



# HANDBOOK

Religions for Peace   
9<sup>th</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY





## GOALS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly will advance the following goals:

- A. Examine, in depth, the theme and sub-themes of the World Assembly.
- B. Review the activities of *Religions for Peace* since the previous World Assembly, including the activities of affiliated Regional and National Interreligious Councils and bodies, as well as those of the International Secretariat.
- C. Make decisions regarding the long-range plans and policies of *Religions for Peace*.
- D. Elect Honorary Presidents, Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary General.
- E. Build stronger bridges of partnership between the world's religious communities, governments, and intergovernmental bodies.
- F. Provide a principled opportunity for major religious organizations to meet and build alliances and for major partnership initiatives to be formed.
- G. Strengthen multi-religious cooperation for peace among religious leaders by equipping national and regional inter-religious councils, women of faith networks, and religious youth networks for common action, including the development of partnerships.
- H. Support multi-religious cooperation in countries burdened by violence and conflict.
- I. Open a "door" through which larger numbers of the followers of the world's religions – the majority of humanity – can be welcomed into principled and practical multi-religious cooperation.
- J. Engage the world's media to advance the power of multi-religious cooperation.



	NOVEMBER 19 TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 20 WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 21 THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 22 FRIDAY	WORLD ASSEMBLY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE	
	EVE	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3		
9:00	9:00-16:00  Women's Pre-Assembly  Youth Pre-Assembly	9:00-10:00 Business Mtg. 1 (Delegate only)	9:00-10:20 Plenary III	9:00-10:20 Business Mtg. 3 (Delegate only)		
10:00						
			10:20-10:45 Special Session with UNHCR	10:20-10:45 Special Session on Responsibility to Protect		
		10:30-12:10 Opening Session				
11:00			11:00-12:30 Commission Mtg. II (4 simultaneous sessions)	11:00-12:30 Regional Caucuses International Trustee Meeting		
12:00						
		12:10-12:30 Special Session on Child Survival				
13:00			12:40-13:50 Lunch	12:40-13:50 Religious Caucuses over Lunch		12:40-13:50 Lunch
14:00			14:00-15:30 Plenary I	14:00-15:10 Plenary IV		14:00-15:30 Closing Session
15:00				15:10-15:30 Special Session with UN Women		
16:00	16:00-17:30 World Council / EC Meeting (Closed)	16:00-17:15 Commission Mtg. I (4 simultaneous sessions)	15:45-17:30 Commission Mtg. III (4 simultaneous sessions)	15:45-17:30 New World Council Meeting (Closed)		
17:00						
		17:30-19:00 Plenary II				
18:00						
			18:30-19:30 Dinner			
19:00						
		19:30-21:00 Dinner				
20:00			19:40-21:00 Business Mtg. 2 (Delegate only)			
21:00		21:00-22:00 Steering, Declaration and Nominating Committees (Closed)				



## 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY PLENARY SESSIONS

The Plenary Sessions of the Assembly are designed to address the major themes of the Assembly in a way that provokes, inspires and energizes the delegates. They will focus on the core mission of *Religions for Peace* and seek to identify the critical ways that inter-religious cooperation can advance the response of religious communities to these issues.

The first plenary will present the theme of the Assembly. Then three plenary sessions will address the core elements of the *Religions for Peace* mission – transforming conflict, promoting just and harmonious societies, advancing human development, and protecting the earth – through panels of high level leaders from religion, government, international organizations, and civil society. The fifth and final plenary will focus on commitments for action – receiving reports from the Assembly Commissions, parallel meetings and adopting the Declaration – giving the *Religions for Peace* movement direction and energy for the coming five years.

