of Phoenix, Chairperson of the International Khalsa Council, and an Arizona Interfaith Movement board member.

## Interreligious Partnerships in Crisis Relief - An Innovative Strategy for Cooperation, Empowerment and Sustainability

Rev. Dr. Roy Buchanan

Room 122, English/Spanish  
Lecture

Strategic interreligious partnering in humanitarian crisis response efforts is proving to be an efficient platform for direct

emergency relief. Establishing intentional partnerships between interreligious faith-based NGOs is also an effective methodology for enhancing local capacity and program sustainability. These partnerships not only foster mutual understanding, they broaden the sense of community among participating organizations. This program demonstrates the power of commitment and the enhanced ability for service when faith groups work together regardless of tradition.

Rev. Dr. Roy Buchanan has devoted his life to a vision of a world without hunger. For the past 25 years he has worked to provide food and emergency aid in crisis areas around the globe. He is currently President and CEO of Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization located in Raleigh, North Carolina that specializes in fast response and partnering with other faith-based organizations. He is an award-winning photographer whose exhibit, Faces of Hunger / Faces of Hope, can be seen in the Parliaments Art Gallery.

## Dealing with Anger Compassionately

Hema Pokharna

Mandakini Pokharna

Room 123, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

Anger is an alarm indicating that our needs are not being met, we are being hurt or our boundaries are being violated. Being discouraged from the awareness and forthright expression of anger, we accumulate suppressed anger, possibly causing physical health problems like blood pressure. In this workshop we will discuss the source of anger, increase our awareness of anger and learn ways of expressing our needs and feelings behind anger. Using meditation, focusing, and nonviolent communication skills, we will learn to express anger compassionately without feelings of guilt or blame.

Hema Pokharna, Ph.D., is a researcher at the University of Chicago and a member of the JAINA Interfaith Committee. She is the Director of Journeys of Life, and gives extended training sessions and lectures around the world. Her work provides powerful and practical training in connecting with self and others.

Mandakini Pokharna, MD, practices internal medicine in Chicago, and has been trained at the center of Nonviolent Communication. Like Hema, Mandakini came to the United States from India. She has helped to create and teach inspiring and lively workshops around the world, introducing the audience to the basic skills and concepts of nonviolent communication.

## Sustainable Development - Poverty, Social Development, Globalization and Social Values

Swami Sivarama

Room 124, English

Vedas, social, economic and cultural considerations must follow the essential laws of God in order to be sustainable. These essential laws work according to their nature. These three laws must facilitate a global economic development, which is subservient to the ultimate right of all beings...to know

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

and love God. Adhering to such principles, development becomes truly sustainable, for it has the blessings of the Lord.

Born Peter Letai in Budapest Hungary, in 1973 he joined the Krsna Consciousness movement in Montreal. In 1987 he took responsibility for preaching incognito in Hungary and, since 1989, has traveled between Hungary and the UK, lecturing and teaching. He is one of 25 governing members of ISKCON.

## **Sufi Psychology Forum: From Mind to Heart, Pathway to Peace**

**Seyedeh Hamaseh Kianfar**

**Amineh Pryor**

**Nazila Ghazi**

**Arife Hammerle**

**Sheikh Jamol Granick**

**Bahman Shirazi**

**Room 125, English  
Lecture**

This panel begins with a Sufi meditation and continues in discussions, and will include lecture and experiential components for participants to gain or deepen our understanding of the heart as a pathway to peace in Islamic Sufism. Based on a 1400 year history, the teachings on the Qur'an, and the lives of the Prophets of monotheism, Islam teaches practical tools and methods for listening with the ear of the heart and deepening our connections to an underlying humanity which is accessible in every moment. This program is part of a series organized by the International Association of Sufism ([www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org)).

Seyedeh Hamaseh Kianfar is a member of the International Association of Sufism and Sufi Women Organization. Scholar and author, Seyedeh is pursuing a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology, has served as a representative for the Student Senate at the School of California Professional Psychology.

Amineh Amelia Pryor, Ph.D., is an Uwayysi Sufi, an active member of International Association of Sufism, Sufi Women Organization, and the Sufism and Psychology Forum. She teaches classes at the Institute of Sufi Studies in California and other schools and organizations. She has written numerous articles on psychology, spirituality, and science.

Nazila Ghazi has a B.S. in computer engineering and has consulted major corporations. Currently owns an interior design studio and is enrolled in East/West psychology graduate program.

Dr. Hammerle is a student of Uwayysi Tariqat of Sufism and a member of the International Association of Sufism. She has published many articles and a book, *Unfolding Self Essence*. She is an alternative representative of IAS for the United Nations.

Sheikh Jamal Granick is a Student of Uwayysi Sufism, co-director of the Sufism and Psychology Forum, a Dept. of the International Association of Sufism. Sheikh Jamal is also a psychotherapist in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Bahman A.K. Shirazi, Ph.D., is Director of Graduate Studies at CUS in San Francisco, as well as faculty member of JFK University in Orinda, California.

## **The necessary values for the creation of a happy interreligious family**

**Roya Massarrat Saian**

**Room 129, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop**

This presentation offers a systemic evaluation of the relational values that can help the interreligious couple to achieve an improvement in their relationship, as well as analysis of the strategies that can help preventing and solve conflicts within the interreligious family.

Roya Massarrat Saian has a degree in Psychology, a master in systemic family therapy and a post-graduate in mediation. She is a family psychologist and therapist with a strong experience in interreligious and intercultural families having practiced in China and Spain.

## **The Peace Pole Project**

**Nickolai Parker**

**Dagmar Berkenberg**

**Hagit Ra'anon**

**Room 130, English  
Interactive Workshop**

A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth in different languages. There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries world-wide. Learn about the history of Peace Poles and how schools, neighborhoods, religious communities and organizations have had success bringing peace and harmony into their environment with it. Participants are invited to take this concept with them and plant Peace Poles in their own communities.

Nickolai Parker serves as the Representative to the United Nations for the World Peace Prayer Society and works on the International Day of Peace - a Resolution from the United Nations General Assembly declaring September 21st as a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence.

Ms. Dagmar Berkenberg heads the Munich office of the World Peace Prayer Society.

Hagit is a volunteer Peace Representative for the World Peace Prayer Society in the area of Tel Aviv, Israel. After losing her husband during the war with Lebanon, she became a tireless peacemaker, planting over 60 Peace Poles in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. She works to create opportunities for Palestinians and Israelis to meet one another as human beings sharing the cause of Peace, travelling regularly to meet with the people of Gaza and the refugees in the camps on the West Bank.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **Designing Interfaith Sacred Space: Lessons from the First International Interfaith Sacred Space Design Competition**

Elder Donald Frew  
Nahid Angha  
Rev. Paul Chaffee  
David Ponedel (Rt. Rev.)  
Vivek Anand  
Fr. Gerald P. O'Rourke  
Suzanne Morgan  
Bryant Alcantara  
Katice Helinski  
Jeff Riley

Room 131, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion

The Interfaith Sacred Space Design Competition Jury and Advisors looked at over 150 designs submitted by architects and others from 17 countries, all trying to answer the questions: Is genuine interfaith space possible? What might a space designed to accommodate the needs of all faiths look like? The competition was sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco; EURIMA (Expressing the United Religions Initiative in Music and the Arts); and the Interfaith Center at the Presidio; in partnership with the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and the United Religions Initiative. This presentation and panel discussion will address the challenges in designing interfaith sacred space and share the insights and design principles revealed by the competition process.

Don Frew is the founder and Director of the Lost and Endangered Religions Project (LERP). He has been active in interfaith work for 18 years, and serves on the Global Council of the United Religions Initiative and the Board of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio.

Nahid Angha, Ph.D., is co-founder of the International Association of Sufism (IAS), and founder of the Sufi Women Organization (SWO). An internationally published scholar and human rights activist, Dr. Angha is the main representative of the IAS to the United Nations (NGO/DPI).

The son of Presbyterian missionaries, Paul Chaffee grew up in Asia. He is ordained in the United Church of Christ, the founding Executive Director of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio, and member of the Board of Directors of the United Religions Initiative.

Rt. Rev. David L. Ponedel is a Bishop in the Church of Divine Man and a founding board member of the Interfaith Center of the Presidio, San Francisco. He celebrated this ceremony of the Cape Town Parliament in 1999.

Vivek Anand has a B.Arch. from the Academy of Architecture, Bombay, and an M.Arch. from Virginia Tech. He works as a Project Designer and Project Manager at Tsang Architecture. Vivek also writes, is a photographer, and is a student of Hindustani classical singing, Yoga, Vedanta, Raja Yoga and Taoism.

Fr. Gerald P. O'Rourke was ordained in Ireland in 1950. He is the Emeritus Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco and served as Roman Catholic Advisor for the Competition.

Suzanne Morgan represented the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions on the Jury. She has been a professional interior designer and architect, and completed a four-year course in theology through the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Bryant Alcantara is one of the winning designers. He is at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

Katrice Helinski is one of the winning designers. She lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

Jeff Riley is one of the winning designers. He led a team from Centerbrook Architects and Planners in Centerbrook, Connecticut.

## **The voice of different religious traditions on cultural diversity**

Joan Hernández

Room 132, Spanish  
Other (audiovisual presentation)

Audiovisual presentation on the symbols that are a prominent expression of religious diversity. Participants will be introduced into a number of religious symbols and then encouraged to engage in a discussion on the meaning and use of symbols for the human being. In this presentation, Joan Hernandez will lead a panel of presenters are members of the Working Group on Religions and Cultural Diversity (UNESCO Center of Catalonia).

Joan Hernandez is the coordinator for the Universal Forum of Culture's relations to religious, spiritual and interreligious organizations.

## **Protestantism in Spain and its engagement with society**

Mariano Blázquez

Room 134  
Lecture

This lecture presentation will offer an overview of the Protestant communities in Spain, and their contribution to Spanish society.

Mariano Blázquez has a B.A. of Law, is working as a lawyer and a priest.

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Proselytization and Religious Freedom

Kusumita Pedersen  
Wande Abimbola  
Irfan Khan  
David Little  
Rev. Hans Ucko  
Vrnda Chaitanya  
Arvind Sharma

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

A panel of internationally distinguished experts will discuss the basic human right of religious freedom in relation to the controversial issue of proselytization, the effort to convert others to one's own religion. While proselytization is often viewed negatively, religious freedom embraces the right to peacefully teach others about one's own religion. Presentations and discussions will explore the ethical, interreligious and legal aspects of this important and complex issue.

Kusumita Pedersen, Ph.D., is chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Francis College. She has been involved with the Global Interfaith Movement for the past twenty years.

Wande Abimbola occupies the position of Awise Awa Ni Agbaye, "spokesperson and ambassador for the Yoruba religion and culture in the world." He has devoted his life to the Ifa, the Yoruba system of divination, and has taught at Harvard, Colgate and Boston College and written extensively on the Yoruba tradition.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

David Little, Ph.D., is professor of practice in religion, ethnicity, and international conflict at the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Previous to that he was a senior scholar at the United States Institute of Peace.

The Rev. Hans Ucko, Ph.D., is an ordained minister of the church of Sweden, and is currently responsible for Jewish-Christian relations and dialogue at the World Council of Churches.

Vrnda Chaitanya received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is the recipient of several awards and honors and has published numerous works on Hindu Philosophy, International Feminism, and Ecology. Dr. Chaitanya is currently a Distinguished Professor of Vedanta and Sanskrit at Valosta State University.

Dr. Sharma gained an M.T.S. in 1974 and then a Ph.D. in Sanskrit and Indian Studies from Harvard University in 1978. He is now Birks Chair of Comparative Religion at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has published over fifty books including *The Study of Hinduism* (2003) and five hundred articles in the fields of comparative religion, Hinduism, Indian philosophy and ethics, and the role of women in religion.

## A Buddhist-Christian Dialogue on Communal Responses to Social and Environmental Violence

Donald Mitchell  
John Berthrong  
David Chappell  
Rita M. Gross  
Rosemary Ruether  
Sulak Sivaraksa  
Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel will present the results of a series of dialogues that have been held by the International Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, known also as the Abe-Cobb Group, and have been sponsored by the Lilly Endowment. The dialogues addressed the causes of, and responses to, social and environmental violence. Presentations by Sulak Sivaraksa on "The Economic Basis of Social and Environmental Violence and the Need for Economic Justice," and Rita Gross on "Reconstructing Just Communities in Response to Social and Environmental Violence" will be followed by responses from Rosemary Radford Ruether and Donald Mitchell. John Berthrong will moderate and David Chappell will give a special presentation on the history and work of ICBTE in addressing economic, social and environmental issues.

Donald W. Mitchell, Professor of Comparative Philosophy and Religion at Purdue University, is active in Buddhist-Christian dialogue. He is Director of the International Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, and is advisor for Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. His books include *Spirituality and Emptiness*, *Mosao Abe: A Zen Life of Dialogue*, and *The Gethsemani Encounter*.

John H. Berthrong, Associate Dean and Professor of Comparative Theology, is director of the Institute for Dialogue Among Religious Traditions at Boston University. He has written numerous publications including *All Under Heaven: Transforming Paradigms in Confucian-Christian Dialogue*, and *The Divine Delic: Religious Identity in the North American Cultural Mosaic*.

David W. Chappell teaches Buddhist studies and comparative religion at Soka University of America, and is Professor Emeritus of the University of Hawaii. His publications include several edited books, among which are: *Buddhist and Taoist Studies*, *Tien-tai Buddhism: An Outline of the Fourfold Teachings*, and *Buddhist Peacework: Creating Cultures of Peace*.

Rita M. Gross, a noted scholar of Buddhism, has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for twenty-five years, representing Tibetan Buddhism in general, and the Shambhala Buddhist perspective in particular. She is the author of numerous articles and essays on women and religion, including "Buddhism after Patriarchy: A Feminist History."

Rosemary Radford Ruether has been a pioneer in Christian feminist theology for over three decades, and her books are among the most widely read of North American feminist theologians. Her

# Program Descriptions

Thursday, July 8, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

book, *Sexism and God-Talk*, is a classic in the field of feminist theology. With wide-ranging scholarship and a penchant for finding hidden connections among seemingly disparate fields, Ruether has written and edited close to twenty books and hundreds of articles and reviews. She is at home in such diverse fields as the patristics, the historical and theological roots of anti-Semitism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the history of women in American religion, liberation theology, the mythology of the Ancient Near East, and ecology.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Pracha Dhamma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

## Concert and Dance of Shinto Traditional Music Noriaki Nagao

Theater (4:30 PM - 5:00 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Music concert with the selected best traditional music of the emperor's Court. Gagaku music is a melting pot between traditional Japanese music and dance and different kinds of dance and music from Asia. The Gagaku Society of the Tenri University from Nara, Japan are formed by 19 musicians, it has restored the traditional music for 24 years.

## Dance of the Four Cultures

Cabaret, English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

## The song of the Sun: music and Sufi Menlevi dance.

Jalil Barcena

Theater, Arabic/Turkish  
Artistic Performance

Artistic performance by J. Barcena and his group called "ushā" ("The Lovers of Allah") that will interpret the Sufi Menlevi music and dance called "The song of the sun" inspired by the Persian Sufi poet Hazra Maulāna Rumi.

Jalil Barcena is an expert in Sufism, the director of the Institute of Sufi Studies of Barcelona and a professor at the Religious Traditions Centre and the University of Girona.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan

Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

July 9 – In light of July 8th's meditation, we will reflect on the Divine Words in Surah 95. Day Two of an observance offered throughout the week. Each observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text: it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of West and Islam, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## Workshop on the Use of Aromas and Fragrance

Sarangapani Mohanambal

Ahmed Benallal

Albert Sánchez Puerta

Room 113, English & Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Workshop on the use of aromas and fragrances within Hindu, Islam and Christian religions. It will be shown to people how spirituality and practice of traditions and cultures using aromas and fragrances help us to drive away negativity, evil, stress, etc.

Sarangapani Mohanambal is a Indian psychologist, a Dr. in alternative medicines and a specialist of Hindu tradition, and lives in Barcelona. She founded an association called "New Samskara Institute for Health, Body, Mind and Spirit".

Ahmed Benallal is Coordinator of the Muslim Council of Catalonia and member of the Council of the SETEM, Catholic NGO working for the Third World.

Albert Sánchez Puerta is a Psychologist and has a B.A. in Religious Sciences; she is the coordinator of the religious team of the Catalan Association of Boy Scouts (MEGSJC).

## The Social Dimension of the Contemplative Christian Prayer

Maria Lucia Caram Padilla

Room 114

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Lecture exploring the social commitment that contemplative prayer can influence and its social impacts that lead to actions of solidarity.

Maria Lucia Caram Padilla is a contemplative nun (Convent of Santa Clara, in Manresa), who has been working in solidarity projects for the Third World and on mental health issues. She is promoting interreligious activities in Manresa. Different young groups of Manresa will participate in this initiative.

## The Religious Dimension as a Supplement of Humanity

Ramon Oranias Orga

Room 115

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion with the participation of Ramon Oranias and Vicente Merlot presenting the importance of the reconciliation of science and religion, and the opening towards a principal of unity.

Ramon Oranias Orga is a Monk in Montserrat and a member of the DIM (The Monastic Interreligious Dialogue) Iberic Commission.

## Dreams and Spirituality

Gyetrul Jigme Rimpoche

Room 116

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Lecture on dreams and spirituality. The dreams are a powerful method to increase the spiritual potential and they are another way to improve the welfare of all beings.

Gyetrul Jigme Rimpoche is a young master who belongs to the hereditary lineage Ripa, whose head is his father, Vidyadhara Terton Namka Drimed. He lives in Orissa (India) where he is the director of a monastery of 5.000 exiled Tibetans.

## Jewish Meditation

Eliyahu McLean

Room 117

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

McLean draws poetic lines from traditional Jewish prayers, psalms and medieval liturgies to chant mystical songs in the style of the kabbalist and chasidic masters. This observance is also a part of the Symposium on Interfaith Education.

McLean is the Coordinator of the Jerusalem Circle, a network of spiritual peace activists in Israel/Palestine. An Orthodox Jew, he has traveled worldwide with Palestinian Muslim Ibrahim AbuElhawa to promote dialogue.

## Spirituality and Social Engagement

Smiichbhadrananda Avadhuta

Montse Castellà

Rabbi Ariel Edery

Eduard Ibañez

Jalil Barcena

Room 120

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion that will address the social commitment of the different religions. Representatives and members of several religions will express the social work that is carried out by their tradition in favour of poor and needy people.

Smiichbhadrananda Avadhuta is a Teacher of yoga and meditation, and missionary monk in Singapur; he is working for the community Ananda Marga.

Montse Castellà is a teacher of meditation and tai-chi in Barcelona; translator of Buddhist texts.

Ariel Edery is a rabbi of the Jewish community Atid, a liberal congregation in Barcelona. Like many of his congregants, he is a native of Argentina. He moved to Jerusalem to study at Hebrew University. He then worked as an educator within the Jewish community in Mexico City. His ordination is from Hebrew Union College, the Reform seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Eduard Ibañez is Director of the Christian association "Justice and Peace" in Barcelona, that has an important social engagement.

Jalil Barcena is an expert in Sufism, the director of the Institute of Sufi Studies of Barcelona and a professor at the Religious Traditions Centre and the University of Girona.

## Sufi Songs and Invocations

Faouzi Skali

Room 121

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This activity is a spiritual practice based on sufi songs and invocations.

Faouzi Skali is an anthropologist, writer and specialist in Sufism. He is also the director of the Festival of Sacred Musics in Fes (Morocco). He has been designed by the UN as one of the 12 persons who contributed to the dialogue between civilisations in 2001.

## Universal Meditation

Swami Chidanand Saraswati

Room 122, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Swami Saraswati will draw upon ancient meditation techniques from various world religions to bring participants toward peace, serenity, bliss and connection with the Divine. Participants of all religious and cultural backgrounds will be guided to get in touch with their own Divine Center.

H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji is the President and Spiritual Head of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh (Himalayas). He travels the world bringing wisdom, inspiration, fulfillment and peace to audiences of all nationalities, all backgrounds and all cultures.

## Hindu Pooja and Fire Ceremony

Sarangapani Mohananbal

Room 123, English /Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Fire ceremony, which will combine ancient prayers, Western teachings, offering of flowers, music, Hindu songs, etc.

Sarangapani Mohananbal is a psychologist, specialist in alternative medicines (Ayurvedic medicine, homoeopathy, etc.) and in Hindu tradition. She founded an association called "New Samsakara Institute for Health, Body, Mind and Spirit" and has published several books.

## Praying Together – Morning Observance

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke

Abdul Jalil Sajid

Fr. Albert Nombiaparambil (CMI)

Rev. Dr. Richard Boeke

124

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This observance will be prepared in the "Praying Together?" workshop of July 8. People of different faiths will pray together as groups to enrich their individual spiritual lives by learning about and using patterns of prayer from other faiths. A second workshop on July 11 will include discussion of what has been learned and to consider how Praying Together could be encouraged in our faith communities and in the places where we live.

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age, What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report".

Fr. Albert Nambiaparambil is Secretary General of the World Fellowship of Interreligious Councils and director of UPASANA. He is the author of *Interreligious Dialogue: My Pilgrimage of Hope in INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE*.

Reverend Dr. Richard Boeke is a Unitarian Minister, interfaith activist and is the Hon. Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths.

## We Sing Praying to Jesus

Antoni Torrelles

Room 125, Spanish/Catalan/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Religious observance, from the Lord's Prayer. The prayer will be accompanied with different readings, songs and movements.

He belongs to the Marist Community, which has 30 years of experience in praying with music and song accompaniment.

## Power of Prayer and Meditation

Yogini Sri Chandra Kali Prasada

Room 129, Telugu/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Prayer and meditation are direct means to communicate with the omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient source of power, God. Through meditation one can literally experience this while still living in a mortal body. Meditation done under the guidance of a true Guru, or spiritual teacher, leads to inner strength, peace and self-realization. A self-realized person experiences the universal energy and oneness with mankind that are the driving forces to selflessly serve humanity and tirelessly work towards world peace.

Sri Mataji is the disciple of His Holiness, Sri Hanumath Kali Vara Prasad Babuji Maharaj, known as Babuji to all, the great spiritual master of our times. Her Holiness Sri Mataji is presently the head of Sri Kali Gardens Ashram, Nambur, Andhra Pradesh, India. Sri Mataji was chosen by Sri Babuji as His successor.

## Sacred Songs of Secret Rituals of Tibet

Thubten Wangchen

Room 130  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Religious practice. The monks of the Namgyal monastery will sing various pieces of the most secret Tantric rituals of Tibetan Buddhism.

Buddhist monk born in Tibet, who studied 11 years in the private monastery of the Dalai Lama (Namgyal) in Dharamsala (India); he now lives in Barcelona and is the president of the Tibet House.

## Service of Examination

Gilbert Bond

Angela Cera

Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Sr.

Pamela Miano

Room 131, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

People of all faiths are invited to attend this service and prayerfully reflect upon their relationship with God, their neighbors and their enemies. It is the first of a three-part program today that demonstrates how reconciliation in Christ can unfold. It continues with session two in the Intra-religious time period followed by participation in an Agape Meal during the lunch break. Written material in English, Spanish, Arabic and French will be provided.

Dr. Gilbert I. Bond is Associate Professor of Theology and African American Studies at Yale Divinity School. He is the president and founder of the Leadership Center for Christian Reconciliation, Inc. and is dedicated to preparing leaders to create communities of Christian Reconciliation across the boundaries that divide humanity. He is author of *Community, Communitas, and Cosmos* and *The Religious Experience of Paul the Messianic Jew*. Dr. Bond is a member of the Church of the Brethren (Anabaptist).

A native of San Diego, California, and participant in the Nazarene Church, Ms. Cera is a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School. Her interests are in the study of Christian reconciliation, especially as it relates to women and the body. She plans to continue her studies in theology at the doctoral level.

Rev. Dr. B. Herbert Martin, Sr. was chaplain to Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago and pastor of Progressive Community Center, The People's Church. He is adjunct professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School and founder of the "Institute of Lay Theological Education." He is currently working to establish international prayer communities in Africa and the African Diaspora for peace, healing and reconciliation.

Originally from New York City and raised Roman Catholic with Episcopal influences, Ms. Miano utilizes her professional training in food service for Christian hospitality, table fellowship, and the ministry of Reconciliation in Christ. She currently serves as head of dining services at Yale Divinity School.

## Rumi: a Mystical Sufi for Today's Dialogue

Jalil Barcena

132, Spanish  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Seminar on Sufi mysticism. The speaker will present the Sufi Persian poet and mystic of the 13th century, Hazrat Maulana

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Rumi, and will put the emphasis on the depth and the modernity of his work, which clearly represents the dialogue that is in the core of Islam. Five persons will make readings of poems in five languages, accompanied with music.

Jalil Barceña is an expert in Sufism, the director of the Institute of Sufi Studies of Barcelona and a professor at the Religious Traditions Centre and the University of Girona.

## Bab's Martyrdom

Elisabeth Lheure

Room 134, English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Observance of one of the 9 main celebrations of the Bahá'í religion, commemorating the martyrdom of the one of its two prophets. The people who will participate in the observance are practitioners of the Bahá'í faith, but the celebration is open to everybody.

## World Peace Prayer Ceremony with the Flags of All Nations

Deborah Moldow

Barbara Fields Bernstein

Nancy Rivard

M.O. 2

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The World Peace Prayer Ceremony is a non-sectarian event where all present send a prayer for peace to every nation in the world as its flag is raised, with accompanying music. It has been performed around the world and at the United Nations as well as at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the ceremony is May Peace Prevail on Earth.

Deborah Moldow is director of The World Peace Prayer Society (WPPS). As an NGO associated with the UN Dept. of Public Information, the WPPS supports initiatives to build a culture of peace and encourages observance of the International Day of Peace, including an annual program for children at UN headquarters in New York City.

Barbara Fields Bernstein is Director, Synthesis Dialogues I, II, III with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Co-founder-Director of Gandai King Season for Nonviolence. She is a participant in the UNESCO Seminar on Religion and Peace and is a contributing author of The Community of Religions.

Nancy Rivard is president of Airline Ambassadors International (AAI) – a non-profit organization dedicated to hand-delivering aid and love to children and families in need. AAI has impacted the lives of 100,000 children in 44 countries. Nancy has been recognized by the UN and USA Congress and honored with dozens of awards.

## Mayan Ceremony

Alejandro Cirilo Perez Oxla

Elizabeth Araujo

M.O. 3, Quiche/Spanish/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Mayan Ceremonies use the Four Directions and the Four Elements. Don Alejandro will lead the group of representatives from Central America in a ceremony which asks permission of the land and people of Spain to be present. He will invoke a blessing for the the 2004 Parliament and will pray for peace and harmony throughout the entire week. Presented in the Quiche language and in Spanish. Translation into English given after the ceremony.

Alejandro Cirilo Perez-Oxla was born in Guatemala. His Mayan name is Wakotel Utiw/Wandering Wolf (Lobo Errante), given by the Invisible beings with a mandate of being "The Voice of the Jungle" and the messenger of the Mayas. Anciano Mayor del Consejo Nacional de Ancianos Maya de Guatemala.

Elizabeth Araujo, interpreter. Born in El Salvador, she is a member of the Continental Council of Indigenous Elders of the Americas, Maya Tradition.

## Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice

Barbara Ducharme

Tricia Kibbe

Rev. Kathy Musser

Beth Burnham Mace

M.O. 4

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Labyrinths are used in churches, hospitals and many other settings as an embodied walking meditation practice and pathway for healing. Walking the labyrinth in community has the potential for personal transformation, fostering inner peace, insight and developing compassion, crossing religions and cultures. This morning observance is facilitated by members of the Labyrinth Guild of New England.

Barbara Ducharme has hosted and facilitated open walks in northeastern USA since 1999, co-founded the Labyrinth Guild of New England, and constructed numerous temporary and permanent labyrinths for individuals and organizations. With Rev. Eileen Epperson, she co-led an interfaith dialogue workshop at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town, South Africa.

Tricia Kibbe, president of the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a labyrinth facilitator trained by Veriditas at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, California. In 2000, Tricia was chosen to coordinate the month-long "Let Us Walk With Mary" retreat sponsored by Veriditas, the World-Wide Labyrinth Project, at Chartres Cathedral in France.

Kathy Musser, treasurer for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is associate pastor at the Wellesley Congregational Church in Massachusetts. She has facilitated a labyrinth ministry there for 5

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

years, including monthly open walks, and various workshops and courses for all ages using the labyrinth as a spiritual tool.

Beili Burnham Mace, secretary for the Labyrinth Guild of New England, is a certified labyrinth facilitator with the San Francisco Grace Cathedral Veriditas Program. In August 2003, she and other members of the Guild led a week long pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral. She leads labyrinth workshops in Boston hospitals and church groups.

INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Cultural Fusion: Tibetan Voices and Occidental Songs

Thubten Wangchen  
Tashi Dorje

Theater, Italian/English  
Artistic Performance

Concert of Tashi Dorje, the only Tibetan tenor graduated in the Liceo, theatre of Opera of Barcelona. He will offer the Ave Maria of Schubert among other west Christian pieces.

Thubten Wangchen is a Buddhist monk born in Tibet, who studied 11 years in the private monastery of the Dalai Lama (Namgyal) in Dharamsala (India); he now lives in Barcelona and is the president of the Tiber House.

Born in Chamdo, Tibet, Tashi Dorje studied in the Opera, Dance and Theater Academy of the University of Pekin. He has received some international prizes. He has studied with Eduardo Giménez in the Superior School of Music of the Liceo of Barcelona and with Victoria Terranova in the Superior School of Music of Milan.

## Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us – The Story

Richard Rathbun  
Jane Kroll  
Sidney Liebes

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

The objective of the Story session is for participants to experience the expanded story and sense the awe and wonder of it, how it broadens and deepens our understanding of the world and our role and identity in it. Included will be a video that traces the profound journey we have all taken “from stardust to us.” Another video to be shown captures the common expanded identity experienced by astronauts from several nations when first viewing Earth from space. The physicist creator of the Walk Through Time will be present to offer his personal reflections on the story and the science that

supports it. There will also be ample opportunity for attendees to participate in thoughtful introspection and “heartful” dialogue with one another.

Richard Rathbun, a Stanford graduate, is board chairman of the Foundation for Global Community. His work has focused upon international and human development, peace and consciousness, and conflict resolution in areas such as the former Soviet union, Afghanistan and Central America.

Jane Kroll is affiliated with the Foundation for Global Community. A professionally trained teacher of the Enneagram, a study of different personality types and their growth processes, much of her life has been spent as a volunteer activist for non-profit organizations.

Sidney Liebes originated the one-mile-long (1,500 meter) world-renowned, context-setting exhibition “A Walk Through Time...From Stardust to Us”, which unfolds the evolution of Earth and life upon it at a scale where each foot (1/3 meter) represents one million years. He retired following research careers at Hewlett-Packard Labs and Princeton and Stanford Universities in electron and nuclear physics, relativity, computer vision, automated stereophotogrammetry, search for extra-terrestrial life, and automation technology.

## The Importance of Intra-Religious Dialogue

Mohammed Kagee

Rev. Sherri Hausser

Bishop Michael Ingham

Shlomo Alon

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Partner Cities, Panel Discussion

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Organizers from the Partner Cities Network will share stories, teachings, and practices from their own tradition that inspire interreligious dialogue and cooperation, as well as articulate the challenges and opportunities of organizing intra-religious dialogue within their communities. Discussion will center on communal perceptions of dialogue and lessons learned from the panelists' experiences.

Mohammed Kagee is a Founding Member of the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative and the Muslim Students Association of South Africa. He also serves as a Trustee of the Claremont Main Road Mosque, which was instrumental in the anti-apartheid struggle.

Rev. Sherri Hausser is a Presbyterian Pastor and a Founding Member of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. She has worked for the Japanese Government, a Japanese women's university, the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and served on the national Council of Churches (U.S.A.) Interfaith Relations Commission.

Michael Ingham is Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster in the Anglican Church of Canada, and teaches Religious Pluralism at

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

the Vancouver School of Theology. He is the author of two books including *Rites For A New Age* published in 1986 and *Mansions Of The Spirit: the Gospel in a Multi-Faith World* published in 1997.

Shlomo Alon is the Board Vice-Chair of the Interfaith Encounter Association. He also serves as the Head of the Supervision Department and Chief Supervisor of Arabic Language and Middle Eastern Studies in the Israeli Ministry of Education.

## Tikkun Olam: Fixing the World

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

Rabbi Ariel Edery

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture, Discussion

This program explores the concept of Tikkun Olam (repairing or fixing the world) and its confluence of the practical (praxis) and mystical (contemplative) streams of Judaism. The very meaning of Tikkun ("repair", "reparation", or "putting in order"), implies action; religion as practice or observance. In Judaism a cluster of metaphors emphasizes religion or deed and from the time of the prophets of Israel, this aspect of Judaism has emphasized social justice and compassion for "the other".

Herbert Bronstein is Senior Scholar/Rabbi Emeritus of a leading Chicago congregation, where he served as Senior Rabbi for 25 years. He has lectured at the University of Rochester, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois - Chicago, Oxford, Common Ground and the Illinois Humanities Council and teaches the History of Religions at Lake Forest College. He is the author of numerous articles and is the editor of a modern classic of liturgy, *The Passover Haggadah* of Reform Judaism. In 2000, he was honored by the University of Cincinnati as their Distinguished Alumnus.

Ariel Edery is the rabbi of Judia Atid. A native of Argentina, he moved to Jerusalem to study at Hebrew University. He worked as an educator within the Jewish community in Mexico City, and became the full-time rabbi of Congregation ATID in 2001, the first and only Progressive synagogue in Spain.

## Navigation for the Inward Journey: Spiritual Direction as a Pathway of Peace

Liz Ellmann

Sr. Margaret Diener

Suzanne Mannshardt

Patricia Roberts

Melodie Kimball

Nick Wagner

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Join us to explore the ancient practice of spiritual direction or "listening for the holy in everyday life." A multi-faith panel of spiritual directors will describe their art of helping another

person become aware of God's presence in daily life. Rooted in the contemplative traditions of many faiths, spiritual direction helps re-orient seekers to a more meaningful relationship with the spiritual in everyday life, renewing a commitment to community, justice and peace. Information on how to find a spiritual director and how to discern the call to become a spiritual director will be included in the program. Rabbis, pastors and other spiritual leaders are welcome. Learn if spiritual direction may be a helpful practice for your community or as a way to deepen one's way of listening to the spiritual life of the community.

Liz Ellmann has a Master of Divinity degree from Jesuit Seattle University. She is executive director of Spiritual Directors International, a multi-faith, non-profit organization that supports the ministry of spiritual direction and provides programs, publications and practices that support its 4,000 members in 44 countries.

Margaret M. Diener, O.P., is a Roman Catholic Dominican Sister of San Rafael, California. She is a board member of the Council for the Parliament of the World's Religions and is a member of Spiritual Directors International.

Suzanne Mannshardt, M.Div, is Director of Daily Grace Ministries, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Yuba City, California. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International and is on the Steering Committee, Yuba-Sutter Abrahamic Interfaith Association, Yuba City, California. Suzanne is a Protestant Christian/Presbyterian.

Patricia Roberts is a Member of Spiritual Directors International. Known for her integration of body, mind and spirit.

The Reverend Melodie Kimball is mental health chaplain based in a multi-faith center in the heart of Leeds, England. She is also an experienced hospice chaplain with Native Americans.

Nick Wagner is the editor of *Presence*: an international journal of spiritual direction.

## The Way of the Saints: The Path of Personal Transformation through Meditation

Andrew Vidich

Richard Scotti

Gertraud Schottenhoher

Manfred Leunig

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Engagement

The presentation focuses on the individual's journey to inner peace and spiritual fulfillment. It explores in particular how by deepening our spirituality we can experience personal transformation which in turn can lead to the expression of compassion, generosity and selfless service to humanity. The quest to bring peace and harmony to the world must ultimately begin with our own journey toward inner peace. This workshop will provide the essential tools for personal transformation and a simple yet highly effective technique of meditation to access the divine presence within us.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Dr. Andrew Vidich is an author, educator, consultant and international speaker, and is the author of numerous articles and three books on modern mysticism, spirituality and healing. Dr. Vidich's lectures and workshops on meditation, personal transformation and healthy living have been inspiring audiences throughout the country.

Dr. Scotti earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a Professor of Systems and Self-engineering at the International School of New Media in Germany. He conducts seminars and workshops on religious, esoteric and self-development topics throughout the USA, Canada and German-speaking Europe.

Dr. Gertraud Schottenloher has been a professor of Art Therapy at the University of Fine Art in Munich since 1992. She is a licensed Psychotherapist (for 30 years) and has been a regular meditator for 21 years under the guidance of the Masters of Science of Spirituality H.H. Sant Darshan Sing and H.H. Sant Rajinder Sing. Her aim is to bring her spiritual experiences into her work and daily life.

Manfred Leunig has a Dipl.Kfm degree from the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-University in Frankfurt and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ruhr-University in Bochum. He also runs the non-profit "werkstatt gestalten-therapie-meditation" in Switzerland which provides a stage for self-discovery, dialogue and creative activities.

## **Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Two: Madhu Kishwar**

**Madhu Kishwar**  
**Al-Harith A. H. Hassan Al-Asady**  
**Brad Hirschfield**  
**Paul Knitter**

**Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan**

Interfaith education offers an essential tool for creating cultures of peace. On this second day of the Symposium on Interfaith Education, we explore how interfaith education addresses religious and social conflict and the histories of violence and oppression found within many of our religious traditions, as well as the potential religions have to offer the peace building process.

Ms. Kishwar is a senior fellow at the Centre for Studies in Developing Societies in New Delhi, India. She is the author of many books, including *Religion at the Service of Nationalism and Other Essays* and founding editor of the journal *Manushi*.

Dr. Al-Asady is a member of the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research, Iraq

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield is Vice President of CLAL – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City. His is a thoughtful voice on issues of faith, doubt, and the importance of interfaith dialogue, and has been featured on television, radio, and in major newspapers across the country.

Professor Emeritus of Theology at Xavier University, Cincinnati (Ohio, USA), Paul Knitter has been working with "Christians for Peace in El Salvador" and has published a critical survey of

Christian approaches to other religions: "Introducing Theologies of Religions" (2002). He is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Committee for the Peace Council.

## **Pathways to Peace in the Thought of Joseph Smith**

**Grant Underwood**  
**Elder Hans Lara**

**Room 120, English**  
**Academic Paper**

Joseph Smith is widely recognized as the founder of the Mormon religion, a faith that today counts some twelve million communicants worldwide. Less well known is the degree to which he articulated a powerful set of principles designed to bring about a just, peace-filled society. What propelled this prophet's hope for humanity was his distinctive view that people, rather than merely God's creations, were literally his children, endowed with divine characteristics. Such a vision gave new meaning to the phrase "brotherhood of man" and spilled over into Smith's vision of a sustainable living for all. In short, Smith's dream for the ideal society was one in which human beings lived as literal brothers and sisters and children of God and "were of one heart and one mind, and there was no poor among them."

Grant Underwood is Professor of History at Brigham Young University and Research Historian at BYU's Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History. He is the author of the prize-winning *Millenarian World of Early Mormonism*, and has just completed a 900-page manuscript that will be part of the new documentary series *The Joseph Smith Papers*.

Elder Hans Lara is the Director of the Public Affairs of the Church of Mormon of Barcelona.

## **Judaism and Justice** **Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz**

**Room 121, English**  
**Lecture**

Every faith tradition wrestles with an internal tension between its particular and universal elements. In a new book, Rabbi Sid Schwarz takes a look at the Bible for its core teachings around justice. In this presentation, Rabbi Schwarz will talk about Judaism's core principles as the foundation for the world's understanding of justice. He will also reflect on the challenge of applying these principles in Israel, when state security needs and core Jewish values of human rights are in conflict.

Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz, Ph.D., founder and president of PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, currently serves as Rabbi Emeritus of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Rockville, Maryland. Additionally, Dr. Schwarz is the co-author of numerous books and over 100 of his articles have been published.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Thomas Merton: The Monk's Response in Times of Crucial Choices

Fernando Beltrán Llavador

Francisco Rafael De Pascual

Room 122, Spanish/English  
Lecture and Dialogue

Thomas Merton's contemplative response is, in a way, representative of the universal monastic journey as well as of an itinerary for human growth and fulfillment. This presentation will show, through Merton's unique witness, that the way of the monk (whether charismatic or institutional) implies a rootedness in the ground of the Spirit. For Merton, our present responsibility, much more demanding than in the past, requires a new creativity and openness, and a sincere solidarity with people of other religions, cultures and traditions which, beyond the gains of dialogue itself, may reach the level of true communion.

Fernando Beltrán Llavador is a teacher trainer at the University of Salamanca and a Thomas Merton Society International Advisor. He has recently directed a thesis on the poetry of Thomas Merton by Spanish researcher Sonia Petisco.

Cistercian monk and the Director of CISTERCIUM, Francisco Rafael De Pascual has been responsible for the translation of some writings about and by Thomas Merton. He was co-responsible for the first two Merton retreats in Spain, and has been collaborating with Fernando Beltrán on diverse Merton and Merton-related events.

## The Praxis of Reconciliation: Restoring the Broken Arm of the Cross

Gilbert Bond

Angela Cera

Pamela Miano

B. Herbert Martin, Sr.

Room 123, English  
Interactive Workshop

Christian Reconciliation is more than forgiveness. In its original revelation it was the creation of communities of inclusive otherness, bringing the outsider within the same sacred space. This program demonstrates how to create identities of inclusive otherness through the praxis of Christian Reconciliation, creating spaces for healing, holy listening, and transformation. It addresses the multiple realms of Christian Reconciliation: a) interior; b) interpersonal; c) communal and d) inter-communal. This program continues from today's "Service of Examination" Morning Observance and concludes with the part-three Agape Meal during the lunch break period. Written materials provided in English, Spanish, Arabic and French.

Dr. Gilbert I. Bond is Associate Professor of Theology and African American Studies at Yale Divinity School. He is the president and founder of the Leadership Center for Christian Reconciliation, Inc.,

and is dedicated to preparing leaders to create communities of Christian Reconciliation across the boundaries that divide humanity. He is author of *Community, Communitas, and Cosmos* and *The Religious Experience of Paul the Messianic Jew*. Dr. Bond is a member of the Church of the Brethren (Anabaptist).

A native of San Diego, California, and participant in the Nazarene Church, Ms. Cera is a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School. Her interests are in the study of Christian reconciliation, especially as it relates to women and the body. She plans to continue her studies in theology at the doctoral level.

Originally from New York City and raised Roman Catholic with Episcopal influences, Ms. Miano utilizes her professional training in food service for Christian hospitality, table fellowship, and the ministry of Reconciliation in Christ. She currently serves as head of dining services at Yale Divinity School.

Rev. Dr. B. Herbert Martin, Sr. was chaplain to Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago and pastor of Progressive Community Center, The People's Church. He is adjunct professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School and founder of the "Institute of Lay Theological Education." He is currently working to establish international prayer communities in Africa and the African Diaspora for peace, healing and reconciliation.

## Zen Meditation Practice

Rosan Daido

124, English  
Interactive Workshop

Zen is the total pure meditation, unconditioning all karmas and attaining the universal dharma. It is freedom from and of body and mind, in seated stillness and daily dynamics. It is the cultivation/verification of unconditional peace and unsurpassed awakening. It is the core practice of the Awakened Way. This workshop explores Zen meditation's mechanisms and allows participants to experience it.

Rev. Rosan Daido (Dr. Osamu Yoshida), a Professor at Toyo University, is Founder and Abbot of the Missouri Zen Center. He received his Ph.D. and M.Phil. both from Columbia University, and has authored several books, including *Limitless Life* and *No Self: A New Systematic Interpretation of Buddhism*.

## What is CaoDai and What Does It Say About Peace?

Hum Bui

Hung Lam

Ven. Tuong-Dinh Le

Room 125, English  
Lecture

Diverse outer appearances of religions has brought conflict among people igniting cruel wars fought in the name of God. To bring harmony between religions and peace among humanity, the CaoDai faith was founded with the principle that all religions are of the same origin and principle, and are

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

manifestations of the same truth. Indeed, Cao Dai spiritual messages say "You are the body of Love. Love is the cause of the existence of the universe. Thanks to love, all living beings are in peace, the universe is calm. Thanks to peace, there would be no mutual hatred, and subsequently there would be maintenance of life and evolvement."

Hum Bui was born Cao Dai in Vietnam in 1943. He moved to the USA in 1975 and has been participating in interfaith activities in Southern California. He has been teaching Cao Dai at various Universities in the USA, particularly in Southern California. He is a leader of Cao Dai overseas.

Dr. Hung Lam is a Senior Research Scientist at Edwards Lifesciences in California, USA. He is a follower of Minh-Ly Dao, a syncretistic religion founded in 1924 in Vietnam by the Mother Goddess and the Spirit of Lao Tseu under God's plan for a New Era of spirituality and lasting peace on Earth. He is also a member of Cao Dai temples and organizations in California for 21 years, promoting religious harmony and cooperation.

Ven. Tuong-Dinh Le is the Principal Priest at the Tree Religion Temple (Tam-Tong Mieu)

## **Hinduism: Valuing Diversity and Promoting Harmony Through its Practice and Application** Swami Mahamandaleshwar Maheshwarananda

Room 129, Hindi/English  
Lecture

As one of the world's oldest religions with more than 1.5 billion adherents, Hinduism is a highly regarded pathway to peace, due to its tolerance of the Supreme Reality being recognized in many and varied forms. This lecture seeks to share the experience of the Hindu in daily life, and to provide examples of how this faith will successfully face the many challenges in our future. His Holiness Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda will unfold the principles of Hinduism as revealed in the Vedas, as a way of life that helps humans to be more balanced individually and more productive socially.

His Holiness Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda has dedicated his entire life to helping humanity through yoga and by evoking the ancient spiritual heritage of Sri Sanatana Dharma. He is the author of the system Yoga in Daily Life, and is the Founder of International Sri Deep Madhavananda Ashram Fellowship.

## **Pagan Dialogue Inside & Outside of the Circle**

Angela Buchanan  
Jerrie Hildebrand  
Droke Spaeth  
Phyllis Currott  
Patrick McCollum

Room 130, English

Leaders from a variety of Pagan paths join together for a discussion of their approaches to intra-religious and inter-religious dialogue. The program will have two important focuses: First, what is the diversity of Paganism and how does that create a need for dialogue between the different paths? Also, where are the disagreements and how are they being discussed? Second, how are Pagans and Pagan teachings reflected in the relationship with other religions? Where are the difficult areas of discussion and how does our intra-faith dialogue influence our external dialogue with other religions?

Angie Buchanan is educated in Comparative Religion and Psychology, and is a family tradition Pagan. She is currently the Public Relations Advisor for Lady Liberty League, teaches a graduate level course on Interfaith Bridge Building at Cherry Hill Seminary, and is the Director of Gaia's Womb.

Jerrie Hildebrand has been involved with Unitarian Universalist Paganism and has served on governing bodies in various national Pagan organizations since 1986. Currently, Ms. Hildebrand is a member of the First Universalist Society of Salem, Massachusetts, and is also the assistant Executive Director for the Lady Liberty League.

Drake Spaeth PsyD is a clinical psychologist, shamanic practitioner, writer, and ordained minister of Circle Sanctuary. A former active-duty Air Force officer, he has served as a consultant for the Armed Forces about issues pertinent to Nature Spirituality and engaged in interfaith dialogue work with military chaplains of different religions.

An attorney and Wiccan priestess for almost 25 years, H.Ps Ps. Phyllis Currott is author of *WitchCrafting: A Spiritual Guide to Making Magic*. An outspoken advocate for the rights of Wiccans, she has been widely profiled in the national and international media, and is founder of the Temple of Ara.

Rev. Patrick McCollum serves 33 state correctional institutions as Wiccan Chaplain. He has been interviewed on radio, national TV and in the press, and is often sought out to provide expert testimony in court cases or as a professional consultant on matters pertaining to Wicca and Paganism.

## **Experience of the Interreligious Dialogue in the Islamo-Christian Center of Copenhagen** Aminah Tonnsen

Room 131, Lecture

Lecture that will present the experience of the Islamic-Christian Study Center of Copenhagen. It was established jointly by Muslims and Christians and is composed by an equal number of Muslims and Christians who cooperate in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual respect.

Converted to Islam since 1983, Aminah Tonnsen is a member of the Islamic-Christian Center of Copenhagen; she has written some books on Islam.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## The Islamic View of Human Cloning

Malik Khan

132, English  
Lecture

Human cloning, therapeutic stem cell research and other emerging scientific discoveries are in need of reflection and commentary from our religious and spiritual traditions. Using the principles of Islamic jurisprudence to extrapolate from prohibitions and permissions of Islamic law covering related situations from the time of the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.S.), this presentation attempts to arrive at morally and logically consistent guidelines to govern the emerging field of human cloning and other technologically aided methods of human reproduction. Finally, this presentation will investigate situations that justify therapeutic stem cell research.

Dr. Malik Sardar Khan was born April 8, 1943, in the city of Quetta of what was then British India but what would soon become Pakistan. Since 1978 Dr. Khan has played a key role in World Muslim Congress, the first Islamic NGO to achieve Class A observer status at the United Nations. Since 1988 Dr. Khan has been World Muslim Congress' Councilor for the Americas and Permanent U.N. Representative. Served WMC for thirty years. In 1990 he co-founded, along with the then-head of Muslim World League, Dr. Abdullah bin Omar Nasseef, the World Council of Muslim Communities.

## The Zen Garden: A Paradise

Gabriela Vargas Anguita

Room 134, Spanish/English  
Lecture

Lecture, with a visual support and PowerPoint, about the artistic and symbolic language of the Zen garden. This presentation will highlight the spiritual principles and the relationship that the person establishes with the garden. The speaker will present the garden as a way of understanding Buddhist illumination: the image contributes to understanding the principles and the spiritual values of Buddhism as well as the non-dual relationship with reality.

Dr. in Fine Arts on the Zen gardens, Gabriela Vargas Anguita has been a professor in different universities as well as a professor of yoga since 1974.

## Mahatma Gandhi and Religious Pluralism

S.S. Rama Rao Pappu

E. C. G. Sudarshan

V.V. Raman

Christopher Chapple

Ela Gandhi

K.L. Seshagiri Rao

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

The speakers in this panel will explicate and examine Mahatma Gandhi's conception of Religious Pluralism. Gandhi said that "after long study and experience, I have come to the conclusion that all religions are true; all religions have some error in them; all religions are almost as dear to me as my own Hinduism, in as much as all human beings should be as dear to one as one's own close relatives." Discussions and papers in this panel will center around: similarities and differences between modern formulations of religious pluralism and Gandhi's own conception; Gandhi's religious pluralism and Jaina theory of Anekantavada; Vedantic roots of Gandhi's religious pluralism; Gandhi's practice of religious pluralism; and implications and importance of Gandhian religious pluralism to religious tolerance and religious harmony.

S.S. Rama Rao Pappu is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy and an Affiliate of the Department of Comparative Religion at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, U.S.A. He is an Associate Editor (Philosophy) of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism and is the author/editor of Gandhi and America's Educational Future.

E.C.G. Sudarshan is Professor of Physics and Director of the Center for Theoretical Physics at the University of Texas - Austin. He has published over 500 papers in physics and Indian religions and philosophies. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of The Encyclopedia of Hinduism.

V.V. Raman is a Professor Emeritus of Physics and Humanities at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and is the author of several books, including *Scientific Perspective*, *Glimpses of Ancient Science and Scientists*, and *Varieties of Science History*. He is also an Associate Editor of The Encyclopedia of Hinduism.

Dr. Christopher Chapple is a Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Asian-Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. His books include *Karma and Creativity*, *Non-Violence to Animals*, and *Earth and Self in Asian Religions*.

Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, was a vigorous non-violent opponent of apartheid, and a member of South African Parliament for nearly nine years. She is currently Editor of Satyagraha, Secretary of the Gandhi Development Trust, Vice President of WCRP South Africa, and a Member of the Commission on Religious Affairs of the African National Congress.

Dr. Rao was born in Mulbagal, India, in 1929. He is fluent in several modern Indian languages and has an expert knowledge of Sanskrit. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Mysore and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in the comparative study of world religions. His numerous publications include *World Problems and Human Responsibility: Gandhian Perspectives*, ed. with Henry Thompson (New York, 1988) and "'Hinduism' and 'World Community,'" in *World Faiths Insight* (London, January 1984).

## The Tibetan Book of the Life and Death

Sogyal Rinpoche

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Renowned Buddhist scholar and spiritual teacher, Lama Sogyal Rinpoche, will offer a presentation on the Tibetan Book

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

of Life and Death. In this presentation he will share how the sense of life can influence the dialogical attitude of everyone in fundamental ways.

Sogyal Rinpoche is one of the most distinguished lamas and spiritual teachers, and is considered the reincarnation of Lerab Lingpa Tertön Sogyal, the spiritual teacher of the 13th Dalai Lama. He is also the director and founder of Rigpa, an international network of Buddhist centres and groups.

## Representative Songs from Jewish & Sephardic World

Samuel Salama

Theater (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM), Spanish  
Artistic Performance

A concert of songs about the Jewish and Sephardic world. The Choir of the Israelite Community of Barcelona has acquired an important reknown for the quality of its art.

Samuel Salama is Director of the Sefardi School of Barcelona.

## Sephardic Music

Samuel Salama

Hellen Gould Ventura

Theater (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

The Hellen Gould Quintet offers a concert of Sephardic music and songs that have remained until today accompanying the lives, traditions, and ceremonies of the Spanish Jewish, and have contributed to the conservation of the Ladino language.

Samuel Salama is Director of the Sefardi School of Barcelona.

Hellen Gould Ventura is Director of the quintet that bears her name. She is a writer, an actress and artistic director with 23 years of experience in the artistic field.

## INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

### Does the Media Promote Interreligious Dialogue?

Lluís Bernabé Guinot

Jean-Paul Guetny

Juan Bedoya

Gustav Niebuhr

Jean-François Mayer

Francesc Rovira

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

How the press deals with religions. Are there differences in the way to address religion depending on the media (press, TV, radio)? Are they responsible for the public opinion of the citizens about religions? Can they ease the dialogue between the different religions?

Lluís Bernabé Guinot is Director of the interreligious radio program “Samarkanda” at “Ona Catalana” channel (Barcelona).

Jean-Paul Guetny is Director of “Le Monde des Religions”, one of the main magazines about religions in France.

Juan Bedoya is a journalist specialized in religions at the Spanish newspaper “El País”.

Gustav Niebuhr is a former journalist at the “New York Times” and currently professor of journalism at Princeton University.

Jean-François Mayer is a Professor of religious sciences at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland); one of the most important experts of new religions and religious violence; he is a journalist expert of religions for the Swiss journal “La Liberté” and has created the web page “Religioscope”.

Francesc Rovira is Director of the only Catalan magazine of interreligious dialogue (“Dialogal”); he is a member of the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia and is in charge of the diffusion of the Parliament of World’s Religions.

### “World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality” Roundtable

Ashok Gangadean

Ewert Cousins

Tu Weiming

Wayne Teasdale

Karan Singh

Ervin Laszlo

James Parks Morton

Mary Evelyn Tucker

Jane Goodall

Raimón Panikkar

Robert Thurman

Jonathan Granoff

Helga Breuninger

Audrey Kitagawa

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

This Roundtable of attending Commissioners aims at a deep dialogue on the vital importance of cultivating global consciousness and spirituality as transformative powers for planetary cultures in the 21st century. Each Commissioner will present his/her vision and perspective on this priority of global consciousness for cultural sustainability and human flourishing in sharing our planet as one human family. These short presentations will be followed by open dialogue, and in a later follow up “open space” session that afternoon this deep dialogue will continue in greater depth – focusing on egocentric

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

patterns as the deep cause of cultural fragmentation and violence, and global consciousness/spirituality as the key to advancing cultures of peace and nonviolence. This open space session will include a ritual celebration of the ascendance of global consciousness as our new planetary norm. All are welcome.

Ashok Gangadean is Co-Convenor of the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality, Co-Founder/Director of the Global Dialogue Institute, and Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College where he has developed global philosophy over the past thirty-six years. He is the author of *“Meditative Reason”*, *“Between Words”* and the forthcoming *“Awakening of the Global Mind”*. He also hosts a weekly TV show in Philadelphia *“Your Global Connection”*.

Ewen Cousins, the General Editor of the World Spirituality series, is Professor Emeritus, Fordham University, the chief Editorial Consultant for the Classics of Western Spirituality series, and the author of *Global Spirituality: Toward the Meeting of Mystical Paths*. He was a participant in Monastic Inter-religious Dialogue (Buddhist-Christian Dialogue). He is also a co-convenor for the Commission on World Spirituality, and was Consultant to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, 1973-1984.

Tu Weiming, editor of the two Confucian volumes in the World Spirituality series, is the Harvard-Yenching Professor of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations. He has written many books, including *Neo-Confucian Thought in Action*, and *Humanity and Self-Cultivation: Essays in Confucian Thought*.

Brother Wayne Teasdale, Ph.D., is a Roman Catholic lay monk and noted author of *The Mystic Heart: Finding a Universal Spirituality in the World's Religions and A Monk in the World*. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and is a Counselor for the InterSpiritual Dialogue Action Community.

Environmentalist, former Indian Cabinet Minister, State President, Member of Parliament, ambassador and lauded author, Dr. Karan Singh is associated with several academic and cultural institutions. His bibliography includes poetry, travelogues, political and philosophical essays, and an autobiography.

Renowned for bridging cultures and academic disciplines, Dr. Ervin Laszlo has a Ph.D. from the Sorbonne, four other honorary Ph.D.s and various prizes. Dr. Laszlo founded the Club of Budapest in 1993, and has co-authored 36 books and publishes a quarterly scientific journal.

Founder and president of The Interfaith Center of New York, Reverend Morton was Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City for 25 years. He conceived the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, and continues to enrich the environment and community through various social programs.

A professor of religion at Bucknell University, Dr. Tucker is also Coordinator of the Forum on Religion and Ecology. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University specializing in Confucianism in Japan. She co-coordinated a ten conference series on World Religions and Ecology at Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions.

In 1965, Jane earned her Ph.D. in Ethology from Cambridge University. Dr. Goodall's work in primatology was groundbreaking;

she worked in Tanzania and established the Gombe Stream Research Centre. In 1977, Jane founded the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation to provide ongoing support for field research on wild chimpanzees. Today, the mission of the Jane Goodall Institute is to advance the power of individuals to take informed and compassionate action to improve the environment for all living things. In April 2002, Secretary-General Annan named Dr. Goodall a United Nations "Messenger of Peace," and in 2003, Queen Elizabeth II named Dr. Goodall a Dame of the British Empire, the equivalent of a knighthood. Today, Jane spends much of her time lecturing, sharing her message of hope for the future, and encouraging young people to make a difference in their world.

Raimón Panikkar has been professor at the universities of Madrid, Rome, Harvard and California, where he has taught Indian culture and history and philosophy of religions. He has published more than 40 books, including *The Trinity and the World's Religions* and has created the Vivarium Foundation in Catalonia, which is dedicated to promoting the interreligious dialogue. He is the co-chair of the Parliament of World's Religions in Barcelona.

Professor of Tibetan Studies at Columbia University, Robert Thurman is advisor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

For decades, Jonathan Granoff has served as an advocate for peace and human unity, with a focus on interfaith dialogue, the rule of law and nuclear disarmament. He is President of the Global Security Institute, and serves on numerous governing and advisory boards, such as the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Global Dialogue Institute, Jane Goodall Institute, Lawyers Alliance for World Security, NGO Committee on Disarmament in the UN, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, the Temple of Understanding, TIKKUN, International Association of Sufism, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He has studied with the Sufi Master Bawa Muhaiyaddeen since his youth, and is honored by receiving his namesake, Ahamed Muhaiyaddeen. Mr. Granoff is also an author and an award-winning screenwriter (*The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation*).

Dr. Helga Breuninger is a Creative Member of the Club of Budapest and Head of the Breuninger Foundation in Stuttgart, Germany. Because of her reputation as a visionary thinker in education and her leadership with the Breuninger Foundation, she became a member of various Commissions and NGO's involved with global education.

A former attorney, Audrey Kitigawa is now Advisor at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. She is the founder and director of Vision for Humanity, and associate convenor of the World Commission for Global Consciousness and Spirituality.

## Religions at School in Spain: A Necessary Dialogue

Teresa Guardans  
Jaume Trilla  
Andreu Ibarz  
Cristina Monteys

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Panel discussion that presents the different postures regarding the teaching of the world's religions in schools (contributors: the authors of the book from Editorial Pagès *Les religions a l'escola*).

Teresa Guardans is a teacher of Judaism at the Center for the Study of Religious Traditions ("Centre d'Estudi de les Tradicions religioses") and expert in pedagogy of religions.

Jaume Trilla is a Professor of the Department of pedagogy of the University of Barcelona.

Andreu Ibañez is a Professor of pedagogy at the Ramon Llull University in Barcelona.

Cristina Monteys is the Coordinator of Activities of the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Groups of women and young people.

## The Ethics of Speaking and Listening: An Interfaith Forum on Communication as Spiritual Practice

Mirka Knaster

Elisabeth Lheure

Ariel Edery

Phromaha Boonshoo Sriburin

Hema Pokharna

Amineh Pryor

Kenneth Volpey

Jasjit Kaur

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This interfaith forum, including representatives from a variety of spiritual communities, will articulate the issue of speaking and listening as spiritual practice in the world's religious traditions. Such a forum has the potential to demonstrate where we share common beliefs and practices for the greater good. It also is an opportunity to learn from others and thus to enhance our own perspectives, and furthering the communication methods we already use.

Mirka Knaster has a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religion/Asian and Comparative Studies. The author of numerous articles and book reviews in a variety of publications, she has appeared on radio and TV programs, at health and retreat centers, national expos and conferences, and in print media across the United States and New Zealand.

Elisabeth Lheure is Secretary of the Baha'i Spiritual Assembly of Barcelona, and was the Director of the Spanish edition of *One Country* from 1998 to 2003. She is involved in various associations including Inner Wheel and the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue.

Ariel Edery is the rabbi of Judia Atid. A native of Argentina, he moved to Jerusalem to study at Hebrew University. He worked as an educator within the Jewish community in Mexico City, and became the full-time rabbi of Congregation ATID in 2001, the first and only Progressive synagogue in Spain.

Phromaha Boonshoo Sriburin, Ph.D., is a Thai Monk from the Chicago area. He entered monastic life in Thailand at the age of 14. One of his main personal interests is working for peace and harmony in the world and promoting good understanding and relationships among humankind.

Hema Pokharna, Ph.D., is a researcher at the University of Chicago and a member of the JAINA Interfaith Committee. She is the Director of Journeys of Life, and gives extended training sessions and lectures around the world. Her work provides powerful and practical training in connecting with self and others.

Amineh Amelia Pryor, Ph.D., is an Uwaisi Sufi, an active member of International Association of Sufism, Sufi Women Organization, and the Sufism and Psychology Forum. She teaches classes at the Institute of Sufi Studies in California and other schools and organizations. She has written numerous articles on psychology, spirituality, and science.

Kenneth Volpey (Krishna Kshetra Das) has been a member of ISKCON since 1972. He has a B.A. and an M.A. in Religious Studies, an M.St. in the Study of Religion, and just completed a D.Phil. (Ph.D.) in Theology. He presently works with the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.

Jasjit Kaur is Co-Founder and Vice President of the International Institute of Gurmata Studies (IIGS) headquartered in Southern California. Ms. Kaur has taught at Delhi University and also delivered lectures and seminars internationally on a wide variety of subjects related to spirituality and holistic living.

