



# HAND BOOK

Religions for Peace   
10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly



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## Introduction

*Religions for Peace* in partnership with the *Foundation Peace Dialogue of the World Religions and Civil Society* will convene the *Religions for Peace* 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly – the world’s most representative, multi-religious gathering of religious communities – from 20–23 August 2019. This Assembly will be undertaken with the generous support of the German Federal Foreign Office and the Bavarian State Ministry of Education.

Every 5–7 years, *Religions for Peace* convenes a World Assembly for the purpose of forging a deep moral consensus on contemporary challenges, electing a new World Council and advancing multi-religious action across and beyond the *Religions for Peace* network.

The *Religions for Peace* 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly, under the theme “**Caring for our Common Future—Advancing Shared Well-Being,**” will be global in scale, multi-stakeholder in composition and action-oriented. Some 800 senior religious leaders, youth and women of faith from over 100 countries will be joined by 100 representatives of governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society groups to forge multi-stakeholder partnerships for the common good. Previous *Religions for Peace* Assemblies have resulted in highly effective multi-religious projects in peacebuilding and development in all world regions.



## Religions for Peace

The Assembly is itself a time of multi-religious action. Religious leaders coming from zones of conflict will engage in conflict mediation sessions among additional religious leaders and other key stakeholders. These private Track II peace consultations in previous Assemblies have resulted in highly positive outcomes in the Balkans, West Africa, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. National inter-religious councils (IRCs) and groups will exchange best practices to become better equipped to take concrete action on the ground in their own countries.

Founded in 1970, *Religions for Peace*—the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition—advances common action among the world's religious communities for peace. *Religions for Peace* works to transform violent conflict, advance human development, promote just and harmonious societies and protect the earth. The global *Religions for Peace* network comprises of a World Council of senior religious leaders from all regions of the world; six regional inter-religious bodies and more than 90 national ones; and the Global Women of Faith Network and Global Interfaith Youth Network.





# Goals of the Assembly

The Assembly will advance the following goals:

- A. Examine, in depth, the theme and sub-themes of the World Assembly.
  - **Theme:** *Caring for Our Common Future* – Advancing Shared Well-Being
  - **Sub-Themes:**
    1. *Caring for Our Common Future* by Advancing Positive Peace
    2. *Caring for Our Common Future* by Preventing and Transforming Conflicts
    3. *Caring for Our Common Future* by Promoting Just and Harmonious Societies
    4. *Caring for Our Common Future* by Working for Sustainable and Integral Human Development
    5. *Caring for Our Common Future* by Protecting the Earth
- B. Review the activities of *Religions for Peace* since the previous World Assembly, including the activities of affiliated regional and national inter-religious 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.
- K.** Facilitate the discernment of a consensus of care on the most serious challenges facing the human family as a foundation for principled multi-religious action.
- L.** Build the capacity of religious communities (including their leaders – men, women and youth) to take actions in partnership with other sectors of society.
- M.** Strengthen and scale up collaborative multi-religious actions for the common good by developing major multi-stakeholder partnerships in the Assembly.
- N.** Provide opportunities to initiate multi-religious peacemaking in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, North and South Korea and Myanmar, as well as bridge-building between senior-most Muslim leaders. These groups will be provided with facilitation within the safe space of the Assembly, and *Religions for Peace* will advance multi-religious programs with these groups after the Assembly.

# Program at a Glance

## DAY 1

Monday, 19 August

Registration starting at 7:30	9:00–16:00 <b>Women's Pre-Assembly</b> Inselhalle Lower Ground Floor	
	9:00–16:00 <b>Youth Pre-Assembly</b> Bayerischer Hof	
	16:30–17:30 <b>Assembly Preparatory Committee / World Council Meeting (closed)</b> Inselhalle 1–3	
18:00–19:30 <b>Dinner</b> Inselhalle	18:00–19:30 <b>Meetings of the Commission Moderators, Rapporteurs, Presenters and Facilitators over Dinner (closed)</b> Inselhalle 1–3	