### **PLENARY I Welcoming the Other**

*Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 14:00-15:30 (Park Congress I-III)*

### **PLENARY II Welcoming the Other through Conflict Transformation and Peace-building**

*Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 17:30-19:00 (Park Congress I-III)*

- a. Disarmament
- b. Conflict Prevention
- c. Conflict resolution
- d. Reconciliation

### **PLENARY III Welcoming the Other through Just and Harmonious Societies**

*Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00-10:20 (Park Congress I-III)*

- a. Religious freedom, protection of minorities
- b. Migration, integration and social cohesion
- c. Democracy, good governance
- d. Overcoming violence

### **PLENARY IV Welcoming the Other through Human Development that Respects the Earth**

*Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 14:00-15:10 (Park Congress I-III)*

- a. Millennium Development Goals
- b. Legal empowerment of the poor
- c. Health
- d. Water and sanitation
- e. Equipping religious and multi-religious communities for advocacy and action
- f. Community-based conservation

## OPENING SESSION

**NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 10:30-12:10**  
**(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

Moderator: **The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky**,  
Moderator, *RfP*

### Children and multi-religious pledge

#### Welcome Remarks:

- › **Senior Religious Leaders from the Republic of Austria**

#### Message:

- › **H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General,  
United Nations

#### Remarks:

- › **H.E. Mr. Faisal bin Abdulrahman bin Muaammar**, Secretary General, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID)
- › **H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, United Nations High Representative, Alliance of Civilizations
- › **Honorable Ela Gandhi**, Founder, Gandhi Development Trust; Honorary President, *RfP*
- › **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *RfP*

## SPECIAL SESSION ON CHILD SURVIVAL AND PROTECTION

**NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 12:10-12:30**  
**(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

- › **Ms. Liza Barrie**, Representative of  
**Mr. Anthony Lake**, Executive Director,  
UNICEF
- › **Ms. Katherine Taylor**, Representative of  
**Dr. Rajiv Shah**, Administrator, United States  
Agency for International Development  
(USAID)
- › **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General,  
*RfP*



## PLENARY I: WELCOMING THE OTHER

NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 14:00-15:30  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)

Moderator: **The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky**,  
Moderator, *RfP*

### Panel:

- › **Sheikh Abdallah ibn Bayyah**, President, Global Center for Renewal and Guidance, Mauritania/Saudi Arabia
- › **Rev. Nichiko Niwano**, President, Rissho Kosei-kai; Co-President, *RfP*
- › **Chief Rabbi David Rosen**, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee; Co-President, *RfP*
- › **Emmaus Maria Voce**, President, Focolare Movement; Co-President, *RfP*
- › **Representative of KAICIID**

## PLENARY II: WELCOMING THE OTHER THROUGH CONFLICT PREVENTION AND TRANSFORMATION

NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 17:30-19:00  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)

Moderator: **Ms. Stellamaris Ndinda Mulaeh**,  
Coordinator, *Religions for Peace* Global Interfaith Youth Network, Kenya

### Overview:

- › **Bishop Gunnar Stålsett**, Bishop Emeritus of Oslo; Member, Nobel Peace Prize Committee, Norway
- › **Prof. Dr. Din Syamsuddin**, President, Muhammadiyah; Moderator, Asian Conference of *Religions for Peace*, Indonesia

### Presentations:

- › **Ven. Dr. Bellanwila Wimalaratana Thero**, President, Sri Lanka Council of *Religions for Peace*; Chancellor, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, Sri Lanka
- › **Mme. Cissé Hadja Mariama Sow**, President, Muslim Women of Guinea; Executive Committee Member, African Women's Coordinating Committee, Guinea
- › **Mr. Steve Killelea**, Founder and Executive Chairman, Institute for Economics and Peace; International Trustee, *RfP*, Australia

### Launch of the *Religions for Peace Resource Guide on Nuclear Disarmament*:

- › **Ven. Gijun Sugitani**, Chair, *RfP* International Standing Commission on Disarmament and Security & **Mr. Alyn Ware**, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament; Member, *RfP* International Standing Commission on Disarmament and Security, New Zealand

**PLENARY III:  
WELCOMING THE OTHER  
THROUGH CITIZENSHIP FOR JUST  
AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETIES**

**NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 9:00-10:20  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

Moderator: **Dr. Lillian Sison**, Director of International Relations, University of Santo Tomas; Chair, *RfP* Asia and the Pacific Women of Faith Network, Philippines

**Overview:**

- › **H.E. John Cardinal Onaiyekan**, Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria; Co-Moderator, African Council of Religious Leaders-*RfP*, Nigeria
- › **Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit**, General Secretary, World Council of Churches