## Holistic Meditation: An Embodied Inquiry into Integral Spirituality

Jorge Ferrer

Ramon Albareda

Marina Romero

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

A consensus is growing among religious leaders and thinkers about the importance of cultivating an integral spirituality that honors the voice and wisdom of the body, instincts, heart, mind, and consciousness. Integral spiritual practice — which can take place in the context of any religious tradition — seeks to foster the co-creative participation of all these human attributes in the unfolding of our spiritual lives. In the spirit of dialogue and inquiry, this workshop introduces the practice of holistic meditation, which involves contemplative physical contact between practitioners that allows access to the creative power of these human dimensions. Join us in this exciting experimental exploration of contemporary participatory and integral spirituality.

Jorge N. Ferrer is core faculty at the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco. He is the author of *Revisiting Transpersonal Theory: A Participatory Vision of Human Spirituality*, and received the Fetzer Institute's Presidential Award for his seminal work on consciousness studies in 2000.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Ramon V. Albaredo is the founder of the ESTEL School of Integral Studies, Barcelona, and the co-creator of Holistic Integration. Co-author of the book, *Nacidos de la Tierra*, he has been leading encounters on integral growth in Spain since 1968 and in the United States since 2000.

Marina T. Romero is director of the ESTEL School of Integral Studies, Barcelona. She is the co-creator of Holistic Integration, and co-authored the book, *Nacidos de la Tierra*. She has been leading encounters on integral growth in Spain since 1987 and in the United States since 2000.

## Joseph Campbell's Contribution to the Deep Listening of the World's Religions

Chungliang Al Huang

Robert Walter

Rev. Rebecca Armstrong

Gerald McDermott

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Joseph Campbell electrified listeners with his extraordinary grasp of the meta-language of myth and his love for its global manifestations. Campbell's legacy lives on and is especially remembered in 2004, the 100th anniversary of his birth. The panelists, all of whom were deeply and profoundly touched by the friendship and work of Campbell, will share their understanding of his contributions in interpreting myths from around the world. Brief video clips of Campbell's most compelling and provocative ideas will be interspersed with music, poetry and reflection on his life and work.

Chungliang Al Huang is an internationally respected Tai Ji master, Chinese calligrapher and authority of East-West cultural synthesis. He is the author and co-author of numerous books on Tai Ji (including the best-selling classic *Embrace Tiger, Return to Mountain: The Essence of Tai Ji*), and Taoism as it relates to business, performance and daily life. He is a recipient of the Republic of China's Gold Medal of Education. He and Joseph Campbell were friends for many years and he has been an advisor to the Campbell Foundation since its inception.

Robert Walter has been executive director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation since its inception in 1990. Following Campbell's death he served as literary executor of Campbell's estate, completing and overseeing the publication of the Historical Atlas of World Mythology.

Rebecca Armstrong was brought up in the legendary Armstrong folk family who had a close friendship with Joseph Campbell. She is an ordained Humanist Minister with Masters degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Unitarian-Universalist seminary. With the Joseph Campbell Foundation since its inception in 1990, she supports the Mythological RoundTables around the world and writes their website's monthly Myth Letter. Rebecca is one of the co-leaders of the annual Campbell week at Esalen Institute.

Gerald McDermott is an award winning artist and author of numerous children's books and films, three of which have won the coveted Caldecott award. Joseph Campbell was a consultant on

four of his early films and was instrumental in making him aware of the psychological depths of mythology and the possibilities of integrating cultural and archetypal symbols into art. He is a co-leader at the annual Mythological Toolbox at Esalen Institute.

## Education and Native Americans: Schooling and Cultural Values

Darlene St. Clair

Omie Baldwin

Rachele Agoyo

Room 120, English

Schooling for native peoples in the United States began with missionary schools advocating spiritual salvation and education, but were later replaced by schools operated by the federal government. No matter who operated the schools, the goal for many decades has been to detribalize and assimilate the natives into mainstream societies. Today, educational policies are allowing tribes to have more of a voice about the school curriculum, and a number of tribes are now investing in their own colleges. The panelists will present how these changes are changing the contemporary status of some native communities. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Darlene St. Clair, known by the spirits as Iyekiyapi Win, is an enrolled member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota. At the Indian Community School in Milwaukee, WI she is a librarian and works to integrate American Indian languages and cultures into the curriculum. Darlene has been on the American Indian Planning Committee of the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago, Cape Town and Barcelona.

Omie Baldwin (Dine), MSW, LCSW organized the American Indian participation in the CPWR in both Chicago and Cape Town. She is a therapist/clinical Social Worker at the University Health Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interest and involvement include peace, social justice, and environmental issues with indigenous people.

Rachele Agoyo, San Juan Pueblo, received her M.S. from the University of New Mexico and developed and managed the first Headstart Program at Cochiti Pueblo. Later, she held the position of Headstart Director for the Sandoval County Pueblos. She has been featured in the PBS program *Colores and Surviving Columbus*.

## Peace-Building for Women – Taught by Middle East Interfaith Women

Elana Rozenman

Ibtisam Mahameed

Zriek Randa Sabag

Siham Halabi

Room 121, English/Hebrew/Arabic  
Interactive Workshop

This workshop brings together women working on grassroots

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

efforts for peace in the Middle East, to experience and strengthen the peace-building capacities in their own lives, communities, and countries. It will begin with peace prayers from the four religions represented (Judaism, Muslim, Druze, and Christian), followed by exercises in which people of different faiths will share stories, practice compassionate listening skills and create bonds of understanding and commitment. Each person will leave with a personal peace-building plan. The workshop will be conducted in English, Hebrew, and Arabic.

Elena Razenman is a co-founder of the Women's Interfaith Encounter, a program of the Interfaith Encounter Association. She is also the co-director of WOMENA (Women's Inter-faith of the Middle East and North Africa), and a participant in the Women's Partnership for Peace.

Ibtisam Mohamed is a Member of the Women's Partnership for Peace.

Randa Zark Sabag is a journalist, program director, and a group facilitator. She is a Christian, Palestinian, Israeli, Arab woman and a mother for three daughters, and member of the Women's Partnership for Peace.

Sihom Halabi is a member of the Interfaith Encounter Association, and its Druze Coordinator, she also participates in the Women's Partnership for Peace.

## Partnership: A Key to Building the International Interreligious Movement

Paul Eppinger  
Tom Hinshaw  
Lyudmyla Filipovych  
Rev. Susan Teegen-Case  
Rev. Saidas Babaji

Room 122, English  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Representatives from the Partner Cities Network will share their experiences of forging creative partnerships at the Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace. Through presentations and discussion, panelists will provide insight into the key elements that make up successful multi-city partnerships between and among interreligious groups and the ways in which strategic partnerships enhance local effectiveness and build international networks.

Dr. Paul Eppinger, an American Baptist minister, has served as Statewide Director of the campaign to establish a Martin Luther King holiday for Arizona, the Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council and is now the Executive Director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Tom serves as the Board Chair of the Columbus Regional Hospital Foundation and is an Elder at the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Columbus, Indiana

Philharmonic and was named "Distinguished President" of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Indiana.

Dr. Lyudmyla Filipovych is Senior Researcher in the Department of Religious Studies, Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences. She is also the Executive Director of the Ukrainian Center for Religious Information and Freedom.

Rev. Teegen-Case is the Executive Director of the Arts & Spirituality Center, and is a Founding Member of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. She was formerly an interfaith chaplain, and holds a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

H.H. Sri Sri Sri Saidas Babaji was born in the jungles of Shirdi in the State of Maharashtra in India. Leading the life of a Bhikshuk or a Fakir he came to be known as 'Saidas Baba.' He attributes all that he is now to the Grace of Shirdi Sai Baba. The Avatar Purusha of Shirdi. Today he is the International Chairman of the Sai Foundation Organization Worldwide with its international headquarters at Ujjain, India, known as 'Prashanti Dham'.

## Walking Together to God, from His Diverse Names

Ana Royo Aznar  
Mohammed Iqbal  
Mercè Pons  
Ariel Edery

Room 123, Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Panel Discussion on the interreligious group of Raval's experience. This group is formed by different religious traditions (Catholic, Pentecostal, Muslim, Jewish) and different cultural backgrounds (Pakistan, North Africa, Sub-Sahara, Philippine, South America, Catalonia, etc).

Ana Royo Aznar works in a parish of the multiethnic neighbourhood of Raval; she is actively implied in projects of intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

Mohammed Iqbal is Secretary of the Islamic Center "Cami de la Pau".

Mercè Pons works at the Carme parish in Barcelona and is an active member of the interreligious group of the neighbourhood of Raval.

Ariel Edery is Rabbi of Judia Atid, a Liberal (Reform) congregation in Barcelona.

## The "Three Religions" Chair of the University of Valencia

Juan Bosch Navarro

124, Spanish  
Lecture

Presentation of the chair of the "three religions" at the university of Valencia, which was founded thanks to the

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 1 1:30 AM – 1:00 PM

collaboration of the Spanish Federation of Jewish Communities, the Union of Islamic Communities and the Ecumenical Center P. Congar in a context of tolerance and respect towards the cultural and religious identities. This chair gathers professors from 13 different universities and from the three religions, and is a pioneer experience in the Spanish university landscape.

Juan Bosch Navarro is a consecrated person of the Dominican Order (Christian), specialized in Ecumenical Theology and new religious movements. Founder of the "Anti-Apartheid Soweto Group" of Valencia Spain, and director of the "Three Religion" course at Valencia University. Professor of Theology at the University of Valencia.

## **Restorative Justice and Exploratory Faith: A Model for Intercultural Peace and Cooperation**

Nathan Tierney  
Daniel Wessner  
Daniel Smith-Christopher

Room 125, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Peace, listening and commitment to restorative justice are the central themes of this panel presentation. Participants will be presented with a model of intercultural exchange which works within and through religious and cultural traditions rather than "manage" them towards objectively rational ends.

Developing the listening, healing and exploratory aspects of justice and peace through religious dialogue, the panel will address their role in development education, reconciliation processes, and spiritual peacemaking.

Professor Tierney is the author of *Imagination and Ethical Ideals*, and a number of articles dealing with ethics and world religions. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum and is also a partner in the ethics consulting service, Philosophy and the Real World.

Daniel Wessner is Associate Professor of International & Political Studies at Eastern Mennonite University. He practices law in the field of international human rights regime-building, and is also an ordained clergy member of the Mennonite Church.

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher is Professor of Old Testament Studies in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, where he also serves as the Director of the Peace Studies program. He has written several books, including *Subverting Hatred*.

## **Towards the Construction of the World Peace: Tenrikyo's Proposal**

Hiroshi Uetani

Room 129, Spanish/English  
Lecture

Tenrikyo teaches the Joyous Life – the world filled with joy, peace and harmony – as a desire of God. This lecture will discuss the construction of world peace from Tenrikyo's perspective, focussing on the following aspects: the relationships between God and human beings as "Parent and children", the relationship among human beings as "brothers and sisters", and this world, the place of construction, as "the body of God".

Hiroshi Uetani is Professor Emeritus of the Tenri University with the specialization in Politics and Economy in Latin America.

## **The Multicultural and Interreligious Life in Melilla**

Luis López Peña  
Manuel Jiménez Bárcenas

Room 130, Lecture

Lecture presenting a recent study about the way religious communities are living together in the city of Melilla in which the peculiar vision of every community is analyzed.

Luis López Peña is in charge of the Cultural Department of the City of Melilla.

Father Manuel Jiménez Bárcenas is a priest and has a Bachelor's Degree in economics. He has written a study "Multicultural Living Together in Melilla."

## **Interfaith Encounters: Marriages, Child Rearing, Funerals, and Other Practical Concerns**

Ronald Nakasone  
Janet A. Bregar  
Chao-Ti Wu  
Pinit Ratanukul  
Stephen Myers

Room 131, English  
Panel Discussion

This panel discussion will review and reflect on the concerns faced by interfaith families. Special attention will be paid to the institutional and doctrinal needs of these families that result from cultural diffusion, religious pluralism, interfaith marriage and child rearing, interfaith funerals, and general encounters in daily life. Some of the perennial questions are: What kind of funerals do we conduct (or design) when the parent is of one faith and the child or spouse is of another? Can the cleric of one tradition adequately counsel interfaith families? These encounters all offer insights into the methods, processes, promises, and limitations of interfaith dialogue. The panelists will focus on the practical points of contention and convergence in American, Thai, and Taiwanese Buddhist-Christian experiences.

Ronald Nakasone, Ph.D. is a Buddhist cleric at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley California. He has been

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

involved in interfaith encounters through his ministry and as a faculty member at GTU. He has coordinated a number of interfaith events and conferences, the most recent at Mahidol University, Thailand.

Janet Bregor, Ph.D. is a Lutheran Minister at the Village Church in Los Angeles, and the Executive Director of the Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Council. She has sponsored interfaith dialogues and events in her local area as well as for national television.

Chiao-Ti Wh, Ph.D. is a Buddhist nun in the Department of Philosophy at Ching-Ming College, Chinese Culture University, Taiwan. She lectures to lay groups in both Taiwan and the United States. She has a special interest in interfaith mortuary and memorial rites.

Pinit Ratanakul, Ph.D. is the Director of the College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand. He has been working to increase the capacity for interfaith conversations in Thailand for the past 25 years; organizing series of seminars amongst Buddhists, Christians and Muslims.

Stephen Myers, a graduate in Theology and the Arts, is a poet, performance artist, activist and public school teacher. He is active with the Redwood Sequoia Congress, an annual community forum on Human Rights, the Environment and Civil Justice.

## Secularism and Spirituality in the City: The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in Perpignan

Jean-Paul Alduy

Rev. Jean-Baptiste Blondeau

Jean-Marie Bricout

Michel Bougnol

Michel Bolassell

Maurice Halimi

Mourad Oubaya

132

### Panel Discussion

Panel discussion between different religious authorities and believers living in Perpignan, a city in the south of France where laicism is an element of living together.

Jean-Paul Alduy is Mayor of Perpignan and Senator of Eastern Pyrenees; co-author of "Secularity, Spirituality in the city", he is secular and promotes the interreligious dialogue.

Jean-Baptiste Blondeau is Archpriest of the Cathedral "Saint-Jean Baptiste" in Perpignan, involved in the first interreligious initiatives since 1988.

Jean-Marie Bricout is in charge of the Orthodox parish "Saint Pierre - Saint Paul" in Perpignan and very involved in interreligious dialogue.

Michel Bougnol is in charge of the Buddhist Center of Perpignan and has introduced Buddhism in the interreligious dialogue of the city.

Michel Bolassell is a journalist and writer, author of "This other, my friend", "Spirituality in the city" and active member of "Jewish-Christian Friendships" in Perpignan.

Maurice Halimi is an Adjunct of the Mayor of Perpignan, ex-president of the Israeli Community of Eastern Pyrenees, he made the interviews of the book *Secularity, spirituality in the city* and organized a travel for Israelis, Palestinians and French people of all the religions in Auschwitz.

Mourad Oubaya is a City Council member of Perpignan, and Director of Youth Activities for the Muslim Association, he participates in meetings on the international conflicts and in prayers/meetings in favor of peace in the Near East.

## Universal Message of the World's Religions

Seyed Ali Kianfar

Aisha Rafea

Aliaa Rafea

Rev. Charles Gibbs

Room 134, English

To attain inner and outer peace is a shared goal among all religions and spiritual paths, ancient and modern. World religions came to guide humankind to the path of spiritual development, and show us how to transcend our small egos to see the whole encompassing Self. The core message of world religions is to realize peace on earth by awakening us to discover our connection to the whole and the holy, become spiritually liberated, and not lost in the abyss of matter. Panelists are international leaders from multi faith traditions who will share their wisdom and view on the universal message of the world's religions. This program is part of a series organized by the International Association of Sufism. ([www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org))

Shah Nozar Seyed Ali Kianfar, Ph.D. is the co-founder of the International Association of Sufism, and Editor-in-Chief of *Sufism: An Inquiry*. Dr. Kianfar is a publisher, author and lecturer, having taught Sufism and Islamic philosophy internationally for over 30 years.

A Muslim writer of several books and numerous articles, Aisha Rafea is the daughter of the prominent Egyptian Sufi Teacher Rafea M. Rafea. With the support of her present Teacher, she is an advocate of spiritual awakening for all humankind.

Aliaa R. Rafea, Ph.D., is a writer, scholar and spiritual activist. She is a daughter of the Sufi Master Rafea Muhammad Rafea, and a faculty member at Ain Shams University in Egypt.

The Rev. Charles Gibbs is Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative ([www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org)). He is co-author, with Sally Mahe, of "The Birth of a Global Community."

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Interreligious Dialogue and Non-negotiable Dogmas

Ignasi Boada  
Lama Denys Teoundroup  
Rev. Dr. Raimón Panikkar  
Tariq Ramadan  
Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz  
Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

An interreligious panel of experts will explore the possible limits of interreligious dialogue. Panelists will examine difficult questions, including: Is real dialogue possible if the actors consider some aspects of their traditions as non-negotiable? Are there topics and conceptions that we are not ready to re-examine?

Ignasi Boada is a Dr. in philosophy and professor of history of religions at the Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona, Vic and Taragona.

Lama Denys Teoundroup founded the Buddhist European University and was the co-founder of the Initiative of the United Traditions and of the Initiative Pax Cultura; he is the President of the Buddhist Institute "Karma Ling" in France, the Honorary President of the European Buddhist Union, and a member of the Committee of the Interreligious Council of the UNESCO.

Raimón Panikkar has been professor at the universities of Madrid, Rome, Harvard and California, where he has taught Indian culture and history and philosophy of religions. He has published more than 40 books, including *The Trinity and the World's Religions* and has created the Vivarium Foundation in Catalonia, which is dedicated to promoting the interreligious dialogue. He is the co-chair of the Parliament of World's Religions in Barcelona.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of the European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Rabbi Emeritus Sidney Schwarz, Ph.D., founder and president of PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, currently serves as Rabbi Emeritus of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Rockville, Maryland. Additionally, Dr. Schwarz is the co-author of numerous books and over 100 of his articles have been published.

## Reaching Out to the Religious Other: Four Interfaith Institutions that Make a Difference

Maria Habito  
Hsin Tao  
Hans Küng  
Pia Gyger  
Alon Goshen-Gottstein

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel will discuss the work, accomplishments and contemporary challenges of interfaith institutions located in different parts of the world: The Museum of World Religions (Taiwan), The Global Ethic Foundation (Germany), The Elijah Interfaith Academy (Israel) and the Lassalle Institute (Switzerland). The respective founders of these institutions will address their specific visions and experiences and engage each other and the public in a discussion of the most pressing challenges facing interfaith work today. The Panel presents a rich offering of very concrete and distinctive approaches to interfaith work that will serve as inspiration to a varied audience.

Maria Habito is International Program Director, The Museum of World Religions. She is also International Program Director of Global Family for Love and Peace, a US-based NGO.

Dharma Master Hsin Tao founded the acclaimed Museum of World Religions that opened in Taiwan in November 2001 and Global Family for Love and Peace that was established in 2002. At a young age, Master Hsin Tao made a vow to spend his life following the spiritual example of Bodhisattva Kuan Yin, and at the age of 25 he was tonsured as a monk. After many years in ascetic and solitary living, Master Hsin Tao reentered society and established the Ling-Jiau Mountain Wu Sheng Monastery, as well as several foundations.

Dr. Hans Küng is an internationally known Christian theologian and president of the Global Ethic Foundation of Tübingen University. He has published over fifty titles, including *Does God Exist?*, *Christianity and World Religion*, *Paths to Dialogue with Islam*, *Hinduism and Buddhism*, *Christians and Jews*, *Global Responsibility*, *In Search of a New World Ethic*, and edited, *Yes to a Global Ethic*. Dr. Küng lives and teaches in Tübingen, Germany.

Pia Gyger, a Zen teacher and psychotherapist, is the cofounder and leader of the Lassalle Institute for responsible leadership in Bad Schönenbrunn, Switzerland. She is cofounder of the Lassalle Peace movement, and is Cofounder and Director of the Buddhist-Christian seminar at Lassalle House.

Dr. Alon Goshen-Gottstein is Director of the The Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, and lecturer and Director of the Center for the Study of Rabbinic Thought, Beit Marasha College, both in Jerusalem, since 1997. Ordained a Rabbi in 1977, Dr. Goshen-Gottstein has published several books and many articles.

## Fool's Mass

Matthew Mitler  
Jason Anthony  
Yvonne Brecht  
Casey Groves  
Martha Hoffman  
Wendy Mapes  
John Norman  
Michael Richardson/Wilson  
Rebecca Sokoli  
Bob Strock  
Rachel Whitman

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## Theater (12:30 PM. – 1:30 PM.), English Artistic Performance

In this work, a group of village idiots during the European plague (16th century) are forced to enact their own mass due to the sudden death of their beloved pastor. Though it sounds grim, the piece is full of buffoonery and comic audience participation. This, along with choral singing of sacred hymns and chants from the 8th through the 17th centuries, combine to create a work that travels from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Matt Miller originally trained in Humanistic and Existential Psychology and later discovered the healing potential of theatre. He studied with such masters as Jerzy Grotowski, Carl Rogers, and Jean Huston. In 1997, he merged psychotherapy and theatre to found Dzieci, a theater group with a higher purpose. He is a founding member of the ISDAC (InterSpiritual Dialogue) Service Council.

Jason Anthony has a BA in Theatre and Ancient Greek from Pomona College and studies performance at RADA. He wrote, directed and performed a trio of plays based on Dante's Divine Comedy as an exploration of "sin and redemption in America". Jason is currently enrolled in the Columbia School of Journalism.

Yvonne Brecht, founding member of Dzieci, was born and raised in Basel, Switzerland. She moved to New York in 1994 and has since played such roles as "Nina" in *The Seagull*, "Electra" in *Clytemnestra* and "Jeanne des Anges" in Dzieci's *The Devils of Loudun* at LaMama Theatre.

Casey Groves has had his one-man play, *Damien* (which explores the life of the missionary priest who lived with lepers in Hawaii in the 1800s), performed Off-Broadway and at the Cathedral St. John the Divine in New York City. He holds an MA in Spirituality and teaches acting with New York City Parks and Recreation.

Martha Hoffman has written on the creative process, the traveler as storyteller and the early modern Spanish court. Storytelling has always been at the heart of her work as a writer, teacher and actor. The ability to hear, experience and enter into other people's stories is the essence of human compassion and understanding.

Wendy Mapes graduated from the New Actors Workshop where she worked with Mike Nichols, George Morrison and Paul Sills. She has a Masters in Theatre from Antioch University and currently teaches Acting and Filmmaking at St. Jean Baptiste High School. She also studies Zen with Roshi Kennedy at the Morning Star Zendo.

John Norman (Music Director) earned his BA in Performing Arts from Oakland University. He has taught vocal technique and acting at all levels and played leading roles in critically-acclaimed regional productions such as *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Othello* and *Angels in America*. Performing since age three, John has recorded five albums with four different ensembles.

Michael Richardson/Wilson has appeared in such performances as South Florida's premier mascot "Pete the Panther" and in the New York City premiere of *Devil's Lake* with Mabou Mines in 2000. Michael finds peace and happiness in the endless juggle of life practices and his holistic health and yoga studies.

Rebecca Sokoll began studying dance when she was three years old and continued to hone her performance skills at several professional theatres in the Michigan area. Her New York credits include *Chronicles of Hell* with the award-winning Theatre Et Al. Rebecca currently teaches Yoga and Meditation in NYC.

Bob Strick (Dramaturge) has a BA in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He has acted in a variety of classics and performed in vocal and early music ensembles. Bob is currently developing the scenario and music for *Ragnarok*, Dzieci's upcoming adaptation of the Nordic Myths and is Dzieci's technical "wizard."

Rachel Whitman earned a BA from Bennington College under the self-designed major "The Body as a Tool for Performance." She has studied puppetry with the Kashinoki Theater in Tokyo, directing at the Studio Theatre in Washington, D.C., Acting with Tim Phillips, and Voice with Anna Bergman. Rachel is a member of Alice Faney Dance Theatre.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## One With the Soul of the Earth MotherTongue

TBA, English/Spanish  
Artistic Performance

In a celebratory ritual performance weaving together music, dance, song and story, MotherTongue brings to life the joy of living in rhythmic harmony with one another, ourselves and the earth. With its passionate evocation of the Pagan spirit, the group draws in audiences of diverse traditions to celebrate the sacred interconnection of all life.

MotherTongue is the ritual performance group of EarthSpirit, one of the largest and oldest Pagan organizations in the United States. They have recorded and performed across the USA to wide acclaim. MotherTongue performed at the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions and are excited to be returning to this year's Parliament.

## Trembling Before G-d Sandi DuBowski

Room 111 (1:15 PM - 2:45 PM)  
Film Festival

*Trembling Before G-d* (2001) is an unprecedented feature documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. With intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma – how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality. (84 min.) In English with Spanish subtitles.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Discussion session to follow during the Open Space period with director Mr. Sandi DuBowski, who has spent three years touring the film world-wide leading 700 dialogues with Christians, Muslims, Catholics, Buddhists, Jews, Mormons and Sikhs. Now seen by 3 million people worldwide, the film has sparked enormous change for individuals, religious leaders, families and communities.

Sandi DuBowski is a filmmaker/writer based in New York. His critically-acclaimed film, *Trembling Before G-d*, had a world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival and has received twelve awards, including The Teddy Award at the Berlin Film Festival, The Mayor's Prize at the Jerusalem Film Festival and the GLAAD Media Award. It is being broadcast on BBC, The Sundance Channel, HBO Latin America, ARTE, Israel's Keshet/Chanel Two and is now out on DVD. DuBowski is currently producing a documentary about Islam and homosexuality that is being shot in several countries.

## **Peace By Peace: Women on the Frontlines**

Jennifer Vanden Bosch

Patricia Smith Melton

Ann Smith

Room 116 (1:15 PM – 2:45 PM), English  
Film Screening followed by Interactive Discussion

*Peace By Peace: Women on the Frontlines* documents women around the world standing together, working for peace, advocating restorative justice, healing their communities and educating future generations that war is not the answer. This film celebrates these women in a breakthrough documentary of their unheralded work focusing on two women in each of the following countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi and USA. (56 min.) A discussion session with the producers immediately follows.

Jennifer Vanden Bosch is associate producer of *Peace X Peace: Women on the Frontlines*. She currently manages the distribution of the film to educational markets in the USA as well as organizes screenings with various non-profit groups and NGO's around the world.

Patricia Smith Melton, executive director and co-producer, has spent the last decade dedicated to the creation of nonprofit organizations that foster international education and cultural exchange, and founded PEACE X PEACE in 2002.

Ann Smith is Global Network Outreach Director for PEACE X PEACE, a newly formed international women's peace organization which provides state of the art internet technology to connect circles around the world for dialogue and deep listening.

## **Theologies of Liberation and Interreligious Dialogue**

Juan José Tamayo

Asgäre Waezi

Diego Irarrazabal

Annette Meuthen

Tariq Ramadan

Auditorium (3155) (1:15 PM – 2:45 PM), English/Spanish/  
Catalan  
Panel Discussion

We are in a new paradigm of religious pluralism. Often religions have been related to wars and to alienation. It can be different if there is no more perversion in the religious fact. There are in religions seeds of peace and freedom that can contribute to personal and structural liberation. Today there is an special challenge: to build theologies of liberation that can be interreligious. Can we find the grounds to an interreligious and intercultural critical theology of liberation able to reply to inequalities and fundamentalisms?

Juan José Tamayo is a Professor of Theology and Religious Studies of the Department "Ignacio Ellacuría" of the University Carlos III of Madrid. He has written several concerning theology of liberation and he has close relationships with grassroots Christian groups in Latin America.

Asgäre Waezi is President of the Interreligious Relationships Department of the Culture and Islamic Relationships Organization (Sazmâne Farhângue wa Ertibatâte Islami) of Iran.

Diego Irarrazabal is President of Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians. For 23 years he has headed a parish and the Aymara Institute in Chucuito between Puno and Ilovo. He is related to the indigenous theology.

Annette Meuthen is a Ph.D. in Indian Studies specialized in Daoist theology of liberation.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of the European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **The Meaning of "Awakening" in Modern Spiritual and Scientific Contexts**

Audrey Kitagawa

James Hurtak

Ashok Gangadean

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Our world has become increasingly polarized by clashes which are characterized as confrontations between diverse and competing religious, social, cultural, and scientific factions. Can consciousness, whether individual or collective, be transformed toward higher states of creativity in service to

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

humanity? From modern spiritual and scientific contexts we will explore how new types of “awakening” can lead to genuine dialogue between religion and science, and can turn fault lines of divisiveness into pathways to inner and outer peace. Technologies of thought, language, science, and spirituality will be discussed to demonstrate their complementarity in the unified and unifying field of consciousness.

A former attorney, Audrey Kitigawa is now Advisor at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. She is the Founder and Director of Vision for Humanity, and associate convener of the World Commission for Global Consciousness and Spirituality. J.J. Hurtak, Ph.D., is the Founder/President of the Academy for Future Science. He is an activist for a sustainable future and a philosopher on global consciousness. He is the author of 10 books, and the writer/director/co-producer of more than 30 films on the evolutionary process of mankind.

Ashok Gangadharan is Co-Convener of the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality, Co-Founder/Director of the Global Dialogue Institute, and Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College where he has developed global philosophy over the past thirty six years. He is the author of “Meditative Reason”, “Between Worlds” and the forthcoming “Awakening of the Global Mind”. He also hosts a weekly TV show in Philadelphia “Your Global Connection”.

## The Headscarf Debate: Religious Dress & Secular Fundamentalism

Mehrezia Labidi-Maiza

Merve Kavakci

Maha ElGenaidi

Kamar Oniah Kamaruzzaman

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan

The Islamic headscarf, Hijab, has become a major source of debate, conflict, and state policy in many parts of the world. Turkey bans the headscarf in schools and, as a result, the daughters of prime ministers have to attend school in the US, where the government invokes civil rights protection laws in defense of the headscarf. At the same time, in the French Republic it is against the law for Muslim girls to wear one. This panel will discuss issues regarding the freedom of religion and different models of secularism.

A French-Tunisian translator of Islamic religious texts, Mehrezia is a member of the World Conference of Religion and Peace, and co-author of articles and books on religious and interreligious topics.

Merve Kavakci teaches at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington D.C. She is a former member of the Turkish Parliament who could not take the oath of elected office because she wears the scarf.

President of Islamic Networks Group, Maha is a commissioner on Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante’s “Commission for One California.” Maha is also commissioner on the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission.

Dr. Kamaruzzaman is Professor at International Islamic University, and currently serves as the Director of the Australian office of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations. She is an internationally renowned scholar of Islam, and one of the most active Muslim women in promoting dialogue between religions in Asia.

## Religious Freedom for All

Kevin Boyle

John Taylor

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Religious freedom is crucial to effective interreligious dialogue. The Professor Kevin Boyle will give a critical ‘tour d’ horizon’ of religious freedom in the world, including its recognition as a human right and the prevalence of its denial. Under a theme of ‘religious freedom for all’, specific regional challenges will be illustrated with real-life stories. Prof. Boyle’s remarks will be followed by input of an international panel with time for questions and answers. Dr. Boyle will offer an informal consultation with interested members of religious communities following the session in Open Space.

Kevin Boyle is a Professor of Law, and was director of the University Human Rights Centre. In 2001-2002, he was Senior Adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson. He has published widely on human rights and co-edited *Freedom of Religion and Belief, a World Report*.

Dr John Taylor studied & taught Islamics at Cambridge, Punjab, McGill, Birmingham & Harvard. He has worked with the WCC, WCRP, and CEC and now serves as UN (Geneva) representative of IARF (International Association for Religious Freedom).

## The Global Eco-Social Marshall Plan / Club of Budapest

Peter Spiegel

Ervin Laszlo

Helga Breuninger

Eike Messow

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan

This program asks the question, “What do we need to implement the UN Millennium Development Goals?” Speaker and panelists will discuss this question and consider the Global Marshall Plan, introduced by the Club of Budapest. This is an overarching global plan of global security, peace and prosperity that addresses the threats to our present ecological and political systems. Following its namesake of post-World War II Europe, the Global Marshall Plan aims are widespread, including winning politics, economy, and civil society for a new era of global co-operation. The program will begin with a presentation by Peter Spiegel, the General Secretary of the Club of Budapest, followed by a moderated discussion, with respondents including Prof. DDr. Ervin Laszlo, founder of the Club of Budapest.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Peter Spiegel is General Secretary for the Club of Budapest. He founded Horizonte Verlag, a publishing company that has published the works of Mikhail Gorbachev, Ervin Laszlo and Robert Jungk. He has also authored and edited several books.

Renowned for bridging cultures and academic disciplines, Dr. Ervin Laszlo has a Ph.D from the Sorbonne, four other honorary Ph.Ds and various prizes. Dr. Laszlo founded the Club of Budapest in 1993, and has co-authored 36 books and publishes a quarterly scientific journal.

Dr. Helga Breuninger is a Creative Member of the Club of Budapest and Head of the Breuninger Foundation in Stuttgart, Germany. Because of her reputation as a visionary thinker in education and her leadership with the Breuninger Foundation, she became a member of various Commissions and NGO's involved with global education.

Dr. Eike Messow is a Member of the Club of Budapest and Project Director at the Breuninger Foundation. He has several years of experience in NGO work, mainly in Germany, and has given seminars for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. Eike also helped establish the Global Contract Foundation in Hamburg.

## Dimensions of Peace, Politics and the Spirit Jonathan Granoff

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

Peace, our birthright as human beings, requires inner receptivity to the great mystery and a willingness to respond to the suffering of others. Jonathan Granoff (Ahamed Muhaiyaddeen), inspired by the message of unconditional love demonstrated by his teacher the Sufi Sage Bawa Muhaiyadeen, has devoted years to service in effective advocacy for peace, security, and nuclear disarmament. An inspiring presentation to help integrate our spiritual quest with our political responsibilities. This program is part of a series organized by the International Association of Sufism. ([www.ias.org](http://www.ias.org))

For decades, Jonathan Granoff has served as an advocate for peace and human unity, with a focus on interfaith dialogue, the rule of law and nuclear disarmament. He is President of the Global Security Institute, and serves on numerous governing and advisory boards, such as the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Global Dialogue Institute, Jane Goodall Institute, Lawyers Alliance for World Security, NGO Committee on Disarmament in the UN, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, the Temple of Understanding, TIKKUN, International Association of Sufism, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He has studied with the Sufi Master Bawa Muhaiyaddeen since his youth, and is honored by receiving his namesake, Ahamed Muhaiyaddeen. Mr. Granoff is also an author and an award-winning screenwriter (The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation).

## Crisis of the Holy

Alon Goshen-Gottstein

David Martin

Bernice Martin

Vincent Cornell

Barry Levy

Tamar Ross

Deepak Sarma

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

This symposium will discuss both the concept of "the holy", as it is particular to each of the five traditions represented, and the ways in which contemporary life undermines a notion of holiness. The work of the think-tank will consist of sharing reflections, survival strategies and assessments regarding how the different religions understand, grasp and confront this crisis. A conversation will be launched between representatives of the religions and thinkers representing secular society. The goal of this dialogue is to consider the ramifications of the crisis to society at large, to raise suggestions concerning healthier relations between religious and secular, and to share what are usually internal religious concerns with a broader public in society.

Dr. Alon Goshen-Gottstein is Director of the The Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, and lecturer and Director of the Center for the Study of Rabbinic Thought, Beit Marasha College, both in Jerusalem, since 1997. Ordained a Rabbi in 1977, Dr. Goshen-Gottstein has published several books and many articles.

David Martin, Christianity, London School of Economics.

Bernice Martin, Popular Culture, Royal Holloway College, University of London.

Vincent Cornell, Islam, University of Arkansas.

Barry Levy, Judaism, McGill University.

Tamar Ross, Judaism, Bar Ilan University.

Deepak Sarma is currently teaching at Case Western Reserve University. His expertise is in the Madhva School of Vedanta, of which he is a member. An author, Sarma is the Vice President of the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies and will become its President in 2005.

## American Indian Religious Freedom Act

Jennie Joe

Douglas George Kanentiio

Gordon Belcourt

Rachele Agoyo

Room 120, English

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act sought to protect religious freedom of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, a policy intended to protect and preserve the right of these native groups to believe, express, and exercise their indigenous religions. Despite the passage of this law, many native groups are still denied access to their sacred sites, are jailed for possession of certain sacred items, and some have lost critical legal battles that would have given them religious

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

freedom. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Jennie R. Joe, Ph.D., MPH (Navajo) is a Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and directs the Native American Research and Training Center at the University of Arizona. Her interest and work with indigenous communities include spirituality and health, as well as how religious beliefs and practices are expressed in identity and in one's sense of place and belonging.

Doug George-Kanentliio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

Gordon Belcourt is a member of the Blackfeet Nation. He is executive director of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and the Area Indian Health Board in Billings, Montana.

Rachel Agayo, San Juan Pueblo, received her M.S. from the University of New Mexico and developed and managed the first Headstart Program at Cochiti Pueblo. Later, she held the position of Headstart Director for the Sandoval County Pueblos. She has been featured in the PBS program *Colores* and *Surviving Columbus*.

## Uniting Youth Leaders for Global Transformation

Sarah Talcott

Room 121, English Academy

Appreciative Inquiry workshop for youth delegates to develop their commitment and capacity for catalyzing interfaith cooperation and action in their home communities. Appreciative Inquiry engages individuals in dialogue that uncovers the potentials in their lives and guides participants through revelatory sharing that leads to cooperation and sharing with the larger community. This program is a part of the Parliament Academy series of youth centered programs.

Sarah Talcott, a member of the United Religions Initiative global staff in San Francisco, has been an interfaith organizer for over five years.

## An Approach to Pluralism, Dialogue and Peace in the Muslim World

Uzeyir Ok

Room 122  
Lecture

Lecture that wants to apply the concepts of pluralism, dialogue and peace to Islam (like jihad, tabligh), and to detect the possible obstacles of this dialogue.

Uzeyir Ok is a Dr. in Muslim Theology and professor at the Cumhuriyet Universitesi Sivas (Turkey).

## How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona – Session 1 – Getting Organized

Steve Perkins  
Mussie Hailu  
Richard Weingarten

Room 123, English Training Session

This is the first of five related sessions seeking to encourage the organization of local support groups for the Parliament, and to strengthen existing support groups and Partner Cities. The five sessions will provide "real world" guidance and tools designed to help you build and manage a support group or Partner City. "Getting Organized" will focus on how to establish a successful group in your local area. Case studies will provide an opportunity to learn how others have organized themselves. Interactive sessions will provide you with time to explore and ask about what might work for you.

Steve Perkins is associate director of the Center for Neighborhood Technology. He is also the founder and convener of the Interreligious Sustainability Project, a collaborative effort of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Baha'i lay people and Chicago's 12 seminaries to engage religious congregations in the Chicago Region around issues of long-term sustainable development and environmental justice.

The Honorable Dr. Mussie Hailu is Country Director for Employment for All, an Austrian International NGO, as well as the Executive Director and Representative to the Economic Commission on Africa and the African Union for the United Nations Association of Ethiopia. He is also the URI's Representative for East Africa and the Founding Member in Ethiopia.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

## Five years of Interreligious Dialogue in Catalonia

Joan Botam Casals  
Jordi Porta  
Ignasi Moreta

Room 124  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion that will explain the work carried out by the Catalan progressive association "Christianism in the 21st century", that is, three congresses: one in 1999 on the theory and the practice of the Catholic Church; the second in 2001 on the nomination of the bishops; the third one in 2003 on the family. The panel will also mention the ecumenic prayers and the engagement for peace of the association.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Joan Batam Casals has a Ph.D. in Theology from the Pontificia Università Gregoriana de Roma; he is the president of the ecumenical center of Catalonia and the spokesperson of the association "Christianism in the 21th century".

Jordi Porta is one of the founders of the Association "Christianism in the 21th century" and a member of the board of the association; he is also the president of the Catalan association "Omnium Cultural".

Ignasi Moreta is a researcher at the Pompeu Fabra University, specialized in the Christian thought; he is also the secretary of the association "Christianism in the 21th century".

## Faith Beyond Religions

Giulio Cipollone

Room 125

Lecture

Analysis of the human intolerance versus the Divine Tolerance, of the sacred words of Love versus the hatred human vocabulary (as "crusade" and "jihad") and of the reasons of hope for the future.

Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome, Professor Cipollone teaches many courses, including "tolerance and intolerance between Christianity and Islam, and Christianity and Judaism".

## Islam and Democracy

Yusuf Fernandez Ordóñez

Room 129

Lecture

Islamic Journalist Yusuf Ordóñez will offer a presentation of Islamic teachings regarding the democratic process. This presentation will focus on the compatibility of the Islamic Institution of Shura, the Assembly, and the democratic experiences in Muslim countries.

Journalist in "Amanecor", an international Islamic magazine. Currently, he is the Spokesman of FEERI (Federation of Spanish Islamic Religious Entities).

## The Challenge of Peace and the Calling to Interreligious Dialogue in Myanmar

Rev. Tin Mark

Ashin Nanissara

Room 130, English

Seminar

Four major world religions are present in Myanmar: Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. We acknowledge that there are many prejudices, misunderstandings, and a lack of education about religions, which cause tensions and conflicts.

Yet we are convinced that we are able to work together and strive to promote collaboration among the different religions of Myanmar, based on the rejection of prejudices, superiority complexes and fanaticism. We are all aware of the importance of education as a means for promoting mutual understanding, cooperation, and respect.

Tin Win Mark is a Catholic priest of Mandalay Archdiocese, Myanmar. He is presently the Secretary of the Episcopal Commission for Interreligious Dialogue and the procurator of the Archdiocese. He is the author of *Handbook for Interreligious Dialogue*, *The Journey of Man's Search for God*, and *Life Worth Living*.

Ashin Nanissara is a Buddhist Monk from Central Myanmar. In 1994 Ashin founded the Theravad Dhamma Society in Austin, Texas. He has also founded a hospital and a monastery in Myanmar. Ashin is a renowned Buddhist scholar and activist. He has also done work with The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders.

## Towards Peace Because of Love for Humankind: The Experience of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Organizations

Manuel Górriz

Room 131

Lecture

Presentation of the experience of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, which work in benefit of mankind and promote mutual understanding, cooperation, friendship and peace between all the peoples. The speaker will be a representative of the International Movement of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

Manuel Górriz is Director of the Department of Human Rights and of the Center of International Humanitarian Law of the Red Cross of Catalonia.

## Cross City Connections: Addressing Critical Issues Through Interreligious Cooperation

Mojca Leban

Andre Porto

Susana Salvador-Anayatin

Jerry Chang

Mohammed Kagee

Room 132, English

Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. This program will focus on ways in which interreligious organizers effectively address common critical issues within the context of a multi-city network. Panelists will discuss ways in which partnerships between and among interreligious organizations help the individual groups see local issues and

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

dynamics in a broader context, thereby addressing them more effectively. Through presentations and discussion, participants will gain valuable insights into how different groups use both global and local contexts to address critical issues.

Majda Leban, a UN Planning Officer for Human Rights Development on the local level, is active in reconciliation through interreligious and multicultural dialogue in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkan Region.

Andre Porto works for Viva Rio and is Coordinator of the Interfaith Initiative in Rio de Janeiro. He produced a remarkable video about the 1993 Parliament, and has been a URI representative since 1997.

Dr. Susana Salvador-Arayatin is active in peace advocacy in Mindanao, and is a guest lecturer at the Graduate School of the Mindanao State University.

Dr. Jerry Chapri is the Founder and President of Humanity United Globally, and was the Founder of Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii. He is a former UN Representative to Paraguay and V.P. at Large for World Vision International.

Mohammed Kogee is a Founding Member of the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative and the Muslim Students Association of South Africa. He also serves as a Trustee of the Claremont Main Road Mosque, which was instrumental in the anti-apartheid struggle.

## **Peace Over the Korean Peninsula: The Reconciling Role of Faith Communities in the History of Confrontational North and South Korea**

**Songkeun Kim**

Room 134, English  
Academic Paper

The division of South and North Korea has been a historical byproduct of the Cold War Era. Since then, the confrontational relationship between the two Koreas has drawn international media attention. Recent nuclear friction between North Korea and the Bush Administration illustrate that peace and geopolitical stability over the Korean Peninsula is not an isolated geographical "hot potato". The paper aims to investigate the way in which various faith communities in South and North Korea have been engaging reconciling roles to pave pathways to peace over the Korean Peninsula.

Dr. Songkeun Kim is an assistant professor at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, and the author of *Strange Names of God* (New York, Peter Lang Publishing, 2004) and *From the Fall of Jerusalem to the Rise of Southern Christianity* (Seoul, Pyung Dan, 2004).

## **The Earth Charter: Shared Values for Building a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable Future**

**Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp  
Kamla Chowdhry**

**Peter Blaze Corcoran**

**Mary Evelyn Tucker**

**Josiane Trolliet**

**Michael Slaby**

**Ibrahim Ozdemir**

**Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion**

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It seeks to inspire in all peoples a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the human family and the larger living world. It is an expression of hope and a call to help create a global partnership at a critical juncture in history. The main goal of the panel will be to give a vivid example of this new framework for thinking about and addressing such issues as environmental protection, human rights, equitable human development, and peace, which are each interdependent and indivisible.

Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp, was born in Amsterdam in 1943. As an infant he was saved by non-Jews during WWII. He helped reestablish Jewish communities in the Netherlands and is now the co-chair on of the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders and founding member of Green Cross International. Soetendorp is also founder and co chair of the Hope for Children Everywhere Foundation.

Dr. Chowdhry is a Chairman/Board member of several international humanitarian and conservation institutions, many of which she helped establish. She is currently a Member of the World Commission on Forestry and Sustainable Development, The Earth Charter Commission and a board member of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD).

Corcoran is a Senior Fellow in the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future and a Professor of Environmental Studies and Environmental Education at Florida Gulf Coast University. He serves as a member of the Earth Charter Education Advisory Committee, as well as being active in several NGOs and international professional organizations.

A professor of religion at Bucknell University, Dr. Tucker is also Coordinator of the Forum on Religion and Ecology. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University specializing in Confucianism in Japan. She co-coordinated a ten conference series on World Religions and Ecology at Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions.

Specializing in communication and teaching, Josiane Trolliet received her degree in Education Sciences. Following her mission to guide human behavior toward sustainable, ethical living, Ms Trolliet founded the Actions Education Environment in 1999, to promote the aspirations outlined by the Earth Charter.

Slaby, student of religion, international law and politics at Heidelberg University volunteers as Coordinator of the Earth Charter Youth Initiative, a global network of youth organizations that have endorsed the Earth Charter. He has more than seven years of volunteer work in youth-led initiatives focusing on sustainable development, human rights and refugee aid.

# Program Descriptions

Friday, July 9, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Dr. Ibrahim Ozdemir is Professor of History of Philosophy at Ankara University, Divinity School, Turkey. He is author of *The Ethical Dimension of Human Attitudes Towards Nature, Environment and Religion*, *Lonely Planet*, and *Postmodern Thoughts*.

## Religion from the Point of View of Psychobiology: Present and Future

Ramon Maria Nogués

Marià Corbi

Jaume Patuel

Jordi Font

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion that will give tools to understand the psychological phenomenon that takes part in spirituality, and how similar the different spiritualities can be. The study of religion and science from this point of view helps to approach the different religious traditions in an open and meaningful way.

Ramon Maria Nogués is a Catholic biologist, professor of Biology in the UAB (Autonomous University of Barcelona), scientist and educator.

Marià Corbi is a Dr. in Philosophy and Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Traditions (CETR) in Barcelona.

Jaume Patuel is a Catholic psychoanalyst, psychologist, psychotherapist, educator, professor in the University of Barcelona and member of the European Federation of Psychoanalysis.

Jordi Font is a Catholic Psychoanalyst, Dr. in medicine, psychiatrist and theologian. He has worked as a psychotherapist for many years in the Hospital Sant Pere Calver Foundation, in the Clinic Hospital of Barcelona and in the Vidal i Barroquer Foundation. He is the founder of a investigation group of Psychology of Religion.

## Spiritual Peacemaking

James Twyman

Cabaret (4:30 PM – 5:15 PM), English  
Artistic Performance

Prayers from major world religions offer a unique glimpse into the reality of peace that lives within us all. James Twyman believes that an alchemical reaction takes place within the soul when music is combined with these ancient prayers. Barriers of separation are broken and doors to compassion and love are opened. This concert will open your heart and inspire you to step into your own role as an "Emissary of Peace."

Known as the "Peace Troubadour," James Twyman is an internationally renowned author and musician. He blends his unique style of music with his international reputation for drawing millions together in prayer to influence the process of peace. James has performed around the world including Iraq, Northern Ireland, Israel, Belgrade, Sarajevo, and Mexico City.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan  
Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

July 10 – A reading of Surah 96. Day Three of an observance offered throughout the week. Each observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text: it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of West and Islam, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## Religions are Many, Spirituality is One Dada Nabhaniilananda

Room 113, English/Spanish  
Morning Observances, Lecture, Interactive Workshop

What is genuine spirituality? What are we humans evolving into, and why do we find it so difficult to accept one another's answers to these age old questions? Dada addresses these controversial questions with humour and tolerance and creativity, bringing the subject to life with music, images, stories, and a questioning style which gets the group really examining their own prejudices and assumptions.

Dada delves into the history of spiritual practice and mysticism, and the universal nature of human yearnings, using examples from a wide variety of traditions. The workshop ends on a practical note with a chanting and meditation exercise designed to create a sense of unity and awareness that after all is said and done, Humanity is One.

Dada Nabhaniilananda is a popular musician, a meditation teacher and a monk. Born in New Zealand in 1955, he has been playing music all his life, and teaching about spirituality for 30 years. He has taught and performed all over the world, often at alternative festivals and conferences, including the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, Brazil where he thrilled an audience of 10,000 people. He has recorded seven albums and written a book on meditation.

## Singing in a Foreign Place: The Expression of the Faith of the Immigrants

Tomàs Gamarra  
José Luis Castamiñano  
Mustafa Rafiq  
Rosa Ramon

Room 114  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Interactive workshop. It will welcome immigrants from the parishes of the Barcelona area and songs will be used to this end.

Tomàs Gamarra is a theologian, professor at the Ramon Llull University in Barcelona and social worker of the association "Càritas".

José Luis Castamiñano was a teacher of history in Argentina but now he has been living in Barcelona for two years and is doing different jobs; he is Catholic.

Mustafa Rafiq is Pakistani and Muslim, and works in Barcelona as a cooker.

Rosa Ramon is Bolivian and works in Barcelona in the domestic service.

## Religious Caricature Carme Bautista Moreno

Room 115, Spanish/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Interactive workshop on the humoristic treatment of religion. Caricatures of religious leaders are viewed and studied in relationship to the different ways of living spirituality. Participants will bring their contributions regarding the specifics, twitches and topics of their own religious traditions. Caricatures will be drawn.

Carme Bautista Moreno is a professional photograph and caricaturist of Barcelona; she organized some individual and collective exhibitions.

## The Precious Human Rebirth

Dorje Dondrub  
Bhakti Das  
Vicente Merlo

Room 116  
Morning Observances, Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the Buddhist experiences. The way of observing our deeds allows us to deep the knowledge that we have of ourselves and of the others.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Dorje Dondrub is a Buddhist monk of the monastery of the Garraf (Barcelona), coordinator of the Ngagpa Assembly; he is giving classes of meditation and Buddhist philosophy.

Bhakti Das is founder of the yoga center “Vedanta Sivananda” in Barcelona and professor of Indian music. He is also an active Hindu member of the interreligious group of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia.

Vicente Merlo is a Dr. in Philosophy at the University of Valencia and specialist of the Hindu philosophy; he is a professor of the Master of History of Religions of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

## **Yoga Prayer: Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice with Father Thomas Ryan**

Rev. Thomas Ryan

Room 117, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Participants will learn a way of praying through their whole being the Prayer of St. Francis – “Lord, make me a means of your peace” – through a sequential flow of yoga postures. This Morning Observance is also a part of the Symposium on Interfaith Education.

Father Ryan directs the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. He is the co-founder and former director of Unitas in Montreal, an ecumenical center for spirituality and Christian meditation.

## **Self-Inquiry Meditation**

H. H. Mahamandaleshwar Maheshwarananda

Room 120, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

“Yoga in Daily Life” offers numerous methods to attain physical and mental well-being. An important tool in self-investigation and self-knowledge is the technique of “Self-Inquiry Meditation.” In this meditation practice we come into contact with our subconscious, the source of our desires, complexes, behavioral patterns and prejudices. We become acquainted with our own nature, and then beyond self-acceptance to Self-Realization. This technique enables us to overcome negative qualities and habits and helps us to better manage life’s problems.

His Holiness Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda has dedicated his entire life to helping humanity through yoga and by evoking the ancient spiritual heritage of Sri Sanatana Dharma. He is the author of the system *Yoga in Daily Life*, and is the Founder of International Sri Deep Madhavananda Ashram Fellowship.

## **The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth I**

Yayasan Dharma Tiga

Room 121

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Kidung Gayatri: Ni Wayan Sekariani (Batuan, Sukawati, Gianyar, Bali)

Yayasan Dharma Tiga is a nonprofit public foundation in Bedulu, Bali, Indonesia, that aspires to maintain and support the conciliation spirit aroused in the interfaith meeting in the Samuan Tiga Temple in the year 1011; that it may be useful through sharing in Arts and Religiosity among cultures in Indonesia and throughout the world. Individual biographical information of its members can be found in the Performance Section of the Program Book.

## **Meditation for Morning Observance**

Rev. Dr. Heng Sure

Room 122, English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Chan Buddhist meditation with brief instructions, concluding with dedication of merit for world peace. Other presenters include members of Dharma Realm Buddhist Youth and teaching staff of the Dharma Realm Buddhist University.

Rev. Heng Sure, Ph.D., an American Buddhist monk, serves as Director of the Berkeley Buddhist Monastery and teaches on the staff at the Institute for World Religions. He is a member of the Global Council of the United Religions Initiative, and a founding member of the Bridge CC of the URI.

## **Zazenkai: Practice of Zen Meditation**

Berta Meneses Rodriguez

Room 123, Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

A session of Zen meditation (zazenkai). It will include 5 parts: 1. a brief introduction; 2. meditation (zazen) of 25 minutes; 3. kinhin of 7 minutes; 4. meditation of 25 minutes; 5. reading of the sutra of the heart and the vows of the Bodhisatva.

Zen master of the Sanbokyodan-Bedan school; he is in charge of the area of Catalonia and Balearic islands.

## **Native American Morning Observance**

Gordon BelCourt

Room 124

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

These traditional Pueblo morning prayers are normally done at sunrise. We begin with prayers and intentions, starting with the north and pray to all directions. We pray for the world and all its' people. Then we pray for the world closer to us, our villages and its' people. We pray for our family and finally for our personal needs and hopes for the day and the wisdom to continue on our path.

Gordon Belcourt is a member of the Blackfeet Nation. He is executive director of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and the Area Indian Health Board in Billings, Montana.

## **Then Our Mouth Was Filled with Laugh – Ecumenical Workshop**

Rev. Suzanne Storck

Room 125  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

We experience a deep solidarity in sufferings and we should always practice it. There is nothing more human than meeting each other in a community. Unifying the most different people to create a joyfull community.

Pastor of the Evangelical Church of German Language in Barcelona; she has studied theology at Heidelberg, Edinburgh and Bonn.

## **Mashriqu'l-Adhkar (Baha'i Adoration House)**

Amin Egea

Room 130, English/Spanish/Catalan  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Religious observance, based on readings of sacred texts of different religious traditions, and in different languages, in an adequate atmosphere. Every day will be dedicated to a different issue. The people who will participate in the observance are practitioners of the Bahá'í faith, but the celebration is open to everybody.

## **A Celebration of the World's Religions Through Prayer and Practices**

Andrea Blanch

Anna Less

Shahabuddin David Less

Room 131, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Many of the world's major religions will be celebrated in this simple ceremony that raises no religion over another, creating an atmosphere of respect and harmony. It does not seek to create a single form of worship but celebrates and maintains the integrity of the world's religious traditions. A candle is lit for each religion and a practitioner from each leads a brief

sacred meditation, prayer or practice from her or his own tradition.

Andrea Blanch is internationally known for her work on conflict management and on women and violence. She is co-founder of The Center for Religious Tolerance, and is widely recognized as a visionary leader and spiritual teacher.

The first non-Asian to be offered a Ph.D. in Traditional Chinese Medicine from Zhejiang Medical College. Anna is a world-renowned scholar, healer, educator, and co-founder of the Hope Project in India.

Shahabuddin David Less is spiritual director of Rising Tide International and The Universal Worship and senior teacher in the Sufi Order International. For over 35 years, he has taught spiritual practices, unity and peace globally.

## **Spirituality in Islam, Art and Reason**

Faouzi Skali

Room 132  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Presentation of the cultural and spiritual tradition of Islam and its expression in the values, education and lifestyles of Muslim societies.

Faouzi Skali is an anthropologist, writer and specialist in Sufism. He is also the director of the Festival of Sacred Musics in Fes (Morocco). He has been designed by the UN as one of the 12 persons who contributed to the dialogue between civilisations in 2001.

## **Love, Breath of Healing: The Prayer of Heart**

Isabel Cristina Lozoya Rocha

Room 134, Spanish/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Prayer is a breath of love allowing healing. In this meditation there will be some exercises to wake up the awareness of vital energy and to unify body, soul and consciousness.

Isabel Cristina Lozoya Rocha has a degree in History and German Languages. Founder and Chair of DIDAC, an organization building bridges among religious traditions in Barcelona. Teacher of Tai Chi and Chi Kung.

## **Sacred Dance**

Theatre Group Dzieci

M.O. 3, Nonverbal  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

DZIECI will non-verbally guide participants through a series of Sacred Dances designed to divide the attention, approaching meditation through movement including elements from Sufi,

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Shamanistic, Esoteric Christian and Gurdjieff. It is interactive and ritualistic. Participants will be brought to a level of intensified self-awareness, firmly grounded, and in touch with energies of a finer vibration. Emphasis will be placed on creating community.

DZIECI (dzyeh-chee), the Polish word for “children,” is an international experimental theatre ensemble dedicated to a search for the “sacred” through the medium of theatre. They balance performance and service with patients in a variety of institutional settings. DZIECI believes that by helping others a profound healing effect is generated serving the patient and strengthening the ensemble’s work.

## Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace

Rev. Sandy Gess

Elizabeth Genevieve

M.O. 4, English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Labyrinths are ancient patterns found in many cultures around the world, dating back 5,000 years. Inclusive of all religious traditions (while at the same time devoid of dogmatic symbolism), labyrinths serve as metaphors for unity and wholeness. Our shared labyrinth walk will give participants of all faiths an opportunity to embody the theme “Pathways for Peace.”

Sandy Gess, an ordained United Methodist pastor, is co-founder and leader of Weave of Faith Christian Feminist Community. She is included in the book *White Fire: A Portrait of Women Spiritual Leaders in America*. A certified labyrinth facilitator, Sandy led an interfaith labyrinth walk of women spiritual leaders (Jew, Christian, Sufi, Sikh, Hindu, Yorba, Buddhist, Unitarian, Catholic at the White Fire Gathering in Santa Fe, New Mexico).

Elizabeth Genevieve is a founding member of the Association for Spirit at Work and gives talks on Spirit at Work, Leadership and Team Spirit. Her work with labyrinths began at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and she continues to explore ways to bring it to people at work as a metaphor for organizational change.

INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## The Movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and Monotheist Religions

Aurelio Cerviño

Francisca Pi Pérez

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Seminar

Focolari movement experience of dialogue with Islam and Judaism. Members of the movement in different countries hold an openheart relationship.

Aurelio Cerviño holds a Bachelor Degree on Moral Theology and is the director of a magazine called *Ciutat Nova*.

Francisca Pi Pérez holds a Bachelor Degree in Geography and History, and a degree on Religion Sciences.

## Sikh Spirituality: The Guru Granth Sahib Ji – An Interfaith Message

Sukhbir Singh

Nikky-Guninder Singh

Mohinder Singh

Sangat Syalee

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan

The message of Sikhism is contained within the sacred writings of the Gurus, forever enshrined in the Sikh scripture, *Guru Granth Sahib Ji*. This seminar is aimed at sharing the interfaith principles enshrined within the Holy Scripture. Remarkably, it is a perfect example of interfaith principles with the inclusion of the writings of Hindu and Muslim saints. It explores how these universal principles can be used to foster worldwide peace.

Bhai Sukhbir Singh has previously been a school teacher in London. He is currently a businessman and volunteer of the *Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha*.

Professor Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh is the Chair and Crawford Family Professor of Religious Studies at Colby College.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of *Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha* in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both a patron and member of several interfaith organizations, and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

Sangat Syalee is a Doctor of Medicine specializing in neurology and psychiatry. Dr. Syalee is a retired consultant and professor of psychiatry (Indian Army). She is the Acting President of the *Guru Nanak Foundation*, New Delhi. She is also the President of the Interfaith Council of Southwest Queens, New York.

## Zoroastrian History, Religion, Culture and Present Day Challenges

Rohinton Rivetna

Malcolm Deboo

Homi Dhallia

Firdosh Mehta

Susan Karani

Khajeste P. Mistree

Meher Master Moos

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan Panel Discussion

This presentation will be an introduction to the religion of Zarathustra and the Zarathustis. Little is known about the religion of Zarathustra (also known as Zoroastrianism), yet at one time, it was the religion of the Persian empires that stretched across central Asia for a thousand years. The message of Zarathustra (or Zoroaster) is as relevant today as when it was revealed by the prophet 3500 years ago, and very much a living religion for the 275,000 Zarathustras (or Zoroastrians) around the world who live and practice the faith today.

Rohinton M. Rivetna is a founding member of the Zoroastrian Association of Chicago, the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations for North America, and the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Malcolm Deboo is an Administrative Officer and Librarian for the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe.

Dr. Dhalla is the Founder and President of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation, and is an advisor to the Parliament, providing interfaith leadership in India.

Firdosh Dara Mehta, president and founding member of The Zoroastrian Association of Alberta, Canada, is also the President of The Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America. Mehta serves as a Board Member with several organizations such as the Interfaith Center, The Alberta Gujarati Association and the Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Susan Karani has worked with various human rights organizations, including the India Centre for Human Rights and Law in Mumbai, India, and SOS-Racisme in Paris. She was an Editorial Assistant at the Encyclopaedia Iranica and conducted extensive research on the treatment of women under the Zoroastrian law of Sassanian Persia.

Khojeste Mistree is Co-founder and Managing Trustee of the Zoroastrian Foundation, established to promote the dissemination of religious knowledge. Khojeste has an honorary degree in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford and is a noted speaker.

Dame Master-Moos, Ph.D., D.Sc., is the Founder and President of the only Zoroastrian College in the world, Mazdayasni Monasteri Zoroastrian College, in Mumbai, India. She is the recipient of the Dag Hammarskjöld Award (1968) and the Medal for Inter Faith Peace by HH Pope John Paul II (1989). Dr. Meher Master-Moos has written 19 books and is a Barrister at law, Advocate, and Special Executive Magistrate; she has honorary doctorate degrees from several universities.

## The Way to World Peace: A Thai Buddhist Perspective

Ven. Chuen Phangcham

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan

Peace can be defined in many ways as people say today, but peace as the Buddha taught means peace of mind – without

hatred, without selfish and craving desire, without ignorance – pure mind. When our mind is clear, bright, pure, it becomes free from delusion, and full of loving kindness, and compassion. From this program, audiences will be able to understand properly the Buddhist perspectives of right and wrong action (as the Buddha taught), and will be able to learn how to use these moral principals to create a peaceful and happy family life.

Ven. Chuen Phangcham, Ph.D., is President of the Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center-Warren, Michigan, and lectures at universities on Buddhism and Eastern Studies. He is involved in programs aimed at the resolution of moral, ethical, and criminal problems, and gives regular Dhamma talks and meditation instructions in area prisons. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of CPWR.