## DAY 2

Tuesday, 20 August

8:00–8:30 <b>Optional Religious Services</b> , Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady	7:30–10:15 <b>Security Check &amp; Registration</b> Inselhalle
9:00–10:00 <b>Business Meeting 1 (delegates only)</b> Plenary Hall	
10:30–12:15 <b>Opening Ceremony</b> Plenary Hall	
12:20–12:50 <b>Procession to Ring for Peace Ceremony</b>	
13:00–13:40 <b>Ring for Peace Ceremony</b> Luitpold Park	
14:00–15:00 <b>Lunch</b> Inselhalle	14:00–15:00 <b>Press Conference</b> (press only), Inselhalle Press Conference Room
15:00–16:15 <b>Plenary 1</b> Plenary Hall	
16:45–19:00 <b>5 Simultaneous Commissions</b> various locations	
	18:00–19:15 <b>Steering, Declaration, and Nominating Committees (closed)</b> different rooms
19:30–21:30 <b>Opening Banquet</b> Plenary Hall	

Track II closed door peace consultations will take place throughout the Assembly.



## DAY 3

Wednesday, 21 August

## DAY 4

Thursday, 22 August

## DAY 5

Friday, 23 August

8:00–8:30 **Optional Religious Services**  
Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady

8:45–9:00 **Multi-religious Prayer & Meditation**, Plenary Hall

9:00–10:30

**Special Session:**  
**MENA Women as Peacemakers**  
Plenary Hall

9:00–10:30

**Business Meeting 3**  
**(delegates only)**  
Plenary Hall

9:00–10:30

**Plenary 4**  
Plenary Hall

11:00–12:30

**Plenary 2**  
Plenary Hall

11:00–12:30

**Plenary 3**  
Plenary Hall

11:00–12:30

**Closing Ceremony**  
Plenary Hall

12:45–14:15

**Religious**  
**Caucuses**  
**over Lunch**  
various locations

12:45–13:45

**Press**  
**Conference**  
(press only)

13:00–14:30

**Regional Caucuses**  
**& International**  
**Trustee Meeting**  
**over Lunch**  
various locations

13:00–14:00

**Press**  
**Conference**  
(press only)

13:00–14:30

**Lunch**  
Inselhalle

13:00–14:00

**Press**  
**Conference**  
(press only)

14:45–16:15

**5 Simultaneous Commissions**  
various locations

15:00–17:30

**Equipping for Action**  
various locations  
(meet in Plenary Hall)

15:00–16:30

**New World Council Meeting (closed)**  
Bayerischer Hof

16:45–18:00

**Business Meeting 2**  
**(delegates only)**  
Plenary Hall

17:15–18:15

**Steering, Declaration, and**  
**Nominating Committees**  
**(closed)**

18:15–18:45 **Steering, Declaration, and**  
**Nominating Committees (closed)**

18:30–21:00

**Boat Ride with Dinner**  
Sonnenkönigin Boat

19:00–20:30

**Dinner (for those who remain)**  
Bad Schachen Hotel

19:00–20:30

**Dinner**  
Inselhalle or Lindau Market Square  
with local population

## Women's Pre-Assembly

On the day preceding the main Assembly, women of faith representing the world's religious traditions gather at the *Religions for Peace* Women's Pre-Assembly.

This event provides a crucial platform for reflection, discussion and mobilization regarding the role of religious women in multi-religious cooperation. The Women's Pre-Assembly is an ideal opportunity to build and strengthen national, regional and global women of faith networks to transform conflict, build peace and advance sustainable development.

Following the welcoming and opening remarks, a select group from each of the six regional inter-religious councils will present on their Regional Consultations held in preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly. Working groups on the key areas of *Religions for Peace's* mission will provoke discussion, build consensus and inspire action. The Women's Pre-Assembly and World Assembly are ideal opportunities to strengthen the global women of faith network by providing practical support in organizing women's networks, equipping them for action and mainstreaming women into the leadership of inter-religious bodies. Well-known women leaders from religion, government, international organizations and civil society will join as panelists during the plenary sessions.