**Presentations:**

- › **H.E. Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim**, Syrian Orthodox Archbishop of Aleppo; Honorary President, *RfP*, Syria
- › **Al Haj U Aye Lwin**, Chief Convener, Islamic Centre of Myanmar; Executive Committee Member, *Religions for Peace* Myanmar
- › **Sheikh Majid Ismail al-Hafeed**, Representative, Ulama Kurdish Union; Resident Imam, Grand Mosque of Sulaimaniya, Iraq
- › **Rev. Elga Joan Sarapung**, Director, Institute for Interfaith Dialogue, Indonesia

**SPECIAL SESSION ON  
WELCOMING THE  
STRANGER, REFUGEES AND  
INTERNALLY DISPLACED**

**NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 10:20-10:45  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

- › **Dr. Volker Türk**, Director of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- › **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *RfP*
- › Senior Religious Leaders



**PLENARY IV:  
WELCOMING THE OTHER  
THROUGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
THAT RESPECTS THE EARTH**

**NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 14:00-15:10  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

Moderator: **Priestess Beatriz Schulthess**,  
President, Indigenous Peoples Ancestral Spiritual  
Council, Costa Rica

**Overview:**

- › **H. E. Raymundo Cardinal Damasceno Assis**, Archbishop of Aparecida, Sao Paulo;  
Moderator, Latin American and Caribbean  
Council of Religious Leaders-*RfP*, Brazil
- › **Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia**,  
Chairman, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha;  
International Trustee, *RfP*

**Presentations:**

- › **Venerable Xue Cheng**, Secretary General,  
Executive Vice President, China Buddhist  
Association, China
- › **Mrs. Christina Lee Brown**, Co-Founder  
and President Emeritus, Cathedral Heritage  
Foundation; International Trustee, *RfP*
- › **Dr. Vinu Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram,  
India, Vice Moderator, *RfP*
- › **Dr. Katherine Marshall**, Senior Fellow,  
Georgetown University Berkley Center for  
Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, USA

**SPECIAL SESSION ON  
RESTORING DIGNITY: ENDING  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 15:10-15:30  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)**

- › **H.E. Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, Assistant Secretary-  
General, United Nations Women
- › **Ven. Dr. Chung Ohun Lee**, Supreme Council,  
Won Buddhism, South Korea; Co-President,  
*RfP*
- › Representatives of the *RfP* Global Women of  
Faith Network

SPECIAL SESSION ON  
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup> 10:20-10:45  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)

- › **Mr. Adama Dieng**, Under Secretary General/  
Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-  
General on the Prevention of Genocide and  
Responsibility to Protect

CLOSING SESSION:  
MOBILIZING ACTION FOR  
HUMAN DIGNITY, CITIZENSHIP  
AND SHARED WELL-BEING

NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup> 14:00-15:30  
(PARK CONGRESS I-III)

Moderator: **Dr. William. F. Vendley**, Secretary  
General, *Religions for Peace*

**Reports from Assembly Commissions**

**Public Reading of the Assembly Declaration**

**Conclusion and the Path Forward:**

- › **H. E. Sheikh Shaban Mubajje**, Grand Mufti,  
Uganda Muslim Supreme Council; Co-  
Moderator, African Council of Religious  
Leaders-*RfP*
- › **His All Holiness Bartholomew I**, Archbishop  
of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical  
Patriarch
- › **Dharma Master Most Venerable Sitagu  
Sayadaw**, Myanmar



## 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONS

The following four Assembly Commissions will be held simultaneously:

### **COMMISSION 1 Welcoming the Other through Conflict Prevention and Transformation**

(Klimt 1)

- a. Disarmament
- b. Conflict prevention
- c. Conflict resolution
- d. Reconciliation

### **COMMISSION 2 Welcoming the Other through Just and Harmonious Societies**

(Klimt 2)

- a. Good governance and citizenship
- b. Religious freedom and protection of minorities
- c. Migration, integration and social cohesion
- d. Transforming violence

### **COMMISSION 3 Welcoming the Other through Human Development that Respects the Earth**

(Strauss & Brahms)

- a. Millennium Development Goals
- b. Legal empowerment of the poor
- c. Health
- d. Climate change

### **COMMISSION 4 Welcoming the Other through Religious and Multi-religious Education**

(Mahler & Bruckner)



