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GLOBAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS “WELCOME THE OTHER”

The 9th World Assembly of *Religions for Peace* Will Bring Religious Leaders Together to Collaborate for Peace

On November 20th, the 9th World Assembly of *Religions for Peace* will convene in Vienna, Austria. The 9th World Assembly of *Religions for Peace* will bring together over 600 religious leaders, representing all historic faith traditions and every region of the world, to address rising hostility toward the “other” worldwide.

Assembly delegates come from the *Religions for Peace* network of ninety national inter-religious councils and groups, five regional councils, one world council and global networks of religious women and religious youth. Assembly delegates include Baha’i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Indigenous, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Shinto, and Zoroastrian religious leaders.

“Each of our diverse faith traditions calls for people of faith to ‘welcome the other’,” said Dr. William Vendley, Secretary General of *Religions for Peace*. “This Assembly is an opportunity for diverse religious communities to work together to confront rising social hostility toward the ‘other,’ which takes the form of intolerance, and too often violence.”

Since 1970, *Religions for Peace* World Assemblies have addressed common threats to Peace and advanced multi-religious cooperation. At the 9th World Assembly, *Religions for Peace* will identify ways religious communities can “welcome the other” by advancing human dignity, shared well-being, and a more robust notion of citizenship.

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