## The Role of Women in Traditional Native Societies

Darlene St. Clair

Omie Baldwin

Joanne Shenandoah

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

Women in native societies have diverse roles and frequently are at the center of revitalizing tribal traditions and helping their communities adapt to new conditions. Today, many native women lead efforts to preserve tribal language, cultural, and spiritual traditions for their families and communities. Panelists will discuss how women in their respective communities serve not only as cultural brokers but as transmitter of tribal cultures. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Darlene St. Clair, known by the spirits as Iyekiyaipi Win, is an enrolled member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota. At the Indian Community School in Milwaukee, WI she is a librarian and works to integrate American Indian languages and cultures into the curriculum. Darlene has been on the American Indian Planning Committee of the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago, Cape Town and Barcelona.

Omie Baldwin (Dine), MSW, LCSW organized the American Indian participation in the CPWR in both Chicago and Cape Town. She is a therapist/clinical Social Worker at the University Health Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interest and involvement include peace, social justice, and environmental issues with indigenous people.

Joanne Shenandoah is a multiple award winning Native American composer, vocalist and performer whose music reflects the indigenous philosophy and culture which continues to have a profound effect on the world today. She is a Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy – Oneida Nation. She has 13 recordings and her music is on 40 plus compilations. She has appeared at the White House, Kennedy Center and at various music festivals across the USA.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Three: Raimon Panikkar

Rev. Dr. Raimón Panikkar

Rita M. Gross

Ibrahim Ramey

Mark Larrimore

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

Join us as we address the contemplative aspect of interfaith education and the role of personal transformation. Led by the thoughts of Dr. Raimón Panikkar, we will explore the challenges that experiential pedagogical practices pose, ask how the experience of another religious tradition influences one's religious identity, and consider the risks and rewards involved.

Raimón Panikkar has been professor at the universities of Madrid, Rome, Harvard and California, where he has taught Indian culture and history and philosophy of religions. He has published more than 40 books, including *The Trinity and the World's Religions* and has created the Vivarium Foundation in Catalonia, which is dedicated to promoting the interreligious dialogue. He is the co-chair of the Parliament of World's Religions in Barcelona.

Rita M. Gross, a noted scholar of Buddhism, has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for twenty-five years, representing Tibetan Buddhism in general, and the Shambhala Buddhist perspective in particular. She is the author of numerous articles and essays on women and religion, including *Buddhism after Patriarchy: A Feminist History*.

Ibrahim Malik Abdil-Mu'id Ramey is the coordinator of the Peace and Disarmament program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Nyack, New York. Ibrahim serves as a board member of several national peace and justice organizations. He has been a delegate and presenter at international conferences all over the world.

Mark Larrimore is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Eugene Lang College, New School University in New York.

## Pathways to Peace in Sikhism

Mohinder Singh

Balwant Singh

Jaswant Singh Neki

S. Saran Singh

Avtar Singh Dhaliwal

Room 120, English  
Lecture

Based on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak and the successive Gurus and hymns from Guru Granth Sahib, the presentation will highlight a new social order and concept of community life as practiced and demonstrated by Guru Nanak. The presentation will highlight the need for a new world order as a result of collapse of the Marxian model and emergence of

the capitalist model as an alternative. Topics to be addressed include Creating Peace in an Environment of Religious Violence.

Dr. Mohinder Singh is a former Professor at Baring Union Christian College, Khalsa College, and the University of Delhi. He is former Director of the Guru Nanak Foundation, and author of standard works on Sikh history and religion.

Dr. Balwant Singh has a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught at the University of Delhi, Punjab University and at Old Dominion University. Dr. Singh has written several articles for distinguished papers and journals. He is a member of CARE: Community Alliance for Respect and Equality.

Dr. Jaswant Singh Neki is an author and is the Honorary General Secretary of Sahitya Sadan, New Delhi.

S. Saran Singh is the Editor of the Sikh Review, Calcutta, India. He is retired from the Indian Administrative Service.

Avtar Singh Dhaliwal, MD, FACS is Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery at East Tennessee State University College of Medicine.

## Wisdom of the Individual and Community Body – Cultures of Peace through Interplay

Masankho Banda

Elizabeth Frye

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

InterPlay® uses easy-to-do improvisational forms of movement, story, voice and visual arts to help create a community based in affirmation, trust and respect for others. It teaches the language and ethic of play in its deepest and most powerful sense connecting body, mind and spirit. It requires no previous training and respects the limitations and celebrates the strengths of each person. InterPlay is a powerful guide for spiritual development, personal growth and creating a sense of community. Participants in this workshop are invited to be a part of the performance of *The Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human* on July 12. A program of BodyWisdom and InterPlay.

Masankho Banda is a multidisciplinary Performing Artist, InterPlay Leader, Educator, Spiritual Healer and Peace Builder originally from Malawi, Central Africa. He travels the world bringing his message of peace using dance, music and storytelling. His Holiness the Dalai Lama awarded Masankho the "Heroes of Compassion" award for his work with Wing It! InterPlay Ensemble.

Elizabeth Mendana Frye is a dancer with a Master of Fine Arts in Dance. She performs with Wing It! Inter-Play Ensemble, as well as designs lights and stage manages for various dance companies around the United States.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Sufism & Shariah as the Significant Other

Pamela Aneesah Nadir

Misbahudddin Rufai

Marcia Hermansen

Abdul Haq Ansari

Room 122, English

Sufism is the spiritual movement within Islam. What is the historic relationship of Sufism and Shariah (Islamic Law)? How are the dynamics of this relationship being played out in the world today? -

Dr. Nadir is an Assistant Professor at Arizona State University West in the Department of Social Work. She is also the President of the Islamic Social Services Association of the U.S. Her research focus is on Muslims in America.

A Nigerian-American, Misbahudddin Rufai is an Imam in the Chicago area, and a Professor of History at Harold Washington College in Chicago.

Marcia Hermansen is a Professor of Theology at Loyola University in Chicago where she teaches courses in Islamic Studies and World Religions.

A distinguished Islamic scholar, Abdul Haq Ansari is currently the President of All-India Jamaat-e-Islami Hind. He has authored 12 books on Islamic theology and philosophy, ethics and Sufism, as well as on Comparative Religion.

## Peace, Equanimity and Stress-Free Life by way of Chanting Sacred Hymns

Vinod Kapashi

H. H. Amrender Muniji

Room 123, English  
Lecture

Mantra or sound is widely used for purification, protection, meditation, healing and awakening of all divine powers. This lecture explores the path of Hymnology and how people, whose knowledge about their own faith is limited, are seen to be in a joyous mood. What part does Hymnology play in one's life, and how can one achieve a peaceful and stress-free lifestyle by chanting sacred hymns? Is it a power of hymns and mantras, or is it total faith which brings about such results. This presentation will include chanting of mantras, explanation of words and experiencing the divine sound and vibrations.

Dr. Vinod Kapashi has taught Jainism for 15 years, and holds a Ph.D. in Jain sacred hymns. He is the president of Mahavir Foundation, and takes keen interest in the Interfaith activities in the United Kingdom, having served as the president of the Harrow Interfaith Council in the past.

H.H. Amrender Muniji Maharaj is one of the few Jain monks who travel outside of India. He is Masters in Philosophy and Shastri in

Sanskrit, and is a scholar of Hindu, Jain and Buddhist Scriptures. His dedicated service to mankind has been recognized by several organizations.

## The Contribution of the Jewish in the Spanish Contemporaneous Culture

Jacob Israel

Room 124  
Lecture

Historical lecture on the Jewish contribution to the Spanish culture of today.

Jacob Israel is President of the Jewish Communities of Spain and editor of "Raices", a Jewish culture journal.

## Bridging the Gap: Engaging Religious Communities and Social Activists

Andre Porto

Swaran Singh

Mussie Hailu

Mickey Glass

Sophia Dimalog

Room 125, English  
Partner Cities, Panel Discussion/Interactive Workshop

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Despite common goals and desires, religious communities and social activists often see their respective work as mutually exclusive. The panel will discuss ways in which these two groups can address this dichotomy in order to create partnerships that bolster their networks' capacity and effectiveness. A facilitated discussion will be featured in which participants can share their experiences with religious and/or community based activism.

Andre Porto works for Viva Rio and is Coordinator of the Interfaith Initiative in Rio de Janeiro. He produced a remarkable video about the 1993 Parliament, and has been a URI representative since 1997.

Giani Swaran Singh is a former non-stipendiary spiritual teacher in the Gurdwaras of Punjab, and served as Head Giani of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Surrey, British Columbia. He is currently Senior Advisor to the Doshmesh Darbar Gurdwara.

The Honorable Dr. Mussie Hailu is Country Director for Employment for All, an Austrian International NGO, as well as the Executive Director and Representative to the Economic Commission on Africa and the African Union for the United Nations Association of Ethiopia. He is also the URI's Representative for East Africa and the Founding Member in Ethiopia.

Mickey Glass is the Executive Director of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues of South Africa. He played a vital role in the

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

preparations for the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions in Cape Town, South Africa.

Sophia Dimalog is Executive Director of the Bangsa bai Livelihood Movement Inc., an NGO actively participating in and promoting Muslim/Christian dialogue in the Philippines. She is also the acting Executive Director of the Alfothah Foundation, Inc., and a member of the Forum for Muslim Christian Solidarity and the Task Force for Mindanao.

## Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (session one)

Brian Walker

Megumi Hirota

Abu Bakarr Conteh

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Humper

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid

Room 129, English

Lecture

This first part of a double-session, interactive workshop helps you discover transforming inter-faith dialogue as a pathway to peace. Following an illustrated presentation of inter-faith dialogue as a process towards real hope of sustainable peace, a multi-faith team will facilitate inter-faith groups actively participating in effective dialogue. The context is post-war Sierra Leone, where a decade of brutality and destruction has been devastating. The presentation considers the often difficult and courageous dialogue of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone, as members strive for sustainable peace. From this dialogue, a practical process is distilled, transforming respectful exchange into effective interfaith dialogue that can be used by all of faith, from all religious communities.

Brian Walker is a Diocesan and Deanery Synod member of the Church of England, Winchester, England, and a member of Southampton Inter Faith Link. He is an Executive member of World Council on Religions for Peace (UK Chapter) and of the World Congress of Faiths.

Megumi Hirota has an MA in Interreligious Relations and has been a representative of Rissho Kosei-kai of the UK, and staff of the International Association for Religious Freedom since 1998. She has been involved in interfaith organizations such as World Congress of Faiths, and Week of Prayer for World Peace.

Abu Bakr Conteh is Imam in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Advisory Board Committee, Anti-Corruption Commission, and Campaign for Good Governance. Abu is also First Vice President of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone.

Rt Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Humper, from Bonthe, Sherbo, is Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Freetown. He helped negotiate peace during the Rebel War and is today President of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone and Religions for Peace (Sierra Leone). Bishop Humper is also Chairman of the Truth and

Reconciliation Commission, which recently reported its findings and is now in the implementation stage of the quest for restorative justice and sustainable peace.

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report".

## Moroccan Islamic Model in the Contemporary World

Ali Raissouni

Room 130

Lecture

Presentation of the Moroccan Islam in which dialogue -based on good will- plays an important role between the leaders, the wise people and the scholars.

Ali Raissouni is a specialist in History and president of the Da'awam Islamic Association as well as member of the Moroccan Ulemas Union.

## Evolutionary Enlightenment: Discovering a Greater Commitment to Our Common Future

Andrew Cohen

Room 131, English/Spanish

Lecture

Many people accept the idea that we are part of an evolving universe. But how relevant is that to most of us as we go about our daily lives? In this talk, revolutionary spiritual teacher Andrew Cohen presents his teaching of Evolutionary Enlightenment and explores its unique relevance for life in the 21st century. Cohen's teachings of liberation place our everyday experience in a vast cosmic context and ask a simple question: Are we willing to change now? Radically transforming ourselves for the sake of the evolutionary process itself, in Cohen's view, is the fundamental purpose of our lives.

Andrew Cohen is the founder of the award-winning magazine "What Is Enlightenment?" He is the author of twelve books on spiritual life, including *Enlightenment Is a Secret*, and the founder of centers in the US and Europe that are dedicated to exploring and manifesting a new consciousness.

## Promoting Active Tolerance with Christian Spirit: an old Masonic and Chivalric Organization in the 21st Century

Augusto Alegret

Bill Mc. Golpin

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Horst Rietmüller**  
**Ramon Viñals**

**Room 132**  
**Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion explaining the Masonic orders, their nature, their main objectives, their history and their principles of tolerance and Christian spirit.

Augusto Alegret is a member of the freemasonry of Barcelona; he has the title of "Benefactor Knight of the Sacred City" ("Caballero Bienhechor de la Ciudad Santa").

Bill Mc. Golpin is a member of the freemasonry; he has the title of "Sereschal of the Great Priory".

Horst Rietmüller is a member of the freemasonry; he has the title of "Chancellor of the Great Priory".

Ramon Viñals is a member of the freemasonry; he has the title of "Prelate of the Great Priory".

## **Circles in the Greenwood: Pagan Religion Around the World**

**Rev. Selena Fox**  
**Michael York**  
**Morgana**

**Room 134, English**  
**Panel Discussion**

International and intra-faith explorations of contemporary forms of Paganism as Nature religion. Panelists will discuss Paganism as a world religion and will share perspectives from their research and experiences with Pagan religious organizations, leaders, scholars, and practitioners in Europe, the Americas, South Africa, Australia, and other parts of the world. Panelists will also give an overview of some of the major forms of contemporary Pagan religion including: Wicca, Druidism, Goddess Spirituality, Heathenism, Animism, and Unitarian-Universalist Paganism. Panelists and the audience will then discuss some challenges and common issues for Paganism today and strategies for greater intra-faith and international networking and collaboration.

Rev. Selena Fox is senior minister of Circle Sanctuary and executive director of Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve. A clinical psychotherapist, Wiccan high priestess, Ecospirituality teacher, and Pagan civil rights leader, she is the founding editor of the international Pagan quarterly, CIRCLE Magazine, and author of *Goddess Communion*, and other works.

Michael York, author of *Paganism as a World Religion*, is a professor in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology at Bath Spa University College. He directs the Sophia Centre, directs the New Age and Pagan Studies Programme with BSUC's Study of Religions, and co-directs the Academy for Cultural and Educational Studies.

Morgana is a Gardnerian Wiccan High Priestess and the International Coordinator for the Pagan Federation, an international Pagan organization that extends throughout Europe and other countries. Over the years, she has facilitated a variety of Gardnerian Wiccan groups. She is co-publisher of the international and bilingual "Wiccan Rede" magazine, and is coordinator of the Silver Circle, a Wiccan network in the Netherlands.

## **Pope John Paul II's Contribution to Interreligious Dialogue**

**Peter Huff**  
**Heidi Hadsell**  
**Harold Kasimow**  
**Jeffery Long**  
**Ibrahim Ozdemir**  
**Rev. Thomas Michel, S.J.**

**Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan/Italian**  
**Panel Discussion**

This multi-faith panel of scholars and religious leaders will offer analysis and critique of Pope John Paul II's record in ecumenical and inter religious dialogue. Panelists will address the topic from Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim perspectives.

Dr. Peter A. Huff holds the T.L. James Chair in Religious Studies at Centenary College of Louisiana. Author of *Allen Tate and the Catholic Revival* and co-editor of *Knowledge and Belief in America*, he has published widely on fundamentalism, pluralism, and interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Heidi Hadsell is the President of Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut. She came to the Seminary from the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, where she served as Director.

Harold Kasimow, George Drake Professor of Religious Studies at Grinnell College, has written on Abraham J. Heschel and Jewish-Buddhist dialogue. He is the author of *Divine Human Encounter* and co-editor of *No Religion Is an Island*, *John Paul II and Interreligious Dialogue*, and *Beside Still Waters*.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Long is Assistant Professor of History of Philosophy at Ankara University, Divinity School, Turkey. A specialist in South and East Asian religions, he is currently writing a book entitled *A Hindu Process Philosophy of Religions*.

Dr. Ibrahim Ozdemir is Professor of History of Philosophy at Ankara University, Divinity School, Turkey. He is author of *The Ethical Dimension of Human Attitudes Towards Nature, Environment and Religion*, *Lonely Planet*, and *Postmodern Thoughts*.

Rev. Thomas Michel, S.J. is Secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome, Italy and Ecumenical Secretary for the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. He is known as an expert in dialogue between Christians and Muslims and travels worldwide to promote interreligious dialogue and mutual understanding.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## History Read from the Ground and the Fatalism of Poverty

Jaume Botey Vallès  
Teresa Jiménez Villarejo  
Anna Maria Vilaseca  
Michele Najlis  
Tariq Ramadan

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This discussion between leading scholars will explore how the experience of poverty informs our attempts to interpret life and history. What are the implications of the experiences of the poor on our understanding of the compassionate God, as One close to human suffering.

Jaume Botey Vallès has a degree in Theology and a Ph.D. in Anthropology and is a professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona; he is also a member of Base Christian movements.

Teresa Jiménez Villarejo is a teacher committed to the peoples culture movement; she participated in the Base Christian movement and is the president of the "Christians for Socialism" movement.

Anna Maria Vilaseca is a psychologist and pyniarist for excluded social sectors and immigrants, and a famous writer. Far from any religious faith, she has been called for several debate forums about faith and science, or faith and modern world.

Michele Najlis holds a Doctorate in Theology, and is the director of the Department of Theology of the "Ecumenical Center" Antonio Va divieso (Nicaragua) and director of the ecumenical magazine of theology "Xilol".

INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us – Implications

Richard Rathbun  
Samantha Schoenfeld  
Michael Abkin

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

Marcel Proust said, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes but in having new eyes." Recent information from many fields of science, together with its unprecedented accessibility, is giving humanity "new eyes" and thus supporting the emergence of a more expanded worldview who we are as humans. The objective of Session B is for participants to understand the role of worldview and that a global shift in worldview is now taking place. Such shifts necessarily come with great cultural, social, and psychological

dislocations and readjustments – but end up in a more elegant and realistic, hence pragmatic, understanding of how the world works. The emerging worldview understands the world to be a system of connectedness and interdependence, in which the survival of any part depends on the survival of the whole. Through video and PowerPoint presentations, introspection, and dialogue, participants will explore together how the emerging worldview is reflected in their faith traditions and implications for their own lives.

Richard Rathbun, a Stanford graduate, is board chairman of the Foundation for Global Community. His work has focused upon international and human development, peace and consciousness, and conflict resolution in areas such as the former Soviet union, Afghanistan and Central America.

Samantha is a mediator and conflict resolution professional who has worked with the Foundation for Global Community to promote dialogue for resolving conflicts between Palestinians and Israelis, and Armenians and Azeris. She serves as office manager and coordinator of the "Walk Through Time" exhibit.

Michael Abkin taught secondary school in Nigeria with the Peace Corps, and has volunteered with local nonprofit social service agencies and city governments. At the Foundation for Global Community, he has participated in the development of vocational training in Afghanistan.

## The Millionth Circle Initiative: Intercultural Women's Dialogue

Peggy Sebra  
Ronita Johnson  
Jean Shinoda Bolen  
Justine Toms  
Ann Smith  
Elly Pradervand

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

The Millionth Circle Initiative began with women who met in a dialogue circle at the 1999 Parliament. They knew in their hearts that this model of people gathering together would change the world. This idea and the book, *The Millionth Circle* by Jean Shinoda Bolen, created an international movement. Their goal is to seed, nurture and connect circles throughout the world to create equality, sustainable livelihoods, preservation of the earth and peace for all. Come experience a women's circle with a sacred center and learn how to create a circle of your own.

Peggy Sebra is owner of Renaissance Consulting Group. She is a professional facilitator and trainer in creating circles of intercultural dialogue and conflict resolution.

Ronita Johnson, "Creating opportunities for all voices to be heard and all hearts to be included" through circle dynamics, diversity

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

consulting and personal development coaching. She is a Founding Convenor of Millionth Circle and is featured in the video "BeComing: Women's Circles - A Different Kind of Conversation."

Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D., is a psychiatrist, Jungian analyst, clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the author of *The Tao of Psychology, Goddesses in Everywoman, Gods in Everyman*.

Justine Toms is co-founder of New Dimensions Radio - "Uncommon Wisdom for Unconventional Times."

Ann Smith is Global Network Outreach Director for PEACE X PEACE, a newly formed international women's peace organization which provides state of the art internet technology to connect circles around the world for dialogue and deep listening.

Elly Padervand is a leader in the Women's World Summit Foundation and Circles of Compassion, and is based in Geneva.

## **A pathway to peace: the Golden Rule initiative** Vonette Zacchary Bright

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

This is a conference about the Golden Rule, exploring its rich origins. Its focus is on how women can bring the Golden Rule to society, into homes and schools.

Vonette Zacchary Bright is President of Women Today International and of "Bright Media Foundation" (in charge of 550 radio stations).

## **A Commitment to the Future: Religion and Spirituality for an Evolving World**

Andrew Cohen  
Yasuhiko Kimura  
Robert Wright  
Craig Hamilton

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This interdisciplinary and interfaith panel will explore the future of religion and the central role of spirituality in an evolving world. Panelists from diverse religious and philosophical backgrounds will share their visionary understanding of spiritual development, and explore the potential for creating a higher order of consciousness based on the understanding that we exist in an evolving universe. The evolutionary context will provide a vast matrix in which to see the impact that our own authentic spiritual transformation can have on our communities, on our social and cultural institutions, and on the very future of our increasingly perilous postmodern world.

Andrew Cohen is the founder of the award-winning magazine *What Is Enlightenment?* He is the author of twelve books on spiritual life, including *Enlightenment Is a Secret*, and the founder of centers in the US and Europe that are dedicated to exploring and manifesting a new consciousness.

Yasuhiko Genku Kimura is the president of Vision-In-Action. In the past, he has served as Executive Director of the Twilight Club, and as Director of the Metaconsulting Institute. An author, lecturer, seminar leader, and consultant, Yasuhiko Kimura is recognized as one of today's leading integral thinkers.

Robert Wright is a Visiting Fellow at Princeton University's Center for Human Values and the author of many books and articles, including *The Moral Animal: Evolutionary Psychology and Everyday Life*, which has been published in nine languages and was named one of the twelve best books of 1994.

Craig Hamilton is the Managing Editor of "What Is Enlightenment?", for which he has researched and interviewed some of the contemporary spiritual world's most renowned leaders. He also leads experiential enlightened communication discussions at Cohen's centers for evolutionary enlightenment.

## **From the intercultural to the interreligious in Europe**

Rev. Gilbert Coffin  
Jenny Banks Bryer  
Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Lecture that will present intercultural and interreligious exchanges as a way of bringing together people from different countries in Europe.

Gilbert Coffin is an Oratorian priest and member of the International Office of Catholic teaching, in the service of NGOs at the European Council.

Jenny Banks Bryer is a retired teacher of French at school and university level. She was Deputy Headmistress of a Catholic girls' school in Birmingham and is now the chair of the European association of teachers of religions (GERFEC), a Christian research association for teachers.

## **World Spirituality: Into the Future**

Ewert Cousins  
K.R. Sundararajan  
Tu Weiming

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel discussion of four editors of the World Spirituality project is led by Ewert Cousins as the moderator. Each of the panelists will describe the essence of the spirituality of their tradition as well as its further development in the tradition, and

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

then focus on the relevance of spirituality to the human community. This includes the relation of one's spirituality to such issues as war and peace, the environment, poverty, and human rights. After all the panelists have spoken, a Q&A session and discussion will take place. The audience is encouraged to ask questions and enter the discussion.

Ewert Cousins, the General Editor of the World Spirituality series, is Professor Emeritus, Fordham University, the chief Editorial Consultant for the Classics of Western Spirituality series, and the author of *Global Spirituality: Toward the Meeting of Mystical Paths*. He was a participant in Monastic Inter-religious Dialogue (Buddhist-Christian Dialogue). He is also a co-convenor for the Commission on World Spirituality, and was Consultant to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, 1973-1984. K.R. Sundararajan is a professor of theology at St. Bonaventure University, NY and a former fellow of the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard. He is an author and the Western Editor on Religion and Spirituality for the forthcoming multi volume *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*.

Tu Weiming, editor of the two Confucian volumes in the World Spirituality series, is the Harvard-Yenching Professor of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations. He has written many books, including *Neo-Confucian Thought in Action*, and *Humanity and Self-Cultivation: Essays in Confucian Thought*.

## Pathways to Peace: Using Artistic Metaphors for Dialogue and Collaboration

Katherine Amos  
Susan Borwick

Room 120, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

Artistic metaphors express a multitude of emotions and thoughts for seeking and sharing the sacred in our lives. The teachings, practices and dynamics of the world's religious and spiritual communities employ the arts to express that which words alone cannot. This program suggests that these traditional religious/spiritual metaphors allow us to listen and look anew at critical issues and challenges facing the world, offering a universal language for dialogue and collaboration as we seek a just, peaceful and sustainable future.

Dr. Katherine E. Amos is associate dean of academic affairs and associate professor of Christian education and spiritual formation at Wake Forest University Divinity School in North Carolina. Her research interests include the relationship between the arts and spiritual formation, and the role of icons and other devotional art in spiritual growth.

Dr. Susan H. Borwick is professor of music at Wake Forest and adjunct professor in the Divinity School. She has composed sacred music for solo, chamber ensemble and choir. Her research interests include American music since 1900, the arts and the spiritual life, and women and music.

## Dances of Universal Peace

Br. Joseph Kilikevice, O.P.

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

Workshop participants are invited to experience sacred phrases from the world's religious and spiritual traditions. Out of the spiritual practice of listening, chanting and embodying in simple reverent movements within a prayerful circle of people, the heart is softened into an hospitable place where all are welcomed. One's own tradition is blessed and enriched by the respectful welcome of those different from ourselves. It is the mantric sounds of a rich diversity of sacred phrases that we can receive the power to commit to a Pathway of Peace.

Brother Joseph Kilikevice, O.P., is a friar of the Dominican Order in the Catholic Church and founding director of the SHEM Center for interfaith spirituality, Oak Park, Illinois. He has offered experiential interfaith retreats nationally and internationally since 1980.

## An Integrative Perspective on Training for Interreligious Dialogue

Maria Rosa Elosua de Juan

Room 122, Spanish/English  
Lecture

A lecture and training session for those preparing to participate meaningfully in intercultural and interreligious dialogue. From experiences carried out in Granada, Madrid and Valencia, the organizers will reflect the way to train people for dialogue and understanding. In this session, Dr. Elosua de Juan will be accompanied by Raquel Pérez, who has worked in the field of education in India and Palestine; Carmen Llopis, who works for the Fundación InteRed; Immaculada González, who works in a public education center and is involved in the ecumenical field; Consuelo Cerviño, who is a Dr. in psychology and sciences of education at the University of Valencia.

Maria Rosa Elosua de Juan is a Dr. in Psychology at the University of Louvain and Professor in Psychology at the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia. Dr. Elosua de Juan has worked in the field of education in India and Palestine.

## Healing Art: The Power of Faith

Amelia Perkins  
Rachel Smith  
Juan Miguel Marin  
Maria Aguilar  
Patricia Novick

Room 123, English  
Interactive Workshop

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Can art heal? Virtually every faith tradition answers this question affirmatively. A team of Harvard Divinity School students, led by Dr. Patricia Novick, gathered examples of healing art from eight faith and cultural traditions to create a traveling installation to provide restorative images for nursing professionals in healthcare settings. In this workshop they will present those images and discuss the ways in which religious art accomplishes healing and builds compassion, understanding and mutual respect.

Ameia Perkins is earning a Master of Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School and has worked on a number of arts and religion initiatives, primarily at the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions, including research for the Museum of World Religions in Taiwan. She also worked at the Museum's New York affiliate, One Center.

Rachel Smith is a student at Harvard Divinity School where she studies Eastern Orthodoxy and its mystical traditions through its theology, iconography and hymnology. She grew up in Canada and worked in Toronto as a hospice worker. She is a professional musician.

Juan Miguel Marin is currently a graduate student in divinity at Harvard University. He holds an undergraduate degree in Religion and Art History, and a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. He is interested in religious experience and religious art.

Mario Aguilar is a third year graduate student at Harvard Divinity School. Her field of study is early Christianity with an interest in the theology of the Church Fathers and patristic Mariology.

Patricia Katherine Novick, Ph.D., D.Min., is a clinical psychologist and spiritual director with 30 years experience in a wide range of healing disciplines. Most recently, she was Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. She has consulted with health care systems in Metropolitan Chicago on integrating spirituality and complementary healthcare practices with traditional Western medical care.

## Religions in Dialogue: The Experience of the International Center of Mystical Studies of Avila

Fernando Beltrán Llavador

Room 124, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture that will present the International Center of Mystical Studies of Avila (CIEM), which was founded in 1990 through the impetus given by UNESCO, in order to contribute to the knowledge of the mystical traditions of all the world from an interreligious and secular perspective.

Prof. Fernando Beltrán has translated books on Zen Buddhism and Christianity.

## Keeping the Path Clear – Women Engaging in Inter-Faith, Inter-Action and Inter-Relationships

Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton  
Barbara Siddiqui  
Raheel Raza

Room 125, English  
Panel Discussion

This program is conducted by two Muslims and a Christian who are committed to justice and believe that humanity is one community, and that listening to one another helps to strengthen the commitment to peace in concrete, realistic, idealistic, visioning ways. By interweaving scripture, tradition, experience and stories in the presentation, they will demonstrate how to keep the path to peace clear.

Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, Recipient of the Association of Progressive Muslims of Ontario Heritage Day award, has written in a variety of church and theological journals. Karen is committed to working for ecumenism, inter-faith dialogue, the use of the Bible in the church and local and global justice.

Barbara Siddiqui is a member and active participant in B'nai B'rith, Women's Interfaith Dialogue, Muslim Christian Liaison Committee, and Toronto Mayor's roundtable on equity access.

Mrs. Raza is an active speaker and media consultant on women's issues in Islam as well as being involved with the Muslim Canadian Congress. She graduated from Karachi University with a major in English and Psychology and has taken writing and public speaking courses in Toronto.

## Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (session two)

Brian Walker  
Abu Bakarr Conteh  
Abdul Jalil Sajid  
Rt. Rev. Joseph Humper  
Imam Dr. Megumi Hirota

Room 129

This second part of a double-session, interactive workshop helps you discover transforming inter-faith dialogue as a pathway to peace. Following an illustrated presentation of inter-faith dialogue as a process towards real hope of sustainable peace, a multi-faith team will facilitate inter-faith groups actively participating in effective dialogue. The context is post-war Sierra Leone, where a decade of brutality and destruction has been devastating. The presentation considers the often difficult and courageous dialogue of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone, as members strive for sustainable peace. From this dialogue, a practical process is

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

distilled, transforming respectful exchange into effective interfaith dialogue that can be used by all of faith, from all religious communities.

Brian Walker is a Diocesan and Deanery Synod member of the Church of England, Winchester, England, and a member of Southampton Inter Faith Link. He is an Executive member of World Council on Religions for Peace (UK Chapter) and of the World Congress of Faiths.

Abu Bakr Conteh is Imam in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Advisory Board Committee, Anti-Corruption Commission, and Campaign for Good Governance. Abu is also First Vice President of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone.

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report".

Rt Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Humber, from Bonthe, Sherbo, is Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Freetown. He helped negotiate peace during the Rebel War and is today President of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone and Religions for Peace (Sierra Leone). Bishop Humber is also Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which recently reported its findings and is now in the implementation stage of the quest for restorative justice and sustainable peace.

Megumi Hirota has an MA on Interreligious Relations and has been a representative of Rissho Kosei-kai of the UK, and a staff of the International Association for Religious Freedom since 1998. She has been involved in interfaith organizations such as World Congress of Faiths, and Week of Prayer for World Peace.

## Grassroots Community Outreach: Healthcare and Education Initiatives in India

Mathioli Saraswathy

Muthuswamy Srinivasan

R. Saraswathi Srinivasan

Anu Sundaresan

Kris Yogam

Sri Nirbhayanand Saraswati

Room 130, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

In order to build a world that is nurturing and safe for our children, we must establish community service programs at the local level that are focused on helping and uplifting the poor, needy and underprivileged. We will discuss how such grassroots programs, when sustained over time, can improve the welfare of communities and promote peace. Leaders and representatives from Nandalala Seva Samithi and Ramakrishna Vivekanand Ashram will discuss innovative approaches for developing healthcare and educational initiatives in India.

Founder and spiritual leader of Nandalala Seva Samithi, Mathioli R. Saraswathy has devoted her whole life to helping others especially the less fortunate. She is a prolific writer, of poems,

songs, prayers, and stories for children and adults, as well as philosophical commentaries in Tamil, her native language. In 1998 and 1999, she was awarded the national NCERT award by the Indian Government for her children's books.

Long-time member of Nandalala Seva Samithi, Srinivasan is active in organizing and coordinating all aspects of Samithi's activities in India and an invaluable local leader of community oriented programs.

Long-time member of Nandalala Seva Samithi, Srinivasan is active in organizing and coordinating all aspects of Samithi's activities in India and an invaluable local leader of community oriented programs.

Founding member of the Nandalala Mission US chapter, Anu Sundaresan is especially active in programs covered under the Organization's Educational Wing. Her efforts have succeeded in giving schools the resources and amenities they need. Ms. Sundaresan holds an MBA from Stanford University.

An active board member of the Nandalala Medical Foundation, Kris Yogam is a driving force behind several health care outreach initiatives including: eye camps and blood donation camps for the needy; seminars on osteoporosis and other diseases targeted at women; and organizing ongoing visits to remote villages to provide free medical checkups. She's currently leading a major fundraising campaign to build a new low cost dialysis center. Sri Nirbhayanand Saraswati is currently the president of Ramakrishna Vivekanand Ashram Gadag and Bijapur. He runs a Free Residential School for the blind at Shimoga and a residential school for rural children at a village called Managuli, Karnataka. He also teaches and lectures on many topics.

## Building Peace in the Midst of Conflict

Munetsi Ruzivo

Vjekoslav Saje

Emmanuel Kolini

Merlinda Hussein

Room 131, English  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. In a diverse society, people of faith and religious institutions are often uniquely positioned to either foment conflict or cultivate a culture of peace. This program will feature stories from interreligious activists who have been able to foster peace through collaborative relationships between and among religious communities in the midst of conflict. Presenters will analyze the nature and dynamics of the conflicts in which they have worked to create cultures of peace.

Munetsi Ruzivo is Professor of Religions at the University of Zimbabwe, and Coordinator of the Zimbabwe National Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue. He is a Member of the International and African Oral History Associations, and the International Association of Mission Studies.

Vjekoslav Saje is Director of the Center for Religious Dialogue in Sarajevo, which facilitates joint projects of religious communities

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

and churches in Bosnia-Herzegovina, promoting dialogue and a culture of peace.

Emmanuel Kolini is the Anglican Primate of Rwanda and the president of the Interfaith Commission of Rwanda.

Merlinda Hussein manages the Philippines-Canada Local Government Support Program. One of her projects is to establish Peace Zones in conflict-affected areas in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

## Christian Anthropology - Biblical Visions of the Human Being

Sr. Griselda Cos Boada

Vicente Merlo

Room 132

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion about the utopic vision of the human being from the Christian (Benedictine) religious perspective.

Griselda Cos Boada is a Nun of the St. Pere de les Puelles Monastery, of Barcelona (Christian Tradition). She is the Director of the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue initiative, and is a member of the editorial board of the Catalan magazine "Dialogal".

Vicente Merlo is a Dr. in Philosophy at the University of Valencia and specialist of the Hindu philosophy; he is a professor of the Master of History of Religions of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

## Religions and Spiritual Path in Secular and Global Societies

Marià Corbi

Room 134, Spanish/English

Lecture

Is a secular and atheistic or agnostic attitude contrary to a spiritual search? The main texts of the different religious traditions speak about the human possibility and the way to get spirituality. *A spirituality beyond beliefs or no beliefs would make it possible to create the basis of human equality, which is essential for the global societies of continuous innovation.*

Marià Corbi is a Dr. in Philosophy and director of the Center for the Study of Religious Traditions (CETR) in Barcelona.

## Christian Visions of Religious Pluralism

Ignasi Boada

Gavin D'Costa

Paul Knitter

Rev. S. Wesley Ariarajah

Rev. Dr. Raimón Panikkar

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion with prominent Christian theologians specializing in interreligious dialogue will participate. They will explain how they understand the dialogue with the non-Christian religions from a pluralist perspective.

Ignasi Boada is a Dr. in philosophy and professor of history of religions at the Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona, Vic and Tarragona.

Born in Kenya, Gavin D'Costa has a Ph.D. in Theology at the University of Cambridge and is now a professor in Bristol; he was the adviser for the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Committee on Other Faiths; he also advised the Pontifical Council for Other Faiths in the Vatican City.

Paul Knitter is a Professor Emeritus of Theology at Xavier University, Cincinnati (Ohio, USA); he has been working with "Christians for Peace in El Salvador" and has published a critical survey of Christian approaches to other religions: *Introducing Theologies of Religions* (2002). He is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Committee for the Peace Council.

S. Wesley Ariarajah, Methodist Minister from Sri Lanka, served both in the pastoral ministry of the church and as lecturer in the History of Religions and New Testament in the common Protestant seminary of the churches in Sri Lanka. In 1981 he was invited to join the staff of the World Council of Churches, where he led the Council's Interfaith Dialogue for over ten years.

Raimón Panikkar has been professor at the universities of Madrid, Rome, Harvard and California, where he has taught Indian culture and history and philosophy of religions. He has published more than 40 books, including *The Trinity and the World's Religions* and has created the Vivarium Foundation in Catalonia, which is dedicated to promoting the interreligious dialogue. He is the co-chair of the Parliament of World's Religions in Barcelona.

## The Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Its Potential Contribution to the Wider Inter religious Dialogue

Rev. John Pawlikowski

Rabbi David Rosen

Gunnel Borgegard

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke

Multiuze (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

The Christian-Jewish dialogue has greatly contributed to the reduction of violent language in the relationship between the two communities. This can serve as an example to others of how a history of antagonism can be changed through inter religious dialogue. A four person panel, all deeply involved in Christian-Jewish dialogue over many years, will share perspectives on how the advances in inter religious dialogue achieved in this discussion can provide lessons for the wider dialogue among religious communities.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

John T. Pawlikowski, A priest of the Servite Catholic religious order, is president of the International Council of Christian and Jews and its abrahamic forum. He is Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

Rabbi David Rosen is the Director of the Department for Interreligious Affairs and Director of the Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding of the American Jewish Committee. Rabbi Rosen is President of the World Conference of Religion for Peace (WCRP). Rabbi Rosen is a founder of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel that embraces some seventy organizations in Israel involved in interfaith relations. He is Honorary President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCIJ), the umbrella organization for more than thirty national bodies promoting Christian Jewish relation.

Gunnel Borgegard is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church and worked at the Nordic Ecumenical Council. She is currently a vice-president of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and interfaith in a Global Age, What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

## Hope in an Oppressed World

Ramon Planes Vernedas

David Suárez Llorens

TBA

Artistic Performance

Concert offered by the Barcelona Gospel Choir formed by 250 voices, 15 musicians and 11 dancers. They sing the most classical Negro spirituals and the most current Black Gospel. The singers of the Choir come from several ten Protestant Churches of Catalonia of different denominations.

Director of the "Gospel Choir" of Barcelona.

## A Constructive Theory of Religion... Moving from Deconstructive Critique toward Constructive Understanding of Religious Thought

Perry Schmidt-Leukel

Ebrahim Patel (Eboo)

Rev. Dr. Richard Rose

TBA, English

This program will discuss the current state of comparative religious thought and how grassroots organizers, local practitioners, and lay people can utilize constructive academic work. Hear from engaged academics whose work involves but is not limited to developing a constructive comparative theology that fosters interfaith understanding and acceptance, as well as promotes greater world peace and justice. In effect, the presentation will make the argument that a more constructive analysis of religions is essential to the development of Comparative Religion as an academic field.

Dr. Perry Schmidt-Leukel is currently Professor of Systematic Theology and Religious Studies on the "Chair of World Religions for Peace" at the University of Glasgow, and Co-Director of the University's "Centre for Inter-Faith Studies."

Dr. Eboo Patel is the Founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based organization working to build the international interfaith youth movement. Eboo received a Doctorate in the Sociology of Religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Rev. Dr. Richard Rose is an Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at the University of La Verne and serves as the pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, San Bernardino, CA. Dr. Rose's primary research is in the area of religious pluralism. His article, "Howard Thurman on Religious Pluralism: Diversity in Harmony," is found in *The Journal of Religious Thought*, Spring/Fall 1999. His first book, *Toward a Functional Postmodern Theology* will be forthcoming Fall 2004.

## Faith on Film: Investigation of a Flame – A Documentary Portrait of the Catonsville Nine

Macky Alston

Barbara Abrash

Room 111

Film Festival

Faith on Film Series: *Investigation of a Flame – A Documentary Portrait of the Catonsville Nine* (2001) is an intimate look at a ragtag band of religious activists, including the renowned brothers, Frs. Phillip and Daniel Berrigan, who broke the law in a poetic act of civil disobedience against USA involvement in the Vietnam war. It is an artful exploration of how religious conviction can lead even the most unlikely citizens to radical action. (45 min.) A discussion session with Macky Alston and a religious leader of the faith tradition in the film immediately follows.

Macky Alston is the Director of Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary committed to cultivating, supporting and promoting engaging, responsible, balanced media about religion, spirituality and ethics.

Barbara Abrash is associate director of the Center for Media, Culture and History and the center for Religion and Media at New York University where she also teaches. She is an independent documentary producer, film curator and co-editor of *Personal Essay Filmmaking of the 1980's and 9-11 and After: A Virtual Casebook* as well as numerous articles.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **Mystic Iran: The Unseen World**

Aryana Farshad

Room 116, English/Farsi  
Film Festival

*Mystic Iran: The Unseen World* (2002) documents a modern woman's mystical journey deep into the heart of her native Iran in search of spiritual rites and rituals hidden for centuries. From the women's chamber of the Great Mosque, opened for the first time to the outside world, to the fire rituals held in the remote temple-caves in the land of Zarathustra, to the sacred dance of the Dervishes, this is a mesmerizing and healing journey that reveals the mystic roots of this ancient land. (52 min.) A discussion session with the producer immediately follows.

Persian-born filmmaker Aryana Farshad (Producer, Director, Writer-Editor) began her higher education at La Sorbonne, prior to her degree from L'Institut Des Hautes Etudes Cinematographiques in film production and editing. She received the ABU Award for editing "The Emigrant Birds" and was associate professor at the Institute of Film and Television Higher Studies in Tehran. She is a member of the Editors Guild of America (I.A.T.S.E.) and has worked at MGM and Columbia pictures while developing her own documentary projects.

## **Mother Teresa: The Legacy**

Jeanette Petrie

Room 117, English/Spanish  
Film Festival

*Mother Teresa: The Legacy*, (2003) a new film by Ann and Jeanette Petrie, premiered in Rome at the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall as part of the official program of Mother Teresa's Beatification. It is the dramatic story of Mother Teresa's last day, her sudden death, and her moving state funeral which was attended by the poor, the powerful and the rich from around the world. This moving film includes intimate and never-before-seen footage of Mother Teresa speaking from the heart about her simple and profound spirituality that, put into action, transcended religious, political and cultural boundaries, and enabled her to open 500 homes for the poor in over 124 countries showing how works of love are works of peace. (54 min.) In English with Spanish subtitles. A discussion session with the producer immediately follows.

Jeanette Petrie is an Emmy award winning filmmaker who, together with her sister Ann Petrie, produced and directed the films *Mother Teresa* and *Mother Teresa: The Legacy*. Jeanette Petrie worked closely with Mother Teresa for twenty years and traveled extensively with her throughout the world.

## **Concert of Traditional Music of India**

Bhakti Das

Auditorium (3155), English/Spanish  
Artistic Performance

Concert of vocal and instrumental traditional music from India. Rajas and songs for the practice of Yoga and meditation. Music is a way of spiritual and universal communication.

Founder of the yoga center "Vedanta Sivananda" in Barcelona and professor of Indian music. He is also an active Hindu member of the interreligious group of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia.

## **Krishna: His Music and Philosophy**

Atmarama Dasa Adhikari

Auditorium (3155), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Spiritual practice based on the vaisnavas songs, with more than 5,000 years of history. The songs will be sung in Sanskrit and Bengali. The love and veneration to Krishna has been sung in this language from immemorial time. There will be a presentation on Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and Brahma Samhita.

Atmarama Dasa is of Spanish origin, and since 1985 is living in India. He has done concerts in India, Europe and North and South America.

ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **We are Living in a Global Village, but Justice is Partial**

Francesc Riera  
Joan Carrera  
Dolors Oller  
Luis Sols  
Toni Comin

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion about safeguarding social and democratic gains, fostering a common human awareness and constructing a global and democratic citizenship while undergoing economic development.

Francesc Riera is an interreligious activist in Barcelona.

Joan Carrera is a Dr. in Theology and member of the board of directors of "Christianity and Justice".

Dolors Oller is a Dr. in constitutional law, professor at ESADE (School of Administration) and the Catholic University "Abat Oliba" in Barcelona, and member of the board of directors of "Christianity and Justice".

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Luis Sols is a Professor of History at the University of Barcelona, in charge of the social department of "Christianity and Justice".

Toni Comin is a Professor at ESADE in Barcelona and member of "Christianity and Justice".

## **A Course in Miracles: The Advent of a Great Awakening – The Final Adventure Begins... Master Teacher**

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Training Session

Singular communication is what enlightened teachers have always taught. Our principal catalyst for this adventure into the peace of enlightenment is A Course in Miracles. We will demonstrate through this unworldly masterpiece, with its uncompromising assertions of love and forgiveness, a Mind Training that is leading to the very real physical, mental and emotional transformation of ourselves and all the world, and the recognition that each of us is a whole part of the eternally creating source of all reality.

Master Teacher is a Teacher of God through Illumination of mind and body that is the fulfilment of the mission of A Course in Miracles. He demonstrates the passion of rebirth that is the goal of all of us in the mind training of the Course and constitutes a continuing union with the mind of Jesus of Nazareth through the Holy Spirit.

## **Building Social Cohesion in the Midst of Diversity: The Manresa Story**

Fr. Javier Melloni Ribas

Jordi Valls i Riera

Dr. Denise Belisle

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Partner Cities, Panel Discussion

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Religious and civic leaders from Manresa, Spain will share how their experiences of immigration and diversity have impacted the social fabric of Catalan society, especially in terms of government, media, business, education, civil society and religious and spiritual communities. They will discuss the appropriate roles of religious, spiritual and civic institutions in building social cohesion, and talk about how hosting the Goldin Institute has helped build bridges within Manresa, and on an international level.

Javier Melloni Ribas is a Jesuit Priest and teacher. He is a Member of Cristianisme i Justícia, and Professor of Spiritual Theology in the Faculty of Theology of Catalunya. A Catalan anthropologist and Dr. in Theology, he has published books on history of religions and is part of the advisory board of the Local Office of the Parliament of World's Religions. Father Javier specializes in interfaith spirituality and dialogue.

Jordi Valls was born in Manresa, and he has been Mayor of the town since 1995. He is a lawyer and a member of the board of the Catalan Socialist Party. In Manresa, he actively supports policies promoting education, culture and sustainability.

Dr. Denise Belisle is a family physician practicing in Montréal. A member of the Baha'i Faith since 1985, she became a member of the Interfaith Council of Montréal in 1992, and has been its President for the last four years. She participated in the Goldin Institute last fall in Manresa, Spain.

Jordi Simon Vilorasau is a member of the Interreligious Group of Manresa, Director of the interreligious journal "La Xarxa de Manresa," member of the JEICY-MEIC (MUEC in Catalonia), member of the group "Manresa en Diàleg" for program activities of Forum 2004 and President of the Junior Chamber of Manresa (JCI). He is also a journalist for TV and the press.

## **A Culture of Peace: Building a Coalition with the UN Community**

Deborah Moldow

Farida Ali

Noel J. Brown

Monica Willard

Dr. Ana Prera

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

The United Nations is the most important multilateral international institution on the planet. It has a unique relationship with every government in the world and simultaneously has the capacity to work collaboratively with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), business, and civil society. This program will explore the importance of religious organizations working collaboratively with the UN to implement some of the core themes of the world's religious traditions, including peace, justice, development, environment, human rights, and culture and ways to work with UN Information Centers Worldwide.

Deborah Moldow is director of The World Peace Prayer Society (WWPS). As an NGO associated with the UN Dept. of Public Information, the WWPS supports initiatives to build a culture of peace and encourages observance of the International Day of Peace, including an annual program for children at UN headquarters in New York City.

Ms. Ali, a citizen of Pakistan, is Programme Officer in the Office for Public Partnerships at UNICEF at its headquarters in New York, providing leadership in strategic planning with respect to UNICEF's work with religious groups, religious NGOs and Inter-Governmental Organizations. Ms. Ali is also a member of the International Governing Board of the World Conference on Religions for Peace (WCRP), as well as a member of the Global Forum of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC).

Dr. Noel J. Brown is President of Friends of the United Nations, and former head of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) North America. Dr. Brown also currently serves as Chairman of the International Council of the World Association of Non-

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Governmental Organizations. He is a founding member of the Aspen Global Change Institute and the International Council for Local Environment Issues. He has been a Visiting Professor at both U.S. and foreign universities, and has a number of publications to his credit, including editing a recent volume titled *Ethics and Agenda 21: Moral Implications of a Global Consensus*.

Ms. Monica Wilard is Representative to the United Nations for the United Religions Initiative. Monica has served the UN NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) community in such varied roles as Chair of the annual DPI NGO Conference; Vice Chair of the NGO Executive Committee, member of the UN Steering Group for the International Day of Peace, and member of the council of the Values Caucus. The United Religions Initiative is a worldwide grassroots inter-faith organization with members in 47 countries, representing more than 88 religions, spiritual expressions and indigenous traditions.

Dr. Prera, General Director of Fundación Cultura de Paz, was Vice President of the UNESCO Executive Board in 1990. She also served as Special Counselor for Latin America to Federico Mayor, the General Director of UNESCO, and is a distinguished author of various publications.

## Fostering World Peace though Maintaining Traditions

Dr. Hirokazu Ugachi

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

For pathways to peace, we must all cooperate and take action to surmount differences of religious or spiritual conviction, especially if we wish to hand down gentleness and kindness to the next generation. In the case of Shinji-Shumeikai, we offer interactive activities towards this goal at our sites in Japan. In this program, we will offer some examples of these activities including lectures on art at Miho Museum and field work for natural agriculture, and discuss the spiritual effects.

Dr. Ugachi is a safety inspector of structural materials and has been involved in Shinji Shumeikai since 1985, for whom he heads some local programs for the holidays.

## Dialogue of Civilizations: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World – Symposium Wrap-Up

Jim Kenney

Dr. Irfan Khan

Dr. Saleha Abedin

Prof. Abdullah Ahsan

Muriel Adcock

Sultana Afroz

Anis Ahmad

Iqbal Ahmad Ansari

Herbert Bronstein

Concetta Kenney

Rashied Omar

Nusba Parveen

Alan Race

Theodore Rojahn

Vijaya Samararwickrama

Georgene Wilson, OSF

K.L. Seshagiri Rao

Marcus Braybrooke

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

Respected religious and interreligious leaders, scholars, and activists will explore the possibility of a Dialogue between Islam and the West and offer participants the opportunity to become engaged in an exciting new project. During this session participants will review the reports of the working groups and finalize a summary statement and a list of recommended action projects to be taken in a series of Internet seminars and a physical conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2006. Attendees at today's program need not have participated in the previous day's sessions.

Jim Kenney is the Director of the Interreligious Engagement Project and of Common Ground. He is also Co-Editor of Interreligious Insight.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Chief Editor of Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs, Saleha Abedin is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Abdullah Ahsan is a Professor of History, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Steering Group, Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Muriel Adcock, Club of Budapest USA; Advisory Group, Dialogue of Civilizations Project

Sultana Afroz, Department of History, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of *West and Islam*, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

A veteran human rights activist, Dr. Iqbal Ansari is a Visiting Professor at Hamdard University in India. He is the author of *Report on Communal Riots: Prevention & Control for the National Commission for Minorities*.

Herbert Bronstein is Senior Scholar/Rabb Emeritus of a leading Chicago congregation, where he served as Senior Rabbi for 25 years. He has lectured at the University of Rochester, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois - Chicago, Oxford, Common Ground and the Illinois Humanities Council and teaches the History of Religions at Lake Forest College. He is the author of numerous articles and is the editor of a modern classic of liturgy,

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

The Passover Haggadah of Reform Judaism. In 2000, he was honored by the University of Cincinnati as their Distinguished Alumnus.

Concetta Kenney is a Trustee, IEP21; Photo Editor *Interreligious Insight: A Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*

Rashied Omar is a Trustee of CPWR; Imam, Cape Town, South Africa; coordinator, program in religion conflict, and peace building, University of Notre Dame, US.

Nusba Parveen, Ph.D. is a student of Islamic Studies at the International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Rev Alan Race is a writer in this field and serves as Editor of the journal *Interreligious Insight*. He is a parish priest in Leicester, and on the committee of the World Congress of Faiths.

Theodore Rojahn is a Trustee for the CPWR and IEP21

Ven. Vijaya Samarawickrama is Buddhist Maha Vihara, Kuala Lumpur.

Georgene Wilson, OSF, is a Franciscan sister and author; trustee, IEP21; Poetry Editor, *Interreligious Insight: A Journal of Dialogue and Engagement*.

Dr. Rao was born in Mulbagal, India, in 1929. He is fluent in several modern Indian languages and has an expert knowledge of Sanskrit. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Mysore and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in the comparative study of world religions. His numerous publications include *World Problems and Human Responsibility: Gandhian Perspectives*, ed. with Henry Thompson (New York, 1988) and "Hinduism and World Community," in *World Faiths Insight* (London, January 1984).

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age*, *What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

## **The Ethical Buddhist Commitment : An Alternative to Our Society**

Miguel Angel Rodriguez Tarno

Room 120, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture about the Buddhist ethics related with the social commitment, the understanding and the universal love.

Miguel Angel Rodriguez Tarno is Chairman of the Federation of the Buddhist communities of Spain as well as secretary of the Buddhist Soto Zen Community, and Zen trainer at the Zen Centre of Zaragoza.

## **Young People and Religious Freedom** Ramola Sundram

Room 121, English  
Academy

What does Religious Freedom mean to you? Explore the concepts and current issues in this interactive program. You will have the opportunity to discuss why religious freedom is essential, look at ways in which it is denied, and reflect on your own situation in conversation with others. Learn about firsthand experiences and methodologies with young adults in the Religious Freedom Young Adult Network (RFYN) who have been involved in projects in various countries. Young adults can make a difference. Panelists will include Morse Flores, a young indigenous man from the Philippines, and Hiten Bhagtani, a young Indian Muslim. This program is a part of the Parliament Academy series of youth centered programs.

Ramola Sundram is the young adult and general program coordinator for the International Association for Religious Freedom.

## **"The Lord of the Rings": Religious Background** Dr. Xavier Morlans Molina

Room 122, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture about "The Lord of the Rings", including a projection and comments of some extracts of the film. The aim is to show the Biblical background of the mythological world of Tolkien.

Xavier Morlans Molina is a Catholic priest, Dr. in Theology and professor of Fundamental Theology at the University of Theology of Catalonia.

## **How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona – Session 2 – Developing Programs**

Richard Weingarten  
Prof. Basye Holland-Shuey  
Dr. Susana Salvador-Anayatin

Room 123, English  
Training Session

This is the second of five related sessions seeking to encourage the organization of local support groups for the Parliament, and to strengthen existing support groups and Partner Cities. The five sessions will provide "real world" guidance and tools designed to help you build and manage a support group or Partner City. "Developing Programs" will help you develop ongoing and interesting programs related to the activities of the Parliament in your local area. You'll learn what kinds of

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

programs other support groups have developed, why they have been successful, and which ones might work for you.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

Bayse Holland-Shuey serves on the Faculty of the School of Religion at Belmont University in Nashville, TN and with the Department of Philosophy at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR, teaching courses on Understanding the Bible from a Cross Cultural and Global Perspective, and Introductory Courses on World Religions and Comparative Spirituality. Bayse is Board Member and Executive Group Leader with the Huntsville/Madison County Interfaith Mission Service.

Dr. Susana Salvador-Anayatin is active in peace advocacy in Mindanao, and is a guest lecturer at the Graduate School of the Mindanao State University.

## The Gipsy Religious Experience as a Bridge Between East and West

Sergi Rodríguez Lopez Ros

Manuel Reyes

Joan Muñoz

Pere García

Rafael Reyes

Juan Manuel Vargas

Room 124

Interactive Workshop

Although its community has followers of Christianity, Islam and Judaism, the Gipsy religious tradition has many similarities with practices of Hinduism. This presentation by members of the Gipsy community in Spain offers an overview of the Spanish Gipsy community and its teachings.

Sergi Rodríguez Lopez Ros is a journalist. He is preparing a Ph.D. with a thesis on Gipsy identity. He is a member of the Gipsy Secretary to the Archbishop of Barcelona.

Manuel Reyes is a social mediator. He had been a torero for 20 years before discovering Buddhism.

Joan Muñoz is a student of Theology and member of the secretary of Gipsy affairs for the Archbishop of Barcelona.

Pere García is a social mediator and founder of the Gipsy Youth Coordination in Catalonia.

Rafael Reyes is a singer and member of the Evangelical Church of Philadelphia.

Juan Manuel Vargas  
Guitarist and teacher of guitar in Catalonia.

## The Social Tradition of Doing Good in Classic Islam

Dr. Jose Francisco Cutillas Ferrer

Dr. Francisco Franco Sánchez

Drs. Eva Lapiedra Gutiérrez

Dr. Mikel de Epalza Ferrer

Room 125

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the social beneficence carried out in Islam (adoption of minor children, attention to the sick people and to the prisoners, etc.)

Jose Francisco Cutillas Ferrer has an M.A. in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Arabic and Muslim Studies; he is a professor at the Universities of Alacant and Allamah Tabatabai (Iran).

Francisco Franco Sánchez has an M.A. in History and is a professor of Arabic and Muslim Studies at the University of Alcant.

Eva Lapiedra Gutiérrez has an M.A. in Arabic Philology and a Ph.D. in Arabic and Muslim Studies, and she is the author of several books on the Arabic world.

Mikel de Epalza Ferrer has an M.A. in Philosophy and Theology and a Ph. D. in Semitic Philology; he is a professor of Arabic and Muslim Studies.

## Rethinking Martyrdom – A Sikh Perspective

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh

Prof. Pal Ahluwalia

Dr. Arvind Pal Mandair

Dr. Chris Hewer

Prof. Gurharpal Singh

Room 129

Martyrdom and the role of martyrs figures prominently in all the major religions of the world. In December 2004, Sikhs will commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Martyrdom of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. This seminar examines how and why Sikhs and non-Sikhs represent their history as a history of persecutions and martyrdoms. It aims to clarify the concept of martyrdom within a Sikh context.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both a patron and member of several interfaith organizations, and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

Pal Ahluwalia is Professor of Politics at Goldsmiths College, University of London, and a volunteer of the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha.

Dr. Arvind Pal Singh Mandair is Assistant Professor in the Bindra Chair in Sikh Studies at Hofstra University.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Dr. Chris Hewer is Advisor on Inter-Faith Relations to the Bishop of Birmingham.

Professor Gurharpal Singh is the Nadir Dinshaw Professor of Inter-Religious Relations at the University of Birmingham.

## Humankind and Nature: the Islamic Perspective on the Ecological Problem

Hawwa Morales Soto

Inara Asensio

Jafil Barcena

Abdel Sabate Areste

Nur Muhammad Baldovi

Room 130, English/Spanish/Arabic/Catalan  
Other

Panel discussion on the ecological crisis that faces the human community, and the Muslim perspective on this topic. In particular, panelists will explore the relation of human beings with nature and the place of human beings in the creation.

Hawwa Soto is a Muslim from Barcelona who works with the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia, and was an active organizer for the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions.

Inara Asensio is a member of the group of Muslim Converts of the UNESCO Association for the Interreligious Dialogue in Barcelona.

Jafil Barcena is an expert in Sufism, the director of the Institute of Sufi Studies of Barcelona and a professor at the Religious Traditions Centre and the University of Girona.

Abdel Sabate Areste is founder of the Sufi Center of Barcelona; he has been a member of the group "Muslim converts" of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia since 2001.

Nur Muhammad Baldovi is a Muslim from Barcelona active in the local interreligious movement.

## The Lost & Endangered Religions Project: Preserving the World's Diverse Religious Heritage

Eider Donald Frew

Layne Little

Archana Venkatesan

Devesh Soneji

Philip Sebastian

Room 131, English  
Panel Discussion

The Lost & Endangered Religions Project (LERP) is a "Gift of Service" created in the 1999 Parliament Assembly. It works to identify religious material (e.g. songs, stories, texts that have been lost in marginalized religious communities, but preserved in academic archives, to copy those materials, and to return

them to the cultures from which they were collected. Current projects relate to the restoring the sacred texts of Yazidi communities in Southern Turkey and Kansas; arranging a conference on the unexcavated and endangered city of Harran in SE Turkey; archiving the earliest records of several New Religious Movements; restoring the oral traditions of the Todas, an indigenous tribe in South India; recording and preserving the temple rites of the Araiyaars, a tradition of ritual performance maintained in only three Sri Vaisnava temples in South India; a grassroots, tape-recording project to preserve oral traditions in marginalized and endangered cultures around the world.

Don Frew is the founder and Director of the Lost and Endangered Religions Project (LERP). He has been active in interfaith work for 18 years, and serves on the Global Council of the United Religions Initiative and the Board of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio.

Layne Little MA, Ph.D. (ABD) is the Regional Director for South Asia for LERP. He is an Adjunct Professor at St. Lawrence University and teaches courses on South Asian Religion, Myth & Folklore.

Archana Venkatesan MA Ph.D. (ABD) is the Jeffrey Campbell Fellow at St. Lawrence University where she teaches courses on South Asian Religion, Dance, and Ritual Performance in the Department of Religious Studies. She is the Project Director of LERP's Araiyaar Savai Conservation Project.

Devesh Soneji MA, Ph.D. (ABD) is the Director of the Mangala Initiative and Project Director of LERP's Devadasi Preservation Project. He is also an Assistant Professor of South Indian Religions at McGill University, Canada.

A Taoist living in San Francisco, Philip Sebastian is also a professional display artist who fabricates sets and props for trade shows and theatrical theme events. Artist, sculptor, puppeteer, Philip's personal philosophy is "Do not look at it as it is, but as it may be."

## Biblical Translation, Interculturality and Human Dignity

Dr. Samuel Escobar Aguirre

José Luis Andavert Escriche

Daniel Rodríguez Ramos

Room 132, Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion that will explore how the diffusion of the Bible has helped various cultures to understand each other better.

Samuel Escobar Aguirre has graduated in education from the University Saint Marcos of Lima, Peru; he has a Ph.D. from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid (Spain) and an honorary Ph.D. in Theology from the MacMaster University of Hamilton (Canada); he is the president of the Biblical United Societies.

José Luis Andavert Escriche has a master in theology and is a specialist of the New Testament; is the general director of the Biblical Society of Spain and the president of the Committee for Western Europe of the United Biblical Societies; he is also a

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

member of the board of the Association for the Defense of the Religious Freedom.

Daniel Rodríguez Ramos is Pastor of the Assembly of Brothers of Morató and president of the Council of the Assemblies of Brothers of Catalonia; he is also the adjunct secretary of the Evangelical Council of Catalonia and the spokesperson of the Permanent Commission of the Federation of Religious Associations of Spain (FEREDE).

## Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Dr. Rosita Worl  
Douglas George Kanentiio  
Dr. Jennie Joe  
Chief Jake Swamp

Room 134, English

Passed in 1990 by the US Congress, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act set in motion a policy instructing publicly supported museums/institutions to repatriate human remains and cultural items (including sacred items) to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. The realization of this important policy has been met with resistance and ambivalence by many institutions. This panel will discuss examples of these repatriation efforts and the impact it has had on their respective communities and their spiritual practices. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Rosita Worl, Ph.D. is a Tlingit of the Shangukeidi (Thunderbird) Clan from the Kawdliyaqay Hít (House Lowered from the Sun) in Klukwan, Alaska, and a Lukaax.adi yadi (Child of the Sockeye Clan). She serves as the President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute, and as a professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Juneau. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Sealaska Corporation and also serves as a Trustee of the National Museum of American Indians.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

Jennie R. Joe, Ph.D., MPH (Navajo) is a Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and directs the Native American Research and Training Center at the University of Arizona. Her interest and work with indigenous communities include spirituality and health, as well as how religious beliefs and practices are expressed in identity and in one's sense of place and belonging.

Tekaronianeken, Jake Swamp has been the sub-chief of the Wolf Clan for the Mohawk Nation for 33 years. He has served as director of the Akwesasne Freedom School and the Akwesasne Environmental Justice Project, and introduced aqua culture to the Mohawk community.

## Why Muslims Rebel: The Struggle for Self-Determination

Abdul Malik Mujahid  
Dr. Ghulam-Nabi Fai  
Imam Khalid Griggs  
Tariq Ramadan

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

The largest number of refugees today in the world are Muslims. At the same time, the largest number of American military bases in the world are also in predominantly Muslim countries. While some blame Islam as a religion for the "turmoil," this panel will discuss the socio-political factors behind the resistance movements. These factors are not dissimilar from situations found in Latin America, where the same argument had been made about religion (in that case Catholicism) as inherently incapable of democracy.

An award-winning author and producer, Abdul Malik Mujahid is a Trustee of CPWR. He is an Imam in the Chicago area, and has served as the President of several Muslim organizations and alliances.

Dr. Ghulam-Nabi Fai, Executive Director of the Washington based Kashmiri American Council (KAC), is also chief spokesman of the Kashmiris outside India. The KAC promotes the unity of all Kashmiris, irrespective of their political and ethnic preferences.

Khalid Griggs is Imam of Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is Vice-President of Dawat-e-Nabi, and Director of Millennium Academy of Local School Systems. An educator and columnist, he is also a former editor of the Message Monthly.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of the European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

## Religion and Human Rights Symposium: Opening Session

Arvind Sharma  
S.S. Rama Rao Pappu  
Sulak Sivaraksa  
Joseph Runzo  
Dirk Ficca  
Tu Weiming  
Ines Talamantez

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan

This session inaugurates the Symposium with a video interview of the Dalai Lama by the Global Ethics & Religion Forum, and a roundtable discussion of how human rights discourse could be enriched by insights garnered from Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Native American religious traditions.

# Program Descriptions

Saturday, July 10, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Dr. Sharma gained an M.T.S. in 1974 and then a Ph.D. in Sanskrit and Indian Studies from Harvard University in 1978. He is now Birks Chair of Comparative Religion at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has published over fifty books including *The Study of Hinduism* (2003) and five hundred articles in the fields of comparative religion, Hinduism, Indian philosophy and ethics, and the role of women in religion.

S.S. Rama Rao Poppu is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy and an Affiliate of the Department of Comparative Religion at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, U.S.A. He is an Associate Editor (Philosophy) of the *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* and is the author/editor of *Gandhi and America's Educational Future*.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Pracha Dhamma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

Joseph Runzo is Executive Director of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Chapman University and Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He has published 10 books on interreligious understanding and is general co-editor of *The Library of Global Ethics and Religion*.

Rev. Dirk Ficca has been with the Parliament of the World's Religions since 1992, and has been its Executive Director since 1998. He was formerly a Presbyterian Minister in Benton Harbor, Michigan for ten years.

Tu Werning, editor of the two Confucian volumes in the *World Spirituality* series, is the Harvard-Yenching Professor of Chinese History and Philosophy and of Confucian Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations. He has written many books, including *Neo-Confucian Thought in Action*, and *Humanity and Self-Cultivation: Essays in Confucian Thought*.

Ines Talamantez is a Professor in the department of religion at University of California, Santa Barbara. She has undertaken field studies among several American Indian nations and has directed the Society for the Study of Native American Traditions.

## Sephardic Survival – The Balance of the Kabbalistic Heart

Consuelo Luz

Cabaret (4:30 PM – 5:15 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan Artistic Performance

Consuelo Luz creates a passionate, soulful weave of Sephardic Jewish music, culture, history and her Crypto-Jewish experience to illustrate the Sephardic/Kabbalistic approach to survival and peace. Songs inspired by ancient, mystical Kabbalah texts bring to light the profound wisdom which enabled the Sephardim to coexist with Arabs and Christians, influence Spain's Golden Age, and survive the Inquisition.

One of the world's most inspired interpreters of Sephardic (Judeo/Spanish) music and of Sephardic, Mapuche and Basque descent, Consuelo Luz has performed internationally and recorded several albums. Her international release *Dezeo*, a collection of Sephardic prayers and ballads, has been featured on such prestigious compilations as *Buddha Bar* and *Putumayo*.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan  
Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

July 11 - Spiritual preparation (Surah 73) and action plan (Surah 74) for the Reader. Day Four of an observance offered throughout the week. Each observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text: it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of West and Islam, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## Spirituality in Order to Live Together

Ana Maria Sans

Room 113, Catalan/Spanish  
Morning Observances, Observance

Lecture that will present a summary of the conference of the General Assembly of the WCRP that took place in November 1999.

Ana Maria Sans is a member of the community of Spanish Franciscans.

## Sport and Spirituality

Marc Monells

114  
Morning Observances, Lecture

Lecture that analyses the religious origins of sports, the relationship between race and soul, the system of values and beliefs in sports, the theology of excellence and the spiritual assistance for sportspersons.

Marc Monells has a B.A. in Science of Physical Activity (INEFC of Barcelona) and is in charge of educational program and is the founding member of Athletes en Acció. He is Vice President of the Protestant Church of Valldoreix.

## Sacred Dance - The Strength of Gathering in the Dance

Susanne Storck  
Jan Pieter Van Lieshout

Room 115  
Morning Observances; Religious or Spiritual Observance

Interactive workshop that will present dances and musics from Africa and Europe that aim the union with oneself, the others and the Creator.

Susanne Storck is a Lutheran Pastor.

Jan Pieter Van Lieshout is a teacher of dance in Holland.

## Techniques for Listening Art

Svante Carlos Glöckner  
Ruth Little

Room 116  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This is an interactive workshop. To give us the necessary knowledge to remove the veils that prevent us from seeing the things as they really are, to take benefit of adversity, to transform fears, to reach an interreligious spiritual communion.

Svante Carlos Glöckner is an economist and has a lot of experience from the business world, he has practiced Tibetan Buddhist meditation for many years and has received Tantric initiations.

Ruth Little is a writer, she has been an accounting consultant and is now working in personal development for important organisations and individuals.

## Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga

Sr. Jayanti Kripalani

Room 120, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Morning meditation is an integral part of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University student's daily life. It is the time to become aware of the self, the soul and connect with the Supreme Being. This is Raja Yoga meditation. Through awareness of the soul and the connection with God, the Ocean of Peace and Truth, one's innate qualities of peace and truth are nurtured, fine-tuned and strengthened.

Sister Jayanti is a widely traveled speaker, broadcaster and emissary for peace. She is the European director of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University and is the main representative for the Brahma Kumaris at the United Nations, Geneva.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Lights' Festival

Sat Pal Singh

Room 121, Spanish/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Spiritual travel through a Guru Nanak's poem illustrated with sacred mantras and audiovisual material.

He is a Kundalini Yogi following the Yogi Bhajan's teachings. Yogi Bhajan is a Master of Kundalini Yoga, the Yoga of Awareness, and a dedicated and inspired teacher. Since his arrival to the United States in 1969, he has dedicated himself to bring meaning, dignity and a reconnection of Spirit into the lives of people everywhere, especially those people who have become lost and confused due to their use of drugs.

## Salat: How Muslims Connect to God

Aminah Assilmi

Room 122, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Salat is a Muslim way of worship, meditation and reflection. Aminah Assilmi will demonstrate and reflect how it is done and what each action means spiritually.

President of the International Union of Muslim Women, Aminah Assilmi is a speaker, writer and award-winning broadcaster in Denver, Colorado, who lost her job when she began wearing Islamic dress.

## Protestant Celebration

Carles Capó Inglada

Nathalie Reverdin

Room 123, Spanish/Catalan/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

A spiritual practice with preachings of the Gospel and with songs and prayers in Catalan, Spanish and French.

Carles Capó Inglada is a Priest of the Spanish Evangelical Church of Rubí in Barcelona; he has a B. A. in Theology from Geneva, Switzerland.

Nathalie Reverdin is a Priest of the Spanish Evangelical Church of Rubí in Barcelona; she has a B. A. in Theology from Geneva, Switzerland.

## Zen Practice - Morning Observance

Rev. Rosan Daido

Room 124

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Zen is sitting and stopping all the karmas and seeing the universal dharma. It is open for anyone anywhere any time to come and see unconditioned peace and unsurpassed awakening. Participants can enjoy a calm and clear state and remain holy (wholesome). The treasure house opens by itself and you appreciate and use it at will. Truth and peace, here and now!

Rev. Rosan Daido (Dr. Osamu Yoshida), a Professor at Toyo University, is Founder and Abbot of the Missouri Zen Center. He received his Ph.D. and M.Phil. both from Columbia University, and has authored several books, including *Limitless Life* and *No Self: A New Systematic Interpretation of Buddhism*.

## The Importance of Full Awareness in Our Lives

Ena Rosa Maghlen de Linares

Ena Linares

Paco Estrella

Maria Gloria Henriquez

Room 125

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Session of meditation guided by disciples of the school of a famous master. It will include a final discussion with the participants in order to share their experience of meditating.

Australian member of the Buddhist "Order of the Interdependency" ("Orden del Interseer") founded by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Catalan Buddhist member.

Colombian professor of yoga.

## Morning Observance by ISKON Delegation

Martin Gurvich

129, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The observance includes Japa Meditation - individual prayers on beads reciting the mantra Hare Krishna (beads will be supplied for all guests who wish to join the observance) and Puja/Ceremony with collective chanting with instruments: Mridanga (drum), Karatalas (cymbals), and Harmonium. Senior members of the ISKON delegation will also read verses in Sanskrit and English from the Bhagavad Gita or Srimad Bhagavatam, present their own realizations and answer questions. Copies of texts will be available for guests to follow.

Martin Gurvich is from a working class Christian family in New Jersey and joined ISKCON in 1973. He performed many years as priest in a large farm community in West Virginia and in 1986 received Sanyasa initiation (renunciate). He has taught the Vaisnava tradition in the United States, Europe and India. He has also been very active in taking spiritual care for prisoners and has lectured in colleges and schools.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Religions and Commitment for Peace

Marcial Martínez

Room 130, Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Interreligious observance that gathers the seven main religious families of the world. It will express the religions' contribution to peace in the world through religious texts, poems, universal music and music performances. The event ends with a psalm and a prayer for the Peace of Humankind.

Marcial Martínez holds a degree in Ecclesiastical Sciences from the Angelicum (Rome) and a degree in Applied Sociology. He promotes and coordinates the "Three religions" Choir at the University of Valencia, as well as the Inter-religious platform "conversations at the choir".

## Collective Rituals of the Haudenosaunee

Chief Jake Swamp

Room 131, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

All collective rituals of the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations Iroquois) begin with the recitation of the Ohenton Karihwatekwen (the Thanksgiving Address). These special words acknowledge the different elements of creation while expressing our gratitude to the Creator for their being. Each day has its own beauty as well as an opportunity to renew our hearts and minds. This great day shall begin with a simple and sincere expression of thanks for the gifts of life.

Tekaronianeken, Jake Swamp, has been the sub-chief of the Wolf Clan for the Mohawk Nation for 33 years. He has served as director of the Akwesasne Freedom School and the Akwesasne Environmental Justice Project, and introduced aqua culture to the Mohawk community.

## Psychotherapy as a Tool for Peace, Listening and Liberation

Claudio Benjamin Naranjo Cohen

Room 132

Morning Observances, Lecture

It is a lecture on the integrative psychotherapy that aims to eliminate the darkness of the human ego in order to fully develop the potential of the person, through both therapy and spirituality.

Claudio Naranjo is a pioneer of Transpersonal Psychology, the partner of Fritz Perls at the Esalen Institute, the disciple of Tarthang Tulku Rinpoche, a researcher at the University of Berkeley, a professor of compared religions, humanist psychology and meditation.

## Practicing Taoism in the Spanish Culture

Xiu Lian Tiang Cheng Yang

Room 134, Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Lecture on the Taoist tradition, that will explain its philosophy and its conception of universe and life.

Tian Chen Yang is a Taoist master of international prestige and the first one who came to Europe to spread Taoism. He has published many books on this tradition.

## Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist

Mn. Antoni Matabosch

Auditorium (3155), Various

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Celebrations of the Sunday Eucharist in different languages for the Catholics attending the Parliament of the World Religions.

Antoni Matabosch is a Dr. in Theology and director of Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona (ISCREB).

## Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance – One of the Five Watches of the Day

Khojeste P. Mistree

M.O. 1

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Zoroastrians divide the day into five gahs/watches/periods: sunrise to noon, noon to midafternoon, midafternoon to sunset, sunset to midnight and midnight to sunrise. The Havan Gah is the first watch of the day. The Havan Gah prayer will be recited followed by a brief explanation of other Zoroastrian principle ceremonies.

Khojeste Mistree is Co-founder and Managing Trustee of the Zoroastrian Foundation, established to promote the dissemination of religious knowledge. Khojeste has an honorary degree in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford and is a noted speaker.

## Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace

Rev. Sandy Gess

Elizabeth Genevieve

M.O. 4

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Labyrinths are ancient patterns found in many cultures around the world, dating back 5,000 years. Inclusive of all religious traditions (while at the same time devoid of dogmatic

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

symbolism), labyrinths serve as metaphors for unity and wholeness. Our shared labyrinth walk will give participants of all faiths an opportunity to embody the theme "Pathways for Peace."

Sandy Gess, an ordained United Methodist pastor, is co-founder and leader of Weave of Faith Christian Feminist Community. She is included in the book *White Fire: A Portrait of Women Spiritual Leaders in America*. A certified labyrinth facilitator, Sandy led an interfaith labyrinth walk of women spiritual leaders (Jew, Christian, Sufi, Sikh, Hindu, Yorba, Buddhist, Unitarian, Catholic) at the White Fire Gathering in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Elizabeth Genevieve is a founding member of the Association for Spirit at Work and gives talks on Spirit at Work, Leadership and Team Spirit. Her work with labyrinths began at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and she continues to explore ways to bring it to people at work as a metaphor for organizational change.

## INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

### Current State and Future Development of Tibetan Buddhism in China's Tibet

Tsewang Gyurme

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan/Chinese  
Lecture

Presentation of religious rights in Tibet, the interactions between the government and the various religious groups of the region and how the authorities are building and maintaining famous monasteries and cultural relics. Nowadays there are more than 1700 monasteries and sites for religious worship in Tibet, and more than 46000 monks and nuns in the Tibetan autonomous region.

Tsewang Gyurme is the Director of the Social Science Academy of the Tibetan Autonomous Region and expert of Tibetan Buddhist holy writings.

### How Can Humanity's Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?: Religion and Human Rights Symposium

Arvind Sharma

Joseph Runzo

Philip Rossi

Christopher Chapple

John Berthrong

Wande Abimbola

Abdul Karim Soroush

Surjit Singh

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Roundtable

This session will continue the interrelationship of the world's religions and the human rights tradition. This Second Roundtable will identify the creative contributions of Christianity, Jainism, Chinese religions and the Yoruba tradition in Africa and African diaspora, Islam and Sikhism to human rights discourse.

Dr. Sharma gained an M.T.S. in 1974 and then a Ph.D. in Sanskrit and Indian Studies from Harvard University in 1978. He is now Birks Chair of Comparative Religion at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He has published over fifty books including *The Study of Hinduism* (2003) and five hundred articles in the fields of comparative religion, Hinduism, Indian philosophy and ethics, and the role of women in religion.

Joseph Runzo is Executive Director of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Chapman University and Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He has published 10 books on interreligious understanding and is general co-editor of *The Library of Global Ethics and Religion*.

Philip Rossi, S.J. is Professor of Theology at Marquette University and a Trustee of Creighton University. He has published extensively on issues of ethics (including 5 books), and serves on the Board of Directors of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum. Expertise: Immanuel Kant, theological ethics, war and the theology of reconciliation.

Dr. Christopher Chapple a Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Asian-Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. His books include *Karma and Creativity*, *Non-Violence to Animals*, and *Earth and Self in Asian traditions*.

John H. Berthrong, Associate Dean and Professor of Comparative Theology, is director of the Institute for Dialogue Among Religious Traditions at Boston University. He has written numerous publications including *All Under Heaven: Transforming Paradigms in Confucian-Christian Dialogue*, and *The Divine Deli: Religious Identity in the North American Cultural Mosaic*.

Wande Abimbola occupies the position of Awise Awo 'Ni Agbaye, "spokesperson and ambassador for the Yoruba religion and culture in the world." He has devoted his life to the Ifa, the Yoruba system of divination, and has taught at Harvard, Colgate and Boston College and written extensively on the Yoruba tradition.

Abdul Karim Soroush is originally from Iran and is currently teaching at Princeton University.

Surjit Singh is associated with the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, India.

### Native People and Environmental Justice

Tom Goldtooth

Omie Baldwin

Rosita Worl

114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Join this group of Native American leaders as they discuss the work and goals of the Indigenous Environmental Network. The Network empowers Indigenous Nations and communities towards sustainable livelihoods, demanding environmental justice and maintaining the Sacred Fire of our traditions. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Tom B.K. Goldtooth is the Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network. He recently co-produced an award-winning documentary film, *Drumbeat for Mother Earth*, which addresses the effects of bioaccumulative chemicals on Indigenous peoples. From his participation and leadership in several summits and meetings, he has emerged to become an Indigenous grassroots leader, both locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, and was an Indigenous delegate at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto Japan.

Omie Bo'dwin (Dine), MSW, LCSW organized the American Indian participation in the CPWR in both Chicago and Cape Town. She is a therapist/clinical Social Worker at the University Health Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interest and involvement include peace, social justice, and environmental issues with indigenous people.

Rosita Worl, Ph.D. is a Tlingit of the Shangukeidi (Thunderbird) Clan from the Kawdliyaayi Hit (House Lowered from the Sun) in Klukwan, Alaska, and a Lukaax'adi yodi (Child of the Sockeye Clan). She serves as the President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute, and as a professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Juneau. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Sealaska Corporation and also serves as a Trustee of the National Museum of American Indians.

## Between Jewish Pluralism and Post-Denominationalism: A Jewish Roundtable

Michael Gottsegen  
Rabbi Brad Hirschfield  
Daniel Brenner  
Rabbi Ariel Edery  
Rabbi Henry Sobel  
Rabbi Capers Funnye

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This session is important for those who are committed to prevailing against forces that are at work in Jewish life that threaten to divide the community into utterly antagonistic camps. The dialogical openness to the Jewish other and the honesty of this conversation in itself should exemplify a pathway to peace, and should serve as a powerful model of a process which panelists and session attendees can take back to their home communities. This forum will not only talk about a principled pluralism that is predicated upon the recognition of the equal humanity and equal legitimacy of the other, but will also enact this pluralism dialogically. The basic norms of an authentic, deep and principled Jewish pluralism will also be discussed.

Michael Gottsegen is a Senior Teaching Fellow at CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City. The author of *The Political Thought of Hannah Arendt*, and numerous articles, he is currently writing on the relationship among ethics, politics, and God in modern Jewish thought.

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield is Vice President of CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City. His is a thoughtful voice on issues of faith, doubt, and the importance of interfaith dialogue, and has been featured on television, radio, and in major newspapers across the country.

Daniel Brenner is Director of the Multifaith Education Program of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York. Daniel Brenner is the rabbi of String of Pearls congregation in Princeton, New Jersey. He has a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in both Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination.

Ariel Edery is the rabbi of Judia Atid. A native of Argentina, he moved to Jerusalem to study at Hebrew University. He worked as an educator within the Jewish community in Mexico City, and became the full-time rabbi of Congregation ATID in 2001, the first and only Progressive synagogue in Spain.

Rabbi Sobel is the Chief Rabbi of Brazil. He is the Coordinator of the National Commission for Religious Dialogue Between Catholics and Jews. He is committed to the strengthening of Jewish identity, the enhancement of inter-faith relations, and the promotion of human rights.

Capers Funnye is Rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Chicago, and a senior research associate at the Institute for Jewish & Community Research. He has also served as a consultant to several national museums and historical societies.

## Microcredit for Interreligious and Community Development

Olajide Okeowo  
Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

Microcredit is the process of providing credit such as business and financial services to persons and families in the community who are in need. It helps to promote self-employment, and can help improve interreligious and intrareligious relationships, when religious organizations provide microcredit assistance irrespective of religion. Families attain greater awareness of other religions, which in turn promotes peaceful living among community members. Mr. Olajide Okeowo will describe the work of Conscience Resources, and Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari will speak about the Lokenath Divine Life Mission.

Olajide Okeowo has 13 years experience in Community Development with Conscience Resources - a community development organization which aims at developing communities nationally and internationally through the implementation of

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

enlightenment and awareness programs on social vices, and it also implements microcredit development activities in most communities.

Swami Shuddhanandaa Brahmachari, a Hindu monk, founded Lokenath Divine Life Mission in 1985 and continues to direct its sustainable development programs. He is the author of pragmatic books on spiritual life, teaches meditation and offers lectures worldwide.

## Christian Roots of Catalan Traditions

Fabià Matas

Albert Rumbo

Joan Soler Amigó

Priest Deulofeu

Martí Bonet

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

Panel discussion

Panel discussion on the traditional festivities of Catalonia and the Christian calendar. The aim is to show the strong Christian roots of Catalonia.

Fabià Matas is a participant in interreligious dialogue initiatives in Spain.

Graduate in History, Albert Rumbo is an expert in Catalan culture.

Joan Soler Amigó is an expert in popular culture.

Priest Deulofeu is Priest of the Church St. Agustí de Barcelona.

Martí Bonet is Priest of the Cathedral of Barcelona and episcopal delegate of the cultural heritage of the Archbishop of Barcelona.

## A Holistic Jain Approach to Peace with Reference to the Role of Women

Raksha Shah

Swami Pratibha Pragya

Room 120, English

Lecture, Seminar, Panel Discussion, Academic Paper

This presentation aims at bringing about awareness and alertness in the minds of the people about the grave necessity to establish peace at all levels in the world that has long been facing the disastrous and destructive consequences of terrorism and war. With the help of examples and references from the Indian scriptures: the Agamas, Vedas, and Upanishads, the paper shows that the problem of unrest can be solved only with the intervention of women. Women have always played a significant role in changing the society with their zeal, prowess, deep insight and compassionate attitude. A practicing nun will explain their role in developing a peaceful society as a highlight of this program.

Raksha Shah is a visiting lecturer on Jain Philosophy at the University of Mumbai. She writes a spiritual column in one of the leading newspapers, and has presented papers on religious and philosophical topics at seminars and conferences. She has many degrees, including a Diploma in Jain Philosophy (Distinction).

Swami Pratibha Pragya (Jain Nun) is a disciple of His Holiness Acharya Sri Mahapragya. She has an MA in Philosophy and in Jainology, and comparative philosophy and religion. At present, she is associate Professor in Jain Vishva Bharati Institute University and is currently doing her Ph.D. work on "Philosophy Schools of Sutokritang".

## The Wisdom of Listening to God: Ancient Raja Yoga of Brahma Kumaris

Br. Erik Larson

Dadi Janki

Sr. Jayanti Kripalani

Room 121, Hindi/English

Lecture

This is a unique opportunity to meet Dadi Janki, one of the World's foremost spiritual leaders. This presentation will allow participants to hear and experience what Dadi, Head of the Brahma Kumaris, has learned in 65 years of spiritual practice. The theme accurately reflects the purpose of her life. Her presentations will include: the Wisdom of Listening to God, being a helper in world transformation, and how the power of truth can bring a commitment to working for change in the world.

Erik Larson is a representative of the Brahma Kumaris to the United Nations in New York City.

Dadi Janki, the Co-administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, is a Vice President of the World Congress of Faiths. Now in her eighties, Dadi is internationally acknowledged as a great teacher and mentor who continues to offer inspiration to many people searching for peace and inner strength.

Sister Jayanti is a widely traveled speaker, broadcaster and emissary for peace. She is the European director of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University and is the main representative for the Brahma Kumaris at the United Nations, Geneva.

## What is Islam? Q&A Session

Marcia Hermansen

Maha ElGenaidi

Nurah-Rosalie Jeter Ammat'ullah

Room 122, English

This session is an opportunity for participants to bring their questions about the beliefs and practices of Islam. The session will open with a brief 15-minute presentation by the panel,

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

followed by a 75-minute session of questions and answers for the participants. Everyone is welcome to bring his or her questions.

Marcia Hermansen is a Professor of Theology at Loyola University in Chicago where she teaches courses in Islamic Studies and World Religions.

President of Islamic Networks Group, Maha is a commissioner on ct. Governor Cruz Bustamante's "Commission for One California." Maha is also commissioner on the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission.

Nurah Annat'ullah is the Founder and Executive Director of Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development. Over the years she has developed programs aimed at building capacity among poor and immigrant communities in the Bronx, New York City.

## Preserving Learnings for the Future: What Should We Archive from the Interreligious Movement?

Kathryn DeGraff

Room 123, English/Spanish  
Lecture/Presentation

The collections and Archives of the Parliament of the World's Religions are housed at DePaul University, along with collections on Catholic action during the 20th century, such as collections on Archbishop Oscar Romero, Daniel and Philip Berrigan, and literary collections where such themes are incorporated. DePaul's commitment to the materials of the Parliament includes providing a forum for exhibitions, incorporation of these materials into the curricular activities of the University, as well as traditional research access to the collections. This presentation will focus on those connections, the collections themselves, and how participants in the 2004 Parliament can become part of history in the Archives.

Ms. DeGraff has a Master's in Library Science from the University of Illinois and a Master's in English Literature from DePaul. She has been responsible for operation and expansion of the archival collections at DePaul for over 20 years.

## Religion, Religions, and Religious Unity: a Baha'i View

Julio Savi

Lally Lucretia Warren

Chris Hamilton

Room 124, English  
Panel Discussion

Religion is "the essential connection which proceeds from the realities of things". Since reality is one, religion is also one. The different religions of the world are the result of what men

did with the revelation of that "essential connection" sent by the One God to the different peoples of the world in different historical times. Unity of religion will become manifest when religionists discover the underlying oneness of the teachings of all religions: the unchangeable law of love.

Julio Savi received a classical education in the Italian schools and went on to study medicine in Bologna and Florence. He has participated in the translation of most of the major Baha'i texts into Italian. His areas of research are Scriptures, spirituality, spiritual development (of both individuals and society), inter-religious dialogue and poetry. He is the author of *The Eternal Quest for God*.

Lally Lucretia Warren is a Registered Nurse and Certified Midwife. She is currently chairperson of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Botswana and a member of the Continuation Committee of the Interfaith Action for Peace in Africa. She is a member of the International Advisory Committee for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Chris Hamilton holds a Ph.D. in political science, emphasizing comparative politics, comparative public policies and international relations. His particular interests are world religions and politics, both in teaching and research. He is active in interfaith organizations, as well as a scholar of their increasing national and international significance and relations. He is chair and full professor, political science and public administration, at Washburn University in Kansas.

## Beginning With Our Own Communities: Stories From Jerusalem and the Philippines

Yehuda Stolov

Sophia Dimalog

Susana Salvador-Anayatin

Room 125, English  
Partner Cities, Panel Discussion

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Using Jerusalem and Manila as models, this program will address key dynamics and methodologies for creating inter-religious groups within our cities. Panelists will share stories from their cities about making the case for intrareligious dialogue within their own religious and spiritual communities as a crucial first step towards building peace and social cohesion. Topics addressed will include methodologies for engaging the conservative element of your tradition as well as the challenges and opportunities of organizing intrareligious dialogue.

Dr. Yehuda Stolov, an Orthodox Jewish-Israeli, is the Director and founding member of the Interfaith Encounter Association. He is deeply committed to coexistence in the Holy Land, and non-political interfaith dialogue to make it happen.

Sophia Dimalog is Executive Director of the Bangsa-bai Livelihood Movement, Inc., an NGO actively participating in and promoting Muslim/Christian dialogue in the Philippines. She is also the acting

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Executive Director of the Alfatihah Foundation, Inc., and a member of the Forum for Muslim-Christian Solidarity and the Task Force for Mindanao.

Dr. Susana Salvador-Anayatin is active in peace advocacy in Mindanao, and is a guest lecturer at the Graduate School of the Mindanao State University.

## **Essence of Islam: God, Guidance and the Hereafter**

Aminah Assilmi

Abdul Haq Ansari

Syed Faiyazuddin Ahmad

Imam Khalid Griggs

129, English

This program will explain the basic belief system in Islam, focusing on God, guidance, and the place of belief in the hereafter in the Islamic system of life. This session will be chaired by Amina Assilmi.

President of the International Union of Muslim Women, Aminah Assilmi is a speaker, writer and award-winning broadcaster in Denver, Colorado, who lost her job when she began wearing Islamic dress.

A distinguished Islamic scholar, Abdul Haq Ansari is currently the President of All-India Jamaat-e-Islami Hind. He has authored 12 books on Islamic theology and philosophy, ethics and Sufism, as well as on Comparative Religion.

A senior Islamic activist, Syed Faiyazuddin Ahmad is the former Director of the Islamic Foundation, UK, and Co-chair of the Leicester Interfaith Alliance.

Khalid Griggs is Imam of Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is Vice-President of Dawa Net, and Director of Millennium Academy of Local School Systems. An educator and columnist, he is also a former editor of the Message Monthly.

## **Familiaforum: A Project of Claret Foundation for Christian Humanism**

Máxim Muñoz Duran

Maria Antonia Cendra

Room 130

Lecture

Lecture presenting the 'familiaforum' project. This project is a program of activities aiming to help and give answers to the questions that worry families like the education of children.

Máxim Muñoz Duran is a Professor of Christology at the University of Theology of Catalonia, director of the Claret Foundation and member of the Claretian religious congregation in Barcelona.

Maria Antonia Cendra is Manager of the Claret Foundation in Barcelona and Executive Director of the 'familiaforum'.

## **African American Muslims: Building Bridges for Peace and Collaborative Social Action**

Amir Al-Islam

Imam Talib Abdur-Rashid

Sr. Nura Amatullah

Imam Wahy Shareef

Ibrahim Ramey

Imam Amin Nathari

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik

Room 131

Panel Discussion

In light of the present environment of tension and hostilities between the world of Islam and the West, how can African American Muslims play a role in peace-building and bridge-building, particularly between the various religious communities in America? What has been the history of interfaith dialogue within this particular community, and what role can interfaith social action play in healing the deep wounds of racial, ethnic and religious division? This panel proposes to explore some of these critical issues.

Director of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations, professor Al-Islam presently serves as a member of the Leadership Council of the Muslim Alliance in North America, and was one of the first Muslims to visit Auschwitz as a delegate of the International Conference on Religion and Peace.

Al-Hajj Imam Talib Abdur-Rashid, Imam of the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood in Harlem, New York, is Deputy Amir of the Muslim Alliance in North America. He has one of the most extensive backgrounds in interfaith dialogue and interfaith collaboration, and is an internationally recognized leader and activist.

Sister Nura Amatullah is the Director of Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development. She is a pioneer in the field of interfaith relations and social actions, and is the first credentialed Muslim woman to receive her license as chaplain. She founded several food pantries and education programs for immigrants.

Imam Wahy Deen Shareef is the Imam of Masjid Warith ud Deen, in Irvington, New Jersey, and is a follower and student of Imam W. Deen Mohammed. He is the Chairman of the Muslim Leadership Council of New Jersey and has extensive experience in interfaith activities.

Ibrahim Malik Abdil-Mu'ic Ramey is the coordinator of the Peace and Disarmament program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Nyack, New York. Ibrahim serves as a board member of several national peace and justice organizations. He has been a delegate and presenter at international conferences all over the world.

Imam Nathari is the Imam and Executive Director of the United Muslim Movement in Philadelphia, PA. He is a prominent leader of the African American Muslim community and has extensive expertise in interfaith relations.

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik is the Imam and Chaplain at Howard University. He is a prominent leader of African American Muslims in America and serves on numerous boards and interfaith projects.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## **The case of Miquel Servet: Dialogue and Freedom of Conscience**

**Jaume De Marcos**

**Angel Alcalá**

**Rev. Dr. Richard Boeke**

**Room 132, Spanish/English  
Panel Discussion**

Open and interactive dialogue on the present relevance and influence of Miquel Servet's work, as a contribution to the development of interconfessional dialogue, based on freedom of conscience and research.

Jaume De Marcos holds a degree in English Philology and a Master in History of Religion. He is coordinator of the Spanish Universalist Society, and delegate before the International Unitarian and Universalist Council and is a certified manager of lay leadership workshops, as well as consultant of the Miquel Servet Institute of Huesca. He has published several articles in specialized reviews of interreligious dialogue in Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Angel Alcalá is a Professor emeritus of the Brooklyn College (City University of New York).

Reverend Dr. Richard Boeke is a Unitarian Minister, interfaith activist and is the Hon. Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths.

## **Ephemeral Path to Eternity: Intersections between Christian Liturgy and Art**

**Ines Castel Branco**

**Room 134, Spanish  
Lecture**

Lecture about an artistic journey through the history of Christian liturgy: with images and pieces of music, this journey allows to see the close relation between spirituality and art, liturgy and theatre, the mystical experience and the aesthetic.

Ines Castel Branco, Degree in Architecture at the University of Oporto and a Master in Architecture, Art and Ephemeral Space. She had done studies on music and graphic design.

## **Which Islam? Struggle for the Soul of Islam**

**Irfan Khan**

**Abdul Malik Mujahid**

**Tariq Ramadan**

**Abdullah Nasseef**

**Sheikh Rached Ghannouchi**

**Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan**

In the world where conflict is defining civilizational relations, there is a struggle for the heart and soul of Islam. This panel will explore the internal and external debates about defining and redefining Islam. Topics include: "What is Wrong with

Our Conception of Islam?," "Islam of the Eastern & Western Governments," and "Reconstruction of Islamic Thought."

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCIMR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

An award-winning author and producer, Abdul Malik Mujahid is a Trustee of CPWR. He is an Imam in the Chicago area, and has served as the President of several Muslim organizations and alliances.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of the European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

President of the Muslim World Congress and former Secretary General of the World Muslim League, His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasseef is the former President of the King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He is also Vice President of the Majlis Al-Sheera Council.

A distinguished Islamic thinker and scholar, and the leader of the En-Nahda Movement of Tunisia, Sheikh Ghannouchi has written extensively on the social aspect of Islam in the contemporary world.

## **Unity of Minds: A Congregation of Spiritual Leaders with the President of India**

**Naresh Jain**

**Master Nirav Shah**

**Anop Vora**

**Samani Pratibha Pragya**

**Samani Punya Pragya**

**Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop**

The President of India celebrated his 73rd birthday with 15 spiritual leaders in a program arranged by a Jain leader Acharya Mahapragya. He discusses the connection of righteousness with peace in the world, and an approach to eradicate poverty from India by 2020. The presentation will consist of about 15 minute video presentation of the celebration program, a commentary on the background of key leaders in the video, and a translation of important sentences spoken in Hindi, followed by a question answer session. A disciple of Mahapragyaji will sing a song for world peace.

Naresh Jain Co-chairs the Interfaith Committee of the Federation of Jain Association in North America popularly known as JAINA, and also serves as Vice President of the International Jain Sangh. He is significantly involved in interfaith forums in the USA as a presenter, moderator, and coordinator.

Nirav Shah started his violin training at the age of 2 1/2, and published the first volume of *Jain Prayers in Western Notation* at the age of 9. He is in the process of becoming Eagle Scout and he is the community service coordinator for his local Jain center.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Anop Vora is the President of the Jain Association in North America. He has a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Masters in Business Administration, and has written and published several articles on a variety of topics based on the teachings of Jainism.

Samani Pratibha Pragya (Jain Nun) is a disciple of His Holiness Acharya Sri Mahapragya. She has an MA in Philosophy and in Jainology, and comparative philosophy and religion. At present, she is associate Professor in Jain Vishva Bharati Institute University and is currently doing her Ph.D. work on "Philosophy Schools of Sutrakritang".

Samani Panya Pragya (Jain Nun) is a disciple of His Holiness Acharya Sri Mahapragya. She has an M.A. in Prakrit Language and Literature. She has traveled throughout India and abroad to propagate Jainism, Preksha Meditation, Non-violence. She is an accomplished singer.

INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Pathways to Peace in Africa: A Contribution from African Traditional Religious Perspective Chidi Isizoh

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Why are many countries of Africa unstable? Why are there so many battlefronts? What is there in African heritage that could help to bring or promote peace in Africa? This lecture is a reflection on African religions and cultural roots. It will explore some of the causes of conflicts in Africa and ways to promote peace, and insists that there must be a soul-searching effort among Africans to discover ways to help the continent from within.

Chidi Denis Isizoh was born in Nigeria and educated in Nigeria and Italy. He holds a B.A. (Philosophy), B.D. (Theology), and a Licentiate in Christian Sacred Scriptures, Ph.D. (Christian Theology). He works at Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue, Vatican City, as an officer for inter-religious contacts in Africa.

## A Moral Code of Interreligious Understanding

K.L. Seshagiri Rao  
Kusumita Pedersen  
S.S. Rama Rao Pappu  
Rev. Alan Race  
Kamar Oniah Kamaruzzaman

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan

In the emerging global culture of the 21st century, a new spiritual vision of mutual reverence and cooperation among the followers of different faiths is required. It is proposed that this vision be expressed in a practical Moral Code of Interreligious Conduct. The panelists, with the help of the audience, will

share ideas on formulating this Code and planning follow-up actions to publicize it. The Code should include such points as: appreciation of what is positive in others' religions, prohibition of demonizing others' religions, prohibition of violence in the name of religion, respect for basic civil and political rights, including those of minorities, women and children, and positive steps towards interreligious harmony, including healing the hurts of the past.

Dr. Rao was born in Mulbagal, India, in 1929. He is fluent in several modern Indian languages and has an expert knowledge of Sanskrit. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Mysore and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in the comparative study of world religions. His numerous publications include *World Problems and Human Responsibility: Gandhian Perspectives*, ed. with Henry Thompson (New York, 1988) and "Hinduism and World Community," in *World Faiths Insight* (London, January 1984).

Kusumita Pedersen, Ph.D., is chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Francis College. She has been involved with the Global Interfaith Movement for the past twenty years.

S.S. Rama Rao Pappu is a Professor in the Department of Philosophy and an Affiliate of the Department of Comparative Religion at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, U.S.A. He is an Associate Editor (Philosophy) of the *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* and is the author/editor of *Gandhi and America's Educational Future*.

Rev. Alan Race is a writer in this field and serves as Editor of the journal *Interreligious Insight*. He is a parish priest in Leicester, and on the committee of the World Congress of Faiths.

Dr. Kamaruzzaman is Professor at International Islamic University, and currently serves as the Director of the Australian office of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations. She is an internationally renowned scholar of Islam, and one of the most active Muslim women in promoting dialogue between religions in Asia.

## Badshah Khan and Mahatma Gandhi: Allies in a Revolution of Human Spirit, Pioneers in a Culture of Peace

David Capraro  
Prasanna Vengadam  
Imam Abdullah El Amin  
Rev. Cheryl Myhand  
Ven. Dr. Chuen Phangcham  
Imam Achmat Saie

114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Join us in an inspirational multimedia session to explore the spiritual basis and methods which led to the phenomenal achievements of two exemplars of peace: Mahatma Gandhi and Badshah Khan, who led and inspired millions of people. In the context of current religious disharmony, you are invited to share ideas on how we can best apply the lessons of Gandhi and Khan in our own lives, interfaith work and communities. Photos and rare video footage of Gandhi and Khan will be

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

shown, and attendees will receive a free resource package, including Eknath Easwaran's classic book *Nonviolent Soldier of Islam*.

David Capraro is President of In the Light, and a sponsor of the Gandhi-Khan Peace Project. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sarvodaya USA, and is the Interfaith Coordinator for Aetherius Society.

Prasanna Vengadam is the past Vice-President and current member of the Theosophical Society, Detroit, Michigan. She currently teaches university courses in the area of Communications. She is the Project Manager of the Gandhi-Khan Peace Project Committee and active in interfaith activities in Metro Detroit.

Imam Abdulrah El Amin is Executive Director of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan, and is also the Executive Director of the Muslim Center-Detroit and the metropolitan Detroit Editor of *The Muslim Observer*. He is very active in Detroit interfaith activities and a member of the Gandhi-Khan Peace Project Committee.

Rev. Cheryl Myhand, Chair of the Board of Directors of Hunger Action Coalition is on the Board of Directors of Interfaith Partners-Detroit. She also teaches a course on Peace to Detroit High School Students and is extremely active in Detroit interfaith activities.

Van Chuen Phangcham, Ph.D., is President of the Midwest Buddhist Meditation Center-Warren, Michigan, and lectures at universities on Buddhism and Eastern Studies. He is involved in programs aimed at the resolution of moral, ethical, and criminal problems, and gives regular Dhamma talks and meditation instructions in area prisons. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of CPWR.

Imam Achmat Salie is the Director of the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, where he is involved in regular outreach programs. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in business administration, and is very active in interfaith activities.

## Academic Teaching of the Holy Book: Interpretation in Monotheistic Religions

Enric Cortès Mingueila

Oriol Tuní

Mercè Viladrich

G. Del Olmo Lete

R. Ruben

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the importance of the knowledge of the different religious monotheistic traditions and the teaching of their own Holy Books. After knowing the other, respect and understanding arrive. The first part will be an exposition by the different speakers, and the second part will bring a conversation of all those speakers. Religious traditions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Enric Cortès Mingueila is a Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Theology of Catalonia.

Dr. Oriol Tuní, Dean of the Catalonia Faculty of Theology.

Mercè Viladrich is a Professor of the University of Barcelona, with a focus on Islamic studies.

G. Del Olmo Lete is Director of the Near Eastern Institute at the University of Barcelona.

R. Ruben is a Scholar of the Torah who lives in Barcelona.

## Human Moral Development in Islam, Christianity and Buddhism

Deborah Peterson

Ayşe Sikika Oktay

Nabeel Mohammad Ashraf

Medhi Aminrezahvi

Nicholay Omelchenko

Julian Karpowicz

Glen Hughes

Keith Nelson

Zahid Bukhari

Lama Jinpa Gyamtso

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Sharing Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim precepts of moral character and its proper development is to open the door to dialogue with each other on this topic. Taking the work of these groups as a starting point, we will move to discussion of the question of convergence and divergence of the principles underlying each tradition, ultimately crafting a working definition of a universal humanism appropriate for our time. Those interested in East-West dialogue will come away from this session with an increased appreciation of the teaching of these traditions on the subject of human moral character and its proper development. Ideally, they will also find themselves on an extended search for a fuller understanding of the many questions it raises, and actively involved in a larger, ongoing, international dialogue on universal humanism and its potential to foster to understanding between adherents of the various world religions - and hence also contribute to world peace.

Deborah Peterson is a Philosophy and Comparative Religion instructor at Central Lakes College and Marquette University. She is a writer and speaker on issues of peace and justice, and is also Editor of *Concerned Philosophers for Peace* publications.

Dr. Ayşe Sikika Oktay is a Muslim woman who teaches in the Turkish university system. She has written on Islamic ethics in the past, and has a book in publication about the Ethics of the Ottoman Empire.

Mr. Nabeel Mohammad Ashraf received his MA from Lahore Pakistan, and has spent much of his life studying Christianity and writing on the question of Islamic-Christian dialogue.

Dr. Medhi Aminrezahvi, from Mary Washington University in Fredericksburg, Maryland.

Dr. Omelchenko is currently Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Social Technologies, and is a Full Professor of the Social Philosophy Department at Volgograd State University. He has written several articles on Philosophy and Philosophical Anthropology, and is the author of *The First Principles of Philosophical Anthropology*.

Dr. Julian Karpowicz received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Oxford University, his MA in Philosophy from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. His focus is Christian humanism and the social vision which it implies.

Dr. Glen Hughes is the Director of the Buddhist Studies Center in Thousand Oaks, California. He teaches meditation and writes and speaks about the Buddhist doctrine and principles.

Keith Nelson of Kenyon College is a teacher of Buddhist meditation and former student at Dharmasala in India. He recently completed his BA in religious studies and will continue to write, teach and pursue graduate studies in comparative religion. His focus is on Christian-Buddhist dialogue.

Dr. Zahid Bukhari is on the staff of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. He served as Director and Co-Principle Investigator for the Center's MAPS Project.

Lama Jinpa Gyamtso has been a Buddhist Tibetan monk since 1989 and is co-director of all the Samye Dzong Centers in Spain where he teaches regularly.

## An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 1)

Kamran Mofid

Audrey Kitagawa

Jean Leshar

Margarete Czerny

Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi

Raymond Hamden

Keyvan Tabari

Priya Sridharan

Mohinder Singh

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This session will provide theological, spiritual, and economic perspectives on globalization. Speakers from different religions, cultures, and specializations will discuss aspects of globalization that might not otherwise be considered from the perspective of one region or group. Each session will commence with prayer, read by Jean Leshar from her book, *Prayers for the Common Good*. The panelists in Session 1 will include: Dr. Kamran Mofid, Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh, Ms. Audrey Kitagawa, Dr. Margarete Czerny, Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi, Dr. Raymond Hamden, Dr. Keyvan Tabari, and Ms. Priya Sridharan. This program is follow-up to the Globalization for the Common Good conference held in Dubai in March 2004.

Dr. Kamran Mofid, Ph.D., is the founder and convenor of An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good. He is also the author of *Globalization for the Common Good*. Dr. Mofid is currently carrying out research on the relationship between

spirituality, cultures and globalization.

A former attorney, Audrey Kitagawa is now Advisor at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. She is the founder and director of Vision for Humanity, and associate convenor of the World Commission for Global Consciousness and Spirituality.

A collector of inspirational quotations, A. Jean Leshar has compiled them into three books including one titled *Prayers for the Common Good*. She just completed a compilation of reflections on the theme of the Barcelona Parliament: "Pathways to Peace." With her husband, Bill, she has attended the 1993 and 1999 Parliaments. She is a former editor of trade and professional books for educational companies and lives in Berkeley, California.

Dr. Margarete Czerny is head of the department of East-West relations, infrastructure, housing policy, and international economics in Austria, as well as a member of numerous national and international advisory boards. A member of Science of Spirituality, she follows the teachings of Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj.

Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi is the Director of the International Development in the Al-Khoei Foundation in London.

Dr. Raymond Hamden is the Director of the Comprehensive Medical Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Keyvan Tabari is an Attorney-at-Law in San Francisco, California.

Ms. Priya Sridharan works in the Comprehensive Medical Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is the Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha in Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is both a patron and member of several interfaith organizations, and serves as an advisor to the Sikh Heritage Trust.

## The Natural World and the Political Lives of Indigenous Peoples

Douglas George Kanentiio

Rachele Agoyo

Tom Goldtooth

Rosita Worl

Room 120, English

As with most indigenous peoples, among the Haudenosaunee (Six Iroquois Nations), the indigenous people of the north eastern part of Turtle Island (North America), there is no distinction between the natural world and human beings. The Haudenosaunee actively incorporate elements of the natural world within their daily lives and all politics are based upon these principles. These principles require that all species of life are blessings from the universal creative force and must be accorded recognition within the councils of human beings.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Rachel Agoyo, San Juan Pueblo, received her M.S. from the University of New Mexico and developed and managed the first Headstart Program at Cochiti Pueblo. Later, she held the position of Headstart Director for the Sandoval County Pueblos. She has been featured in the PBS program "Colores" and "Surviving Columbus."

Tom B.K. Goldtooth is the Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network. He recently co-produced an award-winning documentary film, "Drumbeat for Mother Earth," which addresses the affects of bioaccumulative chemicals on Indigenous peoples. From his participation and leadership in several summits and meetings, he has emerged to become an Indigenous grassroots leader, both locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, and was an Indigenous delegate at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto Japan.

Rosita Worl, Ph.D. is a Tlingit of the Shangukeidi (Thunderbird) Clan from the Kowdliyaay Hii (House Lowered from the Sun) in Kikwar, Alaska, and a Lukaxadi yadi (Child of the Sockeye Clan). She serves as the President of the Sealaska Heritage Institute, and as a professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska Juneau. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Sealaska Corporation and also serves as a Trustee of the National Museum of American Indians.

## Literature as a Tool for Shaping Children's Consciousness

Elizabeth Stewart

Room 121, English  
Lecture

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart will explore the ways in which literature can affect a child's values and attitudes, either expanding awareness or limiting it. Drawing on her book *Dragut's Galleon*, she will demonstrate how a single book can influence elementary school children, offering them a corrective lens through which to view long-standing ethnic and religious prejudices. Issues of curriculum, text selection, parental involvement and the creation of programs to promote inter-religious understanding among children will also be addressed.

Ms. Stewart's works focus on spiritual growth, personal empowerment, transformation of consciousness, cultural diversity, sexism and gender issues. Author of more than 80 articles on spirituality, she was born in England and raised on the island of Malta. She holds a D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation and a Ph.D. from the University of Malta.

## Religious Bilingualism

Ana Schlüter

Room 122, Spanish/English  
Lecture

This is a lecture about the experience of Christian-Buddhist dialogue in the Zen Do Be Tania community. It is an experience of unity in diversity, that will focus on spiritual experience and the relationship between orthodoxy and orthopraxis.

Ana Schlüter has a Ph. D. in Philosophy and has been a member of a Catholic religious order called "Women of Be Tania" since 1958. She has been a professor of ecumenism in several universities of theology. She is also a Zen master appointed by the Japanese Zen master Yamada Koun Roshi; she founded a Zen center in Brihuega, which has an acknowledged prestige all over the country.

## Interpretation of Religious Texts from the Perspective of Women's and Children's Human Rights

Annie Imbens-Fransen  
Ghazala Sharif

Room 123, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

United Nations officials and numerous organizations active in the field of women's and children's human rights, continue to give alarming details about the different forms of violence that women and children are suffering all over the world. Becoming aware of these forms of violence is a necessary condition in order to work to stop and prevent them. In this interactive workshop, participants will exchange details about the details of motivations for violence against women and children in various religious and cultural traditions, and exchange aspects of those religious communities and methods of interpretation that can motivate respect, justice and solidarity.

Annie Imbens-Fransen is a Dutch feminist theologian, and founded the Foundation for Pastoral Care for Women. A Coolidge Fellow of the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, she is a convenor of United Religious Initiative Research and Development Group on Religious Rights and Responsibilities.

Ghazala Sharif is Adjunct Professor of Religion at the Kendall School of Art and Design of Ferris State University. Co-founder of the Interfaith Dialogue Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, she is intensively involved in interreligious dialogues.

## The History of Protestantism in Spain and Religious Pluralism

Gabino Fernández Campos

Room 124  
Lecture

This is a lecture presenting a part of history that is little known and gives information about the roots of the religious pluralism in Spain.

Gabino Fernández Campos is a writer and an historian, and the director of the Reform Study Center (Centro de Estudios de la Reforma).

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Finding the Brother in the Other: Overcoming Negative Images of Other Faiths as We Build Our Religious Identities and Seek Common Ground

Michael Gottsegen  
Rabbi Brad Hirschfield  
Tom Boyd  
Ibrahim Ramey  
Deepak Sarma

Room 125, English  
Panel Discussion

If the world's religions are to become sources of global solidarity and planetary renewal, they must learn to approach the religiously foreign in unaccustomed ways, and must learn to instill positive religious identities that do not presuppose negative attitudes toward other religions. In this session, leading religious thinkers will engage one another in a discussion of these shared challenges, and of how they are endeavoring to meet them by drawing upon their own religious resources. They will also talk about how they have been spiritually transformed by this work of clearing a path to the other.

Michael Gottsegen is a Senior Teaching Fellow at CLAL – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City. The author of *The Political Thought of Hannah Arendt*, and numerous articles, he is currently writing on the relationship among ethics, politics, and God in modern Jewish thought.

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield is Vice President of CLAL – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City. His is a thoughtful voice on issues of faith, doubt, and the importance of interfaith dialogue, and has been featured on television, radio, and in major newspapers across the country.

Tom W. Boyd, an ordained Presbyterian minister, teaches Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma. By focusing on the relation among world religions and the relation between religion and culture, he seeks to understand and appreciate religion in its contemporary setting and in light of an emerging planetary culture.

Ibrahim Malik Abdil-Mu'îd Ramey is the coordinator of the Peace and Disarmament program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in New York, New York. Ibrahim serves as a board member of several national peace and justice organizations. He has been a delegate and presenter at international conferences all over the world.

Deepak Sarma is currently teaching at Case Western Reserve University. His expertise is in the Madhva School of Vedanta, of which he is a member. An author, Sarma is the Vice President of the Society for Hindu-Christian Studies and will become its President in 2005.

## Engaged Wonder: New Pathways in Conflict Transformation

Jonah Friedman  
Jacqueline Ripstein  
Jeannine Hill-Fletcher  
Mark Larrimore

129  
Panel Discussion

The human capacity for wonder is accessible to all, regardless of age, aptitude or religion. The nature of wonder is to be openly reflective and as an engaged form of practice can become a new tool for transforming conventional approaches to conflict resolution. In this dynamic presentation we explore the religious, theological, sociological and artistic implications of wonder as an engaged practice.

Mr. Friedman explores the varied uses of engaged wonder in his courses on faith and reason, and world scriptures. He is a lead art instructor, *Doing Art Together* (associated with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City) and Hebrew College. He coordinates the Hebrew Resource Center at Temple Shaarey Tefila.

Ms. Ripstein developed and patented an Invisible Art & Light painting technique that creates healing effects in our bodies. Her painting, "Our Lady of the Universe," commissioned by the Holy Family Institute, was displayed at the UN during the Interfaith Meeting with Religious and Spiritual World Leaders (2000). It is on display at the 2004 Parliament in the AC Barcelona Hotel.

Dr. Hill-Fletcher's work on the contribution of feminist theology toward religious pluralism includes publications in the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion and Theology and the Social Sciences*, and a book on reclaiming Karl Ranner's theology of God's incomprehensibility in a feminist theology of religious pluralism (forthcoming).

Mark Larrimore is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Eugene Lang College, New School University in New York.

## Psychological Attitudes for Interreligious Dialogue

Ramon Rosal Cortes  
Ana Gimeno-Bayon

Room 130, Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

What psychological attitudes make our participation in interreligious dialogue possible? This lecture and interactive workshop will explore the importance of exercising different psychological abilities: confidence, consciousness of our own limitations, a democratic attitude, openness to experiences and tolerance of diversity.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Ramon Rosal Cortes is a Dr. in Psychology and co-chair of the Erich Fromm Institute in Barcelona.

Ana Gimeno-Bayon is a Dr. in Psychology and co-chair of the the Erich Fromm Institute.

## The Translation of Sacred Texts from the Original Languages and their Interpretation

Ramon Prats d'Alòs-Moner

Armand Puig

Victor Pallejà

Antoni Prevosti

Room 131

Panel Discussion

This program is a discussion in which several specialists of the sacred texts of Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and religions of China will participate. It is aimed to provide help to translators of those texts, especially regarding issues of philology and exegesis.

Ramon Prats d'Alòs-Moner is a Dr. in Tibetan Studies. He was professor at the Oriental Institute of the University of Naples until 1985; he worked at the New York HIAR Tibetan Documentation Centre and taught at the Columbia University; he is the author of more than 50 publications.

Armand Puig is Director of the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences ("Institut Superior de Ciències Religioses") of Tarragona and specialist in Biblical translation.

Victor Pallejà is a Professor of Islamic world at the University of Alicante (Spain) and translator of Muslim texts.

Antoni Prevosti is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Barcelona and expert in Chinese religions.

## Interreligious Dialogue from a Buddhist Perspective

Lobsang Dekiong

Room 132

Panel Discussion

This panel discussion will explore the resources and teachings of the Buddhist tradition that support engagement in interreligious dialogue. Every religious practice, in its essence, helps adherents to develop a pure heart, the basis for a world of mutual respect and peace.

Lobsang Dekiong is a Buddhist nun in Barcelona; she is a Lama following the Buddhist tradition of the Dalai Lama.

## Connecting with Young People in Our Cities

Liu Yi-Ning

Patrice Brodeur

Flavio Soares

Room 134, English  
Academy

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Within the larger interreligious movement a vibrant interreligious youth movement is emerging. Alumni from the 1993 Parliament, young people connected to partner cities, and young leaders attending the 2004 Parliament will gather to share current programs and discuss how local efforts can help build an international interreligious youth movement.

Liu Yi-Ning is Assistant Research Fellow of the Museum of World Religions. She is also President of International Youth Interfaith Union of Taiwan, and a Ph.D. Program Student in the National Taiwan University.

Dr. Patrice Brodeur is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Pluralism Project at Connecticut College. His primary areas of interest include contemporary Islam and Islamic Studies within the broader academic study of religion.

Flavio has led all youth interfaith activities of MIR since 2000. He worked in the Events and Campaigns Department for Viva Rio from 1999 to 2003, and is a Capoeira teacher. He is currently involved in a program called Peace Schools, sponsored by UNESCO.

## Faith or Economics: What is the Bottom Line?

Michael Taylor

Kamla Chowdhry

Katherine Marshall

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

Religious and spiritual leaders and their communities all around the world already engage in poverty reduction and human development. What are the contributions they make? Why are they important as partners in development? How can they be strengthened and encouraged? What are the possibilities for greater interreligious cooperation? How are multilateral agencies like the World Bank reaching out to them? Panelists invited by the World Faiths Development Dialogue will look at these questions and discuss the issues they raise in a constructive, critical and visionary dialogue.

Dr. Rev. Michael Taylor is the Director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD). He is an ordained Christian minister, was formerly Director of Christian Aid, London UK and is now Professor of Social Theology in the University of Birmingham, UK.

Dr. Chowdhry is a Chairman/Board member of several

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

international humanitarian and conservation institutions, many of which she helped establish. She is currently a Member of the World Commission on Forestry and Sustainable Development, The Earth Charter Commission and a board member of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD).

Katherine Marshall works in the field of international development, with a focus on issues for the world's poorest countries. She is a senior officer of the World Bank, where she has worked since 1971. She is currently responsible for a broad range of issues turning around ethics, values, rights and faith in development work, and serves as Counselor to the President of the World Bank. Dr. Marshall served for several years as Country Director in the World Bank's Africa region, focusing on the Sahel region, and on Southern Africa, and for East Asia (during the East Asia crisis), and has also worked on Eastern Africa and Latin America. Ms. Marshall is a graduate of Wellesley College and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University (MPA '69). She serves on the Boards of several NGOs, and most prominently was engaged in the creation and development of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD). She speaks and publishes widely on issues for international development.

## How Can Mysticism Contribute to the Contemporary World?

Lama Tsondru

Jalil Barcena

Fr. Javier Melloni Ribas

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel discussion includes speakers from three religious traditions (Buddhism, Islam and Judaism), and deals with the mystical dimension as a part of the human being, which we must necessarily develop. The deterioration of the environment and the continuous conflicts are due to the absolutism of the ego without transcendental reference.

Lama Tsondru is a Buddhist monk, who spent eight years in the monastery of Samye Ling in Scotland. Currently, she leads several Buddhist centers and a community in Spain, and organizes seminars on meditation in other countries.

Jalil Barcena is an expert in Sufism, the director of the Institute of Sufi Studies of Barcelona and a professor at the Religious Traditions Centre and the University of Girona.

Javier Melloni Ribas is a Jesuit Priest and teacher. He is a Member of Cristianisme i Justícia, and Professor of Spiritual Theology in the Faculty of Theology of Catalunya. A Catalan anthropologist and Dr. in Theology, he has published books on history of religions and is part of the advisory board of the Local Office of the Parliament of World's Religions. Father Javier specializes in interfaith spirituality and dialogue.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## The Shumei Taiko Ensemble – Earth Songs: Water

Shumei Taiko Ensemble

TBA  
Performance

The Shumei Taiko Ensemble has captivated audiences throughout the world with the precision and vitality of one of the oldest musical traditions. Within the Ensemble's pulsating music is a fervent, heartfelt prayer for wisdom and world peace. The musicians play an assortment of drums, flutes, gongs and bells to deliver a pure, driving sound that goes straight to the heart, mind and soul.

In ancient Japan, the beat of a drum or "taiko" accompanied petitions to God. Today, the Shumei Taiko Ensemble continues to unite people of all beliefs, nations and languages in a grand vision of love and harmony. The Ensemble began in a moment of *kanro doko*, in which the sound of drums accompanied prayers to heaven. Its music can be understood as a form of prayer, a prayer for world peace and friendship among all people of the earth.

## Faith on Film: Satya – A Prayer for the Enemy

Macky Alston

Barbara Abrash

Room 111  
Film Festival

Faith on Film Series: *Satya – A Prayer for the Enemy* (1995) explores the continued religious oppression and human rights abuses in occupied Tibet and the struggles of women who are spurred by their religious beliefs to life-threatening service on a daily basis. In a deeply personal and lyrical manner, this film offers the testimonies of Tibetan Buddhist nuns, who for years have been staging demonstrations for independence against brutal imprisonment. It is exceptional for the beautiful way in which it portrays the resilience with which these modest women face down even the most intimidating foe. (28 min.) A discussion session with Macky Alston and a religious leader of the faith tradition in the film immediately follows.

Macky Alston is the Director of Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary committed to cultivating, supporting and promoting engaging, responsible, balanced media about religion, spirituality and ethics.

Barbara Abrash is Associate Director of the Center for Media, Culture and History and the center for Religion and Media at New York University where she also teaches. She is an independent documentary producer, film curator and co-editor of *Personal Essay Filmmaking of the 1980's and 9-11 and After: A Virtual Casebook* as well as numerous articles.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## Nonviolent Peaceforce: Religious Peacemakers' Circles

Robert Manning  
David Hartsough  
Krishna

Room 115, English  
Lecture

We invite you to join with us in creating a global Nonviolent Peaceforce with thousands of trained peacemakers from all religious faiths by the end of this decade! Hear about the experience and principles that work in reducing violence in a war-torn country, and of the courage and commitment of world "citizen pioneers" in the Peaceforce and the Sarvodaya movement in Sri Lanka. We will demonstrate how Religious Peacemakers' Circles can create an innovative means for religious leaders and members of Faith communities to provide much greater personal and financial support for the Nonviolent Peaceforce.

Robert L. Manning is a 68 year-old proud father of three children and two grandchildren. He has been Special Projects Director for Unity Foundation for five years, and is a retired fire captain of twenty eight years. He has also been an activist against nuclear weapons for five years.

David Hartsough is a Quaker, father and grandfather from San Francisco, California, and is a Co-Founder and Strategic Relations Director of the Nonviolent Peaceforce. David is deeply committed to nonviolence, and has been working for nonviolent social change and peaceful resolution of conflicts around the world for over 45 years.

Krishna teaches refugee children Alternative Performing Arts. He teaches music, theater and painting at refugee camps in Sri Lanka, where he is a full-time volunteer. He is also a well-known percussionist and former Marketing Director.

## God and Allah Need to Talk: A Multicultural, Interfaith Program for Healing and Reconciliation

Ruth Broyde-Sharone  
Thomas Hedberg  
Stefani Valadez

Room 116, English/Spanish  
Film Festival

The film's title is an ironic commentary on how little non-Muslims know about Islam. It illustrates how courageous Muslims, Jews and Christians in Los Angeles are determined to bring about healing through interfaith dialogue, community outreach and even dinner conversations channeled to dissolve fear and suspicion by welcoming the stranger. A live musician will illustrate how the artistic element enhances and deepens interfaith encounters. (18 min.) In English with Spanish subtitles. Producer Ruth Broyde-Sharone and Dr. Hedberg will then co-facilitate a session on interfaith dialogue. Printed

materials with suggestions for interfaith activity and guidelines to establish an interfaith dialogue group (developed by the NCCJ) will be shared.