Each of the four Assembly Commissions will consist of three sessions with the following schedule, format, objectives and expected outputs:

SESSION I	SESSION II	SESSION III
Wednesday, November 20 16:00–17:15 (1 hr 15 min)	Thursday, November 21 11:00–12:30 (1 hr 30 min)	Thursday, November 21 15:45–17:30 (1 hr 45 min)
<b><i>Shared understanding of problematic and related needed roles to address the challenges</i></b>	<b><i>Discernment of religious assets for multi-religious collaboration to address the needed roles (good practices)</i></b>	<b><i>Recommendations for multi-religious action, needed equipping and multi-sectoral partnerships across the RfP network – interreligious councils and groups, women of faith and youth networks – on national, regional and international levels</i></b>
Plenary: High-level Panel with Experts	Plenary: High-level Panel with RfP leaders	Plenary & Working Group Session: Experts & RfP leaders

The first session of each of the four Commissions will delve into shared understanding of problematic and related needed roles to address the challenge. The second session will discern the religious assets and the added values of multi-religious collaboration to address the needed roles and the third session will be the commitments to action by RfP interreligious councils and groups, including women of faith and youth networks, at national, regional and international levels and recommendations for necessary tools for action. The final outcome will be the compilation of a report that will be shared widely with multiple stakeholders including religious communities, governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector. These will also inform the 9<sup>th</sup> World Assembly Declaration.





## COMMISSION 1: WELCOMING THE OTHER THROUGH CONFLICT PREVENTION AND TRANSFORMATION<sup>1</sup>

### SESSION I      NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 16:00–17:15 (KLIMT 1)

Moderator: **Dr. Gerard Powers**, Director of Catholic Peacebuilding Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

**Keynote Presentation:** **Mr. Robert Dann**, Chief, Mediation Support Unit, UN Department of Political Affairs

#### Panel:

- › **H.E. Dr. Mustafa Ceric**, Fmr. Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Co-President, *RfP*
- › **Dr. Brian J. Grim**, Senior Researcher and Director of Cross-National Data, Pew Research Center, USA
- › **Dr. Layla Alkhafaji**, Director of External Relations, Al-Hakim Foundation, Iraq
- › **Dr. Douglas M. Johnston**, President, International Center for Religion and Democracy, USA
- › **Dr. Alberto Quattrucci**, Secretary General, Community of St. Egidio, Italy

### SESSION II      NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 11:00–12:30 (KLIMT 1)

Moderator: **Dr. Siti Musdah Mulia**, Research Professor, Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Chairperson of the Indonesian Conference of *Religions for Peace*

**Keynote Presentation:** **Hon. Alimamy P. Koroma**, Minister of Public Works, Government of Sierra Leone; Fmr. Secretary General, Interreligious Council of Sierra Leone-*RfP*

#### Panel:

- › **Dr. Parichart Suwanbubbha**, Co-Secretary, *Religions for Peace* Interreligious Council of Thailand; Director, Institute of Peace Studies and Human Rights, Mahidol University
- › **Bishop Elia Tousse**, Episcopal of Pyrgou, Syria
- › **Dr. Benjamin D. Lartey**, Coordinator, *RfP* West Africa Interreligious Councils Coordinating Committee, Liberia

### SESSION III      NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 15:45–17:30 (KLIMT 1)

Moderator: **Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi**, General Secretary, World Alliance of Reformed Churches; Co-President, *RfP*

#### Working Group Session:

- › Reports from Working Groups in a Plenary
- › Discussion on the Commission Report

<sup>1</sup> All three sessions of the Assembly Commission 1 will be facilitated by Mr. Stein Villumstad, General Secretary, European Council of Religious Leaders-*RfP* (ECRL-*RfP*).