The *Religions for Peace* Women's Pre-Assembly will also seek to forge partnerships among religious communities and representatives of inter-governmental organizations and civil society. Finally, the delegates of the Assembly will nominate and elect the new members of the International Women's Coordinating Committee (IWCC), the body that guides *Religions for Peace's* Women's Mobilization Program.

### WOMEN INVITED INCLUDE:

- Selected representatives of the regional and national inter-religious councils and groups
- Selected members of the Global Network of Religious Women's Organizations
- Women of faith with senior representative positions in religious communities
- Senior women representatives of the UN, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations
- Experts and scholars who specialize in women and religion

## WOMEN'S PRE-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

**Monday, 19 August 2019**

9:00 – 16:00 • Inselhalle, Lower Ground Floor

### Pre-Assembly Facilitators:

- **Dr. Lilian Sison**, Dean, University of Santo Tomas Graduate School; Head, *Religions for Peace* International Women's Coordinating Committee
- **Canon Sarah Snyder**, Special Adviser, Archbishop of Canterbury
- **Rev. Megumi Wada**, Director of the Department of International Interfaith Dialogue, Rissho Kosei-kai

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**7:30-9:00      REGISTRATION**

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**9:00 – 9:30      WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Welcoming Remarks:** **Dr. Lilian Sison**, Dean, University of Santo Tomas Graduate School; Head, *Religions for Peace* International Women's Coordinating Committee
- **Opening Remarks:** **Dr. William Vendley**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*
- **Address:** **Hon. Mehrézia Labidi-Maiza**, First Vice-President, Constitutional Assembly, Tunisia; Secretary, Association for Women's Progress; Honorary President, *Religions for Peace*

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**9:30 – 10:05      REFLECTION ON REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PREPARATIONS**

- Presentation on Regional Preparatory Meetings by each of the six regions
- Slate presentation for the International Women's Coordinating Committee; the slate has been prepared by a Nominating Committee composed of female members of the World Council

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**10:05 – 10:20      COFFEE BREAK**

During the coffee break, participants may submit written comments and suggestions in a designated box for consideration by the Nominating Committee

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## 10:20 – 12:45 WORKING GROUPS – PART 1

Participants divide up into five working groups of 20-25 persons each, working on the following themes:

- **Group 1:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Advancing Positive Peace  
Facilitator: **Ms. Nayla Tabbara**, Director, Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management
  - **Group 2:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Preventing and Transforming Violent Conflicts  
Facilitator: **Sister Agatha Chikelue**, Co-Chair, Nigeria Women of Faith Network
  - **Group 3:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Promoting Just and Harmonious Societies  
Facilitator: **Dr. Suphatmet Yunyasit**, Secretary-General, *Religions for Peace*-Interreligious Council of Thailand
  - **Group 4:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Working for Sustainable and Integral Human Development  
Facilitator: **Ravinder Kaur Nijjar**, Chair of UK Women of Faith Network, *Religions for Peace* Global Women of Faith Network
  - **Group 5:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Protecting the Earth  
Facilitator: **Grand-Mother Marie Rankin-Tardif**, President, Kina8at-Together
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## 12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH

The Women's Nominating Committee will have a separate working lunch to review and discuss the comments and suggestions submitted to the comments box in order to finalize the slate

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## 13:45 – 15:00 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF GROUP WORK

Groups report back: Each group's rapporteur reports back to the Women's Pre-Assembly on the results of the group work (10 minutes per group, each followed by 5 minutes of questions and answers)

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## 15:00 – 16:00 THE WAY FORWARD

- Plenary discussion to identify key take-aways and central messages of the Women's Pre-Assembly for the World Assembly as well as next steps beyond the Assembly
- Vote on the slate for the International Women's Coordinating Committee
- Concluding Remarks





## Youth Pre-Assembly

On the day preceding the main Assembly, approximately 100 young leaders of faith from six regional networks gather at the *Religions for Peace* Youth Pre-Assembly.