Filmmaker, journalist, Interfaith activist, public speaker, Ruth Broyde-Sharone first dreams and then creates uplifting events that encourage interfaith dialogue through multi-cultural encounters and the arts. In 2000 she received a gold medal in Geneva from Fete d'Excellence for her work in promoting interfaith dialogue and multi-cultural education.

Director of the Center for Sacred Psychology in Los Angeles, Dr. Hedberg has been involved in interfaith dialogue for over 40 years. He is co-author of *A Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors* and *Coming Home: A Handbook for Exploring the Sanctuary Within*.

Stefani Valadez's musical repertoire is rich and romantic, including songs of many nations. She modernizes and deepens ancient love songs and liturgical prayers as in her newest CD, "Latino Alive" which highlights the time she lived in Spain performing, writing and collecting songs from the Spanish and North African Sephardic traditions.

## Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace Michael Fitzpatrick

Room 117  
Film Festival

*Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace* (2002) is an autobiographical portrait of the greatest cellist of the 20th Century who devoted his life and work to world peace. From 1920 until 1936, Casals silenced his cello and baton and went into self-imposed exile in Prades, French Catalonia. He was persuaded to conduct an orchestra at the Prades Festival and later moved to Puerto Rico. In his last years he mounted a personal peace crusade, conducting this work in some 50 major cities throughout the world. (85 min.) In English. A discussion with Michael Fitzpatrick follows during the Open Space period.

Michael Fitzpatrick served as principal advisor to Academy Award winner Robert Snyder during the completion of his final monumental film, *Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace*. Snyder, whose numinous body of work included films on Michelangelo (Academy Award), R. Buckminster Fuller, Anais Nin and Henry Miller, said of Casals, on which he worked for nearly 50 years, "It is perhaps the finest." Before he passed away in March 2004, Snyder expressed his great hope of being present in Barcelona for this screening.

## Art and Religiosity of Indonesia I Wayan Patera I Gede Pitana Yayasan Dharma Tiga

Auditorium (3155), English  
Panel Discussion, Workshop, Performance

Over the course of this program, participants will learn about how the people of Bali connect with nature and spirituality in

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

artistic ways. The first section of it, "Developing Enlightenment Tourism", will be conducted by Dr. I Gede Pitana. Bapak I Wayan Patera will present "Pura Samuan Tiga: Ritual of Conciliation in the Year 1011 and the Present", which will be followed by "Offerings to Barong Pa-Hayu Buwana/World Peace Barone", a mystical dance that helps to support peace and goodness.

Bapak I Wayan Patera, M.Hum, oversees a complex societal system related to the rituals practiced within the Samuan Tiga Temple. As faculty of the Archeology Department of Universitas Udayana-Denpasar, Bapak Patera's research includes extensive translation of ancient and current texts related to the architectural, functional and ritual history of the Pura Samuan Tiga.

Dr. Pitana has a Ph.D. in Anthropology of Tourism, and is an internationally respected speaker on the preservation of traditional culture within tourism development. He was Director of the Bali Tourism Authority from 2001-2004, and is currently a Senior Researcher at the Research Centre for Culture and Tourism at Universitas Udayana.

Yayasan Dharma Tiga is a nonprofit public foundation in Bedulu, Bali, Indonesia, that aspires to maintain and support the conciliatory spirit aroused in the interfaith meeting in the Samuan Tiga Temple in the year 1011 and that it may be useful through sharing in Arts and Religiosity among cultures in Indonesia and throughout the world. Individual biographical information of its members can be found in the Performance Section of the Program Book.

ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us – Action

William DeVincenzi  
Debbie Mytels  
Karen Harwell  
Susan Stansbury

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

The objective of Session C, the third in this series, is for participants to learn how they can take actions to address some of the critical issues facing humankind today – issues of resource depletion, environmental pollution and degradation, and conflicts among humans and between humans and nature. Remarkably, there are valuable lessons for us from the experience of bacteria, who faced similar survival challenges in their three thousand million years of living on Earth. These lessons include living on solar income, treating waste as food, and respecting diversity. Through video and PowerPoint slide show presentations and dialogue, participants will learn from each other and from exemplars from around the world how to engage with and apply the lessons of nature in their daily lives at home, work, and play.

William is Instructor in Accounting and Finance at San Jose State University. His 35-year career has also ranged from public accounting to VP of Finance and CFO. He is a trustee of the Foundation for Global Community, where he also serves on its "Walk Through Time" project.

Debbie Mytels, as Outreach Director for the Foundation for Global Community, is responsible for public relations, program development, and volunteer coordination. Before FGC, she served in various capacities at several community and environmental public benefit corporations and was educated at UC Berkeley and Stanford.

A biologist, educator and community organizer, Karen Harwell helps people see themselves as participants within the magnificent 13.7-billion-year story of the universe. She challenges her own perspectives through a graduate program in Philosophy, Cosmology and Consciousness at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

Susan Stansbury is Director of "Valley of Heart's Delight", a project of the Foundation for Global Community that promotes sustainable, organic gardening and agriculture in the Silicon Valley urban area. She has been an environmental and peace activist since the mid 1980s.

## The UNESCO civil society: religions and the culture of peace

Albert Martí Carreras  
Paul Ortega  
Silvio Matos  
Rajan Tripathi  
Nestor Da Costa Velazquez

Room 113

Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel, with UNESCO movement representatives from all over the world, will discuss interreligious dialogue and peace.

Albert Martí Carreras is President of the Catalan Federation of UNESCO Associations and Clubs; he has a long experience within the UNESCO movement, NGOs, and solidarity.

Paul Ortega is Director of the UNESCO Center of the Basque Country and ex-president of the World Federation of Associations and UNESCO Clubs.

Silvio Matos is President of the UNESCO Club of the city of Porto and Vice-President of the European Federation of Associations and UNESCO Clubs.

Rajan Tripathi is President of the Federation of Associations and UNESCO Clubs of Nepal.

Nestor Da Costa Velazquez is a sociologist, professor of the Catholic University of Uruguay, Secretary of the UNESCO Center of Montevideo and Advisor of the Interamerican Bank of Development (BID) and of the UNDP.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Embracing the Feminine in Spirituality: Transcending Chaos and Awakening Peace in the World

H. H. Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati

Bibi Kaur

Chalanda Sai Ma Lakshmi Devi

Rabbi Malka Drucker

Saleha Abedin

Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

When there is personal, and/or collective imbalance, there is global imbalance which manifests as a breakdown of environment, economy, and the welfare of our human society. During these times, conflict, pain, and suffering are often resolved by people who are able to acknowledge the importance of both the feminine and masculine within. It is only when we restore the integrity of the feminine and maintain that balance that we can become responsible leaders and caregivers. This panel of distinguished religious and spiritual women leaders will address ways of discovering the balance of feminine and masculine energy that allows us individually and collectively to transcend the chaos that the world is experiencing.

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, founder of Kashi Ashram, and the River Fund, is a compassionate humanitarian and fearless advocate of basic human rights and religious freedom. She is a Trustee of the Parliament and an inductee into the MLK Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.

Bibi Indarjit Kaur, Ph.D. is the Chief Religious Minister of Sikh Dharma of the Western Hemisphere. A licensed therapist, she serves as the Staff Counselor of the 3HO Foundation in Espanola and Los Angeles, and for Akal Security. Bibij is a renowned public speaker, lecturer and teacher.

Chalanda Sai Ma Lakshmi Devi is the Founder of Humanity in Unity. She is the driving force behind humanitarian and peace efforts in India (Beti Tar), Israel, Africa, South America and the United States. She is a spiritual teacher and humanitarian.

Rabbi Malka Drucker is the author of nearly twenty books, including the award-winning *Frida Kahlo*, and *The Family of Jewish Holidays*. Her highly acclaimed Jewish Series won the Southern California Council on Literature for Children Prize.

Chief Editor of *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Saleha Abedin is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

The Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord serves as the Officer of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles California. She also serves on many ecumenical and interreligious boards and councils within the United States.

## The Experience of Intercultural Courses and Interreligious Seminars of GERFEC

Cèlia Rosich

Manuel Ndog Nguerna

Mona Stamatopol

Ina Ter Avest

Imma Colomer

René Jakubowick

Carmen Ferreira

Jenny Banks Bryer

Aminah Tonnsen

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel discussion will present the experiences of the teachers and the students who participated in the interreligious seminars organized by the GERFEC (European association of teachers of religions) during many years (10 years of seminars and 25 of training courses).

Cèlia Rosich is a Professor of Pedagogy of the Ramon Llull University (Blanquerna) in Barcelona; Catholic member of the European association of teachers of religions (GERFEC).

Manuel Ndog Nguerna is a Catholic student of the Ramon Llull University (Blanquerna).

Mona Stamatopol studied Psychology at the Ramon Llull University (Blanquerna) and participated in a training course of the European association of teachers of religions (GERFEC) as an Orthodox member.

Ina Ter Avest is a Protestant member of the GERFEC, who works for the interreligious (Muslim and Christian) training of children in Netherlands.

Imma Colomer is a Catholic student at Blanquerna, who participates in projects for the Third World and of Interreligious Dialogue.

René Jakubowick is a Professor of religion in a Christian school and Jewish member of the European association of teachers of religions (GERFEC).

Carmen Ferreira is a Catholic teacher in Portugal, who participated in an interreligious seminar.

Jenny Banks Bryer is a retired teacher of French at school and university level, she was Deputy Headmistress of a Catholic girls' school in Birmingham and is now the chair of the European association of teachers of religions (GERFEC), a Christian research association for teachers.

Converted to Islam since 1983, Aminah Tonnsen is a member of the Islamic-Christian Center of Copenhagen; she has written books on Islam.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Ford Interfaith Network: A Model for Faith in the Corporate Workplace

James Dosdall

Imam Achmat Salie

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

The Ford Interfaith Network (FIN) is an organization of employees of Ford Motor Company recognized and supported by the company as an Employee Resource Group. Since its establishment in 2000, the Ford Interfaith Network has organized opportunities for religious expression in the workplace of Ford Motor Company to assist the company in becoming a worldwide corporate leader in promoting religious tolerance, corporate integrity, and human dignity. Along with other work, it supports the corporate diversity initiatives, helps attract and retain talented employees of faith, and promoted interfaith understanding among employees and in the community.

James Dosdall represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the Board of the Ford Interfaith Network.

Imam Achmat Salie is the Director of the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, where he is involved in regular outreach programs. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in business administration, and is very active in interfaith activities.

## An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 2)

Kamran Mofid

Jean Leshar

Josef Boehle

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke

Toh Swee-Hin

Shahriar Shahabi

Sr. Beatrice Mariotti

Judith Rahima Jensen

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

This is the second session of panelists who will present and discuss theological, spiritual, and economic perspectives on globalization. Different speakers from different religions, cultures, and specialization will debate on common ground and humanity. Each session will commence with prayer, read by Jean Leshar from her book, *Prayers for the Common Good*. The panelists for Session 2 will include: Dr. Kamran Mofid, Dr. Josef Boehle, Rev. Marcus Braybrooke, Prof. Toh Swee-Hin, Shahriar Shahabi, Sr. Beatrice Mariotti, and Dr. Judith Rahima Jensen.

Dr. Kamran Mofid, Ph.D., is a lecturer, activist, and practitioner. He is also the author of *Globalization for the Common Good*. Dr. Mofid is currently carrying out research on the relationship between spirituality, cultures and globalization.

A collector of inspirational quotations, A. Jean Leshar has compiled them into three books including one titled *Prayers for the Common Good*. She just completed a compilation of reflections on the theme of the Barcelona Parliament: "Pathways to Peace." With her husband, Bill, she has attended the 1993 and 1999 Parliaments. She is a former editor of trade and professional books for educational companies and lives in Berkeley, California.

Josef Boehle is Research Fellow in Globalisation, Religion and Politics at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age, What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

Professor Toh Swee-Hin is the Director of the Multi-Faith Center at Griffith University in Australia.

Shahriar Shahabi is the Director of Marketing and Corporate Relations of FourStar.net in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Sister Beatrice is the Headmistress at St. Mary's Catholic High School in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Jensen is the Director of Educational Solutions.

## Professional Commitment and the Preferential Option for the Poor

Anna Jolonch

Room 120

Lecture

This conference offers the conclusions of a symposium presented by Rovira Belloso and shares the experiences of Christians in their social work.

Anna Jolonch, Ph.D. in Educational Sciences, is in charge of studies and formation in the Caritas organisation in Barcelona. She has written "Education and childhood in threat: Action and consideration in the social environment."

## Building an Interfaith Youth Movement in Your Community: Shared Values and Social Action

April Kunze

Room 121

Academy

This training will prepare young leaders to start interfaith youth work in their home communities by giving them the experience and tools for developing shared values and social action methodologies. Participants will be given copies of the workshop module and a chance to ask questions about how to facilitate it. Descriptive and contact information on the

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

existing interfaith youth movement will be given as well. This program is a part of the Parliament Academy series of youth centered programs.

April Kunze is the Assistant Director of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core ([www.ifyc.org](http://www.ifyc.org)). She currently coordinates the national programming of the Interfaith Youth Core. April's professional background is in community organizing, youth development and organizational development.

## Welcoming the Arabic and Muslim Immigration with the Bayt Al-Thaqafa Foundation

Teresa Losada

Room 122  
Lecture

This conference wants to analyse the effects of the migratory movements with a creative approach of the mutual binding actions in a multicultural society.

Teresa Losada has a Ph.D. in Semitic Philology and is the founder-president of the Bayt-Al-Thaqafa Foundation.

## How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona – Session 3 – Partnering with Guiding Institutions

J. Kirk Boyd  
Richard Weingarten  
Olly Donnelly

Room 123, English  
Training Session

This is the third of five related sessions seeking to encourage the organization of local support groups for the Parliament, and to strengthen existing support groups and Partner Cities. The five sessions will provide "real world" guidance and tools designed to help you build and manage a support group or Partner City. "Partnering with Guiding Institutions" will focus on how to identify and approach religious institutions, universities, businesses, not-for-profits, governments, and other organizations in your area that you might work with as long-term partners and supporters. Case studies and interactive sessions will be integrated in this session.

Dr. J. Kirk Boyd, Esq. has three law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. He also teaches International Human Rights and Constitutional Law, and has led numerous panel discussions on the recognition and enforcement of International Human Rights.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

Miss Olly Donnelly works for the World Bank's Development Dialogue Division as a Junior Professional Associate. She graduated from Oxford University with a first class honors in her Bachelors Degree, and a distinction in her Masters in International Development.

## On Becoming A Converted Outsider

Mazher Ahmed  
Rabbi Herbert Bronstein  
Scott Alexander

Room 124, English

One of the cardinal rules of interfaith is that it should not be used for the purpose of converting others to one's own faith tradition. This doesn't mean, however, that interfaith dialogue shouldn't aim at converting the minds and hearts of those who are skeptical to it as a way of life. This session will provide participants with an opportunity to explore the dynamics of becoming a "converted outsider" vis a vis a tradition other than one's own. What does it mean to be a "converted outsider" and what role can such a person play in the intrafaith challenge in building up the interfaith movement?

Mazher Ahmed is a native of Mumbai, India, and a passionate advocate of interfaith understanding and dialogue. She serves as the Vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, the Executive Coordinator of the Islamic Research Foundation and serves as vice-president of the Islamic Center in Balavia, Illinois.

Herbert Bronstein is Senior Scholar/Rabbi Emeritus of a leading Chicago congregation, where he served as Senior Rabbi for 25 years. He has lectured at the University of Rochester, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois – Chicago, Oxford, Common Ground and the Illinois Humanities Council and teaches the History of Religions at Lake Forest College. He is the author of numerous articles and is the editor of a modern classic of liturgy, *The Passover Haggadah of Reform Judaism*. In 2000, he was honored by the University of Cincinnati as their Distinguished Alumnus.

Scott Alexander is director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Dr. Alexander has studied Islam in the context of his broader training as an historian of religions. He is interested in medieval Muslim sectarianism, and the mystical traditions of Muslim spirituality, Quranic studies, and the history and future of Muslim-Christian relations and interfaith dialogue.

## Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Communal Violence

Lyudmyla Filipovych  
Saleh Habimana  
Paul Eppinger  
Aida Shibli  
Mohinder Singh

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Room 125, English Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. We live in an era of religiously targeted and motivated violence. This panel will discuss ways in which communities can not only respond in solidarity to acts of communal violence, but also harness and sustain this emergent interreligious camaraderie, so that these acts of violence will not have the intended effect of sowing fear and distrust, but rather serve as a catalyst for sustainable interreligious cooperation.

Dr. Lyudmyla Filipovych is Senior Researcher in the Department of Religious Studies, Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences. She is also the Executive Director of the Ukrainian Center for Religious Information and Freedom.

Sheikh Saleh Habimana is Mufti of the Rwandan Muslims Association, and was the first Vice-President of the Inter-faith Commission of Rwanda. He is the Chairperson of the Union of Muslim Councils for East, Central and Southern Africa, and is the Commissioner of Monitoring and Follow-up for the National Commission for Fight Against HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Paul Eppinger, an American Baptist minister, has served as Statewide Director of the campaign to establish a Martin Luther King holiday for Arizona, the Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council and is now the Executive Director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement.

Aida Shibli is the Muslim Coordinator for the Interfaith Encounter Association. She is also a Board member of Bat Shalom, a feminist organization comprised of Israeli and Palestinian women working for political action and women's rights.

Dr. Mohinder Singh is a former Professor at Baring Union Christian College, Khalsa College, and the University of Delhi. He is former Director of the Guru Nanak Foundation, and author of standard works on Sikh history and religion.

## The spirituality of deeds

Carles Torner Pifarre

## Room 129, French/Catalan Lecture

This is a presentation of the Life Review and its spirituality, in an interreligious perspective with specific examples to see how this is experienced in different religious and cultures.

Carles Torner Pifarre is a poet and writer. He was the Chairman of the International Movement of the Catholic Students (1986-1991). Now he is a member of the Catholics Professionals Movement in Barcelona.

## Commitment to Non Possessiveness for a Better World

Chetanya Kumar Kasyap

## Room 130, English Lecture

With material progress, human wants have continued to multiply. Human beings have succumbed to the temptation of reckless exploitation of natural resources and ecology, not for their needs, but for their greed. Varying degrees of comforts available to the rich and the poor have widened the gulf and created a breeding ground for exploitation, hatred and ill-will. Developed countries are known for over consumption as well as wasteful consumption. Jain philosophy advocates the attitude and practice of "Aparigraha", meaning non-possessiveness, non-attachment, and can be promoted through voluntary self-discipline, self-control and self-restraint.

Mr. Chetanya Kumar Kasyap is President of Chetanya Kasyap foundation. Mr. Kasyap is also well known as the Editor of Ahimsa World, Chetna and is the author of many books. He works hard to spread education in rural and tribal areas, and is a Vice President of the World Jain Confederation.

## Bridges of dialogue and commitment

Maria Pilar Bonfill Prades

Antoni Matabosch

Monica Fernandez de Blas

## Room 131, Catalan/Spanish Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the presence of Islam in Catalonia. This discussion will show the structures and life experiences that Muslims have to confront to live and practice their faith in Catalonia.

Maria Pilar Bonfill Prades has a degree in Philosophy and Education Sciences from the University of Barcelona, and a degree in Religious Sciences from the Theological Institute of Barcelona.

Antoni Matabosch is a Dr. in Theology and is the director of Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona (ISCREB).

Monica Fernandez de Blas is a Dr. in Law and has a B.A. in Religious Sciences.

## The Need for Spiritual Justice and Native Inmates

Gordon BelCourt

Tom Goldtooth

## Room 132, English Interactive Workshop

Because indigenous religious/spiritual practices of native peoples are not recognized or included among organized religions, many native peoples who are in corrective institutions are denied religious freedom. This dialogue/engagement will provide an overview of these

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

problems and how some native groups are bringing spiritual help inside the prison walls. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Gordon Belcourt is a member of the Blackfeet Nation. He is executive director of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and the Area Indian Health Board in Billings, Montana.

Tom B.K. Goldtooth is the Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network. He recently co-produced an award-winning documentary film, *Drumbeat for Mother Earth*, which addresses the effects of bioaccumulative chemicals on Indigenous peoples. From his participation and leadership in several summits and meetings, he has emerged to become an Indigenous grassroots leader, both locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, and was an Indigenous delegate at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto Japan.

## Resolutions of the II European Women Synod "Sharing Cultures"

Magda Tomàs

Fina Ribot

M<sup>a</sup> Antonia Bogóñez

Room 134, Spanish/English  
Interactive Workshop

Interactive workshop that will present the resolutions and the conclusions of the II European Women Synod. These conclusions were drawn upon the proposals for change in social, political, economical and religious spheres. The conclusions reflect the points of view of more than 700 women that attended the synod.

Magda Tomàs is a teacher and a theologian as well as a member of the Association of the Women of the Church ("Col·lectiu de Dones en l'Església") and one of the organizers of the II European Women Synod.

Fina Ribot is a member of the Association of the Women of the Church ("Col·lectiu de Dones en l'Església") and one of the participants of the II European Women Synod.

M<sup>a</sup> Antonia Bogóñez is secretary of the Association of the Women of the Church ("Col·lectiu de Dones en l'Església") and technical secretary of the II European Women Synod.

## Millennium Development Goals: Fostering a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Kamla Chowdhry

Eveline Herfkens

Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

The relationship between religious and development

institutions is a key to achieving a just, peaceful and sustainable world. With leaders from the United Nations Development Program and religious and spiritual leaders in a substantive discussion regarding the cross-institutional collaboration for the Millennium Development Goals, this discussion hopes to spark significant new partnerships to combat poverty and further social justice.

Dr. Chowdhry is a Chairman/Board member of several international humanitarian and conservation institutions, many of which she helped establish. She is currently a Member of the World Commission on Forestry and Sustainable Development, The Earth Charter Commission and a board member of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD).

The Secretary-General appointed Eveline Herfkens as the Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign in October 2002. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Herfkens served as the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation (between 1998 to 2002). During this time, she was also a Member of the World Bank and IMF Development Committee and a Co-founder of the Utstein-Group. Ms. Herfkens served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands at the United Nations and other international organizations—including the World Trade Organization (WTO)—in Geneva (between 1996 to 1998). In this capacity, she chaired the WTO Subcommittee on Least-developed Countries and launched the Integrated Framework. Ms. Herfkens was an Executive Director of the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. (between 1990 and 1996), and was a Member of Parliament in the Netherlands from 1981 to 1990.

Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp, was born in Amsterdam in 1943. As an infant he was saved by non-Jews during WWII. He helped reestablish Jewish communities in the Netherlands and is now the co-chair on of the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders and founding member of Green Cross International. Soetendorp is also founder and co-chair of the Hope for Children Everywhere Foundation.

## Dharma, Allah and Governance: A Buddhist and Muslim Dialogue

Maria Habito

Ven. Dharma Master Hsin Tao

Chirzin Habib

Mohammed Kagee

David Chappell

Sulak Sivaraksa

President Abdurrahman Wahid

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel will build upon a series of five Buddhist-Muslim Dialogues initiated by the Museum of World Religions. Speakers will address the implications of key religious concepts of their respective traditions (Dharma and Allah) for justice and sustainable living, point out obstacles, and suggest concrete ways in which these traditions can further work together for good stewardship of society and the earth.

# Program Descriptions

Sunday, July 11, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Maria Habito is International Program Director, The Museum of World Religions. She is also International Program Director of Global Family for Love and Peace, a US-based NGO.

Dharma Master Hsin Tao founded the acclaimed Museum of World Religions that opened in Taiwan in November 2001 and Global Family for Love and Peace that was established in 2002. At a young age, Master Hsin Tao made a vow to spend his life following the spiritual example of Bodhisattva Kuanyin, and at the age of 25 he was tonsured as a monk. After many years in ascetic and solitary living, Master Hsin Tao reentered society and established the Ling-Jiou Mountain Wu Sheng Monastery, as well as several foundations.

Muhammad Habib Chirzin is the President of the Islamic Millennium Forum for Peace and Dialogue. He is also the Vice Chairperson of the Sub Commission on Education and Public Awareness, National Commission on Human Rights in Indonesia, and the Editor in Chief of the *Islamic Millennium Journal*. His educational and professional training includes studies at the Educational Institutes of Darussalam, Gontor and Ponorogo. He completed his studies at the Institute of Philosophy of Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta in 1983.

Mohammed Kagee is a Founding Member of the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative and the Muslim Students Association of South Africa. He also serves as a Trustee of the Claremont Main Road Mosque, which was instrumental in the anti-apartheid struggle.

David W. Chappell teaches Buddhist studies and comparative religion at Soka University of America, and is Professor Emeritus of the University of Hawaii. His publications include several edited books, among which are: *Buddhist and Taoist Studies*, *T'ien-t'ai Buddhism: An Outline of the Fourfold Teachings*, and *Buddhist Peacework: Creating Cultures of Peace*.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Procha Dhamma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

President Wahid, President of the Republic of Indonesia from 1999-2001, is General Chairman of the Council for The National Awakening Party. He was Chairman of P3M (Pusat Pengembangan Pesantren dan Masyarakat – Centre for Pesantren and Community Development), and has won several awards.

## Musical Kairoi

Carles Astor

Cabaret (4:30 PM – 5:15 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Prophetic songs inspired by experiences of living in Central America that speak about the commitment to local realities and against unjust social structures. This musical group of the Marxist Brothers of Catalunya was formed in 1979 and is dedicated to transmitting an evangelical message through music.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan  
Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

July 12 – How self-purification accompanies “reading” and “practicing” (Surahs 87, 88, 91, 92). Day Five of an observance offered throughout the week. Each observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text: it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamic and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of *West and Islam*, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamic from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## Dances of Universal Peace – Morning Observance

Br. Joseph Kilikevice, O.P.

Room 113

Morning Observances  
Religious or Spiritual Observance

In this morning observance, experience sacred phrases from the world's religious and spiritual traditions. Out of the spiritual practice of listening, chanting and embodying in simple reverent movements within a prayerful circle of people, the heart is softened into an hospitable place where all are welcomed. One's own tradition is blessed and enriched by the respectful welcome of those different from ourselves. It is the mantric sounds of a rich diversity of sacred phrases that we can receive the power to commit to a Pathway of Peace.

Brother Joseph Kilikevice, O.P., is a friar of the Dominican Order in the Catholic Church and founding director of the SHEM Center for Interfaith Spirituality, Oak Park, Illinois. He has offered experiential interfaith retreats nationally and internationally since 1980.

## Theology and Prayers: The Language of Icons

Maria Rosa Ocaña Ruiz  
Arxipriest Joan Garcia Casanovas  
Aurel Bunda  
Cornel Barbure

Room 114

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion that will show how prayer and iconography complement each other in the Orthodox tradition.

Vicar of the Spanish Orthodox Church of the Serbian Patriarchy and the president of the theology institute Sant Gregori Palamas

Romanian priest, rector of the parish of Sant Jordi in Barcelona, Dr. in theology from Orthodox Theological Faculty of Bucarest.

Dr. from the faculty of Orthodox theology of Sibiu, in Romania, iconographer and rector of the Orthodox parish of Toledo.

## Buddhist Sculpture

Tetubon Yoshimura

Room 115, Spanish & Japanese

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Traditional techniques in painting and sculpting Buda figures as well as other figures. Presenting the inner spirit of Buddhist Tradition practising his art live during the session.

Born in 1946 in Japan, Tetubon Yoshimura was a follower of Master Gantei Seki. He has exhibited his work in many cities of Japan.

## The Training of Character in Buddhism, Islam and Confucianism

Francis Garcia

Room 116

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion on how transforming usual egocentric and compulsive attitudes into altruistic and patient ones forms an indispensable dimension of the spiritual path. There are deep parallels between the great religious traditions on this topic.

Francis Garcia has practiced Buddhism for 28 years and has been an organizer of socio-cultural encounters of masters from diverse religious traditions. He belongs to the Buddha's Light International Association.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Traditional Pueblo Morning Prayers

Rachele Agoyo

Room 120, English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

These traditional Pueblo morning prayers are normally done at sunrise. We begin with prayers and intentions, starting with the north and pray to all directions. We pray for the world and all its' people. Then we pray for the world closer to us, our villages and its' people. We pray for our family and finally for our personal needs and hopes for the day and the wisdom to continue on our path.

Rachel Agoya, San Juan Pueblo, received her M.S. from the University of New Mexico and developed and managed the first Headstart Program at Cochiti Pueblo. Later, she held the position of Headstart Director for the Sandoval County Pueblos. She has been featured in the PBS program *Colores and Surviving Columbus*.

## Morning Pray (Multilingual and Participative)

Ariel Edery

Room 121, Spanish and five more languages/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The rabbi will make a reading of relevant Jewish texts: they can be shared by several traditions, they will be translated to six languages.

Ariel Edery is Rabbi of the Jewish liberal community Atid of Barcelona.

## Raja Yoga Guided Meditation

Veda Bharati

Room 122  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Swami Veda Bharati teaches spirituality beyond religion through ancient Raja-yoga as a living tradition of Himalayan yogis. This guided meditation in the Himalayan Tradition will help the participants to experience personally the unity of religions through these methods of contemplation.

A highly acclaimed authority on the yoga-sutras of Patanjali, Swami Veda Bharati gave his first university lecture at age 13. Born in a Sanskrit speaking family in the tradition of the Brahmin philosophers of India, he holds a doctorate from Utrecht, Holland and has been involved in numerous interfaith events worldwide since 1954. A published poet, he is the author of many books, articles, cassette recordings and CDs.

## Prayer of Abandonment

Maite Vallejo

Enrique Larrañaga

Room 123, Spanish/English  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Prayer to abandon oneself to God as one of the most evangelical attitudes.

Maite Vallejo is a teacher of philosophy. She is also an evangelist and a teacher of Workshops of Prayer and Life.

Enrique Larrañaga is a teacher of philosophy. He is also an evangelist and a teacher of Workshops of Prayer and Life.

## Self-Inquiry Meditation

Swami Gajanand

Room 124  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

"Yoga in Daily Life" offers numerous methods to attain physical and mental well-being. An important tool in self-investigation and self-knowledge is the technique of "Self-Inquiry Meditation." In this meditation practice we come into contact with our subconscious, the source of our desires, complexes, behavioral patterns and prejudices. We become acquainted with our own nature, and then beyond self-acceptance to Self-Realization. This technique enables us to overcome negative qualities and habits and helps us to better manage life's problems.

In 1987, Swami Gajanand found his spiritual master in His Holiness Mahamandalashwar Swami Maheshwarananda and became a qualified Yoga teacher and the leader of the Yoga in Daily Life Centre in Hamburg. He now resides in India continuing his spiritual development and teaching yoga and meditation in various ashrams and institutions.

## Prayer with Taize Songs

Jaume Casassas

Room 125  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

It's a prayer following the spirit of the ecumenical community of Taizé, in France. The prayer is organized around some Christian icons, people is sitting in silence, and they listen the Gospel and sing regularly short and easy songs to be repeated to get an atmosphere of contemplation.

Jaume Casassas is one of the members of the prayer group who meets together every week in the Sacred Heart Church of Jesuits in Barcelona.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Interspiritual Ceremony for Peace

Matthew Mitrler

Room 129, Various

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Theatre Group Dzieci and InterSpiritual Dialogue will create and co-facilitate, with spiritual and religious leaders from a multitude of paths and practices, an Interspiritual Ceremony that crosses borders and boundaries to embrace the essential human element. The Ceremony will be cross-cultural, comprising many languages, hymns and chants, along with nonverbal ritual elements. Done as an act of service, it includes elements of ritual performance in the mode of Sacred Theatre, allowing for a creative exchange of ideas and energy. Presenters include company members of Dzieci, members of InterSpiritual Dialogue and other spiritual and religious leaders.

Matt Mitrler originally trained in Humanistic and Existential Psychology and later discovered the healing potential of theatre. He studied with such masters as Jerzy Grotowski, Carl Rogers, and Jean Houston. In 1997, he merged psychotherapy and theatre to found Dzieci, a theater group with a higher purpose. He is a founding member of the ISDAC (InterSpiritual Dialogue) Service Council.

## Monastic Prayers of God's Praise

Catalina Terrats

Room 130, Catalan

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance – Off activity

Religious practice consisting of hymns, psalms and readings of the Bible. The prayers will be carried out by the nuns of the monastery of "St. Pere de les Puel·les" (Barcelona) and will take place in the monastery (Carrer Angli, 55 – 08017 Barcelona) from 8 to 9 a.m.

Catalina Terrats is a Sister of the monastery of "St. Pere de les Puel·les" (Barcelona).

## This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer

Master Teacher

Room 131

English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The morning observance will be directed to the healing power of prayer, demonstrating the power of dynamic prayer to heal through individual applications of forgiveness and love. Morning Observances held by Teachers of A Course in Miracles will offer the rest that comes from an instant of perfect communication with God. Everyone is invited to join us in this

experience of awakening to the peace and happiness that is our reality as a perfect creation of God.

Master Teacher is a Teacher of God through illumination of mind and body that is the fulfillment of the mission of A Course in Miracles. He demonstrates the passion of rebirth that is the goal of all of us in the mind training of the Course and constitutes a continuing union with the mind of Jesus of Nazareth through the Holy Spirit.

## The Multiple Voices in Talmud

Dominique Tomasov

Ariel Edery

132, Spanish/Catalan

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Workshop on the study of Talmud that will be analyzed as a literary universal work. There will be an open and interactive debate. The participants will be members of the group of experts of Talmud of the Community Atid of Barcelona, in addition of the rabbi of the community.

Ariel Edery is Rabbi of the Jewish liberal community Atid of Barcelona.

## The Song of the Sacred Name of God in the Vaishnava Tradition: Theory and Practice

Yadunanda Dasa Brahmachari

Room 134, Spanish/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Those present will be able to share the spiritual prayers through the songs of Vaishnava religious tradition, which is the monotheistic and bhakti religion of the Vedas. There will be the meditative recitation of the Sacred Name (Mantrayoga) and a session of communitarian song with instruments used in the Hindu temples.

Yadunanda Dasa Brahmachari has been monk for more than 25 years and Chairperson of ISKCON Spain for 11 years. Nowadays he is the Vice-Chancellor of the Bhaktivedanta College, one Theological Seminar of the Vaishnava tradition in Durbuy, Belgium.

## Zoroastrian Havan Gah Observance – One of the Five Watches of the Day

Meher Master Moos

M.O. 1

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Zoroastrians divide the day into five gahs/watches/periods: sunrise to noon, noon to midafternoon, midafternoon to sunset, sunset to midnight and midnight to sunrise. The Havan

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Gah is the first watch of the day. The Havan Gah prayer will be recited followed by a brief explanation of other Zoroastrian principle ceremonies.

Dame Master-Moos, Ph.D., D.Sc., is the Founder and President of the only Zoroastrian College in the world, Mazdayasnie Monasterie Zoroastrian College, in Mumbai, India. She is the recipient of the Dag Hammarskjöld Award (1968) and the Medal for Inter Faith Peace by HH Pope John Paul II (1989). Dr. Meher Master-Moos has written 19 books and is a Barrister at law, Advocate, and Special Executive Magistrate, she has honorary doctorate degrees from several universities.

## Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace

Sandra Comeau

Jan Campbell

M.O. 4, Various  
Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

By its fundamental nature, the labyrinth is a metaphor for a pathway to unity, within self, community and with all cultures, faiths, ages and genders. This facilitated open walk is accompanied by the music CD "World Peace Chants" by New Orleans-based devotional singer Sean Johnson, and his ensemble, The Rishis (named for the great sages of India). Sean created the music especially for the labyrinth walks at the 2004 Parliament.

Sandra Comeau has been involved in the Veriditas Labyrinth Movement for over five years, obtaining her facilitator training from Dr. Lauren Artress of Grace Cathedral. She has extensive training in ancient cultures, sacred geometry, spiritual counseling and various other healing traditions, as well as an undergraduate degree in Cross-Cultural Studies.

Jan Campbell has been involved in various events presenting the Labyrinth experience. She facilitated the Labyrinth at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town. Her volunteer work has spanned many spiritual traditions including interfaith projects. She has spent over 15 years embracing a diversity of spiritual studies.

INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Religious Studies and Interreligious Dialogue: Possibilities and Problems

Daniel Madigan

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Lecture that examines the role of religious studies in schools and universities in assisting the process of interreligious dialogue. It identifies common pitfalls as well as promising avenues.

Daniel Madigan is an Australian Jesuit priest and director of the Institute for the Study of Religions and Cultures at the Gregorian University, Rome. He holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Religion from Columbia University, New York, and has lived and worked in India, Pakistan, Egypt, United States and Italy. He has many years of teaching experience about Islam and Christianity to Christian, Jewish and Muslim students.

## A Sacred Circle: A Call to Unity and Reverence for Each Other and the Earth

Diane Williams

Angaangaq Lyberth

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

Indigenous wisdom encourages us to listen to our inner voices and the voice of the earth. In indigenous cultures throughout the world, many prophecies exist about a time of sorrow and imbalance followed by a healing, a rebalancing. You are invited to a Sacred Morning of indigenous rituals and ceremonies in honor of this very sacred time in history, when the peoples of the world are coming together in partnership to create pathways to peace through greater understanding, mutual respect and reverence for each other and the earth.

Diane Williams is a United Nations Representative for the Tribal Link Foundation. She is also the Co-Creator of the Sacred Place, and actively serves on a number of committees at the UN, and is also a member of the Values Caucus.

Angaangaq Lyberth is an internationally respected Inuk Elder for the Native communities of the Circumpolar Arctic, North and South America and Europe. He serves on the Special Advisory Council to the Jane Goodall Institute, and is also an Elder for the Aboriginal Justice Learning Network and Justice Canada.

## The Zoroastrian View of Interfaith Dialogue

Homi Dhallia

Rohinton Rivetna

Firdosh Mehta

Nicholas Davidson

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

The interfaith movement has been one of the most important developments of the 20th century. In the last twenty-five years, Zoroastrians have been increasingly taking an active interest in the interfaith movement. One of the important dimensions of this movement is interfaith dialogue. The presentation and responses examine various aspects of interfaith dialogue from the Zoroastrian viewpoint. Besides this, Zoroastrians have played a role as meditators and bridge-builders in times of crisis. In India, Zoroastrians have encouraged Hindu-Muslim dialogue to diffuse tension.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Dr. Dhalia is the Founder and President of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation, and is an advisor to the Parliament, providing interfaith leadership in India.

Rohinton M. Rivetna is a founding member of the Zoroastrian Association of Chicago, the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations for North America, and the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Firdosh Dara Mehta, president and founding member of The Zoroastrian Association of Alberta, Canada, is also the President of The Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America. Mehta serves as a Board Member with several organizations such as the Interfaith Center, The Alberta Gujarati Association and the Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Nicholas Davidson is a scholar of Zoroastrianism and the influence it has had on the development of several other religions.

## A Way of Living in Harmony with Self and Others: Sikh Spiritual Practices

Mohinder Singh  
Sangat Syalee  
Balwant Singh  
Kuldip Singh

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan

Spiritual practices bring power to our mind, body and spirit. Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhism in the fifteenth century, laid stress on three interrelated aspects – singing, listening and then accepting, Naam in His praise. It is a very slow process, because it has to work on various parts of our personality – Consciousness, Intelligence, Mind and Power of Discrimination. According to eastern religions, we are bringing all these elements from our previous births in a cumulative form – Karma. When religion fails to respond and accept challenges, it is on the decline and is likely to fade away. We live in an age of humanism and cannot be insensitive to social ill and sufferings. Cosmology does not depend on revelations and traditions.

Dr. Mohinder Singh is a former Professor at Baring Union Christian College, Khalsa College, and the University of Delhi. He is former Director of the Guru Nanak Foundation, and author of standard works on Sikh history and religion.

With a Doctor of Medicine specializing in neurology and psychiatry, Dr. Syalee is a retired consultant and professor of psychiatry (Indian Army). She is the Acting President of the Guru Nanak Foundation, New Delhi. She is also the President of the Interfaith Council of Southwest Queens, New York.

Dr. Balwant Singh has a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He taught at the University of Delhi, Punjab University and at Old Dominion University. Dr. Singh has written several articles for distinguished papers and journals. He is a member of CARE-Community Alliance for Respect and Equality.

Kuldip Singh combines presentation skill with religious knowledge to bring awareness among his audience. He oversees a series of

educational programs within his community, including computer classes, project management classes, helping hate crime victims, and organizing blood drives and health camps.

## The Global Faces of Buddhism

Ven. T.Kenjitsu Nakagaki  
Ananda Guruge

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

One of the central tenets of the Buddhism indigenous to Central, East, and Southeast Asia is the doctrine of the Sunyata, according to which everything in the world lacks an essence, and thus, everything in this world is subject to continual change. The Buddhist tradition itself is an excellent example of this. As Buddhism has spread throughout the world, it has adapted itself and altered its environment, often with astounding malleability and creativity – while remaining true to core Buddhist principles. Today's presenters will speak from within their tradition on the uniqueness of their Buddhism. They will also discuss the transformative effects that globalization – particularly the fact of Buddhist migration – has had upon their Buddhist community and Buddhist practice.

T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki is the Resident Head Minister of New York Buddhist Church (Shin Buddhist Temple), President of the Buddhist Council of New York, Buddhist Chaplain of United Campus Ministries at Columbia University, and a Board member of Interfaith Alliance.

Dr. Ananda Guruge is Chairman of the World Buddhist University. Dr. Guruge is a devout Buddhist who hails from Sri Lanka. He is a supreme authority on the world's major religions. He has served his country in various capacities abroad and is also a Senior Special Advisor, Culture of Peace Programme, UNESCO.

## The Religious Traditions and the Scientific Cosmivision of the 21st Century

Manuel Doncel  
Antje Jackelen  
Philip Hefner

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This is a panel discussion explaining the place of traditional religions in the light of the latest advances in science, especially our increased knowledge on the universe and the theory of the Big Bang.

Manuel Doncel is a Jesuit who studied Theology in Innsbruck (Austria) and has a PhD in physics from the University of Paris.

Antje Jackelen is Director of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science; she is also associate professor of theology and religion and science at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Philip Hefner is a Professor of Systematic Theology, editor of Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science, and former president of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## **The Confederacy and the Great Law of Peace**

Douglas George Kanentiio  
Chief Jake Swamp

Room 120, English

Principles of peace, equality, respect, love, and justice are central in the Great Law of Peace that governs the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (Iroquois Confederacy). The Great Law of Peace embraced by the Confederacy helped unite five nations, each sharing equity and sovereignty within the Confederacy. The Akwasane are a key part of this Confederacy and representatives will discuss the implication of this sacred law for their nation in the 21st century. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwasane Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

Tekaronienken, Jake Swamp has been the sub-chief of the Wolf Clan for the Mohawk Nation for 33 years. He has served as director of the Akwasane Freedom School and the Akwasane Environmental Justice Project, and introduced aqua culture to the Mohawk community.

## **Modern Application of Ancient Hindu Practices – The Yoga of Sound**

Russill Paul

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

This interactive, experiential workshop will show participants how they can use practices from four streams of sonic mysticism to cope with stress and other counter-spiritual conditions in the modern world, helping to expand consciousness and tap into deep mystical states. Practices are drawn from the Vedic, Tantric and Bhakti traditions and also from Nada Yoga, the sonic parallel of physical Hatha Yoga. No musical capability or physical dexterity required to enjoy the benefits of these methods.

Russill Paul was born in South India. A monk under the late Dom Bede Griffiths, a pioneering Benedictine spiritual teacher and modern day sage, Russill studied Sanskrit chanting and South Indian Classical Music in addition to yoga. Involved in the music industry for over two decades, he has recorded professionally for movie soundtracks under well known music directors in India and produced a wide selection of his own recordings in the USA with noted record labels *The Relaxation Company* and *Gaiam, Inc.*

## **Water: The Reverential Experience**

Patricia Novick  
Mary Ann McDermott

Room 122, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

Water is experienced with deep reverence in virtually all religions, not only because of its life-giving power but for its beauty and metaphorical impact. Like divine benevolence, water can be taken too much for granted in everyday life. In this interactive workshop, participants will engage in simple rituals that revive their appreciation for water, observe ways that water is represented in various religious traditions, and discuss how water and its images and metaphors can abet personal transformation, promote community, and engender commitment to a better world.

Patricia Katherine Novick, Ph.D., D.Min., is a clinical psychologist and spiritual director with 30 years experience in a wide range of healing disciplines. Most recently, she was Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. She has consulted with health care systems in Metropolitan Chicago on integrating spirituality and complementary healthcare practices with traditional Western medical care.

Mary Ann McDermott, M.S.N., Ed.D., has served in a variety of administrative positions at Loyola University Chicago and most recently was their director of faith and mission. Her teaching, research, publication, consultation and presentations are primarily in the areas of Parish Nursing, Health Ministry and Nursing and the Arts.

## **Madre Naturaleza y Cosmos (Mother Earth and the Cosmos)**

Yoland Trevino  
Alejandro Cirilo Perez Oxla  
Raul Mamani  
Sofia Painiqueo

Room 123, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

In partnership with other indigenous brothers and sisters, and through an experiential workshop format, we will share from our ancient traditions and indigenous cosmology information that is applicable for our present challenges and goals to achieve peace. We will offer participants tools and practices that will help to deepen their own spirituality and in doing so feel they're connected to the web of life and our deepest humanity. We will spend time-sharing about the Mayan Prophecies in the context of current global challenges and what can we learn to live differently.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Yoland Trevino, Principal of Transformative Collaborations International (TCI), graduated with a Masters in both Human Behavior and Psychology from Pacific Oaks College. Yoland is a visionary educator, trainer and organizational development specialist who focuses on issues related to personal and organizational change.

Alejandro Cirilo Perez-Oxloj was born in Guatemala. His Mayan name is Wakatel Utiw/Wandering Wolf (Lobo Errante), given by the invisible beings with a mandate of being "The Voice of the Jungle" and the messenger of the Mayas. Anciano Mayor del Consejo Nacional de Ancianos Maya de Guatemala.

Raul Mamani has lived in Buenos Aires since 1980, where he began his work in advocacy for the civic rights of the indigenous people. He is a co-founder of CEPNA, whose purpose it is to share indigenous cosmology and values in educational settings.

Sofia Painiquep is an admirable representative of the Mapuche Pueblo. On stage, we have heard her songs and her ancestral Kulxug, sending into the four winds her interpretive strength. Sofia has recorded CDs of her music and video tapes of her culture and traditions.

## The Islamic Metaphysics and the Dialogue with Other Traditions

Vicente Haya Segovia

Room 124, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture providing an overview of the potential for dialogue between Islam and Judaism, Christianity and Buddhism. This program will offer participants an overview of the varieties of Muslim communities and their perspectives on interreligious dialogue and cooperation.

Vicente Haya Segovia is a Dr. in Philosophy, translator of Japanese poetry and author of four books on Japanese spirituality.

## How to Facilitate Intra-Religious Dialogue

Patrice Brodeur

Fr. Albert Nambiaparambil (CMI)

Yehuda Stolov

Ghulam-Haider Aasi

Room 125, English  
Partner Cities, Panel Discussion/Interactive Workshop

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. In many respects, our own sacred texts contain valuable wisdom and teachings for interreligious dialogue. Panelists will share resources from their own sacred texts and traditions on the topics of interreligious dialogue and cooperation. Participants and presenters will then discuss ways to make the case for interfaith dialogue and action within their own religious communities and institutions.

Dr. Patrice Brodeur is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Pluralism Project at Connecticut College. His primary areas of interest include contemporary Islam and Islamic Studies within the broader academic study of religion.

Fr. Albert Nambiaparambil is Secretary General of the World Fellowship of Interreligious Councils and director of UPASANA. He is the author of *Interreligious Dialogue: My Pilgrimage of Hope in INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE*.

Dr. Yehuda Stolov, an Orthodox Jewish-Israeli, is the Director and founding member of the Interfaith Encounter Association. He is deeply committed to coexistence in the Holy Land, and non-political interfaith dialogue to make it happen.

Associate Professor at the American Islamic College, Dr. Ghulam Haider Aasi is also Adjunct Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

## Spiritual Power as Envisioned Through Sri Guru Granth Sahib

Harbans Lal

Hargobind Singh Khalsa

Bibiiji Inderjit Kaur

Room 129, English

When Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh faith, in a state of ecstasy received a message from the Divine in 1500 AD, it was in the form of a simple phrase: One Creator is. The oneness of God and creation is the core principle expressed in the Sikh writings, Sri Guru Granth Sahib (known simply as 'the Guru'). With 1430 pages, it is the longest collection of rhymed poetry in the world. The Guru's message is meant for all people of all faiths. To understand its message, we are urged to listen; by listening we attain the state of elevated consciousness of those from whom this divine song poured forth. The panelists will guide the participants in understanding both the sound and meaning of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

Dr. Harbans Lal, Ph.D., is an emeritus professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, University of North Texas Health Science Center. He is president of the Academy of Guru Granth Studies.

Hargobind Singh Khalsa has studied Gurbani Kirtan with many great musicians from India for the past 25 years. He is a minister of Sikh Dharma of the Western Hemisphere and teacher of Kundalini Yoga. He has lived in Russia and now lives in Barcelona to continue his passion.

Dr. Kaur is the Chief Religious Minister of Sikh Dharma of the Western Hemisphere. She has written several items on Sikh teachings, empowering people to find their strength in God. Known for her compassionate, wise and thoughtful presence, Bibiiji is sought as a public speaker, lecturer, counselor and teacher worldwide. She resides in New Mexico, USA.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## **Works of art at the cathedrals and the monasteries at the exhibition “Christus Splendor”**

Josep Maria Martí Bonet

Room 130  
Lecture

Lecture presenting the spiritual content of pieces of arts exhibited at Santa Maria del Mar.

Josep Ma. Martí Bonet is a Dr. in History. He works as a palaeographer, an archivist and a professor at the Theology Faculty of Catalunya. He also works for the Delegation of the Diocese of the cultural heritage

## **The Vision of a Oneness World – Sri Chinmoy’s Approach to Global Love and Harmony**

Neree Utsahi St-Amand  
Vidagda Meridith Bennett  
Annessan Walter Dorn  
Kusumita Pedersen

Room 131, English  
Panel Discussion

This presentation is will underline some of the numerous contributions to world peace that spiritual leader Sri Chinmoy has made over the past 40 years – each one encouraging oneness and interdependence, the true seeds to a lasting peace. We expect that many participants will want to know more about Sri Chinmoy and therefore, four experts on Sri Chinmoy’s vision and efforts to establish a oneness-world will serve on this panel to discuss: some of his historical background, teachings and philosophy; highlights of his 35-year international contributions, awards and recognitions; an overview of his art, music and literature; and an overview of some of his most significant peace initiatives.

Neree Utsahi St-Amand, Ph.D., full Professor, School of Social Work, University of Ottawa, is the author of many books and reference articles on subjects related to spirituality in the modern world. He is Vice President of The White Dove Society, and founding member of the Canadian Spirituality and Social Intervention network.

Vidagda Meridith Bennett, PhD, is the author of *Simplicity and Power: The Poetry of Sri Chinmoy*. This book constitutes a summary of her doctoral dissertation. She is currently on the staff of the Jhomo Kala Foundation, established to foster Sri Chinmoy’s arts worldwide.

Annessan Walter Dorn, PhD, has worked for and with the United Nations for over 20 years. He is the author of many books and articles on the subject of world peace and world harmony, and is

co-chair of the Security Studies Department at the Canadian Forces College of Canada.

Kusumita Pedersen, PhD, is chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Francis College. She has been involved with the Global Interfaith Movement for the past twenty years.

## **The application of the Bible to the current world**

Samuel Sais  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Xavier Alegre

132  
Panel Discussion

Lecture presenting the influence of the Bible on the Western society (values, arts, politics, laws, etc.) for believers and non-believers.

Samuel Sais has a degree in Classical Philology. He is a professor at the theological faculty of Catalonia, he has translated the Bible into Catalan.

Daniel Rodríguez is a priest, the president of the coordination of the Assembly of Brothers of Catalonia and the vice secretary of the Evangelical Council of Catalonia.

Xavier Alegre is a Jesuit priest, holds a PhD in Theology and is a professor at the Theological Faculty of Catalonia and the José Simeón Cañas University of El Salvador.

## **Mandala: the psychocosmic diagram in the Tibetan tradition**

Ramon Prats d’Alòs-Moner

Room 134  
Lecture

Lecture about the Mandala, a flat representation of an ideal three-dimensional structure that symbolises the relation between the psychological and the cosmological order.

Ramon Prats d’Alòs-Moner is a Dr. in Tibetan Studies. He was professor at the Oriental Institute of the University of Naples until 1985; he worked at the New York HIR Tibetan Documentation Centre and taught at the Columbia University; he is the author of more than 50 publications.

## **The Global Face of Judaism**

Rabbi Henry Sobel  
Ephraim Isaac  
Rabbi Capers Funnye  
Shlomo Alon

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Throughout the world, ethnically diverse Jews come together for worship and to build community. This panel highlights leaders from different Jewish communities from around the globe – Brazil, Ethiopia, the U.S. and Israel. In each case they are bound by their adherence to Jewish tradition, yet they are separated by culture, race and ethnicity. Join an exciting and unique international discussion as these leaders express their views on the various types of Judaism being practiced around the world.

Rabbi Sobel is the Chief Rabbi of Brazil. He is the Coordinator of the National Commission for Religious Dialogue Between Catholics and Jews. He is committed to the strengthening of Jewish identity, the enhancement of interfaith relations, and the promotion of human rights.

Born in Ethiopia, Dr. Isaac holds several degrees in a variety of subjects, and is the first professor hired in Afro-American Studies at Harvard. Dr. Isaac has lectured at several institutions of higher learning over the years and has authored numerous articles and books on Jewish and Ge'ez literatures.

Copers Funnys is Rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Chicago, and a senior research associate at the Institute for Jewish & Community Research. He has also served as a consultant to several national museums and historical societies.

Shlomo Alon is the Board Vice-Chair of the Interfaith Encounter Association. He also serves as the Head of the Supervision Department and Chief Supervisor of Arabic Language and Middle Eastern Studies in the Israeli Ministry of Education.

## Developing Rationales Within the Christian Tradition for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation

Richard Wood  
John Kaserow  
John Titaley  
M. Thomas Thangaraj

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This ecumenical panel of Asian and North American theologians and scholars of religions will explore issues in the Christian theology of other religions as they bear on interreligious dialogue and cooperation. We will discuss questions such as: "How should recent developments in epistemology and the philosophy of language affect understandings of doctrine?" and "How far should we go in emphasizing the particularity of the Christian revelation as embodied in a first-century Galilean Jew?"

The Reverend Richard J. Wood is Dean and Professor Emeritus of the Yale University Divinity School, and is President of the United Board for Christian Higher Education.

Father John Kaserow, M.M., is the former Dean of the Maryknoll School of Theology. He is currently Professor of Mission Studies at Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, and a historical theologian with special interests in East Asian Buddhism.

The Reverend John Titaley is the Rector and Professor of Theology at Satya Wacana Christian University in Indonesia.

Professor M. Thomas Thangaraj is D.W. & Ruth Brooks Associate Professor of World Christianity at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

## Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human (UBBH) – Many Pathways

Masankho Banda  
Elizabeth Frye

Cabaret (10:00 AM- 11:00 AM), English  
Artistic Performance

Join InterPlayers from the USA, Masankho Banda and Elizabeth Mendana Frye, to create a community performance titled The Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human. The performance will include stories, songs, solo and group dances, drumming, all of which will be improvised. No prior performing arts experience is necessary if you wish to perform but attendance at the Wisdom of the Individual and Community Body workshop on July 10 and two rehearsals is needed. Audience members who watch (and do not perform) will be delighted at the insightful, fun and profound moments that will arise, based on the 2004 Parliament experience. A program of BodyWisdom and InterPlay.

Masankho Banda is a multidisciplinary Performing Artist, InterPlay Leader, Educator, Spiritual Healer and Peace Builder originally from Malawi, Central Africa. He travels the world bringing his message of peace using dance, music and storytelling. His Holiness the Dalai Lama awarded Masankho the "Heroes of Compassion" award for his work with Wing It! Interplay Ensemble.

Elizabeth Mendana Frye is a dancer with a Master of Fine Arts in Dance. She performs with Wing It! Interplay Ensemble, as well as designs lights and stage manages for various dance companies around the United States.

INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Hindu Teachings on Interreligious Relations

H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswati  
H.H. Yogini Sri Chandra Kali Prasada

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture, interactive workshop

"Truth is one but the sages call it by many names." "The world is one family." "Let all the noble thoughts come from all directions." These a few of the most familiar insights that have emerged from the Indian tradition to enrich interreligious understanding, inform dialogue, and encourage inclusive approaches to relations among religions and cultures. They underscore the inherent harmony within Hinduism in terms of its relation to other religions. In this program, two respected

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

religious leaders will address teachings in Hinduism that help inform interreligious dialogue and understanding.

H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji is the President and Spiritual Head of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh (Himalayas). He travels the world bringing wisdom, inspiration, fulfillment and peace to audiences of all nationalities, all backgrounds and all cultures.

Sri Mataji is the disciple of His Holiness, Sri Hanumath Kali Vora Prasad Babuji Maharaj, known as Babuji to all, the great spiritual master of our times. Her Holiness Sri Mataji is presently the head of Sri Kal Gardens Ashram, Nambur, Andhra Pradesh, India. Sri Mataji was chosen by Sri Babuji as His successor.

## Muslim, Christian, Jewish Trialogue

Sidney Shipton

Imam Abdul Jalil Sajid

Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture, Seminar, Panel Discussion

The need for goodwill and understanding has become vital in this day and age. This Three Faiths Forum brings together the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths at grass roots level; as well as at leadership, academic and theological levels. By promoting understanding and good will, the British Three Faiths Forum is being used more and more as a role model worldwide.

Sidney Shipton, a lawyer by profession, has been involved in faith and interfaith activities since his student days. He gave up the legal profession to become a full-time professional in the volunteer not-for-profit sector. He is a freeman of the City of London.

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report".

Marcus Braybrooke is a vicar near Oxford, England and a key figure in world interreligious affairs. He is president of the World Congress of Faiths, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum and an International Peace Councilor. He is the author of many books including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age, What We Can Learn From Islam/From Hinduism* and three anthologies of prayers from world religions.

## Pathways to Peace – The Experiences of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum

Norman Richardson

Sally Taylor

Beman Khosravinezhad

Lal Krishna Dasa

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

The Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum has brought people of all traditions and beliefs together to share ideas, exchange information and learn about each other for more than 10 years. This has happened against the backdrop of violence in Northern Ireland and increasing sectarianism and racism. This interactive workshop looks at the work of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum and the task of building interfaith relationships and dialogue in the context of a deeply divided society. The roles of friendship/fellowship and social action are highlighted with practical examples from the experiences of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum.

Norman Richardson, Head of Religious Studies at Stranmillis University College, Belfast, is Secretary of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum. His focus is in the area of religious and cultural diversity. He is interested in religious diversity and religious education in the context of a diverse and divided society.

Sally Taylor grew up in the Pacific Northwest Region of the USA. She has lived in Northern Ireland since 1974, is a Tibetan Buddhist student of Ven. Panchen Otrul Rinpoche, and engages with life in Northern Ireland through involvement with the Interfaith Forum.

Dr. Beman Khosravinezhad (Khosravi) has lived in Northern Ireland for forty years, working as a G.P. in Belfast. He is a member of the Bahai Faith, and the treasurer of the N.Ireland Interfaith Forum.

Lal Krishna Dasa (Lyall Ward) is an Executive Member of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum. Hindu practitioner in the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Lal is Editor of the *ISKCON Communications Journal* - ISKCON's international journal of dialogue with academics and religionists.

## Building Human Peace Through Interactive Interfaith Dialogue – The Story of the Interfaith Encounter Association

Yehuda Stolov

Najeeba Sirhan

Sr. Karmela Farrugia

Sheikh Tawfiq Salama

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Peace is primarily a person-to-person process that must effectively include the diverse populations in the respective societies. Interfaith dialogue is the most effective tool to achieve the positive transformation needed, and participants will use this method to open up to one another and learn to recognize the humanity of the other. Join us to learn about the Interfaith Encounter Association's mission and work as an example of building peace on a local level.

Dr. Yehuda Stolov, an Orthodox Jewish-Israeli, is the Director and founding member of the Interfaith Encounter Association. He is deeply committed to coexistence in the Holy Land, and non-political interfaith dialogue to make it happen.

Najeeba Sirhan is a Muslim Arab-Israeli woman who serves as the Muslim coordinator for the Galilee general group. She is the

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

principal of A-Sallam School in Majd El Krum and involved in many coexistence projects between Arab and Jewish schools in the Galilee. She speaks Arabic, Hebrew and English.

Sister Karmela Farrugia has spent the majority of her life as a teacher in the Arab-Israeli schools of East Jerusalem. A member of Our Lady of Zion, she has always been involved in interfaith work and believes that it must be lived through everyday life, not just individual encounters.

Sheikh Tawfiq Salama is a Druze Arab-Israeli who serves on the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Encounter Association. He is the Secretary of the High Druze Religious Council in Israel and closely related to Sheikh Mowafiq Tarif, the spiritual leader of the Druze. He speaks Arabic and Hebrew.

## Living Together in the Midst of Conflict

Maha ElGenaidi

Scott Alexander

Imam Abu Bakarr Conteh

Iqbal Ahmad Ansari

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

Interfaith cooperation is on the rise despite the tragedies of Gujarat, India and 9/11. This panel of Islamic leaders and scholars will share the latest experiences in these times of conflict, and explore how Islamic teachings can facilitate further cooperation.

President of Islamic Networks Group, Maha is a commissioner on Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante's "Commission for One California." Maha is also commissioner on the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission.

Scott Alexander is director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Dr. Alexander has studied Islam in the context of his broader training as an historian of religions. He is interested in medieval Muslim sectarianism, and the mystical traditions of Muslim spirituality, Quranic studies, and the history and future of Muslim-Christian relations and interfaith dialogue.

Abu Bakr Conteh is Imam in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Advisory Board, Committee, Anti-Corruption Commission, and Campaign for Good Governance. Abu is also First Vice President of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone.

A veteran human rights activist, Dr. Iqbal Ansari is a Visiting Professor at Hamdard University in India. He is the author of *Report on Communal Riots: Prevention & Control for the National Commission for Minorities*.

## Three Loci of Gathering, Three Dimensions of Reality: Kosmos, Theos, Anthropos

Ignasi Boada

Michiko Yusa

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This is a panel discussion including a spiritual observance. It tries to combine in a balanced way religious observance, academic practices and dialogue. It begins with a silence observance of 30 minutes. Next, a dialogue between Christian and Buddhist traditions is proposed and the audience is also invited to talk.

Ignasi Boada is a Dr. in philosophy and professor of history of religions at the Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona, Vic and Tarragona.

Michiko Yusa is a Specialist of Japanese religious traditions; she is also implied in the interreligious dialogue.

## The Role of Religion to Protect the Earth

Naresh Jain

Pravin Shah

Room 120, English/Spanish

Lecture, Seminar, Interactive Workshop

This presentation, through examples in daily life, will attempt to demonstrate that religion can be a powerful ally in the quest for an environmentally sustainable world. According to the teachings of the Jain religion, all forms of life are bound together by mutual support and interdependence. This presentation will explore two of its key tenets: nonviolence and non-possessiveness, as they have tremendous potential value for use by the religious environmentalists. These principles establish moral and theological themes and advocate protection of the earth.

Naresh Jain Co-chairs the Interfaith Committee of the Federation of Jain Association in North America popularly known as JAINA, and also serves as Vice President of the International Jain Sangh. He is significantly involved in interfaith forums in the USA as a presenter, moderator, and coordinator.