## COMMISSION 2: WELCOMING THE OTHER THROUGH CITIZENSHIP FOR JUST AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETIES<sup>2</sup>

### SESSION I    NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 16:00–17:15 (KLIMT 2)

Moderator: **H.E. Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen**, Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the United Nations

**Keynote Presentation:** **Ms. Floriane Hohenberg**, Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

**Panel:**

- › **Dr. Mohamed Elsanousi**, Director of Community Outreach; Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- › **The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi**, Archbishop and Primate of Burundi; Co-President, *Religions for Peace* Burundi
- › **Rabbi Marcelo Polakoff**, President, Latin American Rabbinical Assembly and President, Interreligious Committee for Peace of Cordoba, Argentina

### SESSION II    NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 11:00–12:30 (KLIMT 2)

Moderator: **H.E. Bishop Vianney Fernando**, Bishop of Kandy; Vice President, Sri Lanka Council of *Religions for Peace*

**Keynote Presentation:** **H.M. Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III**, Sultan of Sokoto; President General, Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; Governing Board Member, African Council of Religious Leaders-*RfP*

**Panel:**

- › **Revd Dr. Thomas Wipf**, President, Council of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches; Moderator, European Council of Religious Leaders-*RfP*
- › **Ms. Daw Zo Hming Thangi**, Executive Secretary, Ecumenical Women Work, Myanmar Council of Churches
- › **Ms. Daniela Malec**, Coordinator, *Religions for Peace* Europe Interfaith Youth Network (*RfP* EIYN)

### SESSION III    NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 15:45–17:30 (KLIMT 2)

Moderator: **Rev. Riad Jarjour**, Secretary General, Arab Group for Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Syria/Lebanon

**Working Group Session**

- › Reports from Working Groups in a Plenary
- › Discussion on the Commission Report

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<sup>2</sup> All three sessions of the Assembly Commission 2 will be facilitated by Dr. Elias El-Halabi, Associate General Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches.



## COMMISSION 3: WELCOMING THE OTHER THROUGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THAT RESPECTS THE EARTH<sup>3</sup>

### SESSION I NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 16:00–17:15 (STRAUSS & BRAHMS)

Moderator: **Ms. Katherine Taylor**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, USAID

**Keynote Presentation:** **Ms. Amalia Navarro**, Communication & Partnerships Coordinator, United Nations Millennium Campaign

**Panel:**

- › **Ms. Laura Vargas Valcárcel**, General Coordinator, Peruvian Catholic Bishops' Conference (CEP); Executive Secretary, Interreligious Council of Peru
- › **Mr. U Myint Swe**, President, Ratana Metta Organization; President, *Religions for Peace* Myanmar, Myanmar
- › **Dr. Nigel Crawhall**, Director of Secretariat, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-coordinating Committee, South Africa

### SESSION II NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 11:00–12:30 (STRAUSS & BRAHMS)

Moderator: **Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton**, General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches; Co-President, *RfP*, Canada

**Keynote Presentation:** **Serigne Mansour Sy**, President, Islamic Association of Senegal; Co-President, *RfP*

**Panel:**

- › **Msgr. Pierre-Andrea Dumas**, President, Caritas Haiti; President, *Religions for Peace* Haiti
- › **His Holiness Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji**, Abbott Sri Putige Matha Monastery; Co-President, *RfP*, India
- › **Ms. Paddy Meskin**, President, South African Union of Temple Sisterhoods; President, *Religions for Peace* South Africa
- › **Mr. Joshua Kitakule**, Secretary General, Interreligious Council of Uganda

### SESSION III NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 15:45–17:30 (STRAUSS & BRAHMS)

Moderator: **H.E. Dr. Kul Chandra Gautam**, Former Assistant Secretary General, United Nations; International Trustee, *RfP*, Nepal

**Working Group Session:**

- › Reports from Working Groups in a Plenary
- › Discussion on the Commission Report

<sup>3</sup> All three sessions of the Commission 3 will be facilitated by Dr. Francis Kuria, Executive Director, Interreligious Council of Kenya.

## COMMISSION 4: WELCOMING THE OTHER THROUGH RELIGIOUS AND INTERRELIGIOUS EDUCATION<sup>4</sup>

### SESSION I NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup> 16:00–17:15 (MAHLER & BRUCKNER)

Moderator: **H.E. Dr. Mohammed al-Sammak**, Secretary General, Islamic Christian National Dialogue Committee; Co-President, *RfP*

**Keynote Presentation:** **Ms. Fatemeh Hashemi Rafsanjani**, Secretary General, Women's Solidarity Association of Iran; Honorary President, *RfP*