Young people are an essential component of the *Religions for Peace* network as they bring energy, ingenuity and innovation to the entire movement. *Religions for Peace's* Global Interfaith Youth Network (*Religions for Peace-GIYN*) harnesses the energy and commitment of religious youth leaders around the world to advance its mission of multi-religious cooperation for peace. *Religions for Peace-GIYN* builds strategic partnerships with governmental and civil society organizations, implements international action campaigns and facilitates youth involvement in global peace initiatives.

The *Religions for Peace* 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly presents an opportunity for these young leaders, representing the world's religious traditions, to consider the unique role of youth in overcoming global challenges and to develop a plan for youth-led, multi-religious action for Shared Well-Being in their respective regions and beyond.

The Youth Pre-Assembly, through its cross-cultural and multi-religious working sessions, enables young leaders from different religions to build local, national and regional networks in order to transform conflict, promote just and harmonious societies, foster integral human development and protect the Earth.





## YOUTH PRE-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

**Monday, 19 August 2019**

9:00 – 16:00 • Bayerischer Hof

### Co-Moderators:

- **Mr. Renz Argao**, Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace* Asia and Pacific Interfaith Youth Network; Community Development Coordinator, University of Santo Tomas Graduate School
- **Ms. Nivy Balachandran**, Youth Representative, *Religions for Peace* Australia; Director of Operations and Client Engagement, Cultural Infusion

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**7:30 – 8:50 REGISTRATION**

Inselhalle 

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**9:00 – 9:05 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

Bayerischer Hof 

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Welcoming Remarks** by **Mr. Marcelo Leites**, *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee Member; Executive Director, Eco Justice Global Program, World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) (5 minutes)

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**9:05 – 9:40 REFLECTION ON REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PREPARATIONS**

- Presentation on Regional Preparatory Meetings by each of the six regions (30 minutes)
- Slate presentation for the International Youth Committee; the slate has been prepared by a Nominating Committee (5 minutes)

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**9:40 – 10:00 COFFEE BREAK**

During the coffee break, participants may submit written comments and suggestions in a designated box for consideration by the Nominating Committee

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**10:00 – 10:20 THE YOUTH'S ROLE IN ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING**

- Address: **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace* (10 minutes)
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## 10:20 – 12:45 WORKING GROUPS – PART 1

Participants divide up into five working groups of 20-25 persons each, working on the following themes:

- **Group 1:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Advancing Positive Peace  
Facilitator: **Mr. Christopher Zefting**, Program Officer, *Religions for Peace* International
  - **Group 2:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Preventing and Transforming Violent Conflicts  
Co-Facilitators: **Ms. Meera Santosh**, *Religions for Peace* Myanmar; **Mr. Shameer Rishad**, *Religions for Peace* India
  - **Group 3:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Promoting Just and Harmonious Societies  
Facilitator: **Mr. Eloi Deschamps**, Project Manager Development and Partnerships at Coexister, France
  - **Group 4:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Working for Sustainable and Integral Human Development  
Facilitator: **Ms. Agatha Mossne Sagne**, Co-Chair, Africa Interfaith Youth Network; Pan-Africa Coordinator, International Young Catholic Students (IYCS)
  - **Group 5:** Advancing Shared Well-Being by Protecting the Earth  
Facilitator: **Mr. Marcelo Leites**, *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee Member; Executive Director, Eco Justice Global Program, World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)
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## 12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH

The Nominating Committee will have a separate working lunch to review and discuss the comments and suggestions submitted to the comments box in order to finalize the slate. Outgoing members of the International Youth Committee (IYC) and a representative of *Religions for Peace* International will constitute the Nominating Committee.

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## 13:45 – 15:00 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF GROUP WORK

**Groups report back:** The rapporteur of each group reports back to the Youth Pre-Assembly on the results of the group work (7 minutes per group, each followed by 7 minutes of questions and answers)

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## 15:00 – 16:00 THE WAY FORWARD

- Plenary discussion to identify key take-aways and central messages of the Youth Pre-Assembly for the World Assembly as well as next steps beyond the Assembly (50 minutes)
  - Vote on the slate for the International Youth Committee (5 minutes)
  - Concluding Remarks (5 minutes)
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# Religions for Peace