Pravin K. Shah is a founding member of Jain Study Center of North Carolina, and is a Jain scholar and activist against animal cruelty. He is an advisor to youth organizations, and has published several articles and books on Jain philosophy, cruelty to animals, and Comparative religions.

## A journey of discovery: experiences of a Muslim-Christian Encounter

Di Johnson

Rhabia Hussein

Janet Ingram

Nureen Sadiq

Rev. John Lally

Room 121, English  
Seminar

The search for a better world must involve both the Muslim and Christian faiths. In this seminar, participants will learn about the experiences of an interfaith group in Leicester, who

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

have been meeting for two years now. They have done fund raising for both a Muslim project in Kosovo, and a Christian hospital in Gaza. You're invited to experience something of this group, by learning of their history, their successes and their difficulties; and then to take part in a dialogue around a particular theme. Participants are asked to bring a Qu'ran or Bible, if possible.

Di Johnson is a local parish priest in an area that is 80% Muslim. She is the Convenor of the Muslim-Christian Women's Group, and of the Soul of Europe Muslim-Christian Network of Women's Groups. She is the wife of a priest and the mother of two adult sons.

Rhobia Hussein is a leading member of the Islamic Awareness programme in the Midlands. She is the Convenor of the Leicester branch of the Islamic Society of Britain and the Organiser of the annual Islamic Awareness Week. She is also a wife and mother of two small children.

Janet Ingram is a Primary School Teacher, Lay Christian Preacher and a participant in the Muslim-Christian Group. She is also a wife, and mother of two teenage sons.

Nureen Sadiq is a trained Accounting Technician, and is a senior member of the Leicester Branch of Islamic Society of Britain, responsible for their 'Fasting to Remember' campaign, which recently raised over £2,000 for charity through an auction dinner and school sponsorship.

The Reverend John Lally, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Highfields, Leicester, and Vice Chair of Leicester Council of Faiths, will introduce the program and explain some of the context, including an introduction to the Leicester Council of Faiths.

## Faith and Interfaith: Muslim Perceptions and Realities of Dialogue

Ghulam-Haider Aasi  
Muhammad Nor Manuti  
Misbahuddin Rufai  
Ataullah Siddiqui

Room 122, English

While there is an urgent need for all faiths to work with each other to resolve conflicting agendas and bring the countries of the world closer to each other, these efforts sometimes fall short of becoming a movement due to misperceptions and historical realities. What writings, practices, perceptions and misperceptions might hinder Muslims from greater interreligious understanding and cooperation?

Associate Professor at the American Islamic College, Dr. Ghulam Haider Aasi is also Adjunct Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Dr. Muhammad Nor Manuti is a Professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative Religion at the International Islamic University. He is a well-known and respected Islamic scholar and activist in Malaysia and the surrounding region.

A Nigerian-American, Misbahuddin Rufai is an Imam in the Chicago area, and a Professor of History at Harold Washington College in Chicago.

Ataullah Siddiqui is a scholar whose field is Religious Pluralism. He lectures at the Islamic Institute, near Leicester. He is the Director of Markfield Institute of Higher Education, and is the Head of the Interfaith unit at the Islamic Foundation in the United Kingdom.

## The Forge Institute's Trans-Traditional Way of Being Together

Rev. Philip Goldberg  
Rev. Jeffrey Utter  
Elizabeth Ursic  
Rev. Kay Lindahl  
Robert McGahey

Room 123, English  
Interactive Workshop

The Forge's work is designed to bring people together through sharing, listening and going together to the spiritual depths. This panel, comprised of people of varying faiths (including a Hindu meditator, a Christian Minister, an Interfaith Minister, a spiritual psychotherapist, a professor, and others), will discuss a unique way for spiritual leaders and teachers to be and work together. This workshop will demonstrate how participants might foster real growth and maturation, and help begin or enhance their own trans-traditional communities.

Philip Goldberg is a spiritual counselor, meditation teacher and ordained Interfaith Minister. The Director of the Forge Guild of Spiritual Leaders and Teachers, and founder of Spiritual Wellness Associates, he lectures and conducts workshops throughout the US. He is the author or co-author of 17 books, including *Making Peace with God*.

Rev. Utter is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church. He is a past President of the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council, and is now the convenor of the Southern California Interfaith Network.

Elizabeth Ursic is a professor of comparative religion at Mesa College in Arizona. Elizabeth brings her experience as a Catholic organizer, musician and composer to her work.

Kay Lindahl, an ordained interfaith minister, is the founder of The Listening Center and the Alliance for Spiritual Community, chair elect of the North American Interfaith Network and a global trustee for the United Religions Initiative. She is author of *Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening* and conducts workshops and retreats around the world.

Robert McGahey holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from Emory University's Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts. He served on the executive committee of the Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology and taught Humanities at Moorhead State University. Dr. McGahey now teaches Ecopsychology and Spiritual Development and writes on ecology and spirituality.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## **The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in Uruguay**

Nestor Da Costa Velazquez

Room 124

Training Session

Training session that presents the most important initiative on interreligious dialogue in Uruguay, which takes place in Montevideo. The role of the interfaith dialogue in a strongly secular society will be explained in this presentation.

Nestor Da Costa Velázquez is a sociologist, professor of the Catholic University of Uruguay, Secretary of the UNESCO Center of Montevideo and Advisor of the Interamerican Bank of Development (BID) and of the UNDP.

## **Community Assessment and Interview Skills**

Grove Harris

Mussie Hailu

Rita Semel

Room 125, English

Partner Cities, Panel Discussion/Training Session

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. How does one begin to organize interreligious dialogue and cooperation within a community? How can accurate pictures of the religious communities in an area help interreligious groups in that community? Join the Managing Director of the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, along with both the Chair and the East African Representative of the URI Global Council to learn how you can ascertain the diversity of interests and assets in your region, and engage that diversity in establishing a shared vision for your community.

Grove Harris is the Managing Director for the Pluralism Project at Harvard University and teaches at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Her writing includes "Paganism" in *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. Ms. Harris leads international consensus training workshops, and a Wiccan Maidens' group for girls ages 13-16. Her Masters in Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School incorporated studies of organizational development and business management into the study of religion and ethics.

The Honorable Dr. Mussie Hailu is Country Director for Employment for All, an Austrian International NGO, as well as the Executive Director and Representative to the Economic Commission on Africa and the African Union for the United Nations Association of Ethiopia. He is also the URI's Representative for East Africa and the Founding Member in Ethiopia.

Rita Semel is Chair of the URI Global Council, Executive Vice-Chair of the San Francisco Interfaith Council and Board Vice-Chair of the Graduate Theological Union. She was also Founding Board Member of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio.

## **Do We Need Religion in Order to Have a Stable Ethics?**

James Kraft

Adela Cortina

Room 129, English

Lecture

The paper argues that humans generally do need religion in order to have a stable ethics. Common to religions is the belief that our universe and our being human have ultimate meaning. However, in a world in which many people believe that there is ultimately no point to our lives, this essay argues that not believing in ultimate meaning has negative implications, thus making the religious alternative more appealing. Ultimately, given the basis for a stable ethics within religious belief, one can find, across religions, a common connection to a future grounded in positive action.

Dr. James Kraft is Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin Texas. One of his main research issues concerns the methodology and epistemology for inter religious dialogue and the reasons people have for doing inter religious dialogue.

Adela Cortina, Ph.D. in Philosophy, is Professor of Juridic, Moral and Political Philosophy at the University of Valencia. She has studied in Munich and Frankfurt, and has published several books about ethics. She strongly supports the theory that global ethics improves freedom, reduces unfairness and helps solidarity.

## **Vital Experiences in the Rarámuri Religious Tradition – Elements to Dialogue**

Patricio Cancino Franklin

Arturo Merino González

Room 130, Spanish/Raramuri

Interactive Workshop

Presentation of the religion of the Rarámuri indigenous people (Tarahumara), living in Chihuahua State, Mexico. Their religion is based on the experience of the mystery, ancient wisdom, communitarian life, nature and interaction with Christian religion. An indigenous authority of the Rarámuri has been invited to participate in the workshop.

Patricio Cancino Franklin is a Jesuit priest living with the Rarámuri since 2000; he has worked with street children and in suburban shanty towns in Mexico.

Arturo Merino is a subsistence farmer in the "Sierra Tarahumara". He was chosen for governor of the Raramuri community of Tawerichi (Mexico). He leads the Project of Shared Faith in Tarahumara (PROFECTAR), which specially deals with the preservation of the nature.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: Personal and Scriptural Approaches

Charles Hambrick  
Win Myint

Room 131, English  
Panel Discussion

Win Myint, a Buddhist from Myanmar, and Charles Hambrick, a Christian from the United States, will enter into dialogue and conversation on several topics from their scriptures. They will compare and contrast passages from the New Testament and the Dhammapada, Buddhist and Christian Beatitudes, the Ten Precepts and the Ten Commandments, and two parables. A booklet containing the scripture passages will be provided, and audience participation will be encouraged.

Dr. Charles Hambrick taught History of Religions in the Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University. Since 1993, he has been Professor Emeritus and has continued to teach in many academic, church, and community contexts. He is an ordained United Methodist minister.

Win Myint is Professor of Mathematics at Tennessee State University. Professor Myint regularly lectures on Buddha-Dhamma in schools, civic groups, religious organizations, and to inmates at the Tennessee State Prison.

## The Non-Existence of Self: The Absolute Plenitude

Jinpa Gyamtso  
Vicente Merlo  
Bhakti Das

132  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion about the non-existence of self, basic principle of Buddhism. The Western dualistic mentality is the reason of every frustration and suffering, and Buddhism makes possible to develop the wisdom of the absence of ego in addition of universal love, which are the pathway to the full development of the human potential and the respect of the others.

Jinpa Gyamtso is a Buddhist Tibetan monk since 1989 and co-director of all the Samye Dzong centres in Spain where he teaches regularly.

Vicente Merlo is a Dr. in Philosophy at the University of Valencia and specialist of the Hindu philosophy; he is a professor of the Master of History of Religions of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Bhakti Das is the founder of the yoga center "Vedanta Sivananda" in Barcelona and professor of Indian music. He is also an active Hindu member of the interreligious group of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia.

## Sefarad and the History of the Jews Living Together in Spain

Dominique Tomasov  
Rabbi Ariel Edery

Room 134, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture about the development of Judaism in Spain through the most representative scriptures.

Ariel Edery is the rabbi of Judia Atid. A native of Argentina, he moved to Jerusalem to study at Hebrew University. He worked as an educator within the Jewish community in Mexico City, and became the full-time rabbi of Congregation ATID in 2001, the first and only Progressive synagogue in Spain.

## The Battle for God

Karen Armstrong  
Rabbi Michael Lerner  
Jonan Fernandez  
Kamar Oniah Kamaruzzaman

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan

The religious phenomenon known by the unsatisfactory term "fundamentalism" is not only one of the major religious aspects of our time, but certain extreme forms of this militant piety have come to the fore of international politics. It is therefore crucial that we understand this phenomenon accurately. The program will discuss the root causes of fundamentalism in the three Abrahamic religions, discuss its objectives, dynamics, and will examine the ideology and decode the imagery used by these fundamentalist movements to uncover the underlying fear and anxiety (now slowly hardening into rage) that, as we now know beyond doubt, no society can safely ignore.

Karen Armstrong is the author of numerous books on religion, including *A History of God*, *The Battle for God*, *Through the Narrow Gate*, *Holy War*, *Islam*, and *Buddha*. Her work has been translated into forty languages. She is also the writer of three television documentaries and took part in Bill Moyers's television series *Genesis*. Since September 11, 2001, she has been a frequent contributor to conferences, panels, newspapers, and periodicals. She is a frequent participant in media discussions on both sides of the Atlantic on the subject of Islam. Ms. Armstrong now lives in London, England.

Rabbi Michael Lerner studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and was mentored by noted scholar Abraham Joshua Heschel. He received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley in 1972 and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Wright Institute in 1977. Michael Lerner serves as the rabbi of *Beyt Tikkun*, and is the editor of *Tikkun* Magazine and author of numerous books, including *Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation*. He founded the Institute for Labor and Mental Health, and for many years served as a psychotherapist for middle-income working people.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Jonan Fernandez is Coordinator of Elkarri, a Basque NGO working to transform the tumultuous and violent situation in the Basque Country into a situation of dialogue and agreement.

Dr. Kamaruzzaman is Professor at International Islamic University, and currently serves as the Director of the Australian office of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations. She is an internationally renowned scholar of Islam, and one of the most active Muslim women in promoting dialogue between religions in Asia

## Religion in a World at War: The Transformation from Hate to Love of Our "Enemies"

Joseph Runzo  
Philip Rossi  
Irfan Omar  
Judith Mayotte  
Nancy Martin  
Xinzhong Yao

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel will offer an honest and direct look at the harsh realities of how people are treated in war and confront the challenge that this inhumane treatment presents to the world's religions. The impulse to dehumanize one's "enemies" in warfare will be directly addressed. The transformative role which the world's religions can bring to re-imagining this sense that one's "enemies" are subhuman will be explored and the question of what it means to have genuine love and compassion for others will be specifically addressed in terms of the Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Confucian, and Christian traditions.

Joseph Runzo is Executive Director of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Chapman University and Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He has published 10 books on interreligious understanding and is general co-editor of *The Library of Global Ethics and Religion*.

Philip Rossi, S.J. is Professor of Theology at Marquette University and a Trustee of Creighton University. He has published extensively on issues of ethics (including five books), and serves on the Board of Directors of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum. Expertise: Immanuel Kant, theological ethics, war and the theology of reconciliation.

Irfan Omar is Assistant Professor of Islamic Thought at Marquette University. He has written extensively on the life and work of Muwiana Wahiddudin Khan and is a member of the Board of Consultants of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum. Expertise: Islamic perspectives on non-violence.

Judith Mayotte is a member of the Board of Directors of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation, Visiting Professor at Marquette University, and member of the Board of Directors of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, and is the author of *Disposable People? The Plight of Refugees*.

Nancy M. Martin is Associate Director of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Chapman University, and Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. She has published four books, and has written extensively on Hindu devotional traditions.

Xinzhong Yao is Professor of Confucian Studies in the Department of Theology, Religious Studies and Islamic Studies at the University of Wales, Lampeter. He has published several books on Confucianism and serves on the Board of Consultants of the Global Ethics and Religion Forum.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## Making an Effort for a Peaceful World: Songs of Gratitude, Traditional Japanese Dance and Oriental Culture

Shinji Shumeikai

TBA, All  
Artistic Performance

Shinji Shumeikai volunteers will share Songs of Gratitude! original compositions, Zenidaiko traditional Japanese dance using a tool made of bamboo containing coins, and cultural experiences of Chinese Calligraphy and Flower Arrangement that convey the spirituality of the oriental culture.

Volunteers with Shinji Shumeikai, this spiritual group is committed to making the world a better place through art and musical performances.

## Faith on Film: The Smith Family

Macky Alston  
Barbara Abrash

Room 111  
Film Festival

Faith on Film Series: *The Smith Family* (2002) depicts one Mormon family's struggle to stay together after discovering the father and husband is secretly gay, having affairs with men, has AIDS and has infected his wife. It demonstrates the power of love and acceptance in the face of temptation to judge and condemn. This film is a powerful testament to underlying themes in the faith tradition – compassion, forgiveness and service, and represents the complexities of claiming a religious tradition while questioning many of its tenets. (87 min.) A discussion session with Macky Alston and a religious leader of the faith tradition in the film follows during the Open Space period.

Macky Alston is the Director of Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

committed to cultivating, supporting and promoting engaging, responsible, balanced media about religion, spirituality and ethics.

Barbara Abrash is associate director of the Center for Media, Culture and History and the center for Religion and Media at New York University where she also teaches. She is an independent documentary producer, film curator and co-editor of *Personal Essay: Filmmaking of the 1980's and 9-11 and After: A Virtual Casebook* as well as numerous articles.

## A Seat at the Table: Struggling for American Indian Religious Freedom

Joanne Shenandoah  
Douglas George Kanentiio

Room 116, English  
Film Festival

In December 1999, over 7,000 spiritual leaders and scholars from around the world met in Cape Town, South Africa to participate in the 3rd Parliament of the World's Religions. Legendary professor of religious studies, Huston Smith (The World's Religions) attended with a delegation of 8 American Indian spiritual and political leaders. This documentary features Smith's extraordinary one-on-one conversations with them. (91 minutes). A discussion session with Joanne Shenandoah and Doug George Kanentiio follows during the Open Space period. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Joanne Shenandoah is a multiple award winning Native American composer, vocalist and performer whose music reflects the indigenous philosophy and culture which continues to have a profound effect on the world today. She is a Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy Oneida Nation. She has 13 recordings and her music is on 40 plus compilations. She has appeared at the White House, Kennedy Center and at various music festivals across the USA.

Doug George-Kanentiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

## Mother Teresa: The Legacy

Jeanette Petrie

Room 117  
Film Festival

*Mother Teresa: The Legacy* (2003), a new film by Ann and Jeanette Petrie, premiered in Rome at the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall as part of the official program of Mother Teresa's Beatification. It is the dramatic story of Mother Teresa's last day, her sudden death and her moving state funeral which was attended by the poor, the powerful and the rich from around the world. This moving film includes intimate and never-

before-seen footage of Mother Teresa speaking from the heart about her simple and profound spirituality that, put into action, transcended religious, political and cultural boundaries enabling her to open 500 homes for the poor in over 124 countries showing how works of love are works of peace. (54 min.) In English with Spanish subtitles. A discussion with the producer immediately follows.

Jeanette Petrie is an Emmy award winning filmmaker who, together with her sister Ann Petrie, produced and directed the films *Mother Teresa* and *Mother Teresa: The Legacy*. Jeanette Petrie worked closely with Mother Teresa for twenty years and traveled extensively with her throughout the world.

## Traditional Mevlevi Order Ceremony of Sufi Dance

KulturBakanligi Devlet Sema Sanatçilari

Auditorium (3155), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Traditional Mevlevi Order ceremony of Sufi dance and music, call to prayer and hymns.

KulturBakanligi Devlet Sema Sanatçilari - Performers of Sema (Whirling Dervishes), Turkish Ministry of Cultures. The performers include three dancers and seven musicians: Sadrettin Özcimi, Tefik Soyata, Ahmet Sahin, Ahmet Calisir, Kemal Karaz, Derya Turkan, Hakan Kilincarslan, Sami Bediz, Irfan Ertaş and Mustafa Gocer.

## Death: Meeting Place for All Traditions

Florencio Serrano Prior

Lama Drurgyu Tenpa

Lama Sonam

Lama Puntsok

Lama Tenzin

Lama Kelsang

Thubten Wangchen

Theater, English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Artistic performance presenting the Buddhist ritual dances and chants that accompany the died person in this essential passage that is death.

Florencio Serrano is the president of the Buddhist Temple Dag-Strang-Kagyu in Barcelona.

Lama Drurgyu Tenpa is Director of the Buddhist Temple of Dag Shrang Korgyu and assistant of Kalu Rinpoche. Had the responsibility for introducing Tibetan Buddhism in Spain.

Lama Sonam is a Dr. in Buddhist Philosophy.

Lama Puntsok is Director of retreats in a Buddhist Temple.

Lama Tenzin is Director of the Buddhist center of Zaragoza.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Lama Kelsang is Director of the Buddhist centre on the Canary Islands.

Thubten Wangchen is a Buddhist monk born in Tibet, who studied 11 years in the private monastery of the Dalai Lama (Namgyal) in Dharamsala (India); he now lives in Barcelona and is the president of the Tibet House.

## ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

### Role of Religion to Eliminate Poverty

H.H. Swamiji Devendrakeerty ji Maharaj  
Vinod Kapashi  
Mary Kirchen

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Over the centuries religions have played a very important role in lifting people out of poverty. This is true of the Jain religion in India. With ahimsa and compassion as the main tenets of Jainism, Jains have opened hospitals, educational institutions, homes for elders and widows, and soup kitchens for the needy. One of a very few Jain monks who travels outside of India will be a presenter. Another presentation will highlight the work of the Immaculate Heart Community, an ecumenical group of women and men in California. They work through the nonprofit corporation, Housing Works, to create housing options that model, with respect and dignity, sustainable, environmentally sensitive, affordable community environments, providing access to housing for people with limited incomes.

H.H. Swamiji is a Jain monk, and an authority on Jain philosophy and scriptures. He has attended various national and international conferences. He is very knowledgeable of ancient languages including Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Kanada, and specializes in new temple inaugural ceremonies and consecration of Jain deities.

Dr. Vinod Kapashi has taught Jainism for 15 years, and holds a Ph.D. in Jain sacred hymns. He is the president of Manavir Foundation, and takes keen interest in the Interfaith activities in the United Kingdom, having served as the president of the Harrow Interfaith Council in the past.

Ms. Mary Kirchen has been a member of Immaculate Heart Community in Los Angeles, California, for 36 years and a member of its leadership team as President for 6 years. Currently, she is President of Housing Works, a non-profit community based organization dedicated to working to provide decent affordable housing for persons of low economic means.

### Religious fundamentalism and violence: a challenge to interreligious dialogue

Cedric Prakash

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Interactive Workshop

A presentation of the increase of religious violence around the world. It will analyze the causes of fundamentalism and violence and how it threatens the cohesion of society.

Cedric Prakash is a Jesuit Priest committed to the promotion of interreligious dialogue, justice and peace. He is the director of Prashant, a center for human rights, justice and peace in Ahmedabad (Gujarat, India).

### The Sacred Space as a Spiritual Pedagogy for Peace

Lluís Bonet  
Fariborz Sahba

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion with the architect of the Sagrada Família, Lluís Bonet, and the architect of the Bahá'í temple of Delhi, Fariborz Sahba, who will explain how the sacred space can contribute to peace.

Lluís Bonet is a Catalan architect in charge of finishing the Sagrada Família in Barcelona.

Fariborz Sahba is an Architect who built the famous Bahá'í Temple in shape of lotus of Delhi (India).

### The Role of Museums in the Interreligious Movement for Dialogue and Understanding

Maria Habito  
Harry Dunlop  
Han Bao-De  
Tatiana Androsov

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

This panel will introduce three important educational institutions that are contributing to the Interfaith movement in very tangible ways through their community programs and exhibits. The discussion will focus on both the achievements and remaining challenges of these institutions, and their contributions to the global forum on interreligious dialogue. It will also address ways in which other multi-faith communities could create their own religious exhibits as a way of fostering interfaith collaboration and understanding.

Maria Habito is International Program Director, The Museum of World Religions. She is also International Program Director of Global Family for Love and Peace, a US-based NGO.

Harry Dunlop graduated in History and Sociology from the University of Glasgow, and later was awarded a Diploma in Museum Studies from the University of Leicester. He is the Manager of the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art in Glasgow, Scotland, and has been involved in the project since 1990. He

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

has spoken on the work of the museum at national conferences including the American Association conference in Portland, Oregon in May 2003.

Han Bao-De is the Director of the Museum of World Religions (MWR), which opened in Taipei in Nov. 2001 after more than one decade of preparatory work, and invited world religious leaders to this opening.

Tarana is the President and Executive Director of the Thanks Giving Foundation in Texas. Before that, she was the Program Director for the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders in New York. She has worked for and with the United Nations in various capacities, including the UN's Transitional Authority in Cambodia, and as an interpreter in Europe, Asia and Africa. Ms. Androsav is fluent in English, French and Russian, and speaks 5 other languages as well.

## Muslim Women Between East & West

Saleha Abedin  
Zeenath Kausar  
Aminah Assilmi  
Marcia Hermansen

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

The Islamic perspective on gender equity in Islam is little understood and misrepresented by non-Muslims and, at times, by some Muslims as well. The predominant local cultural practices in different parts of the world and the actions of some Muslims tend to reinforce erroneous perceptions of the Islamic perspective. This panel discusses some aspects of this confusion.

Chief Editor of *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Saleha Abedin is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Dr. Zeenath Kausar is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the International Islamic University Malaysia. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science in 1990, and she has been widely published in the field of women studies and political theories.

President of the International Union of Muslim Women, Aminah Assilmi is a speaker, writer and award-winning broadcaster in Denver, Colorado, who lost her job when she began wearing Islamic dress.

Marcia Hermansen is a Professor of Theology at Loyola University in Chicago where she teaches courses in Islamic Studies and World Religions.

## Hungry for More: Raising Religious Voices on the Question of Global Consumption

Gary Gardner  
Sulak Sivaraksa

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

This event will review trends in global consumption of goods and services, demonstrate that these trends are unsustainable, and suggest that they are spiritually debilitating as well. It will review some religious perspectives on consumption, and pose a question for discussion: should the world's religions be more engaged in critiquing modern attitudes toward consumption, and if so, how?

Gary Gardner is Director of Research at the Worldwatch Institute, an independent nonprofit think tank in Washington D.C. His research and writing focuses on a broad range of environmental issues, including consumption and on the nexus between religion and ecology.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Pracha Dhamma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

## The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in Scouting: First Scout Interreligious Symposium

Xavier Nuet  
Carles Cuenca

Room 120  
Lecture

Presentation of the experience of the first World Scouts Interreligious Symposium held in Valencia (Spain) in winter 2003, with the participation of 115 scout supervisors coming from 33 countries and with 12 different religious backgrounds. The title of the event was "Learning to live together: tolerance, solidarity."

Xavier Nuet is a Scouting leader, and interreligious practitioner in Spain.

Carles Cuenca is President of the Foundation "Sant Jordi" for the Scout Movement in Valencia (Spain) and a member of the board of directors of the Scout Catholic Movement of Spain.

## Media Empowerment – Understanding and Using the Power of Media

Simon Cohen

Room 121  
Academy

This training program will provide young people with the tools to understand the power of the media and how to use it in a positive way. This interactive and informative session will draw upon the importance of young people in the interreligious movement, and how they are better placed than anyone to influence the power of the media. The training will provide delegates with practical guidelines about who to contact within the media, how to write a press release, how to manage relationships with the different media and much more. This

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

program is a part of the Parliament Academy series of youth centered programs.

Simon Cohen is an award-winning journalist and speaker on religious affairs. He owns a company called Tolerance Limited, which runs websites, events and training dedicated to improving interfaith relations and society's understanding and tolerance of religion. He recently received an award from the Millennium Commission for his creative approach to religion and positive impact on society.

## **Cultural, Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue and Theology through the Internet**

Claustre Solé Auguets

Ignasi Boada

Room 122

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion that presents the B.A. in Religious Studies that the Institute for the Religious Sciences of Barcelona (ISCREB) offers through Internet since 2000. It will also present the M.A. "Cultural, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue."

Claustre Solé Auguets is Dr. in Theology, in charge of the program "Theology through Internet" at the ISCREB. She is also a professor at the University of Theology of Catalonia.

Ignasi Boada is a Dr. in philosophy and professor of history of religions at the Institute of Religious Sciences of Barcelona, Vic and Tarragona.

## **How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona – Session 4 – Raising Money**

Laura Crochet

Deepak Naik

Richard Weingarten

Room 123, English

Training Session

This is the fourth of five related sessions seeking to encourage the organization of local support groups for the Parliament, and to strengthen existing support groups and Partner Cities. The five sessions will provide "real world" guidance and tools designed to help you build and manage a support group or Partner City. "Raising Money" will help you learn how to raise funds to support your local activities. Focus will be on how to identify potential supporters and present financial requests. Successful local fundraising efforts will be highlighted, and an opportunity will be provided to discuss your local issues and concerns.

Laura Browning Crochet is the President of LBC Consultants, LLC, specializing in grant writing, strategic planning, and campaign

management. Her education includes a B.S. and Master's Degree in Education, and she has worked for the US Department of Education and the Health and Human Services (SAMHSA).

Deepak Naik is Secretary General of the Minorities of Europe, and serves on the Birmingham City Council's Equalities Division. His experience includes business, government and the dynamic environment of the voluntary sector.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

## **I-kuan Tao's Teachings of Peace**

Jeng Fu Chen

Room 124, English

This presentation introduces the seventy-year developmental process of I-kuan Tao, by discussing its origin and consolidation, as well as the fundamental beliefs and teachings. I-kuan Tao is one of the most important spiritual movements in Taiwan. Its name means "The Tao that unifies all with oneness". I-kuan Tao members regard themselves to be one family. Hence the mission of I-kuan Tao is "Everyone should recognize this absolute truth and pursue the Tao to return to their true being, render the tainted and corrupted world to heavenly land, and unite the world in peace."

Dr. Jeng Fu Chen is the Secretary General/Vice Chair of World I-kuan Tao Headquarters. He received both his Master and Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious Studies at University of the West and has served as commissioner and Vice Chair of the Cultural Commission of the City of El Monte since 1997.

## **The Voice of Different Religious Traditions on Sustainable Development**

Joan Hernández

Room 125

Interactive Workshop

Workshop on the relationship between sustainability and religions and its different aspects: from the issue of population growth or the ethics of consumption, to the position of humankind in relation to other species or a sacred sense of nature. In this presentation, Joan Hernandez and his team of facilitators from the Working Group on Religions and Cultural Diversity (UNESCO Center of Catalonia) will lead small-group discussion on the many facets of Sustainable Development.

Joan Hernandez is the coordinator for the Universal Forum of Culture's relations to religious, spiritual and interreligious organizations.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **Birth of a Global Community, Appreciative Inquiry in Action in the United Religions Initiative**

Sally Mahe'

Rev. Charles Gibbs

Room 129, English  
Interactive Workshop

This workshop tells the story of how one person's conviction catalyzed the birth of a global community of thousands of diverse people working together to create positive change. It offers practical methods that evoke planetary leadership which is rooted in our deepest spiritual values, hospitality, friendship, mutual respect, commitment, and a passion for peace, justice and healing. Participants will leave this workshop with methods and organizational values that will mobilize the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the human spirit.

Sally Mahe' is Director of Organizational Development, United Religions Initiative. She is co-author of *Birth of a Global Community: Appreciative Inquiry in Action* with Rev. Charles Gibbs.

The Rev. Charles Gibbs is Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative ([www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org)). He is co-author, with Sally Mahe', of *The Birth of a Global Community*.

## **Mind the Gap: Filling the Cultural Gap Ina Ter Avest**

Room 130  
Lecture

Lecture on the role of education in the teaching of cultural and religious diversity in order to contribute to the cohesion of the society.

Ina Ter Avest is a Dr. in Psychology of Religion in Holland and assistant professor in Leeuwarden; she carried a research project on the development of the God concept of children in the first Christian-Islamic school in the Netherlands.

## **Northern Lights, A Celebration of Edmonton's Interfaith Life at Latitude 53°**

Rev. J. Robert Hankinson

Firdosh Mehta

Bikkar Randhawa

Zohra Husaini

Rosaleen Zdunich

Room 131, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion

Twenty years of interfaith history in our northern Canadian city will be celebrated in this engaging and enjoyable workshop-style presentation. Stories of successful, inter-religious ventures will be shared as our part in the pathway to peace and harmony

is reviewed. The Edmonton Interfaith Centre has honored and observed International Day for the Elimination of Racism, conducted multifaith dialogues, and hosted the 10th anniversary meeting of the North American Interfaith Network. We encourage other communities to undertake similar commitments and share their discoveries.

Rev. Dr. Robert Hankinson was a delegate to the World Interfaith Conference and serves as a leader of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre.

Firdosh Dara Mehta, president and founding member of The Zoroastrian Association of Alberta, Canada, is also the President of The Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America. Mehta serves as a Board Member with several organizations such as the Interfaith Center, The Alberta Gujarati Association and the Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Bikkar S. (Randy) Randhawa is a professor emeritus at the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan

Dr. Zohra Husaini a Muslim member of the board of directors for the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action. She is the organizing committee chair.

Sister Rosaleen Zdunich is a leader of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre.

## **What is the Appropriate Role of Guiding Institutions in Fostering Positive Interreligious Relations?**

Ela Gandhi  
Neill Walker  
Kainan Ma  
Alain Jordá

Room 132, English  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. In the 21st century, the relationships between and among the religions will change profoundly. A heightened awareness of their convergence on issues of common concern will contribute enormously to the establishment of a state of mutual respect and harmony. To achieve this vision, global cooperation is required among the Guiding Institutions – religion, government, business corporations and labor organizations, communications media and the arts, science and technology, international intergovernmental organizations, education and civil society. Panelists will share stories about partnering with guiding institutions and discuss strategies for engaging them in your own city.

Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, was a vigorous non-violent opponent of apartheid, and a member of South African Parliament for nearly nine years. She is currently Editor of *Satyagraha*, Secretary of the Gandhi Development Trust, Vice President of WCRP South Africa, and a Member of the Commission on Religious Affairs of the African National Congress.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Neill Walker is the Founder of the Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities, and Joint Coordinator of both the Annual Edinburgh International Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace and the Edinburgh One World Festival.

Dr. Kairon Ma holds a BS from the Chinese Military Academy and a PhD in International Affairs from the University of Miami. He is a former Major General, and Director of the Overseas Liaison Department for the Veterans Affairs Commission of the ROC Government.

Alain Jordà was born in France, but grew up in Catalonia-Spain, influenced by French, Spanish and Catalan cultures. He worked as a telecom engineer and marketing manager for over 15 years before going into politics as a socialist representative in Manresa, where he is now Deputy Mayor. Alain has been involved for the last two and a half years in the organization of the Forum 2004 participation of Manresa, which is based on interreligious dialogue.

## Meditations for Inner Happiness

Jyotindra Doshi

H.H. Amrender Muniji

Room 134, English  
Interactive Workshop

This presentation will include a demonstration and explanation of meditation and the five codes of conduct: Non-Violence, Truth, Non-Stealing, Purity of Body and Mind, and Non-Possessiveness, as well as the five major power centers: Knowledge (top of the head); Perception (between the eyebrows); Purification (throat); Happiness (near the heart); and Energy (the navel area). The process of mediation, through which we control our mind and concentrate on the great qualities of our soul, includes breathing technique, sound vibration, feel of the flow of energy, pure qualities of the soul, and forgiveness.

Jyotindra Doshi is a Trustee, former President and former youth secretary in the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago. He has served as Director of the Jain Association in North America (JAINA), and has written many Jainism articles. Jyotindra has received many awards and has spoken at conventions, universities, and interfaith programs.

H.H. Amrender Muniji Maharaj is one of the few Jain monks who travel outside of India. He is Masters in Philosophy and Shastrī in Sanskrit, and is a scholar of Hindu, Jain and Buddhist Scriptures. His dedicated service to mankind has been recognized by several organizations.

## Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Terror: Lessons from New York and Madrid

Rev. Dirk Ficca

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

9/11 and 3/11 are days that have heightened a sense of *insecurity and forever changed the relations between* communities around the world. The terrorist attacks in New York and Madrid have made the necessity of interreligious dialogue, understanding and cooperation clear and urgent. In this session Rev. Dirk Ficca, Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, will lead a panel discussion of leaders from New York and Madrid to share perspectives on how these events have changed relationships in each city, and explore the "hearts and minds" dimension of living in a world of terror.

Rev. Dirk Ficca has been with the Parliament of the World's Religions since 1992, and has been its Executive Director since 1998. He was formerly a Presbyterian Minister in Benton Harbor, Michigan for ten years.

## Business activity and ethical requirements: What do religions say?

Arcadi Oliveres

Eduard Ibañez

Yafar González

Begge Robiati

Antoni Aliana

Josep M. Lozano

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

A panel of business and religious leaders explore the ethical requirements that business should to respect. This discussion will engage both business and religious and spiritual leaders in a substantive discussion regarding exemplary ethical practices for businesses today.

Arcadi Oliveres is Honorary President of the Ethical and Solidarity Financement (FETS), President of the association "Justice and Peace" in Barcelona, Dr. in Economic Sciences and Professor of Economics in the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Eduard Ibañez is Director of "Justice and Peace" in Barcelona.

Yafar González is Leader of the Shi'ite Muslim Community in Spain.

Begge Robiati is Co-founder of the European Bahá'í Business Forum (EBBF), Industrialist and CEO of SCAC. He is in charge of a Master on ethics and finances at the Macerata University.

Antoni Aliana is Vice-president of "La Caixa" Foundation.

Josep M. Lozano is Professor of Social Sciences Department of ESADE Business School, Director of the Society "Company and Person Institut" (IPES) and co-founder of the Spanish branch of the European Business Ethics Network.

# Program Descriptions

Monday, July 12, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **Sacred Dance of India: Light on Peace**

Lilavanti Devi

Theater (4:30 PM – 5:00 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Bharatanatyan Program

Live music with a great master of Chennai

Presentation of dances with poem and lecture of poets or great saints on peace.

Lilavanti Kamala Devi is a disciple of Dhyananjoyan Master and other prestigious Kalakshetra teachers. She has completed her training in Bharata Natyam with a great artistic maturity. Now she is starting her Kucchipudi training.

## **Lama's Chant**

Florencio Serrano Prior

Gyurme

Kikyel

Lama Drurgyu Tenpa

Cabaret (4:30 PM – 5:15 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Artistic performance that will create a spiritual experience transcending religious and cultural traditions.

Florencio Serrano is the president of the Buddhist Temple Dag-Strang-Kagpu in Barcelona.

Lama Gyurme is an experienced specialist of Buddhist chanting, who has performed in Europe, USA and Asia.

Kikyel is an instrumentalist.

Lama Drurgyu Tenpa is Director of the Buddhist Temple of Dag Shang Korgyu and assistant of Kalu Rinpoche. Had the responsibility for introducing Tibetan Buddhism in Spain.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses People of All Faiths

Dr. Irfan Khan

Dr. Anis Ahmad

Room 111

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

July 13–From macro (Surahs 57-67) to micro (Surahs 64-66) Day Six of an observance offered throughout the week. Each observance aims at training its participants in contemplating the meaning of the Divine Text; it helps to see every discourse as a highly systematic and organized unit; we will look into the structure of the Quran as a whole; Arabic text as well as English, Spanish and Urdu translations will be provided; it is requested (not mandatory) that every participant come prepared to engage in the Text.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamics and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of *West and Islam*, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamics from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## A Higher Taste as a Dialogue (Workshop of Kitchen)

Gundicha Dasa Brahmachari

Room 113

Morning Observances, Interactive Workshop

Workshop on Indian vegetarian cookery, with a theoretical introduction, an interactive practice and a final tasting. The sacred ritual of food tribute will be represented, like the ancient monotheistic tradition Gaudiya Vaisnava does.

Gundicha Dasa Brahmachari is a Priest of Hare Krishna, specialized in cookery; he gives classes of vegetarian cooking in temples and Yoga centers.

## Orthodox Iconography

Maria Rosa Ocaña Ruiz

Serge Pascay

Cornel Barbu

Saftiu Neculai

Room 114, Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Workshop presenting an art and a technique serving the sacred, serving the Church within the framework of Sacred Scriptures and tradition.

Iconographer and rector of the Orthodox parish of Saint Nicolas (Toulouse, France).

Iconographer and rector of the Romanian Orthodox parish of Toledo.

Iconographer, teacher of Fine Arts and restorer of Monasteries.

## The Taste of India, the Light of Awakening

Gemma Polo Pujol

Ajay Pal Singh

Jaya J. Ashmore

Room 115, English /Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Workshop consisting in two parts: 1) a presentation of the activities of meditation practised in India in the association "Open Dharma", which promotes spaces for reflection and dialogue for people from different nationalities and religions; 2) a study and a discussion from the reading of an ancient Sanskrit text.

Gemma Polo is born in Barcelona, where she studied Religious Studies and lived in a Catholic community before leaving to India, where she has been teaching meditation.

Ajay Pal Singh, born in India, studied Sanskrit and yoga, and has been organizing groups of meditation since 1998.

Jaya J. Ashmore, from the USA, has been living in India since 1990 and has been organizing meditation retreats for the association "Open Dharma".

## Bhakti Yoga Experience

Sivarama Swami

Room 120, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Sivarama Swami will offer chant (Kirtana) and a brief Srimad Bhagavatam description followed by discussion and reflection with participants.

Born Peter Letai in Budapest Hungary, in 1973 he joined the Krishna Consciousness movement in Montreal. In 1987 he took responsibility for preaching incognito in Hungary and, since 1989, has traveled between Hungary and the UK, lecturing and teaching. He is one of 25 governing members of ISKCON.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## Dances With the Earth

Juniper Talbot

Room 121, English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Movement has been a powerful component of many ancient spiritual practices. One potent aspect of movement as a sacred practice is its ability to transcend the need for language. Juniper Talbot will share simple moving meditations from ancient and modern earth-centered traditions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn these moving meditations and to experience the depths of peace and connection that can be elicited from moving together in sacred harmony.

Juniper Talbot has been a practitioner and leader of Pagan spirituality for over 20 years. As a professional dancer, she has toured widely, especially to Europe and the British Isles. Juniper is currently a member of EarthSpirit, a USA-based pagan organization. She offers performances, workshops and rituals based in ancient Celtic traditions.

## Jain Prayers Yoga and Meditation

Samani Punya Pragyā

Room 122, Hindi/English/Spanish

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

This morning observance will consist of Jain prayer, recital of mantras, demonstration of yogic exercises and meditation session.

Samani Punya Pragyā (Jain Nun) is a disciple of His Holiness Acharya Śrī Mahāpragyā. She has an M.A. in Prakrit Language and Literature. She has traveled throughout India and abroad to propagate Jainism, Preksha Meditation, Non-violence. She is an accomplished singer.

## Praying with Psalms

Pedro Cotera

Berta Usúa

Room 123, Spanish/English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Christian prayers based on the psalms that are the results of a romance between God and human beings.

Pedro Cotera is an Evangelist in Spain and prayer's guide in Zaragoza for youth and adults. He has welcomed immigrants for a lot of years.

Berta Usúa is an Evangelist in Spain and prayer's guides in Zaragoza for youth and adults.

## Lovingkindness and Inner Light: An Interfaith Sharing of Reflective Prayer and Meditation Practices

Arthur Stein

Clare Sartori-Stein

Room 124, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Peace begins within each person. Drawing upon their multi faith perspectives, Clare and Art will share the Lovingkindness prayer/meditation taught by Thich Nhat Hanh (Engaged Buddhism) that deepens our development of compassion towards oneself and others. We will also experience Jyoti (Light) Meditation as taught by Sant Rajinder Singh (Science of Spirituality) focusing on the source of peacefulness accessible within everyone.

Arthur Stein, Ph.D., teaches Peace Studies and Comparative Religion at the University of Rhode Island and is co-founder of the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies and URI. He is an author and is involved in educational and conflict resolution/reconciliation service locally and globally.

Clare Sartori-Stein (MA) is a psychotherapist and school psychologist who works with children and families, and teaches a course on Wellness in the URI Psychology Department. She is currently completing a major study on "best practices in character education" within the state of Rhode Island.

## The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth II

Yayasan Dharma Tiga

Room 129, Morning Observances

Religious or Spiritual Observance

Tembang Majapat: Doa Keselamatan/Prayer of Safety: Gusti Koes Murtiyah (Karaton Surakarta, Java) Royong Prayer of Bugis Makassar: Nurlina Syahrir (Makassar, South Sulawesi)

Yayasan Dharma Tiga is a nonprofit public foundation in Bedulu, Bali, Indonesia, that aspires to maintain and support the conciliation spirit aroused in the interfaith meeting in the Samuan Tiga Temple in the year 1011; that it may be useful through sharing in Arts and Religiosity among cultures in Indonesia and throughout the world. Individual biographical information of its members can be found in the Performance Section of the Program Book.

## Oneida Nation Wolf Clan

Joanne Shenandoah

Room 130, English

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

The Haudenosaunee recognize the influence of music and dance as expressions of happiness. We acknowledge we have been given everything we need by Iethimistenha Ohontsia (Mother Earth) to walk in peace upon her. We recognize she moves in harmony with our elder brother the Sun and grandmother Moon. We celebrate their being by raising our voices in songs of praise and gratitude. We shall sing to honor our celestial and territorial kin.

Joanne Shenandoah is a multiple award winning Native American composer, vocalist and performer whose music reflects the indigenous philosophy and culture which continues to have a profound effect on the world today. She is a Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy, Oneida Nation. She has 13 recordings and her music is on 40 plus compilations. She has appeared at the White House, Kennedy Center and at various music festivals across the USA.

## **This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer**

Master Teacher

Room 131

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The morning observance will be directed to the healing power of prayer, demonstrating the power of dynamic prayer to heal through individual applications of forgiveness and love. Morning Observances held by Teachers of A Course in Miracles will offer the rest that comes from an instant of perfect communication with God. Everyone is invited to join us in this experience of awakening to the peace and happiness that is our reality as a perfect creation of God.

Master Teacher is a Teacher of God through illumination of mind and body that is the fulfillment of the mission of A Course in Miracles. He demonstrates the passion of rebirth that is the goal of all of us in the mind training of the Course and constitutes a continuing union with the mind of Jesus of Nazareth through the Holy Spirit.

## **Women and Spirituality**

Cristina Monteys

Mariangeles Coscolluela

Leila Bousquet

Montse Castellà

Caroline Wilson

Talieh Farzanejad

Room 132

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

Panel discussion on the spiritual experiences of women from diverse religious traditions and the feminine element within

*spirituality in these traditions. There will be the group of women of the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue.*

Cristina Monteys is the Coordinator of Activities for the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Groups of women and young people of this organization

Mariangeles Coscolluela is a Catholic member of the "Association of Women in the Church" ("Còl·lecciu de Dones en l'Església").

Leila Bousquet is a Muslim activist for women's cause in France. She has been implied in different feminist associations and involved in several interreligious congresses.

Montse Castellà is a Teacher of meditation and tai-chi in Barcelona; translator of Buddhist texts.

Caroline Wilson is a Dr. in philology in Great-Britain; she is a Quaker and a specialist in feminism, and lives in Great-Britain.

Talieh Farzanejad is an Iranian and bahá'í architect living in Barcelona.

## **Human, Social and Spiritual Nets**

Koldo Aldai

Jordi Orús

Josep Puig

Zulma Reyo

Joaquim Tamames

134

Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance

The new global nets that make easier human relationships, cooperations and exchanges in the human and spiritual aspects.

Koldo Aldai graduated in history and geography from the Deusto University, writer, editor and founder of webs of New Awareness and of the Foundation Alalba.

Jordi Orús is a Master of yoga, founder of the association "Athonor" and of "Arcadia", a pedagogical center for the sustainability.

Josep Puig is a Professor of the Autonomous University of Barcelona and consultant in topics of sustainability; founder of "Ecotecnia" and of "Ecoservois", a consultancy on energy, technology and environment; president of the European network "Energi-cities".

Zulma Reyo is a therapist and founder of the "School of Internal Alchemy"; she published many books on these topics.

Joaquim Tamames is an economist and expert in sustainable investments; creator of different social programs for the education to sustainable economy.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

MORNING OBSERVANCES 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

## **Walking Meditation with Maha Ghosananda**

Ven. Samdech Maha Ghosananda

M.O. 1

**Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance**

A outdoor walking meditation with Maha Ghosananda.

The Ven. Maha Ghosananda is the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhism in Cambodia. Ven. Ghosananda is a world-renowned peace activist who has led numerous Dhammicetra peace walks in Cambodia. He is the winner of the Alternative Peace Prize and the Niwano Peace Prize.

## **Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace**

Sandra Comeau

Jan Campbell

M.O. 4

**Morning Observances, Religious or Spiritual Observance**

By its fundamental nature, the labyrinth is a metaphor for a pathway to unity, within self, community and with all cultures, faiths, ages and genders. This facilitated open walk is accompanied by the music CD "World Peace Chants" by New Orleans-based devotional singer Sean Johnson, and his ensemble, The Rishis (named for the great sages of India). Sean created the music especially for the labyrinth walks at the 2004 Parliament.

Sandra Comeau has been involved in the Veriditas Labyrinth Movement for over five years, obtaining her facilitator training from Dr. Lauren Artress of Grace Cathedral. She has extensive training in ancient cultures, sacred geometry, spiritual counseling and various other healing traditions, as well as an undergraduate degree in Cross-Cultural Studies.

Jan Campbell has been involved in various events presenting the Labyrinth experience. She facilitated the Labyrinth at the 1999 Parliament in Cape Town. Her volunteer work has spanned many spiritual traditions including interfaith projects. She has spent over 15 years embracing a diversity of spiritual studies.

**INTRARELIGIOUS 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

## **Interreligious Dialogue and New Awareness**

Jordi Orús

Koldo Aldai

Emilio Fiel

Kathy Newburn

Juan Ruiz

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

Panel Discussion

Presentation of the New Awareness, which wants to be a bridge between different ideologies, ways of being and ways of approaching the transcendence.

Jordi Orús is a Master of yoga, founder of the association "Athanor" and of "Arcadia", a pedagogical center for the sustainability.

Koldo Aldai graduated in history and geography from the Deusto University, writer, editor and founder of webs of New Awareness and of the foundation Akalbo.

Emilio Fiel is Founder of the religious community "Arco Iris" in Spain and expert of many initiatory traditions.

Kathy Newburn is a psychologist and founder of the school "Araucan" in New York.

Juan Ruiz is a psychologist and therapist, specialist of "holothropic" breathing, coordinator of the travels of Gelug Kutsang Rimpoché.

## **Islam: Voice, Vision and Action of Women**

Yaratullah Monturiol

Jadicha Candela Castillo

Asma Lamrabet

Leila Laure Bousquet

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion offering three practical points of view regarding the struggle of women against violence, the usurpation of rights and the emerging feminist reading of Islām.

Yaratullah Monturiol is an Arabist and vice president of the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue in Barcelona ("Associació Unesco per al Diàleg Interreligiós").

Jadicha Candela Castillo is founder of the religious group Islamica An-Nisa for Spanish Muslim women. Law consultant for the Spanish Federation of Islamic Religious Entities (Federación de Entidades Religiosas Islámicas FEERI).

Asma Lamrabet is a Dr. in Medicine and Visiting Professor at the "Instituto Nacional de Pediatría" in Mexico City. She has worked in hospitals in various Latin American countries. She has recently published books about the situation of Muslim women in Western society.

Leila Laure Bousquet is a Muslim activist for women's cause in France. She has been implicated in different feminist associations and involved in several interreligious congresses.

## **Socially Engaged Buddhism: A Pathway to Peace**

Matt Weiner

Sulak Sivaraksa

Ven. Sobita Thero

Ven. Samdech Maha Ghosananda

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan

This panel discussion will focus on the incredible success that socially engaged Buddhist leaders have had in combating modern problems like war, poverty and AIDS, as well as the diversity of the responses. These stories attest to the limitless well of compassion within the Buddhist tradition, as applied via the skillful means of social activism. In sharing these stories of success, presenters will also discuss the obstacles to peace, and the social, political and cultural causes of suffering which still remain and must be addressed.

Matthew Weiner is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, and the Director of Programming at the Interfaith Center of New York. The Interfaith Center is an educational non profit organization that works with 1,000 religious leaders on social and educational issues.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Pragna Dharma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

Ven. O. Sobhita Maha Thero is one of the leading socially engaged Buddhists active in Sri Lanka and Singapore. He also recently became a member of the Sri Lankan Parliament. His work is primarily in rural villages, concerning issues such as adequate water supply and relationship building with the Tamil community.

The Ven. Maha Ghosananda is the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhism in Cambodia. Ven. Ghosananda is a world-renowned peace activist who has led numerous Dhammicayietra peace walks in Cambodia. He is the winner of the Alternative Peace Prize and the Nobel Peace Prize.

## What is Shinji Shumeikai?

Alan Imai

## Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan

Informally known as Shumei, Shinji Shumeikai is a spiritual organization dedicated to elevating the quality of life. This lecture will serve as an introduction to Shumei, and how the founder, Mokichi Okada, taught that a world free of sickness, poverty, and discord is possible through the spiritual exercise of *Iyorei*—an appreciation of art and beauty, and practice of natural agriculture.

Mr. Alan Imai was born in September 1957 in Hyogo, Japan. In 1985, he was assigned to the United States. Mr. Imai is responsible for Shumei America's East Coast activities as Associate Director of Shumei America, and also serves as the Shumei Natural Agriculture International Project Coordinator.

## Doctrine of the Scientology Religion

Rev. Heber Jentzsch

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

This lecture, with audience participation including a question-and-answer period and demonstrations, will describe the basic tenets of the Scientology religion and the practical methods used by Scientologists around the world to achieve the aims of Scientology, as formulated by Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard: "A civilization without insanity—without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights." The lecture will focus on three beliefs of the Scientology religion: 1) The three parts of man, including the spiritual dimension of man, his body, and mind; 2) The dynamics of existence, and the achievement of infinite survival or immortality in the here and now; 3) The components of understanding, and how the increase of certain ingredients in human relations can bring about respect of diversity.

The Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch, President of the Church of Scientology International since 1982, has been active as an ordained minister of the Church for more than 20 years. His extensive religious training includes not only a study of the Scientology religion, but of other faiths as well.

## Practicing Sikh Values in Daily Life

Jathedar Manjit Singh Calcutta

Balwant Hansra

Giani Gurbux Singh Gulshan

## Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

In this program, the panel will outline the Sikh values as they have been taught by the Sikh Gurus. An emphasis will be placed on how these values help us to become better human beings through promoting goodwill and uplifting our own spirituality.

Jathedar Manjit Singh Calcutta is the General Secretary of the Shromani Gurdwara Parbhandas Committee.

Dr. Balwant Singh Hansra has been an At-Large Executive Committee Member of CPWR, and Chair and Professor of the Natural Science Department at Daley College in Chicago. He has also been Chair of the Sikh Host Committee and Appointed Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee.

Giani Gurbux Singh Gulshan is a Minister of Sikhism in the United Kingdom.

## Awakening the Transformative Power of Shakti: The Life Force of Peace

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati will offer her teachings and insight into using the power of Shakti, the divine feminine energy within us, as the life force for bringing peace to the world. Through the awakening of Shakti, deepening one's awareness and learning the art of non-reaction, we can use the power of love

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

to touch and serve humanity. Ma will offer an experiential workshop exploring the spiritual practices of meditation, Kirtan, and breath work as a key to finding internal peace, and the pain of service to humanity as the external formula for peace.

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, founder of Kashi Ashram, and the River Fund, is a compassionate humanitarian and fearless advocate of basic human rights and religious freedom. She is a Trustee of the Parliament and an inductee into the MLK Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.

## The Relevance of Zoroastrianism in the Modern Age

Khojeste P. Mistree

Room 120, English  
Lecture

Zoroastrianism is the oldest revealed religion in the world, with a distinctive theology and a well developed set of ritual practices going back to remote antiquity. This lecture aims at showing how relevant the theology is, both to the believer and by extension, for the general good of the world. Zoroastrian spirituality believes that the greatest good is to generate wealth and then to share it by way of charity to others for the benefit of the soul. The lecture will also discuss the concept of charity as a statement and tool of human ecology.

Khojeste Mistree is Co-founder and Managing Trustee of the Zoroastrian Foundation, established to promote the dissemination of religious knowledge. Khojeste has an honorary degree in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford and is a noted speaker.

## Struggling Muslim Communities in the West

Khalid Griggs  
Pamela Aneesah Nadir  
Abdul Jalil Sajid  
Janaan Hashim  
Scott Alexander

Room 121, English

According to the public opinion surveys, more than 28% of the Muslims in the US have been directly affected by the backlash following the tragedy of 9/11. This panel examines how the war against terrorism is impacting Muslims living in the West. Topics include: "Islamophobia Report," "Declining State of Civil Rights in the U.S.," and "Neo-Cons and Anti-Muslim Propaganda."

Khalid Griggs is Imam of Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is Vice-President of Dawa Net, and Director of Millennium Academy of Local School Systems. An educator and columnist, he is also a former editor of the *Message Monthly*.

Dr. Nadir is an Assistant Professor at Arizona State University West in the Department of Social Work. She is also the President of the Islamic Social Services Association of the U.S. Her research focus is on Muslims in America.

Imam Dr. Abdul Jalil Sajid is Hon. International Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths, an interfaith activist and chair of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony. Dr. Sajid is also a Member of the British Commission on the "Islamophobia Report".

Janaan Hashim is currently a third-year law student at DePaul University College of Law. She is a former journalism teacher and internet radio producer, and is a board member of the Council of American Islamic Relations in Chicago.

Scott Alexander is director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Dr. Alexander has studied Islam in the context of his broader training as an historian of religions. He is interested in medieval Muslim sectarianism, and the mystical traditions of Muslim spirituality, Quranic studies, and the history and future of Muslim-Christian relations and interfaith dialogue.

## Pagan Teachings About the Earth

Deirdre Arthen  
Dennis Carpenter  
Andras Corban Arthen

Room 122, English  
Interactive Workshop

The Pagan traditions, based in indigenous European cultures, teach us that there is no real separation between humans and the Earth. Nor is there separation between humans and the rest of the life forms that share this planet with us. This panel features well-established Pagan leaders and scholars from different traditions who will speak about the roots of these essential teachings and the ways that they can be integrated into and guide our lives in the current era.

Deirdre Pulgram Arthen, co-director of EarthSpirit, and its ritual performance group, Mother Tongue, has been leading public Pagan, community and inter-religious gathering for 25 years. She is a well-known and respected elder and teacher within the US Pagan community. At home she leads a monthly song-sharing group for her local community.

Dennis D. Carpenter, Ph.D. is Research Director of Circle Sanctuary, and is part of the environmental staff of Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve in Wisconsin. He is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, and is author of *Spiritual Experiences, Life Changes, and Ecological Viewpoints of Contemporary Pagans*.

Andras Corban-Arthen is the founder of EarthSpirit. Since his ordination as a pagan priest in 1969, he has represented the earth religions at many conferences and inter-religious events. Mr. Arthen lives at Glenwood, an intentional pagan community in Massachusetts, and teaches and lectures throughout the U.S. and abroad.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

## Global Peace and Leadership: A Jain Perspective

Anop Vora  
Vinod Kapashi  
Naresh Jain

Room 123, English  
Panel

Jainism is based on the practice of nonviolence and multiplicity of viewpoints. These are also the necessary ingredients for promoting peace and sustaining leadership globally. The practice of leadership within any organization should be conducted by these principles, as well as the three core values that drive all Jains: right perception, right knowledge and right conduct. Decision-making based on data and facts as opposed to hearsay and opinion will serve a leader well in acting as an example to others in the organization.

Anop Vora is the President of the Jain Association in North America. He has a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Masters in Business Administration, and has written and published several articles on a variety of topics based on the teachings of Jainism.

Dr. Vinod Kapashi has taught Jainism for 15 years, and holds a Ph.D. in Jain sacred hymns. He is the president of Mahavir Foundation, and takes keen interest in the Interfaith activities in the United Kingdom, having served as the president of the Harrow Interfaith Council in the past.

Naresh Jain Co-chairs the Interfaith Committee of the Federation of Jain Association in North America popularly known as JA/NA, and also serves as Vice President of the International Jain Sangh. He is significantly involved in interfaith forums in the USA as a presenter, moderator, and coordinator.

## Vedanta Interpreted By Sri Ramakrishna and Goals of Peace, Harmony and Spirituality

Swami Amarananda  
Swami Atmatattwananda

Room 124, English  
Lecture

Sri Ramakrishna is the only person known in the hagiography who has achieved spiritual 'realization' according to the paths prescribed by different major religions of the world. He declared that all these paths lead to the same Truth; hence the universality of his timeless message. This lecture will examine the process of understanding and deepening of our spirituality emphasized within the context of the life and message of Sri Ramakrishna. This will lead not only to recognizing but to accepting the 'otherness' of what is alien to us. Only on the basis of such an orientation of mind can one muster an attitude conducive to work for peace and justice.

Swami Amarananda gave up his profession of civil engineering and joined the Order of Ramakrishna in 1966, and became

president of Centre Vedantique, Geneva in 1988. The Swami's experience in inter-religious dialogues includes the Inter-religious Platform of Geneva, international seminars organized by UNESCO of Catalonia, and World Faiths Development Dialogue.

Swami Atmatattwananda is a monk of the Ramakrishna Order. He has studied at Yale University's Philosophy Department and at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

## The Variety of Chinese Religious Expression

Chris Drake  
Jeng Fu Chen  
Jennifer Chang  
Sebastien Shen  
Lin Mei Rong

Room 125, English  
Panel Discussion

This 90-minute panel will present a variety of perspectives on religious expression within China, highlighting those teachings of the Chinese religions that are common to other religions and their achievements. The presenters will be asked to share their personal understanding, hopes and experiences, and engage in a dialogue about the most pressing challenges that contemporary society brings to Chinese religions today and of the benefits that such religions offer society in the context of people's search for peace.

Christopher Drake is a representative to the United Nations, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in Hong Kong SAR, China, and is a meditation instructor and trainer in values education.

Dr. Jeng Fu Chen is the Secretary General/Vice Chair of World T'kuan Tao Headquarters. He received both his Master and Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious Studies at University of the West and has served as commissioner and Vice Chair of the Cultural Commission of the City of El Monte since 1997.

Jennifer Chang is Vice Secretary General at TienTi Teachings Association, Taiwan. She is also a member of both The Society for the Study of Religious Philosophy, and Red Heart Association.

Mr. Shen is of Yeh-sin, a Taiwan local religious belief.

Ms. Lin Mei Rong is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethology, Academia Sinica.

## Ideological Roadblocks on Pathways to Peace and Suggested Solutions

Rajinder Mago  
Harbans Lal  
Parminder Singh Randhawa  
Rajinderjit Singh

Room 129, English  
Lecture, Academic Paper

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

This program discusses the necessity for a paradigm shift to an evolving, multi-civilizational dispensation with no space for the inherent polarities of religious, political, or economic evangelism. In creating a model of listening, the speakers draw on the teachings of Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh to bring diversity alive as constitutive aspects of reality, both spiritual and social. Discussion will include the topic of a Map of Futuristic World Society for Peace, and World Peace Based on Guru Granth Theology of One Spirit One World.

Mr. Randeer Singh Mayo has been an active member of the Metropolitan Chicago Interreligious Initiative Planning Committee since 1993. He is a member of the Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, and is also an engineer with a B.S.M.E., P.E.

Dr. Harbans Lal, Ph.D., is an emeritus professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, University of North Texas Health Science Center. He is president of the Academy of Guru Granth Studies.

A mechanical engineer, Colonel Randeer Singh Randhawa participated in four major wars in the Indo-subcontinent while serving in the Indian Army for over 30 years, including the war which led to the creation of Bangladesh.

Mrs. Singh has been an educator for more than 40 years. Since her retirement, she has been actively involved in interfaith teaching through several forums, for which she has received numerous recognitions. She believes very strongly that through learning about each other's faiths, understanding amongst all people can be achieved. Mrs. Singh is a founding board member of the Long Island Multi-faith Forum, member of North Shore Clergy Assoc. and The Sikh Foundation.

## Developing a Strategy for Engaging Communities in Your City

David Capraro

Josh Borkin

Kristina Lobo

Clayton Benson

Room 130, English  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. Entering its third year of existence, the Partner Cities Program is growing organically based on relationships developed around the world. Join in a discussion about how the Partner Cities can connect with your community and help create a strategy for strengthening the connections between communities. This program will also feature stories about the history of interreligious groups and how they see the partnership as helping the evolution of their organizations.

David Capraro is President of In the Light, and a sponsor of the Gursikh-Khatri Peace Project. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sarvodaya USA, and is the Interfaith Coordinator for Aethenas Society.

Josh Borkin has been Education Coordinator for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions since 1999. During his service

at the Council, Josh has led the development of new models for interreligious education, and organized the Next Generation programs at the 1999 and 2004 Parliament events.

Kristina Lobo is a Public Ally intern with the Partner Cities Program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Clayton Benson is an Intern with the Partner Cities Program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## Community of Christ: Maintaining Identity in a Diverse World

Don Compier

Grant McMurray

Wim Van Klinken

Room 131, English/Spanish/Dutch  
Panel Discussion

The recent adoption of a new name by the Community of Christ represents far more than a politically correct move. This small denomination of "Moderate Mormons" experienced profound change as a result of exposure to international religious diversity. Now they have embraced a mission of peace and justice and a dedication to ecumenical and interfaith cooperation. In this presentation leaders of this movement will describe this unique history and its implications for their groups future contributions to the creation of truly diverse communities.