#### Panel:

- › **Mr. Matthew Hodes**, Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- › **Dr. Geoff Tunncliffe**, Secretary General, World Evangelical Alliance; Co-President, *RfP*
- › **KAICIID Representative**
- › **Dr. Jaime Carril, General Secretary**, Good Life Corporation; Coordinator, Latin American Inter-religious Network on Peace Education

### SESSION II NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 11:00–12:30 (MAHLER & BRUCKNER)

Moderator: **H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel**, Director, Patriarchate Liaison Office of the European Union; Co-President, *RfP*

**Keynote Presentation:** **H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri**, Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); International Trustee, *RfP*

#### Panel:

- › **Rev. Peter Morales**, President, Unitarian Universalist Association
- › **Rabbi Ron Kronish**, Director, Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI) – *RfP*
- › **Ms. Ravinder Kaur Nijjar**, Co-Chair, *Religions for Peace* European Women of Faith Network

### SESSION III NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup> 15:45–17:30 (MAHLER & BRUCKNER)

Moderator: **Mr. Lawrence Chong**, *RfP* Asia & the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network, Singapore

#### Working Group Session:

- › Reports from Working Groups in a Plenary
- › Discussion on the Commission Report

<sup>4</sup> All three sessions of the Commission 4 will be facilitated by Prof. Dr. Johannes Lähnemann, Chairman, Peace Education Standing Commission (PESC) of *Religions for Peace*.



## 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Assembly Business Meeting shall consist of voting delegates accredited by the Assembly Accreditation Committee.

### BUSINESS MEETING OBJECTIVES

#### BUSINESS MEETING I

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 09:00–10:00 (Park Congress I-III)

- › Constitute the Assembly Committees and Declare the Opening of the Assembly
  - › Assembly Steering Committee
  - › Assembly Nominating Committee
  - › Assembly Declaration Committee
- › Secretary General's Report on *Religions for Peace* since the last Assembly
- › Reports from Women and Youth Pre-Assemblies

#### BUSINESS MEETING II

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 19:40–21:00 (Park Congress I-III)

- › Receive the first draft of the Assembly Declaration
- › Receive a draft slate from the Assembly Nominating Committee, including representatives of International Women's Coordinating Committee and the International Youth Committee
- › First Balloting

#### BUSINESS MEETING III

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 09:00–10:30 (Park Congress I-III)

- › Approve the final draft Assembly Declaration
- › Election of the new World Council of *Religions for Peace*, its Secretary General and Treasurer



## WOMEN PRE-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	MODERATOR
9:00–9:20	<b>OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Prayer and meditation in each other's presence</li> <li>Adoption of the slate of the drafting and recommendation committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. William F. Vendley</b>, Secretary General, <i>Religions for Peace</i></li> <li><b>Ms. Christina Lee</b>, Focolare Movement</li> <li><b>Hadja Mariama Sow</b>, Muslim Women of Guinea</li> <li><b>Rev. Megumi Wada</b>, <i>RfP</i> Japan</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Ravinder Kaur Nijjar</b> , Chair, <i>Religions for Peace</i> European Women of Faith Network
9:20–11:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION ONE</b>  Overview of the Assembly theme and global challenges  Welcoming the Other through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict prevention and transformation</li> <li>Just and harmonious societies</li> <li>Human development that respects the earth</li> <li>Religious and inter-religious education</li> <li>Question and answer session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Parichart Suwanbubha</b>, Co-Secretary, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Thailand</li> <li><b>Dr. Layla Alkhafaii</b>, Director, International Relations, Al Hakim Foundation, Iraq</li> <li><b>Ms. Laura Vargas</b>, Executive Secretary Interreligious Council – Peru</li> <li><b>Sister Agatha Gladonald Chikelue</b>, Co-chair, Abuja Women of Faith, Nigeria</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Vinu Aram</b> , Director, Shanti Ashram
11:00–11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15–12:30	<b>WORKING GROUP SESSION</b>  Group 1: Conflict prevention and transformation Group 2: Just and harmonious societies Group 3: Human development that respects the earth Group 4: Religious and multi-religious education	<b>Group discussions</b>  Facilitators and rapporteurs will be assigned for each group	<b>Rev. Farida Ali</b> , President Emeritus, Islamic Heritage Society  <b>Ms. Jacqueline Ogega</b> , Founder, Mpanzi and Consultant, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Women's Mobilization Program
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13:30–14:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION TWO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports from the working groups</li> <li>Presentation of the draft statement of shared commitment</li> </ul>	<b>Presentation from working group</b>	<b>Ms. Judith Hertz</b> , Co-Chair, Commission on Interreligious Affairs, Union for Reform Judaism
14:30–15:15	<b>IWCC BUSINESS SESSION</b> Elections of IWCC	Chair of the IWCC Recommendation Committee	<b>Priestess Beatriz Schulthess</b> , Founder, Indigenous Peoples Ancestral Spiritual Council
15:15–16:00	<b>CLOSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of IWCC</li> <li>Statement of shared commitment</li> <li>Closing remarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Honorable Mehrezia Labidi Maiza</b>, Outgoing Chair of IWCC</li> <li>New chair of IWCC</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Paddy Meskin</b> , President, <i>Religions for Peace</i> South Africa

## YOUTH PRE-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	MODERATOR
9:00–9:20	<b>OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Prayer and meditation in each other's presence</li> <li>Adoption of the slate of the drafting and recommendation committees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. William F. Vendley</b>, Secretary General, <i>Religions for Peace</i> International</li> <li><b>Ven. Bhanu Cittadhanto</b>, <i>RfP</i> Asia &amp; Pacific Interfaith Youth Network (APIYN)</li> <li><b>Ms. Catherine Njuguna</b>, <i>RfP</i> Africa Interfaith Youth Network (AIYN)</li> <li><b>Mr. Nikhil Bumb</b>, <i>RfP</i> North America Interfaith Youth Network (NAIYN)</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Stella Maris Mulaeh</b> , <i>RfP</i> Africa Interfaith Youth Network (AIYN)
9:20–11:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION ONE</b>  Overview of the Assembly theme and global challenges  Welcoming the Other through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict prevention and transformation</li> <li>Just and harmonious societies</li> <li>Human development that respects the earth</li> <li>Religious and inter-religious education</li> <li>Question and answer session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Lawrence Chong</b>, <i>RfP</i> Asia &amp; the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network</li> <li><b>Ms. Stellamaris Ndinda Mulaeh</b>, <i>RfP</i> Africa Interfaith Youth Network</li> <li><b>Mr. Paul Henry Sheridan</b>, <i>RfP</i> Myanmar Interfaith Youth Network</li> <li><b>Mr. Manar Bilal</b>, <i>RfP</i> Syria Interfaith Youth Network</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Gustavo Ali</b> , <i>RfP</i> Latin America & Caribbean Interfaith Youth Network
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12:30–13:30	<b>JOINT PRE- ASSEMBLY WORKING LUNCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoring dignity initiative</li> <li>Women of faith protecting children in post conflict situation in Liberia</li> <li>Drafting and nominating committees meet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Jacqueline Ogega</b>, Founder, Mpanzi and consultant, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Women's Mobilization Program</li> <li><b>Ms. Badiatu Tunis Dukuly</b>, Coordinator, Women of Faith Network, Liberia</li> <li><b>Ms. Soher el Sukaria</b>, Coordinator, <i>RfP</i> Latin America &amp; Caribbean Interfaith Youth Network</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Evelyn Zentner de Falck</b> , International Council of Jewish Women; Coordinator, Latin America Women of Faith Network
13:30–14:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION TWO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports from the working groups</li> <li>Presentation of the draft statement of shared commitment</li> </ul>	<b>Presentation from working group</b>	<b>Ms. Rori Picker Neiss</b> , <i>RfP</i> North America Interfaith Youth Network
14:30–15:15	<b>International Youth Committee (IYC) BUSINESS SESSION</b> Elections of IYC	Chair of the IYC Recommendation Committee	<b>Mr. Daniel Barton</b> , <i>RfP</i> Europe Interfaith Youth Network
15:15–16:00	<b>CLOSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of IYC</li> <li>Statement of shared commitment</li> <li>Closing remarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Stella Maris Mulaeh</b>, Outgoing Chair of IYC</li> <li>New Chair of IYC</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Baker al Hiyari</b> , <i>RfP</i> MENA Interfaith Youth Network  <b>Mr. Parthipan Palanisamy</b> , <i>RfP</i> Asia & the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network