Don H. Compier received a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Emory and taught at the Episcopal Seminary of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California for 9 years. In 2002 he became the first Dean of the new Community Christ Seminary.

Grant McMurray is President, Community of Christ (International).

Wim Van Klinken is Leader of Community of Christ in Europe.

## Cosmological Insights of the Urantia Book and their relation to Interreligious Dialogue

F. Gard Jameson

Paula Thompson

Leonardo Da Jandra

Room 132, English

This presentation will be a survey of cosmological and spiritual insights from The Urantia Book, an inspiring text that provides a unique perspective on the individual's place in time and space. Historical perspectives will be provided, covering traditions like that of Adam and Eve, the Lucifer Rebellion, the time of Melchizedek, the life and teachings of Jesus, a brief history of the planet itself and an account of the great spiritual traditions on the planet. Also, The Urantia Book provides remarkable insights into the development of spiritual perception and growing God consciousness. These insights, along with its cosmological perspective, serve the book's two

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

purposes stated on page one, the “endeavor to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception.”

F. Gord Jameson, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is a Trustee of the Urantia Foundation. He's also a board member of both the North American Interfaith Network, and the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, as well as a member of the United Religions Initiative and Forge Guild.

Paula Thompson is the Executive Director of the Jesusonian Foundation in Boulder, Colorado. She also currently serves on the executive boards of two Urantia oriented non-profits, and has successfully taught these amazing concepts to others for 27 years. She is also a member of the Urantia Book Fellowship.

Author and winner of Mexico's National Prize in Literature for his novel *Samahua*, Leonardo Da Jandra has a Ph.D. in the Philosophy of Mathematics.

## The Movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and Eastern Religions

Àngel Bartol  
Francesc Brunés  
Aurelio Cerviño

134  
Seminar

Experiences of the Focolari movement concerning its contact with Buddhism in 1979 and with Hinduism in 2001.

Àngel Bartol is former director of the magazine *Ciudad Nueva* and co-chair of the Focolar Movement in Spain.

Francesc Brunés is a high school teacher; he is in charge of the interreligious dialogue of the Focolars of Barcelona.

Aurelio Cerviño holds a Bachelor Degree in Moral Theology and is the director of a magazine called *Ciutat Nova*.

## Fundamentalism: The Final Frontier for Interreligious Dialogue?

Peter Huff  
Rashied Omar  
R. Geivett  
Donald Wagner

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Academic Paper

This panel brings together a group of Muslim and Christian speakers to address the cross-cultural phenomenon of fundamentalism as it relates to contemporary interreligious encounter. It will address the themes of peacemaking and listening across religious boundaries from a variety of paradigms, and will propose strategies for constructive dialogue with fundamentalist movements in world religions. Emphasizing the strategic role of interior dialogue with the “other”, we seek to promote dialogue between fundamentalists and non-fundamentalists on the level of practical experience.

Dr. Peter A. Huff holds the T.L. James Chair in Religious Studies at Centenary College of Louisiana. Author of *Allen Tate and the Catholic Revival* and co-editor of *Knowledge and Belief in America*, he has published widely on fundamentalism, pluralism, and interfaith dialogue.

Rashied Omar is a Trustee of CPWR; Imam, Cape Town, South Africa; coordinator, program in religion conflict, and peace building, University of Notre Dame, US.

R. Douglas Geivett, Professor of Philosophy at Biola University, has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy, and an M.A. in Biblical Studies. He has taught at numerous Universities, and has written and contributed to several books, including *In Defense of Miracles: A Comprehensive Case for God's Action in History*.

Donald Wagner is Professor of Religion and Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at North Park University in Chicago. He is the author of five books, recently *Dying in the Land of Promise* (2003), and of *Anxious for Armageddon* (1995).

## Justice, War and Peace in Islam

Abdul Malik Mujahid  
Syed Shahabuddin  
Tariq Ramadan  
Rached Ghannouchi

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan

What is the Islamic position on war and peace? This panel addresses this critical question, considering issues of justice, negotiation and working for human harmony.

An award-winning author and producer, Abdul Malik Mujahid is a Trustee of CPWR. He is an Imam in the Chicago area, and has served as the President of several Muslim organizations and alliances.

An Indian Ambassador to Algeria and Mauritania, Syed served as General Secretary of the Janata Party, and was a member of the Parliament for three terms. Syed was the founding Editor of the *Journal Muslim India*, and currently heads All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of the European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

A distinguished Islamic thinker and scholar, and the leader of the En-Nahda Movement of Tunisia, Sheikh Ghannouchi has written extensively on the social aspect of Islam in the contemporary world.

## Interreligious Youth Concert

Maria Lucia Caram Padilla

Cabaret (10:00 AM–11:00 AM), Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Young people of two different musical groups will use the

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTRARELIGIOUS SESSION 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

universal language of music from various religious, cultural and spiritual traditions. They have even composed a special hymn for the Parliament. They will briefly introduce each religious tradition before every song.

Maria Lucía Caram Padilla is a contemplative nun (Convent of Santa Clara, in Manresa), who has been working in solidarity projects for the Third World and on mental health issues. She is promoting interreligious activities in Manresa. Different young groups of Manresa will participate in this initiative.

INTERRELIGIOUS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## The Global Heart Vision: Principles and Practices for Personal Transformation and Global Change

Kathy Hearn  
Rickie Byers Beckwith

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

The Global Heart Vision embraces "a world that works for everyone". It envisions a world in which resources are continuously and generously shared, compassion is active and forgiveness, whether for errors, injustices or debts, is the norm. It presents a world which has renewed its emphasis on nature, beauty, art and creativity, where people are encouraged to use their gifts and expertise, and fellowship prospers through the guidance of spiritual wisdom and experience. This Vision calls us to change from the inside out as we live and grow as One Human Family. This program is part of a series organized by the Association for Global New Thought (AGNT).

Ordained in 1985, Dr. Hearn was the founding and senior minister of Pacific Church of Religious Science in San Diego, California, and is the Community Spiritual Leader of United Church of Religious Science. She was part of AGNT's Synthesis Dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India.

Rickie Byers Beckwith is Music Director for the AGAPE International Center for Truth.

## The Pluralism Project: Listening to America

Diana Eck  
Grove Harris

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

For more than ten years, the Pluralism Project, based at Harvard University, has been exploring the changing religious landscape of the United States, looking at developments in America's cities and towns and listening to the voices of Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and others. We

listen to ways that hometown America is responding to new challenges of religious diversity and dialogue. Join us to hear and share contemporary vignettes. We particularly welcome our colleagues and friends in the international arena, so we may learn more about issues of religious pluralism around the globe. We will share our network of affiliates and technical expertise. We invite you to join the network so we can share resources around the globe.

Diana L. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and Director of the Pluralism Project. Her book *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Bonaros* is about interreligious dialogue and won the prestigious Grawemeyer Book Award. In 1998, President Clinton awarded her the National Humanities Medal for the work of the Pluralism Project in the investigation of religious diversity in the United States that led to the production of the CD-ROM, *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. Her latest book, *A New Religion: in America*, was published by HarperSF in June 2001.

Grove Harris is the Managing Director for the Pluralism Project at Harvard University and teaches at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Her writing includes "Paganism" in *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. Ms. Harris leads international consensus training workshops, and a Wiccan Maidens' group for girls ages 13-16. Her Masters in Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School incorporated studies of organizational development and business management into the study of religion and ethics.

## Resources for Peacemaking in Areas of Religious Conflict

Rev. David Smock  
Paul Wee

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Religious communities throughout the world are becoming the center of a growing debate on one basic question: Is religion primarily a source of conflict, or of peace? This program seeks to strengthen the peacemaking role of religious communities by focusing on three primary tasks: 1) to encourage and strengthen the resolve of religious leaders to become active in peacemaking; 2) to listen to the experiences and the needs of leaders and members of religious communities who are committed to peacemaking; and 3) to bring to their awareness the significant resources that are available to assist them in their peacemaking role.

Rev. Dr. David Smock is the Director of the Religion and Peacemaking Initiative at the US Institute of Peace. He is also the editor of *Interfaith Dialogue & Peacemaking*, and was previously the Executive Associate to the Office of the President of the United Church of Christ.

Former General Secretary for the Lutheran World Ministries, Dr. Paul Wee is a former Assistant General Secretary for International affairs and human rights of the Lutheran World Federation.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Peace Initiatives to Bridge the Hindu-Muslim Divide

Homi Dhallia

Iqbal Ahmad Ansari

H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswati

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

The violent Hindu-Muslim riots of December 1992 left Mumbai burning and led to a trail of death and immense destruction. This was in the aftermath of the Babri mosque demolition. A number of peace initiatives have been undertaken to bridge this Hindu-Muslim divide. The program discusses the role of the Mohalla Committees, the media, the involvement of the youth and artists who have all helped to heal the wounds and usher in an environment of harmony.

Dr. Dhallia is the Founder and President of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation, and is an advisor to the Parliament, providing interfaith leadership in India.

A veteran human rights activist, Dr. Iqbal Ansari is a Visiting Professor at Hamdard University in India. He is the author of *Report on Communal Riots: Prevention & Control for the National Commission for Minorities*.

H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswatiiji is the President and Spiritual Head of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh (Himalayas). He travels the world bringing wisdom, inspiration, fulfillment and peace to audiences of all nationalities, all backgrounds and all cultures.

## Recognizing and Crossing the Boundaries of Religious/Spiritual Traditions in Interfaith Encounters – A Unifying Experience

Albert Nambiaparambil (CMI)

S. Wesley Ariarajah

J. Rajashekar

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan

We will look at language in various traditions that blocks open communication. This program includes interfaith practices and has a focus on transcending the limits of the 'language game' of particular traditions.

Fr. Albert Nambiaparambil is Secretary General of the World Fellowship of Interreligious Councils and director of UPASANA. He is the author of *Interreligious Dialogue: My Pilgrimage of Hope in INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE*.

S. Wesley Ariarajah, Methodist Minister from Sri Lanka, served both in the pastoral ministry of the church and as lecturer in the History of Religions and New Testament in the common Protestant seminary of the churches in Sri Lanka. In 1981 he was invited to join the staff of the World Council of Churches, where he led the Councils Interfaith Dialogue for over ten years.

Professor of Systematic Theology, and Dean of Lutheran Theological Seminary, J. Paul Rajashekar is Secretary for the

Lutheran World Federation. Dr. Rajashankar earned his doctoral degree at the University of Iowa, and is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## The Responsibility of the Global Muslim Community in the Post 9/11 World

Irfan Khan

Saleha Abedin

Amir Al-Islam

Tariq Ramadan

Ibrahim Ozdemir

Anis Ahmad

Zahid Bukhari

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

In the Cape Town Parliament of the World's Religions (1999), Dr. Irfan Ahmad Khan offered a Gift of Service to Humankind, an International Association of Muslims for Interreligious Relations (IAMIRR) now known as The World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR). This panel will discuss what this Global Forum of Muslims is doing to awaken Muslims to their duty to humankind and to support interreligious engagement to create a moral force on an international level for peace and justice in the world.

Irfan Ahmad Khan is President of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations (WCMIR) and a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Chief Editor of Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs, Saleha Abedin is co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders. She is also on the International Advisory Board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Director of the World Council of Muslims for Interfaith Relations, professor Al-Islam presently serves as a member of the Leadership Council of the Muslim Alliance in North America, and was one of the first Muslims to visit Auschwitz as a delegate of the International Conference on Religion and Peace.

Tariq Ramadan is a Swiss Muslim intellectual of Egyptian heritage. Born in Switzerland, he is one of the most important figures of European Islam and teaches Islamic sciences at the Universities of Geneva and Fribourg. He serves as an expert in various committees linked to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Dr. Ibrahim Ozdemir is Professor of History of Philosophy at Ankara University, Divinity School, Turkey. He is author of *The Ethical Dimension of Human Attitudes Towards Nature, Environment and Religion, Lonely Planet, and Postmodern Thoughts*.

Anis Ahmad is Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University in Islamabad, Pakistan, and Meritorious Professor of Islamic and Comparative Religion. He is also Editor-In-Chief of *West and Islam*, quarterly journal, Islamabad. Dr. Ahmad is Chairman of the Foundation of the Faithful. He carries a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion and Islamic from Temple University, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Dr. Zahid Bukhari is on the staff of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. He served as Director and Co-Principal Investigator for the Center's MAPS Project.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Christian Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue

Joan Botam Casals  
Julián García Hernando  
Fernando R. Garrapucho

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Senior Christian leaders from Spain engage in a panel discussion that aims at developing a deep analysis of the outcomes of interreligious dialogue, with particular reference to peace and reconciliation, from a Christian perspective.

Joan Botam Casals has a Ph.D. in Theology from the Pontificia Università Gregoriana de Roma; he is the president of the ecumenical center of Catalonia and the spokesperson of the association "Christianism in the 21st century".

Julián García Hernando has been the secretary of the Commission for the interdenominational relationships of the Spanish Bishops' Conference; currently he is the director of the Ecumenical Center of the Missionaries of the Unity ("Centro Ecueménico de las Misioneras de la Unidad").

Fernando R. Garrapucho is the director of the Center for the Eastern and Ecumenical Studies Juan XXIII ("Centro de Estudios Orientales y Ecueménicos Juan XXIII") in Salamanca and the director of the scholarly magazine *Diálogo ecuménico*.

## Self Discipline, Peace and Spiritual Growth

Sudhir Shah  
Raksha Shah

Room 120, English  
Lecture, Seminar

Self-discipline requires an understanding of oneself in relation to one's environment and an awareness of the ways to live in harmony with all creatures of this universe. The Jain principle of non-possessiveness/non-attachment is a realistic, practical and rational approach to self-discipline with a solid foundation in the social system. Its basis is individual moral growth, with direct relevance for the society of which the individual is a part. Its main thrust is on a balanced society consisting of disciplined individuals. The talk will explore the challenges and practical applications of Non-possessiveness as a tool to self-discipline in daily life.

Active member of JAINA education committee and Public Affairs Council and Jain representative of Yale University Interfaith group, Sudhir Shah has been involved in Jain education for 10 years. He is the author of *Think of These Things* a collection of articles on the opification of Jain philosophy.

Raksha Shah is a visiting lecturer on Jain Philosophy at the University of Mumbai. She writes a spiritual column in one of the leading newspapers, and has presented papers on religious and philosophical topics at seminars and conferences. She has many degrees, including a Diploma in Jain Philosophy (Distinction).

## Future Search: People Acting Together For a More Inclusive and Collaborative Community

Sandra Janoff  
Ruth McCambridge  
Aideen McGinley

Room 121, English  
Interactive Workshop

Future search is a powerful tool that honors the principles of "whole system in the room", diversity, reality-based dialogue, accountability and common ground for action. Participants will learn Future Search principles, methodology and applications in communities around the world, and learn how to apply future search principles to tasks of concern to them. You will come away with a common ground vision agreed to by all participants, energy and commitment to cooperate from key stakeholders, and implementation plans and immediate next steps.

Sandra Janoff co-developed the principle-based methodology called Future Search. She and her partner co-direct Future Search Network, and have co-authored *Future Search: An Action Guide for Finding Common Ground in Organizations and Communities*.

Ruth McCambridge has had more than thirty-five years of experience working in and with social justice and community based nonprofits. McCambridge has written extensively on nonprofit management and governance. She has a special interest in helping to build communities and fields of practice through participatory planning processes.

Aideen McGinley is Permanent Secretary of the Department of Culture, Arts, and Leisure, and was formerly Chief Executive of Fermanagh District Council. She was awarded an OBE in the Millennium Honours list, and has successfully completed the Leadership Challenge and a United States Information Agency Programme on Sustainable Economic Development.

## Practical Steps Along the Pathways to Peace

Room 122, English  
Lecture

Peacebuilding in the 21st century must take on a much wider remit than in the past and should include making peace with the environment, as well as our enemies, working for sustainability at all levels. We must look at the new challenges we face and why conventional wisdom fails to meet these. Participants will learn necessary dispositions for peacebuilding based on the teachings of Gandhi and Chiara Lubich. The seven basic principles of sustainability will be discussed here, as well as the emerging role of women as peacebuilders in a multi faith society, and as custodians of the environment.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## Comparative Religion for Understanding the Other

Pravin Shah

Room 123, English  
Lecture

During the thousands of years of mankind's history, the search for God/Self has led down many pathways. The result has been the enormous diversity of religious expression found worldwide. The presentation will highlight the similarities and philosophical differences of the World's major faiths, including: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Shinto, Taoism and Confucianism. A summary of each major religion will also be given to all attendees. The summary includes the Founder, Major Scriptures, Sects, Followers, Synopses, Beliefs, and Symbols of each religion.

Pravin K. Shah is a founding member of Jain Study Center of North Carolina, and is a Jain scholar and activist against animal cruelty. He is an advisor to youth organizations, and has published several articles and books on Jain philosophy, cruelty to animals, and Comparative religions.

## Bahá'í Theological Basis of the Interreligious Dialogue

Moojan Momen

Room 124, Spanish  
Lecture

*Lecture followed by a debate on the relation between theology and interreligious dialogue.* There will be special focus on those theological aspects present in the different religions that can motivate the participants to participate in the interreligious dialogue, as well as an exercise of analysis of the obstacles.

Moojan Momen holds a Ph.D. in Medicine and is a renowned author in the fields of compared religious studies, Middle East and the Bahá'í Faith having published some academic books as well as other writings.

## Promoting Sustainable Development through Partnerships with Religious and Spiritual Communities and Youth

Michael Taylor  
Sulak Sivaraksa  
Olly Donnelly  
Ghada Hussein Ibrahim Issa  
Delfina Reuben  
Sadeeva Samadeepa Ariyaratne De Silva  
Thembelihle Nolwazi Mbatha

Room 125  
Academy

Young people and their communities all round the world already engage in poverty reduction and human development. What are the contributions they make? Why are they important as partners in development? How can they be strengthened and encouraged? What are the possibilities for youth-led inter-faith co-operation? How are multi-lateral agencies, like the World Bank, reaching out to them? Panelists invited by the World Faiths Development Dialogue will look at these questions and discuss the issues they raise in a constructive, critical and visionary dialogue. Promoting Sustainable Development through Partnerships with Religious and Spiritual Communities and Youth

Rev Michael Taylor is the Director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD). He is an ordained Christian minister, was formerly Director of Christian Aid, London UK and is now Professor of Social Theology in the University of Birmingham, UK, from where he has been seconded to WFDD.

Sulak Sivaraksa, of the Santi Pracha Dhamma Institute, is a Nobel Prize nominee and prominent Buddhist social and environmental activist in Thailand. He has founded numerous organizations, and has been involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogue for decades. His books include *Seeds of Peace: A Buddhist Vision for Renewing Society*, and *Loyalty Demands Dissent*.

Miss Olly Donnelly works for the World Bank's Development Dialogue Division as a Junior Professional Associate. She graduated from Oxford University with a first class honors in her Bachelors Degree, and a distinction in her Masters in International Development.

Ghada Hussein Ibrahim Issa is a Palestinian youth leader.

*Delfina Reuben is a youth leader from Tanzania.*

Sadeeva Samadeepa Ariyaratne is a youth leader from Sri Lanka.

Thembelihle Nolwazi Mbatha is a youth leader from South Africa.

## Toledo as an Example and Witness of Cultural Exchange

Joan Baptista Martinez Porcell

Room 129, Spanish  
Lecture

Lecture that presents the relationship between Christians and Muslims in Toledo from the Middle Ages until today, with a focus on philosophical and ethical perspectives.

Professor of Philosophy at the Ramon Llull University. He currently manages the group "think and live together", a meeting point aimed to promote and practice interreligious dialogue, especially between Catholics and Muslims.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

## God in Unitarian Universalist Perspective – Creating a Religious Language to Deepen Spirituality and Nurture Interfaith Understanding

Barbara Whittaker-Johns  
Carole Bohn

Room 130, English/Spanish  
Interactive Workshop

This program will explore particular worldviews, or theologies, which promote the religious impulse to hoard life for a few at the expense of many, and will explore the concept of God as radically “indwelling”. With this exploration comes a deeper understanding of our spirituality, which is, in turn, a more universal spirituality—one that recognizes God the Holy, in every person and in the “in-between” of our relationships. This recognition is essential for true dialogue, which leads to community and to world peace.

Rev. Dr. Barbara Whittaker-Johns is Senior Minister of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington, Massachusetts. She has a long-standing involvement in the science and religion dialogue, and in education, with an emphasis upon learning difficulties.

Dr. Carole Bohn, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology and Religion at the Boston University School of Theology, is a member of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Arlington, Massachusetts. She is a practicing psychologist with expertise in the integration of psychology and theology.

## Model for Interfaith Conversation and Cooperation Sparked by the Olympics

Roger Keller  
Elaine Emmi  
Jan Saeed  
Khaja Din

Room 131, English  
Panel Discussion, Interactive Workshop

Prior to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, an Olympic Religious Roundtable was formed consisting of persons representing a wide range of religious traditions. Over five years, this group learned much about the process of interfaith decision making, the content of one another's faiths, and the meaning of friendships which transcend religious differences. This presentation will share our processes, examine what happened to us and between us as people of faith, and finally model an interfaith discussion centered around the topic of “Authority and the Role of Prophetic Figures in Religion Today.”

Dr. Roger R. Keller is the Richard L. Evans Professor of Religious Understanding at Brigham Young University. He teaches *comparative world religions* and is *commissioned* to help persons of religiously diverse traditions understand and appreciate one another.

Elaine Emmi is active with community, spiritual and environmental concerns and now they merge. She is a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) and a founding member of Quaker Eco-Witness.

Jan Saeed has worked as a health educator and social activist in Salt Lake City for the past 26 years. She is the Director of the Institute for the Healing of Racism and recently completed her Masters Degree in Conflict Resolution and Consultation from Landegg International University in Switzerland.

Khaja Din has a M.A. in Islamic Studies (Theology). He has conducted religious review on numerous textbooks. He is the Imam of Mosque in West Valley City, Utah. Khaja Din is also a member of the Inter-faith Roundtable.

## Active Non-Violence: The Pathway to Peace

Narendra Jain  
John Ishvaradas-Abdallah  
Robert H. Stuckey  
Linda Groff

Room 132, English/Spanish  
Lecture, Seminar, Interactive Workshop

Non-violence is not mere negation of violence. It is a positive and dynamic concept which, to be effective, needs to be practiced by all as the basis of individual, group, national and global life ethics. On this planet, all living beings and forces of nature are linked together in a divine web of interdependence. This universal interdependence needs to be built through the practice of compassion, tolerance and equanimity. Cooperation not confrontation, harmony not exploitation, love not hatred, confidence not mistrust, have to be the dynamic elements in the practice of active non-violence. This interreligious panel, including perspectives from Jainism, Sufism, Hinduism, and contemporary Peace Studies from a spiritual point of view, will address the critical issue of finding a peaceful path.

Dr. Narendra P. Jain is a professional Diplomat as well as a noted environmentalist, economist, and writer. His books include *Ahimsa: The Ultimate Winner*, *Wave of Bliss*, and *Power of Non-Violence: Jain Heritage*. He is Executive President of World Jain Confederation.

John Ishvaradas-Abdallah, author, pacifist activist and Sufi, is the founding member of World Without Borders. He serves on the Board of Directors for both the South Coast Interfaith Council in California, USA, and the Kerala, India based World Fellowship of Inter-Religious Councils, and was an active participant in Pre-Parliament events.

Robert Stuckey is the co-founder and Executive Director of Faith in Diversity Institute (FIDI) in Baltimore, Maryland (U.S.), founded in response to the 9/11 tragedy and the subsequent increase in religious polarization. He was an Anglican priest for 16 years and studied 8 1/2 years with the Hindu master, Swami Muktananda Paramahansa.

Dr. Linda Groff is Professor of Political Science and Future Studies, and Coordinator of Behavioral Science at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is also Director of Global

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Options Consulting. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Linda teaches, consults and gives workshops around the world, and has published over 30 articles.

## Joining the Partner Cities Network: The Request for Partnership Process

Noah Silverman  
Jerry Chang  
Josh Borkin  
Clayton Benson  
Kristina Lobo

134, English  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. The document A Request for Partnership will be presented as an important tool for starting and growing an interreligious organization. Hear from partner cities about the experience of the "Request for Partnership" and talk to Parliament staff about the Council's philosophy about partnership. Ultimately, this program aims to show that the "Request for Partnership" is not a static document, but a dynamic and useful process.

Noah Silverman has a B.A. in Religious Studies and International Relations from Connecticut College, where he completed a thesis on interreligious peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine. He has interned with the Interfaith Encounter Association in Jerusalem, CPWR in Chicago, WCRP in New York, and the Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem.

Dr. Jerry Chang is the Founder and President of Humanity United Globally, and was the Founder of Habitat for Humanity in Hawaii. He is a former UN Representative to Paraguay and V.P. at Large for World Vision International.

Josh Borkin has been Education Coordinator for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions since 1999. During his service at the Council, Josh has led the development of new models for interreligious education, and organized the Next Generation programs at the 1999 and 2004 Parliament events.

Clayton Benson is an Intern with the Partner Cities Program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Kristina Lobo is a Public Ally interning with the Partner Cities Program of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

## The Culture of Peace Federico Mayor Zaragoza

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

For centuries people have considered wars as the usual and unavoidable way to solve conflicts. Today we can imagine a future without wars. We know the causes of conflicts and we can work to avoid the violence in large scale. We can fight

together against prejudices that block the Culture of Peace. Today we know that other political, economic and cultural models are possible, and we think of security in a new way. We need preventative solutions, moral leadership, sciences and technologies for peace, arts and myths to serve peace and more social and political mobilization to foster a non-violent revolution.

Professor Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Chairman of the Fundación Cultura de Paz in Madrid, is the former Minister of Science and Education. For 12 years he was Director General of UNESCO, and continues to promote the transition from a culture of violence and imposition to one of peace and tolerance.

## Water as the Wellspring of Life – The Emerging Alliance of Religion and Ecology

Mary Evelyn Tucker  
Christopher Chapple  
John Grim  
Patricia Lee Masters  
James Miller  
Stephen Bede Scharper  
Rivka Kern Ulmer  
Vandana Shiva

Multiuse (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan

The environmental crisis, global in scope and local in impact, requires major changes in the relation of humans to the Earth. In response to this challenge there is a growing recognition that the world's religions can play an important role in helping to mitigate environmental problems such as those related to water. This brief introduction will address the dimensions of water as a source of renewal and purification in the world's religions. It will also point toward some specific projects engaged in river clean up and water conservation in various parts of the world.

A professor of religion at Bucknell University, Dr. Tucker is also Coordinator of the Forum on Religion and Ecology. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University specializing in Confucianism in Japan. She co-coordinated a ten conference series on 'World Religions and Ecology' at Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions.

Dr. Christopher Chapple is Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Asian-Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. His books include *Karma and Creativity*, *Non-Violence to Animals*, and *Earth and Self in Asian Traditions*.

As a historian of religions, John Grim undertakes annual field studies in American Indian lifeways among the Apsaalooke/Crow peoples of Montana and the Swy-ahol-puh/Salish peoples of the Columbia River Plateau in eastern Washington. His published works include *The Shaman: Patterns of Religious Healing Among the Q'eq'way Indians*.

Patricia Lee Masters, a former Buddhist nun, has a BA and MA in Buddhist Studies and a doctorate in Political Theory. She has taught at Antioch University, University of Hawaii, and is currently

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

INTERRELIGIOUS SESSION 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

teaching at Loyola Marymount University where she is also the Director of International Programs.

James E. Miller is a specialist in Daoism, and the author of *Daoism: A Short Introduction*. He is also co-editor of *Daoism and Ecology*, and editor of [www.daoiststudies.org](http://www.daoiststudies.org). His current research projects include a study of a medieval Daoist religious movement, and an ecological theory of religion.

Formerly President of the Religious Education Association of the US and Canada, Stephen Bede Scharper is author of *Redeeming the Time: A Political Theology of the Environment*. His main research and teaching is in the area of religion and culture and religious ethics and ecology.

Dr. Ulmer has a PhD in Judaic Studies, and has extensive training in Egyptology. She has taught at numerous institutions and has published nine books in rabbinics, as well as fifty articles in various publications.

Dr. Sriva is the Director of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology in India. Her expertise on issues of food security includes intellectual property rights and biodiversity. She has been involved in community action on many environmental issues, including water.

**Faith on Film Series: *Hiding and Seeking—Faith and Tolerance*** (2004) is a daring exploration of the complex dynamics of survival and resistance, hatred, forgiveness and healing. A father tries to alert his Orthodox Jewish sons to the dangers posed by religious leaders who preach intolerance. To broaden their views, he takes them to Poland to meet the Catholic farmers who risked their lives hiding their grandfather for more than two years during the Holocaust. (85 min.) A discussion session with Macky Alston and a religious leader of the faith tradition in the film follows during the Open Space period.

Macky Alston is the Director of Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary committed to cultivating, supporting and promoting engaging, responsible, balanced media about religion, spirituality and ethics.

Barbara Abrash is associate director of the Center for Media, Culture and History and the center for Religion and Media at New York University where she also teaches. She is an independent documentary producer, film curator and co-editor of *Personal Essay: Filmmaking of the 1980's and 9-11 and After: A Virtual Casebook* as well as numerous articles.

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## A Circle of Hearts

Taneen: Sufi Music Ensemble

TBA, All  
Artistic Performance

Taneen: Sufi Music Ensemble offers a peaceful, heart-opening offering of prayerful, original, contemporary American-Persian fusion Sufi music, with English translations of Persian Sufi poetry as lyrics, interwoven with Arabic chant of some of the 99 Most Beautiful Names of the Divine. This presentation may also include a few readings (in English or Persian) of the poetry of Sufi Masters, Rumi, Hafiz, Khayam and Shah Maghsoud.

Taneen's music is a blend of Persian and Western received through meditation and deeply rooted in Sufism. Their lyrics are drawn from ecstatic Sufi poetry, translated by Seyedeh Dr. Nahid Angha. Ensemble members include: Salima Ginny Matchette, Soraya Chase Clow, Salim Matchette, Jeff McCullough, Toher Anthony Roybal and Sheikh Salman Baruti.

## Faith on Film: *Hiding and Seeking – Faith and Tolerance*

Macky Alston  
Barbara Abrash

Room 111  
Film Festival

## Splendors of the Spirit: Swedenborg's Quest for Insight

Deborah Forman

Room 116, English  
Film Festival

*Splendors of the Spirit: Swedenborg's Quest for Insight* (2001) documents the quest, life and legacy of the 18th Century Swedish scientist, theologian, visionary and philosopher Emanuel Swedenborg. It highlights his exploration of spiritual worlds, near death experience, heaven, wisdom of the angels, meaning and purpose in life. His thinking influenced Goethe, Blake, Balzac, Baudelaire, Brownings, Yeats, Dostoevsky, Emerson and D.T. Suzuki. (60 min.) A discussion and look at the role of Swedenborgian Charles Bonney in the first World Parliament of Religions in 1893 immediately follows.

Deborah Belle Forman co wrote and was executive in charge of production for this award-winning film which premiered at the National Academy of Sciences. Ms. Forman studied world religions at Harvard Divinity School, holds an MBA from New York University, and a BA from Sarah Lawrence College.

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Sikhs in America

Vinanti Sarkar  
Harbans Lal

Room 117  
Film Festival

*MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Sikhs in America* (2003) tells how Amana Gesine, never having had a Sikh friend, discovers Sikhs and Sikhism after she learns how fellow Americans were racially profiled, verbally abused and physically assaulted in the wake of September 11th. The film demystifies the enigma of

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Sikhs and share the hopes of the majority of people from all religious and ethnic backgrounds who seek to end bigotry and hatred by making a united stand against terrorism. (38 min.) A discussion session immediately follows.

Producer/director/scriptwriter Vinanti Sarkar has over 15 years of experience, two MA degrees from Columbia University and an ABD doctoral thesis in Mass Media Communications using new media technology and specializing in dramatic literacy TV programs. Her films include SHAKTI: She is Vital Energy on rural women of India, All That Glitters and Facing the Challenge on the late former Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi.

Dr. Haroans Lal, Ph.D., is an emeritus professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, University of North Texas Health Science Center. He is president of the Academy of Guru Granth Studies.

## **Tari Sesaji Tri Yoni Saraswati: Dance Offering Tri Yoni Saraswati**

Ni Wayan Sekariani  
Princess Gusti Koes Murtiyah  
Nurlina Syahrir  
Eddy Supriono Wirabhumi

Auditorium (1:30–2:30), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

This offering is to Saraswati the Goddess of all Knowledge, Arts and Wisdom. In the culture of South Sulawesi she is known as Colliq Pujie Arung Pancana Toa, the author of the world heritage literature *La Galigo*. From three sacred feminine ethnic roots, we pray within Bhineka Tunggal Ika—Diversity in Unity to the Nature, the Ancestors and the great oneness of God. Music: I Wayan Sadra, Waluyo, Misback, Galih Naga Seno, Subjha Ilham & Suprpto Suryodarmo.

Ni Wayan Sekariani (Batuan, Bali, Indonesia) directs a sanggar (studio) for teaching traditional Balinese dance to local children and international students from the USA, Japan, Europe and Mexico. For generations her family has carried forth dances from the village of Batuan; Legong, Gambuh, Calonarang and Topeng. She performs in festivals, temple ceremonies and offers workshops internationally. She is a founding member of Yayasan Dharma Samuan Tiga in Bedulu, Bali.

Princess Gusti Murtiyah (Karaton Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia) is the daughter of Sri Susuhunan Paku Buwono XII of Karaton Surakarta. She holds a degree in Javanese Literature and is director of Yayasan Pawiyatan Budaya Karaton Surakarta, which supports preservation and development of the dances, art, culture and rituals of Javanese Society. She has performed in Jakarta, Malaysia, Japan, the Netherlands, USA, France, Germany and Hong Kong.

Nurlina Syahrir (Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia) received an M.A. in Performing Arts Studies at Universitas Gajah Mada in Yogyakarta, Java. She is director of the Theater, Dance and Music Program and teaches undergraduate and graduate students at Makassar National University. She is currently Dance Chair for the Indonesian Artists Organization. An accomplished performer of the ritual dance Pakarera, Nurlina has created numerous works and performed nationally and internationally.

As Costume Designer for “Sesaji Tunjung Saraswati,” Eddy Wirabhumi (Karaton Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia) draws upon his lifelong study of the arts and culture of Indonesia. With his wife, Gusti Murtiyah, he serves on the board of directors of Media Karaton Surakarta, a monthly arts and culture newsletter published by foundation Yayasan Pawiyatan Budaya Karaton Surakarta, Central Java.

## **Sounds of the Heart: Musical Explorations in Interfaith Dialogue**

Russill Paul

Theater (2:30 PM–3:30 PM), English/Spanish/Catalan  
Artistic Performance

Weaving together a lush tapestry of the ancient Sanskrit hymns from the Vedas, mystical poetry and texts from the world's spiritual traditions, ecstatic devotional chanting and heart-moving instrumentation, master-musician and sound yogi Russill Paul offers a profound contemplative journey in sacred sound, drawing from East and West, ancient and modern. He is the author of *The Yoga of Sound: Healing and Enlightenment through the Sacred Practice of Mantras*, and is an acclaimed musician and best-selling producer of *A.M. and P.M. Yoga Chants*.

Russill Paul was born in South India. A monk under the late Dom Bede Griffiths, a pioneering Benedictine spiritual teacher and modern day sage, Russill studied Sanskrit chanting and South Indian Classical Music in addition to yoga. Involved in the music industry for over two decades, he has recorded professionally for movie soundtracks under well-known music directors in India and produced a wide selection of his own recordings in the USA with noted record labels The Relaxation Company and Gaiam, Inc.

ENGAGEMENT 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **Religion and Government: One Principle, Many Perspectives**

C. Welton Gaddy  
Gwynne Guibord

Room 111, Spanish/English/Catalan

This discussion will be on the relationship between governments and diverse religious traditions in communities across the world; with a focus on the essential requirement of that relationship in protecting the integrity of religion and the independence of religious congregations.

The Rev. C. Welton Gaddy, Ph.D. is an ordained Baptist Minister and president of the Interfaith Alliance; he also serves as pastor for preaching and worship at Northminster (Baptist) Church, Monroe Louisiana.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

LUNCH BREAK 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Rev. Dr. Gwynne Guibord serves as the Officer of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles California. She also serves on many ecumenical and interreligious boards and councils within the United States.

## **Our Parliament Community: Staying Connected, Growing Together**

Donald Benson

Bruce Schuman

Christopher Holm

Room 112, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Partner Cities

This program is part of the Goldin Institute sponsored series highlighting the work of the Partner Cities around the world. The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions has created a variety of resources to support you as you return to your home communities. We believe that a major resource is your ability to connect with others locally and around the world about topics and projects that you care about. During this workshop, the Council's Sustainability Team will provide you with an overview of these resources, including a tutorial on the newly-designed CPWR Extranet. We will also solicit your recommendations on how the Sustainability Team can best assist you in your local efforts after the 2004 Parliament.

Don has been supporting the development of CPWR in a variety of capacities since 1992, and working to create and cultivate communities of practice for both business and not-for-profit organizations since 1990. He is currently Co-Chair of the CPWR Sustainability Task Force.

Bruce builds interfaith projects on the Internet, including a project with CPWR to support a variety of networks and activities, including Interspirit.Net and CPWRGlobal.Net.

Until recently, Chris was co-owner of a business software firm offering Web based solutions for manufacturing enterprises. A free-lance journalist and musician, his volunteer credits include human services and clean water action. He is currently working on the CPWR Sustainability Task Force.

## **Children Affected by Armed Conflict: Our Ethical and Moral Responsibility**

Audrey Kitagawa

Room 113, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

From 1986-1996 over 300,000 children were used to fight in adult wars, over 13 million children were displaced, and over 2 million children were maimed, killed or orphaned by war. Whenever conflict arises, children, the most vulnerable population, suffer the most from separation from their families and communities, cessation of education, malnutrition, and loss of proper health care and treatment. They bear the emotional and psychological scars inflicted by the horrors of

war. International frameworks on the care and protection of children will be discussed, as well the need for worldwide mobilization of concerned people to put an end to this outrage. Initiatives to help children through radio, in schools, and through direct links with each other will be shared.

A former attorney, Audrey Kitagawa is now Advisor at the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. She is the founder and director of Vision for Humanity, and associate convener of the World Commission for Global Consciousness and Spirituality.

## **Reflections on Critical Issues Facing Mankind, and Solutions Suggested in Guru Granth Sahib**

Bibiji Inderjit Kaur

Swaran Singh

Mohinder Singh

Giani Gurbux Singh Gulshan

Harbans Kaur Sagoo

Rajinder Kaur Rohi

Gurdeep Kaur

Room 114, Spanish/English/Catalan

In this program, the panel will reflect on some of the critical issues facing the world, their causes and possible solutions as suggested in the Guru Granth Sahib. Topics may include addictions, mental health concerns, social epidemics, and human rights violations.

Dr. Kaur is the Chief Religious Minister of Sikh Dharma of the Western Hemisphere. She has written several items on Sikh teachings, empowering people to find their strength in God. Known for her compassionate, wise and thoughtful presence, Bibiji is sought as a public speaker, lecturer, counselor and teacher worldwide. She resides in New Mexico, USA.

Giani Swaran Singh is a former non-stipendiary spiritual teacher in the Gurdwaras of Punjab, and served as Head Giani of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Surrey, British Columbia. He is currently Senior Advisor to the Dashmesh Darbar Gurdwara.

Dr. Mohinder Singh is a former Professor at Baring Union Christian College, Khalsa College, and the University of Delhi. He is former Director of the Guru Nanak Foundation, and author of standard works on Sikh history and religion.

Giani Gurbux Singh Gulshan is a Minister of Sikhism in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Harbans Kaur Sagoo is a Senior Reader at the SGTB Khalsa Post-Graduate College, New Delhi, India.

Dr. Rajinder Kaur Rohi is a Reader in Sikhism & Comparative Studies at Punjabi University, in Patiala, India. Dr. Kaur Rohi specializes in Sikhism and Comparative Religion.

Dr. Gurdeep Kaur is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the SGTB Khalsa Post-Graduate College, New Delhi, India.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## **The Voice of Different Religious Traditions on Peace**

Joan Hernández

Room 115, Spanish/English/Catalan  
Panel Discussion

Panel discussion on the vision of peace from the different religions existing in Catalonia. In this presentation, Joan Hernández will lead a panel of presenters are members of the Working Group on Religions and Cultural Diversity (UNESCO Center of Catalonia), who will do an interesting exercise: presenting not their own point of view on the topic but another community's. At the end all participants will be asked to join in a simple exercise to discover peace through spontaneous chanting.

Joan Hernández is the coordinator for the Universal Forum of Culture's relations to religious, spiritual and interreligious organizations.

## **Pingalwara: A Story of Interreligious Compassion in Action**

Inderjit Kaur  
Balwant Hansra

Room 116, Spanish/English/Catalan

Pingalwara is a movement that promotes the willingness to sacrifice leisure, comfort and a share of their talents for the welfare of their people. Bhagat Ji was the founder who set forth a philosophy that is the foundation of Pingalwara and covers the entire spectrum of social problems of society. A dispensary operates where doctors come everyday for voluntary service and the poor people are provided free medicines. A specially trained staff, including a pharmacist, staff nurses, lab technicians, etc. has been appointed for the specific needs of the mentally disabled patients. In this program, Dr. Inderjit Kaur will discuss the numerous ways in which Pingalwara has worked to better communities.

Dr. Inderjit Kaur is the President, Pingalwara International, Amritsar, Punjab, India. She is a trained surgical specialist with a Professional M.B.B.S. from Govt. Medical College Patiala, Punjab.

Dr. Balwant Singh Hansra has been an At-Large Executive Committee Member of CPWR, and Chair and Professor of the Natural Science Department at Daley College in Chicago. He has also been Chair of the Sikh Host Committee, and Appointed Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee.

## **Islamic Pluralism: Between Ideals and Challenges**

Ghazali Basri  
Abu Bakr Conteh  
Ahmeduallah Siddiqi  
Ghulam-Haider Aasi

Room 117, Spanish/English/Catalan

This panel will discuss historical situations where interreligious harmony prevailed. In one case, the early ideals of religious coexistence facilitated the creation of the unique Andalusian experience in which Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Medieval Spain created a civilization that was inclusive and pluralistic. Other topics to be covered are Prophet Muhammad's Constitution of Medina and Communal and Religious Harmony in Malaysia.

Ghazali Basri is a Professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative Religion in Kuala Lumpur and an internationally known Islamic scholar.

Abu Bakr Conteh is Imam in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Advisory Board Committee, Anti-Corruption Commission, and Campaign for Good Governance. Abu is also First Vice President of the Inter Religious Council of Sierra Leone.

Ahmeduallah Siddiqi is Professor of Journalism and Public Relations at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He has authored three books on Islam, contemporary perspectives and media.

Associate Professor at the American Islamic College, Dr. Ghulam Haider Aasi is also Adjunct Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

## **Legislating for the Seventh Generation**

Douglas George Kanenttiio  
Joanne Shenandoah

Room 120, English  
Interactive Workshop

Key provisions of the Great Law of Peace created by the prophet Skennenrahowi and enacted by the Haudenosaunee (Six Iroquois Nations) require its member nations to consider the effect of all laws upon other species and how such actions may impact the rights of those yet unborn. The Haudenosaunee believe future generations have an absolute right to liberty, peace, gender equality and a clean environment. These conditions are prerequisite to spiritual harmony. This program is a part of a series of programs highlighting the beliefs and practices of Native American peoples for the 2004 Parliament.

Doug George Kanenttiio, Akwesasne Mohawk, is nationally recognized as a primary source of information about Iroquoian politics and culture. He is a founding and current member of the Native American Journalists Association, and has received awards for his journalistic writings.

Joanne Shenandoah is a multiple award winning Native American composer, vocalist and performer whose music reflects the indigenous philosophy and culture which continues to have a profound effect on the world today. She is a Wolf Clan member of the Iroquois Confederacy Oneida Nation. She has 13 recordings and her music is on 40 plus compilations. She has appeared at the White House, Kennedy Center and at various music festivals across the USA.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Interreligious Engagement in Higher Education—A Princeton Model

Paul Raushenbush  
Princeton Students

Room 121  
Academy

This interactive seminar will describe the make-up and programs of the Religious Life Council at Princeton University and springboard into a time of idea-sharing and plans for future collaboration between interreligious programs at other universities, both American and Worldwide. This program is a part of the Parliament Academy series of youth centered programs.

Paul Raushenbush graduated with honors in practical theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has served churches in New York and Seattle and has been involved in ministry to street youth in Seattle and São Paulo, Brazil. He is an ordained American Baptist minister.

This training session will incorporate the stories and experiences of 10 members of the Princeton Religious Life Council from a variety of religious and spiritual traditions.

## Religions Collaborate for Peace: the Guatemalan Model

Paul Wee

Room 122, English  
Seminar

The program is designed to demonstrate how religious traditions (Mayan, Roman Catholic, Evangelical and Jewish) were able to work together to bring an end to the 36-year military conflict in Guatemala. Beginning in 1990, religious groups in Guatemala worked closely with international ecumenical organizations, as well as the UN and friendly governments (Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, USA), to give both form and substance to the Peace Accords. This program presents a working model that succeeded, not only because of good organization and good will, but because it took seriously the substance of the religious traditions themselves.

Former General Secretary for the Lutheran World Ministries, Dr. Paul Wee is a former Assistant General Secretary for International affairs and human rights of the Lutheran World Federation.

## How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona – Session 5 – Communicating and Dealing with the Media

Martha Foster  
Richard Weingarten  
Bojana Batinic

Room 123, English  
Training Session

This is the fifth of five related sessions seeking to encourage the organization of local support groups for the Parliament, and to strengthen existing support groups and Partner Cities. The five sessions will provide “real world” guidance and tools designed to help you build and manage a support group or Partner City. “Communicating and Dealing with the Media” will focus on how to communicate with people and institutions in your area about the Parliament and your support group. How and when to use the media will also be considered.

A member of the InterSpiritual Dialogue Collaborative Circle, Ms. Foster is the founder and executive director of Living Earth Television. She has worked for three decades with festivals, broadcasters, museums and universities in both the USA and Asia. She has graduate training in both anthropology and media. She created the Windy City International Documentary Festival and developed story ideas for an Emmy award-winning documentary series for Chicago Public Television.

Richard Weingarten is an investment banker and financial advisor. He has done considerable organizational development and strategic planning work in the private and not-for-profit sectors with planning, management, and fundraising issues, and has traveled and worked extensively around the world.

Since 1997, Bojana Batinic has worked in the field of Press Information with BiH, including the former United Nations Mission in BiH, and BiH Communications Regulatory Agency. She is Senior Media Monitor of the international community in BiH, and has participated in a number of youth oriented projects.

## How Does the Spiritual Nourish Our Social Practices?

Catherine Lapoute-Ramaccioti

Room 124  
Religious or Spiritual Observance

Movie of 20 minutes followed by a lecture on the spiritual background of the social commitment.

Catherine Lapoute-Ramaccioti is a Professor of Religion at the Catholic Institute of Paris; she has been in charge of the religious training in several institutes in France.

## The Empire Listens

Gomang Seratwa Ntloedibe-Kuswani

Room 125, English/Spanish  
Panel Discussion, Academic Paper

Africa is receptive of anything; be it religious, political or economic. Africa has been converted to many religious identities, which have come to overshadow the authentic African Religious identities. This program intends to explore whether pathways to peace can be effectively achieved while others are still marginalized and forced to occupy the listening position. It will draw attention to the importance of recognizing the humanity of the other in order to create the

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

global community. Examples will be identified that illustrate that marginalized groups can pose as a stumbling block to peace.

Ms. Nhoodibe-Kuswani is a lecturer at the Centre for Continuing Education. Her area of research is African Religions at the Edinburgh University (UK).

## Cleaning the Amazon in Ecuador and the U.S.

Steve Harms

Margareta Dahlin Johansson

Room 129

Indigenous tribe members (Cofan, Siona, Huarani and Secoya) from the Oriente of the Amazon of Ecuador appealed to ChevronTexaco to clean up an environmental disaster caused by oil drilling in their home territory. They journeyed to ChevronTexaco corporate headquarters near San Francisco, CA last November. When denied conversation with the CEO, they asked local religious and civic leaders for support. At the bequest of the indigenous people, a delegation was formed to tell their story to the world. The workshop will focus on how we as spiritual leaders can assist in mediating global conflicts.

Rev. Steve Harms is the former president of the Inter-faith Council for San Francisco Bay County. Rev. Harms serve as pastors at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville, California.

Rev. Margareta Dahlin Johansson, ordained in 1981, is a former Chaplain at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm. Her ministry has focused on ethics and women's and children's issues. Rev. Johansson serve as pastors at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville, California.

## The Contribution of Protestantism to the Dignity of Women

Suzanne Storck

Room 130

Lecture

The Bible says "the priesthood of all believers", but a Evangelical women Priests are rare. Is there an evolution of opinion in the Catholic Church? What are the implications for Christian women?

Suzanne Storck is Pastor of the Evangelical Church of German Language in Barcelona; she has studied theology at Heidelberg, Edinburgh and Bonn.

## The Bahá'í Concepts of Life and Death

Talieh Farzanejad

Room 131

Other

Audiovisual program related to the topic of the concept of life in this world and in the future world according to the Holy Scriptures of the Bahai. The following topics will be addressed: how does life begin and what is life?; the aim of our life; the nature of soul and its condition after death; the soul needs the help of the messenger of God; the appropriate attitude towards the current conditions of our lives.

Talieh Farzanejad is President of the Bahá'í Community of Barcelona.

## A Catalan Good Practice of Training of Religion at Schools

Raquel De Blas

Teresa Guardans

Miquel Martí

Room 132

Panel Discussion

Panel discussion that wants to present good practices of interreligious education in Catalonia. The organizers will use the materials written during the Seminar on Teaching Religions, which was organized in the frame of the Associated Schools of Unesco from 1999 to 2003.

Raquel De Blas is a teacher of a primary school with pupils of 27 countries and 8 different religions.

Teresa Guardans is a teacher of Judaism at the Center for the Study of Religious Traditions ("Centre d'Estudi de les Tradicions religioses") and expert in pedagogy of religions.

Miquel Martí is national coordinator of the schools associated with the UNESCO Center of Catalonia.

## A String and a Prayer

Eleanor Wiley

134, English

Interactive Workshop

This interactive workshop takes the ancient tradition of the mala/rosary, the use of beads as a tactile support for practice and counters of prayer, to a personal, contemporary plane that can be used by people of all ages, faiths and cultures. Together we explore traditional and personal prayer practices, discover how we can bring ancient practices into the present and give them everyday meaning. Each person will make an individual prayer strand to be used as a tactile reminder to come into the present moment.

Eleanor Wiley, B.S., M.S., is a self-taught, internationally known artist. She is author of *A String and A Prayer: Creating and Using Contemporary Prayer Beads*. Eleanor sits in meditation with both a Christian community and a Buddhist community, practices yoga and has studied with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and David Steindl-Rast, O.B.S.

# Program Descriptions

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

ENGAGEMENT SESSION 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Global Responsibility: A Reason for Hope

Jonathan Granoff

Jane Goodall

Auditorium (3155), Spanish/English/Catalan  
Lecture

Dr. Jane Goodall, the world renowned primatologist, and United Nations Messenger of Peace, and Jonathan Granoff, President of the Global Security Institute, will present inspiring messages integrating the deepest love of life with insights into effective action.

For decades, Jonathan Granoff has served as an advocate for peace and human unity, with a focus on interfaith dialogue, the rule of law and nuclear disarmament. He is President of the Global Security Institute, and serves on numerous governing and advisory boards, such as the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Global Dialogue Institute, Jane Goodall Institute, Lawyers Alliance for World Security, NGO Committee on Disarmament in the UN, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, the Temple of Understanding, TIKKUN, International Association of Sufism, and Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He has studied with the Sufi Master Bawa Muhaiyaddeen since his youth, and is honored by receiving his namesake, Akamed Muhaiyaddeen. Mr. Granoff is also an author and an award-winning screenwriter (*The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation*).

In 1965, Jane earned her Ph.D. in Ethology from Cambridge University. Dr. Goodall's work in primatology was groundbreaking; she worked in Tanzania and established the Gombe Stream Research Centre. In 1977, Jane founded the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation to provide ongoing support for field research on wild chimpanzees. Today, the mission of the Jane Goodall Institute is to advance the power of individuals to take informed and compassionate action to improve the environment for all living things. In April 2002, Secretary-General Annan names Dr. Goodall a United Nations "Messenger of Peace," and in 2003, Queen Elizabeth II named Dr. Goodall a Dame of the British Empire, the equivalent of a knighthood. Today, Jane spends much of her time lecturing, sharing her message of hope for the future, and encouraging young people to make a difference in their world.

## The Politics of Meaning

Rabbi Michael Lerner

Pilar Vallugera i Balañà

Multiseu (1800), Spanish/English/Catalan

People have a need for meaning and purpose in their lives – a need that is every bit as important as their need for adequate material compensation. Rabbi Lerner was a psychologist working with the AFL-CIO (American labor movement) researching the causes of why many working-class people were moving politically to the Right. What he found was that these people were in crisis in their lives not because they had been "left out" of capitalism's success, but because those material successes were inadequate to compensate for what they perceived was a work life wasted because it no longer had

meaning. The Politics of Meaning (or what he sometimes calls Emancipatory Spirituality) seeks a New Bottom Line, or a new definition of productivity, efficiency and rationality which is not only measured by the maximization of money and power, but also interested in maximizing our capacity to be loving and generous, ethically and ecologically sensitive, and teach us how to overcome a utilitarian approach to other human beings and nature.

Rabbi Michael Lerner studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and was mentored by noted scholar Abraham Joshua Heschel. He received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley in 1972 and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Wright Institute in 1977. Michael Lerner serves as the rabbi of Bevi Tikun, and is the editor of *Tikkun Magazine* and author of numerous books, including *Jewish Renewal: A Path to Healing and Transformation*. He founded the Institute for Labor and Mental Health, and for many years served as a psychotherapist for middle-income working people.

Pilar Vallugera i Balañà is the Councillor of Women and Civil Rights at the Barcelona City Council.

## Shirai: Vibrational Music Concert for Body and Soul

Javier Bellón

Theater (4:30 PM–5:00 PM), Spanish  
Artistic Performance

Shirai group tries new ways to catch the existence and the essence of being through sounds, melodies and rhythm. This group of Barcelona wants to reach harmony and communion with attenders through music in a kind of collective meditations. Here music is also therapeutic and spiritual. 10 players will be directed by the holistic therapists Sandra Orús and Javier Bellón.

Javier Bellón has worked with quartz music instruments for more than 8 years.

## Tradition of Conchera's Dances

Emilio Fiel Jareño

Cabaret (4:30 PM–5:15 PM), Spanish  
Artistic Performance

Coming from the Mexican-Aztec tradition, more concretely from Doña Lupita Jiménez de Sanabria, the tradition of Conchera's dances started in 1992 in Spain. Nowadays there are more than 200 dancers in Spain. Conchera's dances are sacred circular dances where Mexican-Aztec tradition melts with popular Christian tradition.

Emilio Fiel Jareño is founder of Arco Iris community. Coordinator of the Ascent School/ Chrisgaia. He has organized several common pilgrimages to Santiago of Compostela.

PARLIAMENT OF THE  
WORLD'S RELIGIONS

BARCELONA JULY 7-13

Index of Presenters

Index of Programs



# Index of Presenters

Aasi, Ghulam-Hader	161, 201, 206, 235
Abdul-Melik, Johari	178
Abdur Rashid, Talib	178
Aberam, Saleha	51, 109, 165, 189, 212, 227
Abimbola, Wande	53, 119, 174
Abkin, Michael	156
Abrash, Boriana	111, 162, 186, 209, 232
Adcock, Murrel	51, 165
Adeney	53
Adhikari, Anurama Das	163
Afroz, Sultana	51, 165
Agayo, Rachale	134, 142, 182, 196
Aguiar, Maria	158
Ahluwala, Pa	56, 115, 167
Ahmed, Anis	51, 97, 121, 147, 165, 171, 195, 227
Ahmad, Syed Fayazuddin	176
Ahmad, Mazhar	191
Ahman, Abduloh	51, 165
Albareda, Ramon	133
Alcala, Angel	179
Alcantara, Bryant	118
Alder, Kalan	52, 219, 220
Alday, Jason-Paul	137
Alegre, Xavier	202
Alexander, Scott	205, 191, 222
Ali, Fanda	164
Aliana, Antoni	215
Al-Isani, Amir	178, 227
Alan, Shoma	125, 202
Ali, Fima	107
Akbar, Macky	111, 162, 186, 209, 232
Amalananda, Swami	223
Amatulloh, Nura	178
Amerezhvi, Medhi	181
Amos, Katherine	158
Anand, Vivek	118
Andrasov, Tatiana	211
Anghe, Nehid	103, 118
Anson, Abdul Haq	109, 165, 205, 227
Anson, Iqbal Ahmad	51, 153, 178
Anthony, Jason	138
Aragnous, Misri	97
Aravio, Elizabeth	124
Aravijon, S. Wesley	161, 227
Arayanne Da Silva, Sadeeva Samadeepa	229
Armstrong, Karar	208
Armstrong, Rebecca	134
Armen, Dairdre	222
Asensio, Inara	168
Asimare, Jaya	217
Ashraf, Nabeel Mohammad	181
Assilmi, Annan	172, 178, 212
Astor, Carlos	194
Amatutwananda, Swami	223
Avadhina, Smritabraddhananda	122
Averoe, Emily	57
Baazqi, Saraas	135
Beahr, Kyr	115
Bakari, Cameli, Abu	55, 154, 159, 205, 235
Bakkar, Nur Muhammad	168
Bakwin, Ome	109, 134, 151, 174
Banda, Mesankha	62, 152, 203
Banks Bryer, Jenny	55, 157, 189
Ban-Da, Han	211
Barbure, Comer	193, 217
Barcena, Juli	120, 122, 123, 168, 186
Baronias, Manuel Lenniz	136

Bartol, Angel	225
Bartoli, Dr. Andrea	149
Basri, Cezali	235
Batinic, Bojana	236
Bautista Moreno, Carme	147
Beckwith, Michael	110
Beckwith, Rickie Byers	101, 226
Bede Schaper, Stephen	231
Bedoya, Juan	131
Begum, Mrs. Marium	113
BelCourt, Gordon	12, 148, 192
Belisle, Denise	164
Bellon, Javier	238
Berrakal, Ahmed	121
Bernett, Vidiagda Muridih	202
Benson, Clayton	224, 231
Benson, Donald	234
Berkenberg, Dagmar	117
Bernabe Guinol, Luis	131
Berthrong, John	53, 119, 174
Bevington, Aiden	114
Bhagavath, Ma Jaya Sati	59, 189, 221
Bharati, Veda	196
Bhoglal, Pratap	163
Blanch, Andrea	48, 142
Blaze Corcoran, Peter	145
Blazquez, Mariano	118
Biondau, Jean-Baptiste	137
Bonda, Ignasi	112, 138, 161, 225, 213
Boehle, Josef	56, 190
Boele, Richard	107, 122, 179
Bogóñez, M. Antonia	193
Böhmer-Wolffhas, Gabriele	201
Bohn, Carole	230
Bolassell, Michel	137
Bolivar, Santh	113
Bond, Gilbert	123, 128
Bonet, Jord	97
Boner, Luis	211
Boner, Marti	176
Boner, Misgr	97
Bonill Prodes, Maria Pilar	192
Borgegard, Gunnel	161
Borkin, Josh	224, 231
Bortoso, Marina	52
Borwick, Susan	158
Borysenko, Joan	110
Bosch Navarro, Juan	135
Borain Casals, Joan	143, 226
Botey Vallès, Jaume	156
Bougnal, Miché	137
Bousquet, Leila Laura	220, 219
Boyd, J. Kirk	191
Boyd, Iam	184
Boyle, Kevin	141
Brammehar, Shuddhananda	99, 175
Brayorooke, Marcus	56, 107, 122, 161, 165, 190, 204
Braybrooke, Mary	167
Brecht, Yvonne	138
Bregar, Janet A.	136
Brenner, Daniel	175
Breuninger, Helga	131, 141
Bricout, Jean-Marc	137
Brodeur, Patrice	56, 185, 201
Bronstein, Herbert	51, 126, 165, 191
Brown, Rev. Lawrence	57
Brown, Lynne	110

# Heading

Brown, Noel J.	164
Braydon-Sarcone, Ruth	187
Brunes, Frances	225
Buchanan, Angela	129
Buchanan, Ray	116
Bui, Huu	128
Bucviri, Zlatko	181, 227
Bunda, Aze	195
Ca'lon, Gilbert	157
Ca'lon, Michael	104
Ca'lon, Tom	102
Ca'lon, Ca'lon, Angel	109
Camabel, Jan	198, 220
Camacho, Jose Luis	108
Camacho, Manuel, Patricia	207
Camacho, Carlos, Patricia	220
Capo Inglands, Carlos	172
Caporaso, David	180, 224
Caran Pad'la, Maria Lucia	121, 225
Carmel, Angi	52
Carpenter, Dennis	222
Carrera, Joan	163
Cassidy, Elaine	196
Cassidy, Jose Luis	147
Castel Branco, Iles	179
Castro, Morris	122, 219
Cattaneo, Daniele	55
Cecilia, Maria Antonia	178
Cela, Angela	123, 128
Cenaro, Aurora	150, 225
Cenaro, Paul	118
Cenaro, Vito	119
Cenaro, Kati Prasad, Yogin Sii	123, 203
Cenaro, Jennifer	223
Cenaro, Jerry	144, 231
Cenaro, David	153, 119, 193
Cenaro, Christopher	53, 136, 174, 231
Cenaro, Jeng Fu	213, 223
Cenaro, Hui Habib	53
Cenaro, David	105, 110
Cenaro, Kaiti	145, 185, 193
Cenaro, Gula	144
Cenaro, Tom	113
Cenaro, Andrew	154, 157
Cenaro, Simon	212
Cenaro, Shihao	53
Cenaro, Irma	189
Cenaro, Lucia	52
Cenaro, Sergio	106, 198, 220
Cenaro, Tom	163
Cenaro, Dor	224
Cenaro, Brian	30, 110
Cenaro, Arthur, Amos	222
Cenaro, Maria	146, 161
Cenaro, Vincent	50, 142
Cenaro, Luis, Joan	105
Cenaro, Miguel, Ene	106, 181
Cenaro, Adela	207
Cenaro, Grisolia	161
Cenaro, Mariangela	219
Cenaro, Pedro	218
Cenaro, Evert	131, 157
Cenaro, Ramona	160
Cenaro, Laura	213
Cenaro, Carlos	212
Cenaro, Dorothy	114
Cenaro, Phyllis	129
Curias Ferrer, Jose Francisco	167
Czerny, Margaret	101, 187
D'Costa, Gavin	161
Da Costa Veazquez, Nestor	183, 207
Da Jandra, Leonardo	224
Da da, Rosan	128, 177
Da di Lama, His Holiness	54, 110, 194
Das, Bhakti	147, 163, 208
Das, Anutoma	158
Das, Brahmachari, Gundina	217
Das, Brahmachari, Yadenanda	197
Das, Lal Krishna	204
Davidson, Nicholas	198
de Blas, Monica Fernandez	197
De Blas, Raquel	237
de Epalza Ferrer, Mika	167
De Marcos, Jaime	179
Debas, Malcolm	150
DeGraft, Kathryn	177
Dehong, Lobsang	185
Del Omo, Lito, G.	181
Dennis, Lama Rimpoché	113
Devafra, Priest	176
Devi, Chaitanya Sar Ma Lachmi	189
Davi, Lilavati	216
DeVincenzi, William	188
Dhallo, Homi	199, 150, 198, 227
Dienar, Margarete	126
Dimalag, Soenia	153, 177
Din, Kaja	230
Dintel, Manuel	199
Dondrub, Dorje	147
Donnelly, Ollie	191, 229
Dorje, Tashi	125
Dora, Annesha Walter	202
Dosdall, James	190
Doshi, Jyotindra	103, 215
Dowler, Elizabeth	61
Downes, Tom	114
Drake, Chris	223
Drucker, Rabbi Malka	189
Dubowski, Sandi	139
Ducharme, Barbara	199, 105, 174
Dultz, Bashir Ahmad	99
Dunlap, Harry	211
Ebadi, Shima	112
Eck, Diane	226
Eckard, F.E.	198
Eckhart, Joseph	61
Eery, Arie	122, 126, 133, 135, 175, 196, 197, 208
Eger, Anna	49
El Amin, Abdulah	180
ElGenda, Mona	176, 141, 205
El-Hawo, Ibrahim Abu	148
Ellmann, Liz	126
Elosua de Juan, Maria Rosa	158
El-Sider, Sheikh Tal	148
Emm, Elaine	230
Eppinger, Paul	115, 135, 191
Eppinger, Priscilla	115
Eppinger, Sybil	115
Escobar Aguirre, Samuel	168
Eschrie, Jose Luis Andavert	168
Estrella, Poco	172
Fagan, Stacey	155
Fai, Gulam-Negar	169
Farrugia, Karmela	204

# Index of Presenters

Farshad, Aryan	163
Farzanepad, Lal eh	219, 237
Feldman, Ann	111
Fernández Campos, Gabino	183
Fernández Ordóñez, Yusuf	144
Fernandez, Jonan	208
Ferreira, Carmen	189
Ferrer, Anna	52
Ferrer, Jorge	133
Ficino, Dirk	115, 169, 215
Fiel, Jeroño, Emilio	238
Fiel, Emilio	220
Fields Bernstein, Barbara	104, 124
Filipovich, Lyudmyla	135, 191
First, Leif	109
Fitzpatrick, Michael	187
Flores, Morse	55
Fons, Jord	146
Fouts, Edwards	108
Forman, Deborah	232
Foster, Martha	114, 236
Frix, Selene	155
Franco Sánchez, Francisco	167
Freas, Melaine	114
Frew, Donald	118, 168
Friedman, Jonah	184
Froman, Robbie Menachem	48
Frye, Elizabeth	152, 203
Funyo, Capors	175, 202
Gaddy, C. William	233
Gajonand, Swam	98, 196
Gallagher, Martha	113
Galsbord Duran, Jaime	104
Gamarra, Tomás	147
Gandini, Elo	49, 55, 130, 214
Gangadaca, Ashok	131, 140
García Casanovas, Joan	195
García, Elena	49
García, Francis	195
García, Pere	167
García, Gary	212
Garrapucha, Fernando R.	228
González Arévalo, Rafael	128
González Arévalo, Rafael	98
Geivert, R.	225
Genevieve, Elizabeth	150, 173
Gess, Sandy	150, 173
Ghannoushi, Rachad	179, 225
Ghazi, Nazila	117
Ghasanunja, Samdean Moha	98, 220
Gibbs, Charles	56, 137, 214
Gimeno-Boyon, Ana	184
Gisbert Quera, Julio	112
Glass, Mickey	153
Glöckner, Svanite Carlos	171
Godane, Bhima Bhai	100
Goldsberg, Philip	206
Goldschalt, Tom	174, 182, 192
González Agcipo, Jaime	106
Gonzalez, Dr. Gerardo	56
Gonzalez, Yafar	215
Goodall, Jane	131, 238
Goodman, Maureen	107
Göriz, Manue	144
Goshen-Gottstein, Alan	50, 138, 142
Gottsgen, Michael	175, 184
Gould Ventura, Helen	131

Granick, Jamal	117
Granoff, Jonathan	131, 142, 238
Griggs, Khalid	169, 178, 222
Grim, John	231
Groff, Linda	230
Gross, Rita M.	55, 119, 152
Groves, Casey	138
Grundman, Christopher	61
Guardans, Teresa	112, 132, 237
Guemey, Jean-Paul	131
Guibord, Gwynne	189, 233
Gurug, Ananda	199
Gurvich, Martin	172
Gyantsa, Jinpa	181, 206
Gyger, Pia	136
Gyurme	216
Gyurme, Tsewang	174
Habib, Chiriz	193
Habimana, Saleh	191
Haito, Maria	138, 193, 211
Haskell, Heidi	54, 100, 155
Ha'Lu, Mussie	143, 153, 207
Ha'abi, Sihon	134
Hajimi, Maurice	112, 137
Hambrock, Charles	208
Hamden, Raymond	182
Hamilton, Chris	177
Hamilton, Craig	157
Hamilton, Karen	159
Hammerle, Anle	117
Hankinson, J. Robert	214
Hansa, Balwan	221, 235
Harms, Steve	237
Harris, Grove	207, 226
Hartford, Barbara	62
Hartough, David	187
Harwell, Karen	188
Hashim, Janaan	272
Hassen A.-Asady, Al-Harith A. H.	54, 127
Hassan, Shakeela	111
Hausser, Sheri	125
Haya Segovia, Vicente	201
Hayashi, William	114
Heam, Kathy	226
Hedberg, Thomas	187
Hefner, Philip	160, 199
Helinski, Katice	116
Henriquez, Maria Gloria	172
Herkens, Evalina	193
Hermansen, Marcia	153, 176, 212
Herrández, Joan	118, 213, 235
Herrando, Julián García	228
Hewer, Chris	167
Hildebrand, Jerne	29
Hill-Fletcher, Jeannine	84
Hin, Toh Swee	55
Hinsaw, Tom	35
Hirota, Megumi	154, 159
Hirschfield, Brad	127, 175, 184
Hoffman, Martha	138
Holland-Shuey, Bosye	166
Holm, Christopher	234
Hong-Kuei, Fei	112
Horibe, Asovo	109
Huward, Martha	109
Huang, Chungliang Al	100, 134
Huff, Peter	155, 225

# Index of Presenters

Hughes, Glen	181
Humper, Joseph	154, 159
Hurak, James	140
Husani, Zahra	214
Hussein, Marlinda	160
Hussein, Rhaba	205
Ibáñez, Eduardo	122, 215
ibaz, Andreu	132
ibrahim Issa, Ghada Hussein	229
I-Bukhari, Sheikh Abdul Aziz	148
ma, Alan	221
mpens-Fransen, Annie	183
ngnam, Michael	125
Ingram, Janet	205
Icbal, Mohammed	135
Irañazabal, Diego	140
Isaac, Chiraimi	202
Ishwaradas-Abdellah, John	230
Iszoh, Chai	180
Israel, Jacob	153
Jabbour, Elias	48
Jackelen, Antje	61, 199
Jain, Narendra	230
Jain, Narash	179, 205, 223
Jakubowski, René	189
Jameson, F. Gara	224
Janeros Vilari, Sebastia	104
Jank, Gadi	101, 176
Jonoff, Sandra	228
Jentsch, Hebe	221
Jeter Ammat'ul ah, Muran-Rosalia	169, 176
Jhutholal, Jagbir	115
Jigme Rimpoché, Gyemul	98, 121
Jiménez Villarejo, Teresa	156
Joe, Jeanne	142, 169
Johansson, Margareta Darlin	237
Johnson, Di	205
Johnson, Kurt	113
Johnson, Janice Marie	55
Johnson, Ronra	156
Jolanch, Anna	190
Jordá, Alain	214
Kagee, Mohammed	125, 144, 193
Kantenho, Douglas George	97, 142, 169, 182, 200, 210, 235
Kapashli, Vinod	103, 153, 211, 223
Karam, Dr. Azza	56
Karam, Susan	150
Karpowicz, Julian	181
Kaserow, John	203
Kasimow, Harold	109, 155
Kasyap, Chetanya Kumar	192
Katz, Solomon	60
Kaur Hansra, Aylar	102
Kaur Khalsa, Sardani Sariba Gurukim	115
Kaur Rohi, Rajinder	102, 234
Kaur Sagoo, Harbans	102, 234
Kaur, Bibi	189
Kaur, Bibiji Inderjit	201, 234
Kaur, Gurdeep	102, 234
Kaur, Inderjit	235
Kaur, Japjeet	115
Kaur, Jasjit	133
Kausar, Zeenarh	212
Kavakar, Merve	141
Kazmi, Sayyed Nadeem	187
Keller, Roger	230
Kemp, Joyce	109

Kenney, Concetta	51, 165
Kenney, Jim	51, 107, 165
Kem Ulmer, Rivka	231
Knolsa, Hargobind Singh	201
Knolsa, Kaur	115
Knan, Irfan	51, 97, 119, 121, 147, 165, 171, 179, 195, 217, 227
Khan, Maik	130
Khan, Pir Velayat nayat	55
Knosrawinezhad, Behman	204
Kiarfar, Seyed Ali	137
Kiarfar, Seyedeh Homayeh	117
Kiarfar, Saah Nazari	103
Kibbe, Tacia	99, 105, 124
Kikyer	216
Kilikevici, O.P., Joseph	158, 195
Kim, Sangkeun	145
Kimball, Melodie	126
Kimura, Yashiko	157
Kirby, Sr. Joan	56
Kirchton, Mary	211
Kiriji, Munishree	54
Kishwar, Madhu	54, 127
Kitagawa, Audrey	131, 140, 182, 234
Klaassen, Edme	49
Knaster, Mirko	133
Knitter, Paul	54, 114, 127, 161
Knobel, Peter	105
Knoop, Annette	113
Kolini, Emmanuel	160
Kalman, Marla	52
Kass-Chioirra, Joen	60
Krali, James	207
Kupalani, Jayanti	101, 171, 176
Krishne	187
Kroll, Jane	125
Krucali, Mitchell	110
Küng, Hans	55, 112, 138
Kunze, April	190
Kurozumi, Munemichi	100
Labidi-Maiza, Mehrezia	141
Laffite, Maria	104
Lal, Harbans	201, 223, 232
Lally, John	205
Lam, Hung	178
Lama Kelsang	210
Lama Puntak	210
Lama Sonam	210
Lama Tenzin	210
Lamrabet, Asma	220
Lapedra Gutiérrez, Eva	167
Lapoule-Romaccioli, Catherine	236
Lara, Hans	127
Larrañaga, Enrique	196
Larimore, Mark	55, 152, 184
Larson, Erik	176
Laszlo, Ervin	131, 141
Lo, Ven. Tuang-Dinh	128
Leban, Morca	144
LeFebvre, Leo	54, 110
Lepard, Brian	53
Lernar, Michael	208, 238
Leshar, Jean	182, 190
Less, Anna	18, 149
Less, Shehabuddin David	48, 149
Leunig, Manfred	125
Levy, Barry	50, 142
Lheure, Elisabeth	124, 133

# Index of Presenters

Leyshon, Shari N.	49
Liebes, Sidney	125
Linares, Eno	172
Lindani, Kay	108, 206
Little, David	119
Little, Loyne	168
Little, Ruth	171
Llavador, Fernando Beltrán	128, 159
Llunas Puente, Carlos	104
Llorens, David Suárez	162
Lobo, Kristina	224, 231
Lomar, Jorge	52
Long, Jeffery	155
Lopez Peria, Luis	136
López, Enrique Lluís	102
Lorch, Antje	61
Losada, Teresa	191
Lozano, Josep M.	215
Laroya Rocha, Isabel Cristina	149
Luz, Consuelo	170
Lybertis, Anguangua	198
M. Coll, Josep	106
Ma, Kanan	214
Mace, Beth Boffham	99, 106, 124
Madigan, Daniel	198
Maghlen de Linares, Ena Rosa	172
Mago, Rajinder	223
Magnus, David	60
Mahameed, Ibtisam	48, 134
Maharaj, Devendrakeertyji	108, 211
Mahe', Sally	214
Maheshwarananda, Mahamandaleswar	29, 148
Mamani, Raul	200
Manang, Robert	187
Mannshardt, Suzanne	126
Mansur, Deacon James	48
Mapes, Wendy	138
Marín, Francesc Xavier	106
Marín, Juan Miguel	158
Mariotti, Beatrice	190
Mark, Tim	144
Marshall, Katherine	56, 185
Marí Bonet, Josep Maria	202
Mari Carreras, Alben	188
Mari, Dr. Felix	56
Mari, Miquel	237
Martin, Bernice	50, 142
Martin, David	50, 142
Martin, Nancy	209
Martin, Sr. St. Herbert	123, 128
Martinez Parcell, Joan Baptista	229
Martinez, Joan B.	104
Martinez, Marc-ai	173
Martinez, Maria	52
Mason, Debra L.	58
Massarati Salan, Roya	117
Master Teacher	164, 197, 219
Masters, Patricia Lee	231
McAbosch, Antoni	173, 192
Matas, Fusiá	97, 176
Mateu, Francesc	113
Matos, Silvia	188
Mayer, Jean-François	131
Mayotte, Judith	209
Mc Golpin, Bill	154
McCombridge, Ruth	228
McCollum, Patrick	129

McDermott, Gerald	134
McDermott, Mary Ann	200
McGahey, Robert	98, 206
McGinley, Aileen	228
McGoldrick, Annabel	58
McKeithen, Sheila	101
McLeon, Eliyaho	54, 121
McMurray, Grant	224
Mehta, Firdosh	150, 198, 214
Melloni Ribas, Javier	107, 164, 186
Meneses Rodriguez, Berta	148
Merino González, Arturo	207
Merlo, Vicente	106, 147, 161, 208
Messineo, Alano	52
Messow, Eike	141
Meuthof, Annette	140
Miano, Pamela	125, 128
Michel, Thomas	155
Mijares, Sharon	103, 109
Miller, James	231
Misree, Khojeste P.	150, 173, 222
Mitnell, Donald	119
Miler, Matthew	113, 138, 197
Mofid, Kamran	56, 182, 190
Mohanambal, Sarangapani	121, 122
Moix, Bridget	49
Muldow, Deborah	110, 124, 164
Momen, Mooran	229
Monells, Marc	171
Monteys, Cristina	132, 219
Montuol, Yaratullah	220
Moore, Carmen	55
Moore, James F.	161
Moos, Meher Master	54, 150, 150, 197
Morales Soto, hawwa	168
Moreta, Ignasi	143
Morgan, Suzanne	178
Morgana	155
Morlans Molina, Xavier	166
Morrissey, Mary	110
Morton, James Parks	131
MotherTongue	139
Mueller-Aman tsch, Ralf	101
Mugabe, Jonathan	60
Mughiki, Abdul Malik	169, 179, 225
Mullan, Sr. Dairde	55
Muniji, Amrender	153, 215
Munishree, Kiriji	97
Munoz Duran, Maxim	178
Muñoz, Joan	167
Munyan, Gusti Koes	233
Musser, Kathy	99, 105, 124
Myers, Stephen	136
Myhand, Cheryl	180
Myint, Win	208
Mytels, Debbie	188
Nabhanilnanda, Dada	147
Nadir, Pamela Aneesah	153, 222
Nagao, Noriaki	120
Nair, Deepak	213
Naris, Michele	156
Nakagaki, T.Kenjitsu	199
Nakasone, Ronald	136
Nambiaparambil (CMI), Albert	122, 201, 227
Nanissara, Ashin	144
Naranjo Cohen, Claudia Benjamin	173
Nasseef, Abdullah	179

# Index of Presenters

Natnargi, Am n	178
Navarro Sierra, Amparo	99
Naoag Nguerno, Manuel	189
Neculai, Safiu	217
Nelson, Keith	181
Nepo, Mark	102
Newburn, Kathy	52, 220
Newman, Sato	109
Niebuhr, Gustav	58, 131
Nagués, Emma	52
Nagués, Roman Moria	146
Nor Manut, Muhammad	229
Norling, Scot	206
Norman, John	61
Norwick, Patricia	138
Ntloedibe-Kuswani, Gomang Seratwa	158, 200
Nuel, Xavier	236
Ocampo, Ricardo	212
Ocaña Ruiz, Maria Rosa	52
Ok, Uzeyir	195, 217
Okeowo, Olajide	143
Olubardo, Father Centurio	75
O'diges, Michael	59
Olivanti, Mickey	101
Oliveres, Arcadi	102
Oller, Dolores	105, 215
Omar, Irfan	63
Omar, Rashied	53, 209
Omelchenko, Nicholas	51, 105, 165, 225
Oriah Kanaruzzaman, Kamar	181
Oranias Origa, Ramon	141, 180, 208
O'Rourke, Gerald P.	121
Ortega, Paul	118
Ortiz, Felix	188
Orús, Jord	104
Oubaya, Mourad	52, 219, 220
Ozdemir, Ibrahim	137
Painiquea, Solia	145, 155, 227
Pal Mondair, Arvind	200
Pal Singh, Ajay	100, 167
Pallegá, Victor	217
Parikkar, Raimón	185
Paryela, Angel	55, 131, 138, 152, 161
Papagianis, George	105
Pappu, S.S. Rama Rao	58
Parker, Nikolai	53, 130, 169, 180
Parveen, Nusba	117
Passoy, Serge	51, 165
Patel (Eboo), Ebrahim	217
Patena, I Wayan	51, 55, 162
Patuel, Jaime	187
Paul, Russell	146
Pawlukowski, John	200, 233
Pedersen, Kusumita	161
Perez Oxlaiz, Alejandro Cirilo	107, 119, 180, 207
Pérez, Francisco Pi	124, 200
Periolas, Fabianias	150
Perkins, Amelia	106
Perkins, Steve	158
Peterson, Deborah	143
Petrie, Jeanette	181
Phangcham, Chuen	163, 210
Pirani, Zulekha	151, 180
Pitana, I Gede	107
Planes Varnedas, Roman	187
Poggi, Virginia	162
Pokharna, Hema	52
Pokharna, Mondakini	116, 133
Pola Pupol, Gemma	116
	217

Ponedal, David	118
Pons, Mercè	135
Porta, Jordi	143
Porta, Andre	162, 144, 153
Prabhu, Joseph	108
Pradiwand, Elly	156
Pragya, Pratibha	176, 179
Pragya, Panya	179, 218
Prakash, Cedric	211
Prats d'Alós-Moner, Ramon	185, 202
Prera, Ana	164
Prevosti, Antoni	185
Princeton Students	236
Pryor, Aminen	117, 133
Puig, Armand	185
Puig, Josep	52, 219
Raanan, Hagit	117
Race, Alan	51, 165, 180
Rafea, Aisha	103, 129, 137
Rafea, Alian	137
Rafiq, Mustafa	147
Rahima Jensen, Judith	190
Ra'ssouni, Ali	154
Rajashakar, J.	227
Ramadan, Tariq	138, 140, 156, 169, 179, 225, 227
Raman, V.V.	61, 130
Ramey, Ibrahim	55, 152, 178, 184
Ramirez, Miguel	52
Ramon, Rosa	147
Randhawa, Bikkar	214
Rao, K.L. Seshagiri	51, 130, 165, 180
Ratanukul, Pint	61, 136
Rathbun, Richard	125, 156
Raushenbush, Paul	58, 236
Raza, Raheel	159
Reardon, Betty	54, 100
Reuben, Delfino	229
Reverdin, Nathalie	177
Reyes, Manuel	167
Reyes, Rafael	167
Rayo, Zuma	219
Rebar, Fina	193
Richardson, Norman	204
Richardson-Wilson, Michael	138
Riera, Francesc	163
Rietmüller, Horst	155
Riley, Jeff	118
Rimpacha, Sogyal	130
Rina Devri, Mrs.	113
Ripstein, Jacqueline	184
Rivard, Nancy	124
Riviera, Rainton	150, 199
Roberts, Patricia	126
Robiati, Begge	215
Rodgers, Judy	101
Rodriguez Lopez Ros, Sergi	167
Rodriguez Ramos, Danie	168
Rodriguez Tarno, Miguel Angel	166
Rodriguez, Daniel	202
Rojahn, Theodore	51, 165
Roman Maestre, Begoña	106
Romero, Marina	133
Rong, Lin Mei	223
Roquè, Mari Angels	112
Rosal Cortes, Ramon	84
Rose, Richard	162
Rosen, David	161
Rosich, Celia	189
Ross, Tamar	150, 142
Rossi, Philip	53, 174, 209

# Index of Presenters

Rovira, Francesco	131
Rovira, Alemany, Ignasi	104
Royo Artar, Aina	135
Rozennan, Elana	48, 134
Rugen, R.	181
Rudd, Pauline M.	60
Ruetnei, Rosemary	119
Ru'at, Misbahuddin	153, 206
Ruiz, Juan	52, 220
Ruxxon, Sheikh Hussein Abu	48
Ruiz, Leslie	52
Rumbo, Albert	176
Runzo, Joseph	169, 174, 209
Ruzvic, Munetsi	160
Ryan, Thomas	55, 148
Saagap, Ziek Randa	134
Sagare Aresta, Aadel	99, 168
Santner, Joaquin	105
Sadiq, Nureen	205
Sadyayorhah	114
Saeed, Jan	230
Sarba, Fariborz	211
Sas, Samue	202
Sa'e, Vjekoslav	160
Said, Abdul Jalil	107, 122, 154, 159, 204, 222
Sa'ams, Samuel	97, 131, 131
Salama, Iawiq	204
Salte, Achmar	180, 190
Salvador-Anayarin, Susana	144, 166, 177
Samaranckrama, Vijaya	165
Sarasilari, KulurHakanligi Dev et Sema	210
Sánchez Puera, Albert	121
Sanchis, Rafael	113
Sans, Ana Maria	171
Saraswathy, Matholi	160
Saraswat, Chidanand	122, 203, 227
Saraswat, Sri Nibhayanand	160
Sarkar, Vinod	232
Sarma, Deenak	50, 142, 184
Satori-Stein, Clare	218
Savi, Julia	177
Schäfer, Ann	183
Schmit-Leukel, Perry	162
Schoenfeld, Samantha	156
Schottenhofer, Gertraud	126
Schuman, Bruce	234
Schwarz, Sidney	114, 127, 138
Scott, Richard	126
Sebastian, Philip	168
Severa, Peggy	156
Sezanani, Ni Wayen	233
Semel, Rita	207
Serrano Prior, Florencia	210, 216
Shair-Younis, Alfredo	101
Shah, Nalubna	107
Shah, Nirav	179
Shah, Pravin	205, 229
Shah, Raksha	176, 228
Shah, Sudhir	108, 228
Shahabi, Shahriar	190
Shahabuddin, Syed	225
Shamasundar, Namagundulu Venkobaran	115
Shareef, Wahy	178
Sharif, Grazale	183
Sharma, Arvind	53, 119, 169, 174
Shen, Sebastian	223
Shenondach, Joanne	151, 210, 218, 235
Shibui, Aida	191
Shimoda Bolen, Joan	156
Shipton, Sidney	204

Shirazi, Bahman	103, 117
Shiva, Vandana	61, 231
Shumei Taiko Ensemble	186
Shumeikai, Sninji	209
Siddiqi, Arnezuallah	109, 235
Siddiqui, Ataullah	206
Siddiqui, Baraara	159
Sikiko Okray, Ayse	181
Silverman, Nach	231
Singh Calcutta, Jathedar Manjit	221
Singh Dhaliwal, Avtar	152
Singh Gu shan, Gani Gurbux	221, 234
Singh Neki, Jaswant	103, 152
Singh Nili, Nirmal	103
Singh Randhawa, Parminder	273
Singh Sardhu, Gursarar	103
Singh, Balwant	152, 199
Singh, Gurfarpal	115, 167
Singh,INDERJIT	115
Singh, Karan	55, 131
Singh, Kuldeep	199
Singh, Mohinder	54, 100, 110, 115, 150, 152, 167, 182, 191, 199, 234
Singh, Randerjit	55, 223
Singh, S. Gurtej	103
Singh, S. Saran	152
Singh, Sar' Pef	172
Singh, Sukhbir	100, 115, 150
Singh, Surjit	53, 174
Singh, Swaran	153, 234
Singh, Nikky-Guninder	115, 150
Sirkhan, Najeeba	204
Sivakasa, Sulak	53, 119, 169, 193, 212, 220, 229
Sivarama	116, 217
Skali, Faouzi	122, 149
Slaby, Michael	145
Sluyer, Dave	107
Smith-Maiton, Patricia	140
Smith, Ann	140, 156
Smith, Melodee	219
Smith, Rachel	158
Smith-Christopher, Daniel	136
Smock, David	226
Soares, Flavio	185
Sobel, Henry	175, 202
Sootendorp, Avraham	145, 193
Sokali, Rebecca	138
Solé Augustis, Claustré	213
Soler Amigó, Joan	176
Sols, Luis	163
Soneji, Devesh	168
Sorosh, Abdul Karim	53, 174
South, Rev. Ken	59
Spaeth, Drake	129
Spicer, Keith	58
Spiegel, Peter	141
Sriburin, Phranana Boonshoo	133
Sridharan, Priya	182
Srinivasan, Muthuswamy	160
Srinivasan, R. Saraswathi	160
St. Clair, Darlene	134, 151
St-Amaria, Nereia Utsahi	202
Stamatopoli, Mona	189
Stansbury, Susan	168
Stein, Arthur	218
Steinfeld, Alan	114
Stewart, Elizabeth	183
Stolav, Yehuda	49, 117, 201, 204
Stonestreet, Rev. Malcolm	57
Storck, Susanne	171
Storck, Suzanne	149, 237

# Index of Presenters

Strassberg, Barbara	61
Stringer, Martin	56
Struck, Bob	138
Struckey, Robert H.	230
Suárez, José Luis	113
Sudarshan, E. C. G.	130
Sugano, Rev. Kyoichi	56
Sundararajan, K.R.	157
Sundaresan, Anu	160
Sundaram, Rameela	55, 166
Sure, Hong	110, 148
Swamo, Jake	169, 173, 200
Swee-Hin, Toh	190
Syahri, Nurlina	233
Syalee, Sangat	150, 199
Taburi, Keyvan	182
Talamantez, Ines	53, 169
Talbot, Juniper	218
Takari, Saran	143
Tamames, Joaquim	52, 219
Tomayo, Juan José	140
Toneen: Sufi Music Ensemble	232
Tonsey, Geoff	60
Tao, Hsin	138, 193
Tardito, Federico	52
Taylor, John	56, 141
Taylor, Michael	185, 229
Taylor, Sally	204
Teasdale, Wayne	104, 109, 113, 131
Teegen-Case, Susan	135
Tejpa, Lama Drungyu	210, 216
Teunaroop, Lama Denys	138
Ter Avest, Ina	189, 214
Terris, Carolina	197
Thangaraj, M. Thomas	203
Theatre Group Dzoci	149
Thero, Sobita	220
Thomason, Jon	111
Thomason, Pamela	58
Thomason, Paula	224
Thomason, Rev. Robert V.	49
Thurman, Robert	131
Tiang Cheng Yang, Xiu Lien	98, 173
Tierney, Nathan	136
Tiga, Yayasan Dharma	148, 187, 218
Tilley, John	203
Todd, Douglas	58
Tomás, Magaa	193
Tomasov, Dominique	197, 208
Toms, Justine	156
Tonssen, Aminah	129, 189
Turner Pifarre, Cones	192
Toro, Juan Enrique	110
Torralba Roselo, Francesc	103
Torres, Antonio	123
Trevino, Yolanda	200
Trillo, Jaime	132
Tripathi, Rajan	88
Troliet, Jasiane	115
Tsamacris, Dimitri	106
Tsodru, Lama	186
Tucker, Mary Evelyn	131, 145, 231
Tuffy, Duke	110
Tumpkin, Mary	101
Tuni, Onel	181
Twyman, James	146
Ucko, Hans	119
Uetani, Hiroshi	136
Uguchi, Hirokazu	165
Underwood, Grant	127
Ursic, Elizabeth	206
Usua, Berta	218
Usher, Jeffrey	206
Valadez, Stefani	187
Valjejo, Maite	196
Valls i Riera, Jordi	164
Valugera i Balaña, Pilar	238
Valsey, Kenneth	133
Van Dyk, Alison	55
Van Klinken, Wim	224
Van Lieshout, Jan Pieter	171
Vanden Bosch, Jennifer	140
Vander, Jaime	97
Vargas Anguila, Gabriela	130
Vargas, Juan Manuel	167
Vengadam, Prasanna	180
Venkatesan, Arachna	168
Versyp, Teresa	52
Via, Jordi	105
Vidal, Jose Manuel	52, 58
Vidich, Andrew	126
Vieten, Cassandra	110
Vila, Eliseo	106
Vladrich, Mercè	181
Vlekstra, Anna Maria	156
Vinals Ramon	155
Vinos Roig, Mireia Montserrat	104
Vora, Anap	179, 223
Waezi, Asghar	140
Wagner, Donald	225
Wagner, Nick	126
Wamid, Abourohman	193
Walker, Brian	154, 159
Walker, Neill	214
Walker, Robert	134
Wangnan, Thubten	97, 123, 125, 210
Ware, Rev. Alberto	59
Warren, Lolly Lucretia	177
Wee, Paul	226, 236
Weiming, Tu	53, 131, 157, 169
Weiner, Matt	220
Weingarten, Richard	115, 143, 166, 191, 213, 236
Weiss, Joshua N.	49
Wessner, Daniel	136
Whitman, Rachel	138
Whitaker Johns, Barbara	230
Wiley, Eleanor	227
Wilford, Monica	164
Williams, Diana	156, 198
Wilson, Caroline	219
Wilson, OSF, Georgene	51, 165
Wirabhum, Eddy Supmono	233
Wolasczak, Gayle	61
Wood, Richard	203
Woodcock, Susana	106
Worl, Rosita	169, 174, 182
Wright, Robert	157
Wu, Chao-Ti	136
Yao, Xinhong	152, 209
Yi-Ning, Liu	185
Yogam, Kiis	160
York, Michael	155
Yoshimura, Teruhon	195
Yusa, Michiko	205
Zachary Bright, Vonette	157
Zapata-Bahaman, Maria	91
Zaragoza, Federico Meyer	161, 231
Zdurian, Rosaleen	214
Zender, Tom	110

# Index of Programs

A Buddhist-Christian Dialogue on Communal Responses to Social and Environmental Violence	119
A Catalan Good Practice of Training of Religion at Schools	237
A Celebration of the World's Religions Through Prayer and Practices	149
A Circle of Hearts	232
A Commitment to the Future: Religion and Spirituality for an Evolving World	157
A Constructive Theory of Religion... Moving from Deconstructive Critique toward Constructive Understanding of Religious Thought	162
A Course in Morar es: The Advent of a Great Awakening – The Final Adventure Begins	164
A Culture of Peace: Building a Coalition with the UN Community	164
A Gathering of the Community: Symposium on Interfaith Education	100
A Higher Taste as a Dialogue (Workshop of Kitchent)	217
A Holistic Jain Approach to Peace with Reference to the Role of Women	176
A journey of discovery: experiences of a Muslim-Christian Encounter	205
A Moral Code of Interreligious Understanding	180
A pathway to peace: the Golden Rule initiative	157
A Psychological Approach to the Challenges and Difficulties in Interreligious Dialogue	108
A Sacred Circle: A Call to Unity and Reverence for Each Other and the Earth	198
A Seat at the Table: Struggling for American Indian Religious Freedom	210
A String and a Prayer	237
A Way of Living in Harmony with Self and Others: Sikh Spiritual Practices	199
Academic Teaching of the Holy Book: Interpretation in Monotheistic Religions	181
Active Non-Violence: The Pathway to Peace	230
Affirmative Prayer as Common Ground: The Path of Personal Transformation and Spiritual Harmony	110
African American Muslims: Building Bridges for Peace and Collaborative Social Action	178
American Indian Religious Freedom Act	142
An Approach to Pluralism, Dialogue and Peace in the Muslim World	143
An Integrative Perspective on Training for Interreligious Dialogue	158
An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 1)	182
An Interfaith Perspective on Globalization for the Common Good (Session 2)	190
Ancient Jain Meditation with Munishree Kiriti	97
Art and Religiosity of Indonesia	187
Awakening the Transformative Power of Shakti: The Life Force of Peace	221
Baap's Maryam	124
Badrul Khan and Mahatma Gandhi: Allies in a Revolution of Human Spirit, Pioneers in a Culture of Peace	180
Baráfi Theological Basis of the Interreligious Dialogue	229
Beginning With Our Own Communities: Stories From Jerusalem and the Philippines	177
"Believing" and "Belonging" in a Plural Society	109
Between Jewish Pluralism and Post-Denominationalism: A Jewish Roundtable	175
Bhakti Yoga Experience	217
Biblical Translation, Interculturality and Human Dignity	168
Birth of a Global Community: Appreciative Inquiry in Action in the United Religions Initiative	214
Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga	171
Breathing Peace, Breathing Joy: A Morning Meditation	99
Bridges of dialogue and commitment	192
Bridging the Gap: Engaging Religious Communities and Social Activists	153
Buddhist Sculpture	195
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: Personal and Scriptural Approaches	208
Building an Interfaith Youth Movement in Your Community: Shared Values and Social Action	190
Building Human Peace Through Interactive Interfaith Dialogue – The Story of the Interfaith Encounter Association	204
Building Peace in the Midst of Conflict	160
Building Social Cohesion in the Midst of Diversity: The Manresa Story	164
Business activity and ethical requirements: What do religions say?	215
Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist	173
Challenges Facing Sikh identity	115
Challenges to the Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue in Cuba	102
Children Affected by Armed Conflict: Our Ethical and Moral Responsibility	234
Christian Anthropology - Biblical Visions of the Human Being	161
Christian Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue	178
Christian Roots of Catalan Traditions	176
Christian Visions of Religious Pluralism	161
Christianity: Presentation of the Essential Points	103
Circles in the Greenwood: Pagan Religion Around the World	155
Clash or Conversation: A Dialogue of Civilizations	112
Clearing the Amazon in Ecuador and the U.S.	237
Collective Rituals of the Ha Jaenosaanee	173
Commitment to Harmony for a Peaceful World	108
Commitment to Non Possessiveness for a Better World	192

# Index of Programs

Community Assessment and Interview Skills .....	207
Community of Christ: Maintaining Identity in a Diverse World .....	274
Comparative Religion for Understanding the Other .....	229
Concert and Dance of Shinto Traditional Music .....	120
Concert of Traditional Music of India .....	163
Conditions for Peace, Sustainable Development and Cultural Diversity: A Christian Perspective .....	113
Connecting with Young People in Our Cities .....	185
Cosmological Insights of the Urania Book and their relation to Interreligious Dialogue .....	224
Crisis of the Holy .....	142
Cross City Connections: Addressing Critical Issues Through Interreligious Cooperation .....	144
Cultural Fusion: Tibetan Voices and Occidental Songs .....	125
Cultural, Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue and Theology through the Internet .....	213
Current State and Future Development of Tibetan Buddhism in China's Tibet .....	174
Dance of the Four Cultures .....	120
Dances of Universal Peace .....	158
Dances of Universal Peace – Morning Observance .....	195
Dances With the Earth .....	218
Dealing with Anger Compassionately .....	116
Depth: Meeting Place for All Traditions .....	210
Designing Interfaith Sacred Space: Lessons from the First International Interfaith Sacred Space Design Competition .....	118
Developing a Strategy for Engaging Communities in Your City .....	224
Developing Rationales Within the Christian Tradition for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation .....	203
Dharma, Allah and Governance: A Buddhist and Muslim Dialogue .....	193
Dialogue of Civilizations: Islam and the West in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World – Symposium Wrap-Up .....	165
Dialoguing in the Midst of Violence: An Experience of Islam-Christian Dialogue in Mindanao .....	109
Dimensions of Peace, Politics and the Spirit .....	142
Diversity of Traditions in Eastern Christianity .....	104
Do We Need Religion in Order to Have a Stable Ethics? .....	207
Doctrine of the Scientology Religion .....	221
Does the Media Promote Interreligious Dialogue? .....	131
Dreams and Spirituality .....	121
Education and Native Americans: Schooling and Cultural Values .....	134
Embracing the Feminine in Spirituality: Transcending Chaos and Awakening Peace in the World .....	189
Engaged Wonder: New Pathways in Conflict Transformation .....	184
Ephemeral Path to Eternity: Intersections between Christian Liturgy and Art .....	179
Essence of Islam: God, Guidance and the Hereafter .....	178
Ethical Banking and Religious Communities .....	105
Evolutionary Enlightenment: Discovering a Greater Commitment to Our Common Future .....	154
Experience of the Interreligious Dialogue in the Islamic-Christian Center of Copenhagen .....	129
Faith and Interfaith: Muslim Perceptions and Realities of Dialogue .....	206
Faith Beyond Religions .....	144
Faith on Film: Finding and Seeking Faith and Tolerance .....	232
Faith on Film: Investigation of a Flame – A Documentary Portrait of the Catsville Nine .....	162
Faith on Film: Satya – A Prayer for the Enemy .....	186
Faith on Film: The Drums of Winter (Uksuum Cauva) .....	111
Faith on Film: The Smith Family .....	209
Faith or Economics: What is the Bottom Line? .....	185
Familialorum: A Project of Claret Foundation for Christian Humanism .....	178
Finding the Brother in the Other: Overcoming Negative Images of Other Faiths as We Build Our Religious Identities and Seek Common Ground .....	184
Five years of interreligious Dialogue in Catalonia .....	143
Fool's Mass .....	138
Ford Interfaith Network: A Model for Faith in the Corporate Workplace .....	190
Fostering World Peace through Maintaining Traditions .....	165
From the intercultural to the interreligious in Europe .....	157
Fundamentalism: The Final Frontier for Interreligious Dialogue? .....	225
Future Search: People Acting Together For a More Inclusive and Collaborative Community .....	228
Global Peace and Leadership: A Jain Perspective .....	223
Global Responsibility: A Reason for Hope .....	238
God and Allah Need to Talk: A Multicultural, Interfaith Program for Healing and Reconciliation .....	187
God in Unitarian Universalist Perspective – Creating a Religious Language to Deepen Spirituality and Nurture Interfaith Understanding .....	230
Going Beyond Cultural Ignorance and Dualistic Thought .....	105
Grassroots Community Outreach: Healthcare and Education Initiatives in India .....	160
Guru Granth Sahib: Promoting Religious Pluralism, Equality, Social and Economic Justice .....	103
Healing Art: The Power of Faith .....	158
Hindu Puja and Fire Ceremony .....	122

# Index of Programs

Hindu Teachings on Interreligious Relations	203
Hinduism: Valuing Diversity and Promoting Harmony Through its Practice and Application	129
History Read from the Ground and the Fatalism of Poverty	156
Holistic Meditation: An Embodied Inquiry into Integral Spirituality	133
Honoring Shared Views in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam	107
Hope in an Oppressed World	162
How Can Humanity's Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?: Religion and Human Rights Symposium	174
How Can Mysticism Contribute to the Contemporary World?	186
How Can Religious Communities Be Engaged in Fair Trade?	113
How Does the Spiritual Nourish Our Social Practices?	236
How to Facilitate Intra-Religious Dialogue	201
How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona Session 1 Getting Organized	143
How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona Session 2 Developing Programs	166
How to Organize and Operate after Barcelona Session 3 Partnering with Guiding Institutions	191
How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona Session 4 Raising Money	213
How to Organize and Operate After Barcelona Session 5 Communicating and Dealing with the Media	236
Human Moral Development in Islam, Christianity and Buddhism	181
Human, Social and Spiritual Needs	219
Humankind and Nature: the Islamic Perspective on the Ecological Problem	168
Hungry for More: Raising Religious Voices on the Question of Global Consumption	212
Ideological Roadblocks on Pathways to Peace and Suggested Solutions	223
I-kuan Tao's Teachings of Peace	213
Interactive Sufism for Peace	99
Interfaith Cooperation for the Common Good: Serving Langar at the Ram Katna Event	100
Interfaith Encounters: Marriages, Child Rearing, Funerals, and Other Practical Concerns	136
Interpretation of Religious Texts from the Perspective of Women's and Children's Human Rights	183
Interreligious Dialogue and New Awareness	220
Interreligious Dialogue and Non-negotiable Dogmas	138
Interreligious Dialogue from a Buddhist Perspective	185
Interreligious Dialogue in the 21st Century: A Christian perspective	106
Interreligious Engagement in Higher Education: A Princeton Model	236
Interreligious Partnerships in Crisis Relief: An Innovative Strategy for Cooperation, Empowerment and Sustainability	116
Interreligious Youth Concert	225
Interspiritual Ceremony for Peace	197
Inter-Spiritual Dialogue - The Vision in Practice	113
Islam and Democracy	144
Islam: Voice, Vision and Action of Women	220
Islamic Pluralism: Between Ideals and Challenges	235
Joint Prayers Yoga and Meditation	218
Jewish Meditation	121
Ji - An Interfaith Message	150
Joining the Partner Cities Network: The Request for Partnership Process	231
Joseph Campbell's Contribution to the Deep Listening of the World's Religions	134
Judaism and Justice	127
Justice, War and Peace in Islam	225
Keeping the Path Clear - Women Engaging in Inter-Faith, Inter-Action and Inter-Relationships	159
Krishna: His Music and Philosophy	163
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice	124
Labyrinth Walking as Spiritual Practice	99
Lama's Chant	216
Legislating for the Seventh Generation	235
Lessons from Phoenix: Creating Peace in a World of Religious Violence	115
Lights' Festival	172
Listening for Love and Forgiveness in the Emerging Global Community	102
Literature as a Tool for Shaping Children's Consciousness	183
Living Together in the Midst of Conflict	205
Love, Breath of Healing: The Prayer of Heart	149
Lovingkindness and Inner Light: An Interfaith Sharing of Reflective Prayer and Meditation Practices	216
Lovingkindness Overflowing: Rebuilding a Consciousness of Compassion	104
Madre Naturaleza y Cosmos (Mother Earth and the Cosmos)	200
Mahatma Gandhi and Religious Pluralism	130
Making an Effort for a Peaceful World: Songs of Gratitude, Traditional Japanese Dance and Oriental Culture	209
Mandala: the psychocosmic diagram in the Tibetan tradition	202
Mashghul-Adhkar (Baha'i Adoration House)	149
Mayan Ceremony	124

# Index of Programs

Media Empowerment: Understanding and Using the Power of Media	212
Meditation for Morning Observance	148
Meditation for Peace	96
Meditations for Inner Happiness	215
Microcredit for Inter-religious and Community Development	175
Middle-East Stories: The Significance of the Holy Land in Our Sacred Texts	105
Millennium Development Goals: Fostering a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	193
Mind the Gap: Filling the Cultural Gap	214
MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Sikhs in America	232
Model for Interfaith Conversation and Cooperation Sparked by the Olympics	230
Modern Application of Ancient Hindu Practices: The Yoga of Sound	200
Monastic Prayers of God's Praise	197
Morning Observance by ISKCON Delegation	172
Morning Pray (Multilingual and Participative)	196
Moroccan Islamic Model in the Contemporary World	154
Mother Teresa: The Legacy	210
Mother Teresa: The Legacy	163
Musical Kairai	194
Muslim Women Between East & West	212
Muslim, Christian, Jewish Trialogue	204
Mystic Iran: The Unseen World	163
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act	169
Native American Morning Observance	148
Native American Morning Observance	97
Native People and Environmental Justice	174
Navigation for the Inward Journey: Spiritual Direction as a Pathway of Peace	126
Nonviolent Peaceforce: Religious Peacemakers' Circles	187
Northern Lights, A Celebration of Edmonton's Interfaith Life at Latitude 53	214
On Becoming A Converted Outsider	191
One With the Soul of the Earth	139
Oneida Nation Wolf Clan	218
Orthodox Iconography	217
Our Parliament Community: Staying Connected, Growing Together	234
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace	173
Our Shared Path: A Labyrinth Walk for Peace	150
Pablo Casals: A Cry for Peace	187
Pagan Dialogue Inside & Outside of the Circle	129
Pagan Teachings About the Earth	222
Partner Cities and Capacity Building Opening Session	115
Partnership: A Key to Building the International Interreligious Movement	135
Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace	220
Pathways of Peace with the Sounds of Peace	198
Pathways to Peace: The Experiences of the Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum	204
Pathways to Peace in Africa: A Contribution from African Traditional Religious Perspective	180
Pathways to Peace in Sikhism	152
Pathways to Peace in the Thought of Joseph Smith	127
Pathways to Peace: Using Artistic Metaphors for Dialogue and Collaboration	158
Peace: A Quest for Universal Harmony	103
Peace By Peace: Women on the Frontlines	140
Peace Initiatives to Bridge the Hindu-Muslim Divide	227
Peace Over the Korean Peninsula: The Reconciling Role of Faith Communities in the History of Confrontational North and South Korea	146
Peace, Equanimity and Stress-Free Life by way of Chanting Sacred Hymns	153
Peace-Building for Women: Taught by Middle East Interfaith Women	134
Pingalwan: A Story of Interreligious Compassion in Action	235
Pope John Paul II's Contribution to Interreligious Dialogue	155
Power of Prayer and Meditation	123
Practical Steps Along the Pathways to Peace	228
Practicing Six Values in Daily Life	221
Practicing Taoism in the Spanish Culture	173
Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening	108
Prayer of Abandonment	196
Prayer of Contemplation	98
Prayer with Taizé Songs	196
Praying Together: Morning Observance	122
Praying Together?	107

# Index of Programs

Praying with Psalms	218
Praying with Theresa of Jesus: the wisdom of listening	99
Preserving Learnings for the Future: What Should We Archive from the Interreligious Movement?	77
Professional Commitment and the Preferential Option for the Poor	190
Promoting Active Tolerance with Christian Spirit: an old Masonic and Chivalric Organization in the 21st Century	154
Promoting Sustainable Development through Partnerships with Religious and Spiritual Communities and Youth	229
Proselytization and Religious Freedom	119
Protestant Celebration	172
Protestantism in Spain: and its engagement with society	118
Psychological Attitudes for Interreligious Dialogue	184
Psychotherapy as a Tool for Peace, Listening and Liberation	173
Raja Yoga Guided Meditation	196
Roman Elulk: A Model Bridge between Cultures	104
Reaching Out to the Religious Other: Four Interfaith Institutions that Make a Difference	138
Recognizing and Crossing the Boundaries of Religious/Spiritual Traditions in Interfaith Encounters – A Unifying Experience	227
Reflections on Critical Issues Facing Mankind, and Solutions Suggested in Guru Granth Sahib	234
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	121
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	195
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	171
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	147
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses for People of All Faiths	97
Reflections Upon Divine Signs: Meditation on Quranic Verses People of All Faiths	217
Religion and Government: One Principle, Many Perspectives	233
Religion and Human Rights Symposium: Opening Session	169
Religion from the Point of View of Psychobiology: Present and Future	146
Religion in a World at War: The Transformation from Hate to Love of Our "Enemies"	209
Religion, Religions, and Religious Unity: a Baha'i View	177
Religions and Commitment for Peace	173
Religions and Spiritual Path in Secular and Global Societies	161
Religions are Many, Spirituality is One	147
Religions at School in Spain: A Necessary Dialogue	132
Religions Collaborate for Peace: the Guatemalan Model	236
Religions in Dialogue: The Experience of the International Center of Mystical Studies of Avila	159
Religious Bilingualism	183
Religious Caricature	147
Religious Freedom for All	141
Religious fundamentalism and violence: a challenge to interreligious dialogue	211
Religious Mandala	104
Religious Studies and Interreligious Dialogue: Possibilities and Problems	198
Religious Values and Social Activism	114
Representative Songs from Jewish & Sephardic World	131
Requirements for an Interreligious Dialogue in a Global World: An Anthropological Approach	108
Resolutions of the II European Women Synod "Sharing Cultures"	193
Resources for Peacemaking in Areas of Religious Conflict	226
Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Communal Violence	191
Responding in Solidarity to Acts of Terror: Lessons from New York and Madrid	215
Restorative Justice and Exploratory Faith: A Model for Intercultural Peace and Cooperation	136
Rethinking Martyrdom – A Sikh Perspective	167
Role of Religion to Eliminate Poverty	211
Rumi: a Mystical Sufi for Today's Dialogue	123
Sacred Dance	149
Sacred Dance - The Strength of Gathering in the Dance	171
Sacred Dance of India: Light on Peace	216
Sacred Songs of Secret Rituals of Tibet	123
Salat: How Muslims Connect to God	172
Secularism and Spirituality in the City: The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in Perpignan	137
Secularity and Religions: Suggestions for a New World	112
Seeing into Being: Empowering Dignity of the Self, Others, and the World	101
Sefarad and the History of the Jews Living Together in Spain	208
Self Discipline, Peace and Spiritual Growth	228
Self-Inquiry Meditation	196
Self-Inquiry Meditation	98
Self-Inquiry Meditation	148
Sephardic Music	131
Sephardic Survival – The Balance of the Kabbalistic Heart	170

# Index of Programs

Service of Examination	123
Shiva - Vibrational Music: Concert for Body and Soul	238
Sikh Spirituality: The Guru Granth Sahib	150
Singing in a Foreign Place: The Expression of the Faith of the Immigrants	147
Socially Engaged Buddhism: A Pathway to Peace	220
Song of Peace	112
Sounds of the Heart: Musical Explorations in Interfaith Dialogue	233
Spirits in Rebellion	161
Spiritual Democracy of Jainism - a Precursor of Interfaith Movement	167
Spiritual Life Circle: SPOT (Special Place of Transformation)	169
Spiritual Peacemaking	146
Spiritual Power as Envisioned Through Sri Guru Granth Sahib	201
Spirituality and Social Engagement	122
Spirituality in Islam, Art and Reason	149
Spirituality in Order to Live Together	171
Splendors of the Spirit: Swedenborg's Quest for Insight	232
Sport and Spirituality	171
Sri Guru Granth Sahib - Quadricentennial Celebration of Interfaith Scripture as the Source of Sikh Values, Ethics, Love and Peace	162
Struggling Muslim Communities in the West	222
Sufi Psychology Forum: From Mind to Heart, Pathway to Peace	117
Sufi Songs and Invocations	122
Sulism & Sharian as the Significant Other	153
Sustainable Development - Poverty, Social Development, Globalization and Social Values	116
Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Three: Raimon Panikkar	152
Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address, Day Two: Madhu Kishwar	127
Taoist Celebration	98
Tari Sesaji Tri Yoni Saraswati: Dance Offering Tri Yoni Saraswati	233
Teaching of Sincerity: A Shinto Pathway to Peace	160
Techniques for Listening Art	171
The "Three Religions" Choir of the University of Valencia	135
The application of the Bible to the current world	202
The Architecture with Christian Symbols	97
The Art of War/ The Tao of Peace: The Yin/Yang Dance of Being Human	100
The Bahá'í Concepts of Life and Death	237
The Battle for God	208
The case of Miquel Servat: Dialogue and Freedom of Conscience	179
The Challenge of Peace and the Calling to Interreligious Dialogue in Myanmar	144
The Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Its Potential Contribution to the Wider Inter-religious Dialogue	161
The Confederacy and the Great Law of Peace	200
The Contribution of Protestantism to the Dignity of Women	237
The Contribution of the Jewish in the Spanish Contemporaneous Culture	153
The Culture of Peace	231
The Earth Charter: Shared Values for Building a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable Future	145
The Empire Listens	236
The Ethics - Buddhist Commitment : An Alternative to Our Society	166
The Ethics of Speaking and Listening: An Interfaith Forum on Communication as Spiritual Practice	133
The Experience of Intercultural Courses and Interreligious Seminars of GERFEC	189
The Experience of Inter-religious Dialogue in Scouting: First Scout Interreligious Symposium	212
The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in Uruguay	207
The Forge Institute's Trans-Traditional Way of Being Together	206
The Future of Christianity in the Spanish Young People	104
The Gipsy Religious Experience as a Bridge Between East and West	167
The Global Eco-Social Marshall Plan / Club of Budaapest	141
The Global Face of Judaism	202
The Global Faces of Buddhism	199
The Global Heart Vision: Principles and Practices for Personal Transformation and Global Change	226
The Global Imperative for Interfaith Education: Symposium on Interfaith Education Keynote Address	110
The Headscarf Debate: Religious Dress & Secular Fundamentalism	141
The History of Protestantism in Spain and Religious Pluralism	183
The Imperative of Peace and the Obsolescence of War	108
The Importance of Full Awareness in Our Lives	172
The Importance of Intra-Religious Dialogue	125
The Influence of Religion on Mahatma Gandhi	103
The Islamic Metaphysics and the Dialogue with Other Traditions	201

# Index of Programs

The Islamic View of Human Cloning .....	130
"The Love of the Rings": Religious Background .....	166
The Lost & Endangered Religions Project: Preserving the World's Diverse Religious Heritage .....	168
The Love Communion .....	98
The Meaning of "Awakening" in Modern Spiritual and Scientific Contexts .....	140
The Milanti Circle Initiative: Intercultural Women's Dialogue .....	156
The Movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and Eastern Religions .....	225
The Movement of the (Catholic) Focolari and Monotheist Religions .....	150
The Multicultural and Interreligious Life in Meilla .....	136
The Multiple Voices in Talmud .....	197
The Natural World and the Political Lives of Indigenous Peoples .....	182
The necessary values for the creation of a happy interreligious family .....	117
The Need for Spiritual Justice and Native Inmates .....	192
The Non-Existence of Self: The Absolute Plenitude .....	208
The Peace Pole Project .....	117
The Pluralism Project: Listening to America .....	226
The Politics of Meaning .....	238
The Praxis of Reconciliation: Restoring the Broken Arm of the Cross .....	128
The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth I .....	148
The Prayer of Women for Giving Peace on Earth II .....	218
The Precious Human Rebirth .....	147
The Relevance of Zoroastrianism in the Modern Age .....	222
The Religious Dimension as a Supplement of Humanity .....	121
The Religious Traditions and the Scientific Cosmvision of the 21st Century .....	199
The Responsibility of the Global Muslim Community in the Post 9/11 World .....	227
The Role of Museums in the Interreligious Movement for Dialogue and Understanding .....	217
The Role of Religion to Protect the Faith .....	205
The Role of Women in Traditional Native Societies .....	151
The Sacred Space as a Spiritual Pedagogy for Peace .....	211
The Shoe .....	97
The Shimeji Taiko Ensemble: Earth Songs, Water .....	186
The Social Dimensions of the Contemplative Christian Prayer .....	121
The Socratic Tradition of Doing Good in Classic Islam .....	167
The Song of the Sacred Name of God in the Vaishnava Tradition: Theory and Practice .....	197
The song of the Sun: music and Sufi Menlevi dance .....	120
The spirituality of deeds .....	192
The Tape of India, the Light of Awakening .....	217
The Tibetan Book of the Life and Death .....	130
The Training of Character in Buddhism, Islam and Confucianism .....	195
The Translation of Sacred Texts from the Original Languages and their Interpretation .....	185
The UNESCO civil society: religions and the culture of peace .....	188
The Variety of Chinese Religious Expression .....	223
The Vision of a Oneness World: Sri Chinmoy's Approach to Global Love and Harmony .....	202
The voice of different religious traditions on cultural diversity .....	118
The Voice of Different Religious Traditions on Peace .....	235
The Voice of Different Religious Traditions on Sustainable Development .....	213
The Way of the Saints: The Path of Personal Transformation through Meditation .....	126
The Way to World Peace: A Thai Buddhist Perspective .....	151
The Wisdom of Listening to God: Ancient Raja Yoga of Brahma Kumaris .....	176
The Wisdom of Listening to the Earth: Worshipping in the Manner of Friends .....	98
The Zen Garden: A Paradise .....	130
The Zoroastrian View of Interfaith Dialogue .....	198
Then Our Mouth Was Filled with Laugh: Ecumenical Workshop .....	149
Theological and Philosophical Aspects of Interreligious Dialogue .....	106
Theologies of Liberation and Interreligious Dialogue .....	140
Theology and Prayers: The Language of Icons .....	195
This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer .....	219
This Morning Will Change Our World Through Prayer .....	197
Thomas Merton: The Monk's Response in Times of Crucial Changes .....	128
Three loci of Gathering, Three Dimensions of Reality: Kosmos, Theos, Anthropos .....	205
Tibet: Tradition, Art, Spirituality, Thousand-year-old Culture and Philosophy of Compassion and Wisdom .....	97
Ties That Bind .....	117
Tikkun Olam: Fixing the World .....	126
to Us: Implications .....	156

# Index of Programs

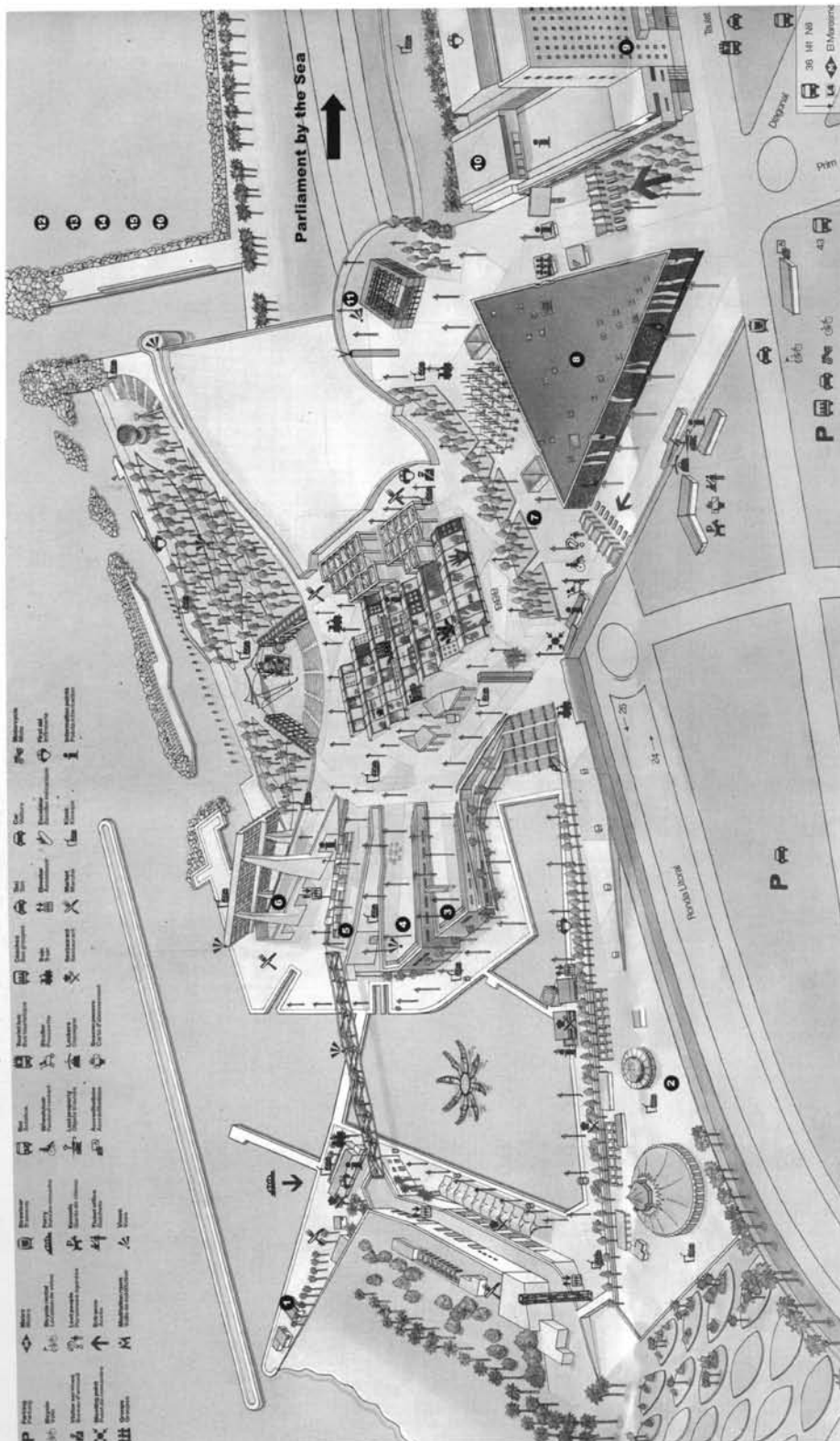
Toledo as an Example and Witness of Cultural Exchange .....	229
Towards Peace Because of Love for Humankind: The Experience of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Organizations .....	144
Towards the Construction of the World Peace: Tenrikyo's Proposal .....	136
Tradition of Conchera's Dances .....	238
Traditional Mevlevi Order Ceremony of Sufi Dance .....	210
Traditional Pueblo Morning Prayers .....	196
Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (sess on one) .....	154
Transforming Inter-Faith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace (sess on two) .....	159
Trembling Before God .....	139
Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human (UBBH) - Many Pathways .....	203
Uniting Youth Leaders for Global Transformation .....	143
Unity in Diversity: The Foundations of a Culture of Peace and Justice in an Intertraditional Cooperation .....	113
Unity of Minds: A Congregation of Spiritual Leaders with the President of India .....	179
Universal Meditation .....	122
Universal: Message of the World's Religions .....	137
Updating Wisdom Stories for the 21st Century .....	110
Updating Wisdom Stories for the 21st Century .....	130
Vecanto Interpreted By Sri Ramakrishna and Goals of Peace, Harmony and Spirituality .....	223
Vision of the Future - A New World View Toward Peace .....	101
Vital Experiences in the Rarámuri Religious Tradition - Elements to Dialogue .....	207
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust .....	154
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us - Action .....	188
Voyage of Discovery: From Stardust to Us - The Story .....	125
Walking Meditation with Maha Ghosananda .....	220
Walking the Labyrinth as a Pathway of Peace .....	105
Walking Together to God, from His Diverse Names .....	135
Water as the Well spring of Life - The Emerging Alliance of Religion and Ecology .....	231
Water, The Reverential Experience .....	200
We are Living in a Global Village, but Justice is Partial .....	163
We Sing Praying to Jesus .....	123
Welcoming the Arabic and Muslim Immigration with the Bayt Al-Thaqafa Foundation .....	191
What is CaoDai and What Does It Say About Peace? .....	128
What is Islam? Q&A Session .....	176
What is Shiny Shumaikei? .....	221
What is the Appropriate Role of Guiding Institutions in Fostering Positive Interreligious Relations? .....	214
Which Islam? Struggle for the Soul of Islam .....	179
Why Muslims Rebel: The Struggle for Self-Determination .....	169
Wisdom of the Individual and Community Body - Cultures of Peace through Interplay .....	152
Women and Spirituality .....	219
Works of art at the cathedrals and the monasteries at the exhibition "Christus Splendor" .....	202
Workshop on the Use of Aromas and Fragrance .....	121
"World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality" Roundtable .....	131
World Peace Begins from Within .....	109
World Peace Prayer Ceremony with the Flags of All Nations .....	124
World Spirituality: Into the Future .....	157
Yoga Prayer: Embodied Christian Spiritual Practice with Father Thomas Ryan .....	148
Young People and Religious Freedom .....	166
Zazenkaï-Practice of Zen Meditation .....	148
Zen Meditation Practice .....	128
Zen Practice - Morning Observance .....	172
Zoroastrian Havan Gan Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day .....	199
Zoroastrian Havan Gan Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day .....	197
Zoroastrian Havan Gan Observance - One of the Five Watches of the Day .....	173
Zoroastrian History, Religion, Culture and Present Day Challenges .....	150

**2004**  
**PARLIAMENT OF THE**  
**WORLD'S RELIGIONS**  
BARCELONA JULY 7-13

**MAP OF THE  
FORUM SITE**



# Map of the Forum Site



- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Marina Stage               | 9 AC Barcelona Hotel     |
| 2 Cabaret                    | 10 CCIB                  |
| 3 M.O. 1                     | 11 Theater               |
| 4 M.O. 2                     | 12 Sikh Celebration Area |
| 5 M.O. 3                     | 13 Peace Pole            |
| 6 M.O. 4                     | 14 Labyrinths            |
| 7 Peace Tree Ceremony        | 15 Sacred Space          |
| 8 Edifici Forum (Auditorium) | 16 Walk Through Time     |





Council for a Parliament  
of the World's Religions



**Forum**  
BARCELONA  
2004

Centre **UNESCO** de Catalunya