# 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly





## Day 1: Tuesday, 20 August 2019

7:30 – 10:15 **Security Check & Registration**

Inselhalle 

8:00 – 8:30 **Optional Religious Services**

Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady 

Please refer to page 75 for detailed information

9:00 – 10:00 **Business Meeting 1 (Delegates only)**

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

10:30 – 12:15 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

### Masters of Ceremony:

- **Ms. Linnet Ng'ayu**, African Council of Religious Leaders-*Religions for Peace*
- **Mr. Renz Christian Argao**, *Religions for Peace Asia Pacific Interfaith Youth Network*

### Multi-religious Prayer by Children

### Welcome by German Religious Leaders

### Joint Welcome by the Co-Moderators

- **Rev. Kosho Niwano**, President-Designate, Risho Kosei-Kai; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. John Cardinal Onaiyekan**, Archbishop of Abuja, Archdiocese of Abuja; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **Dr. Vinu Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah**, President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

### Video Collage of Work in the Field

### Opening Address

- **H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier**, Federal President, Federal Republic of Germany

### Keynotes

- **H.A.H. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**, Archbishop and Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople
- **H.E. Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah**, President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, UAE; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

### Messages

### Pledge of Commitment According to One's Own Faith

- **Dr. Vinu Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

### Group Picture

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**12:20 – 12:50 Procession from Inselhalle to Luitpold Park**

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**13:00 – 13:40 RING FOR PEACE CEREMONY: Protecting Holy Sites**

Luitpold Park 

- **Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé**, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
  - **Ceremonial Closing**
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**14:00 – 15:00 Lunch**

Inselhalle 

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**15:15 – 16:15 PLENARY I: Advancing Shared Well-Being as Multi-Religious Vision of Positive Peace**

**Moderator:** **Dr. Vinu Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

**Address:** **Revd. Dr. Thomas Wipf**, President, European Interreligious Council of Religious Leaders (ECRL–*Religions for Peace*)

**Panelists:**

- **H.E. Jose Ramos Horta**, Former President and Prime Minister of East Timor, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- **Mr. Steve Killelea**, Founder and Executive Chairman, The Charitable Foundation; Institute for Economics and Peace; Treasurer and International Trustee, *Religions for Peace*
- **Dr. Georgette Bennett**, President and Founder, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding

**Action Point on Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation:** **Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh**, OBE KSG, Chairman, Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

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**16:45 – 19:00 5 Simultaneous Commissions**

Please refer to page 24 for detailed information

Different rooms 

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**18:00 – 19:15 Steering, Declaration and Nominating Committees (closed)**

Different rooms 

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**19:30 – 21:30 OPENING BANQUET**

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

**Welcome Speech**

- **Dr. Andreas Görgen**, Director-General for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
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## Day 2: Wednesday, 21 August 2019

### 8:00 – 8:30 Optional Religious Services

Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady 

Please refer to page 75 for detailed information

### 8:45 – 9:00 Joint Multi-Religious Prayer and Meditation

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

### 9:00 – 10:30 SPECIAL SESSION:

#### MENA Women as Peacemakers – A Conversation

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

**Moderator:** **Revd. Bishop Petra Bosse-Huber**, Bishop for Ecumenical Relations and Ministries abroad, Evangelical Church in Germany; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

#### Conversationalists:

- **Hon. Mehrézia Labidi-Maiza**, First Vice-President, Constitutional Assembly, Tunisia; Secretary, Association for Women's Progress; Honorary President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Ms. Layla Alkhafaji**, Former Iraqi Parliament Member; Member of Political Bureau of Alhikmha Movement; Former International Relations Director of Al Hakim Foundation
- **H.E. Minister Nabila Makram**, Representative, Middle East Council of Churches
- **H.E. Ambassador Houda Ezra Nonoo**, Former Ambassador to the United States from Bahrain

### 11:00 – 12:30 PLENARY II: Advancing Shared Well-Being by Preventing and Transforming Violent Conflicts

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

**Moderator:** **Dr. Azza Karam**, Coordinator, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development; Senior Advisor on Social and Cultural Development, United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA

#### Experiences on Conflict:

- Spokesperson of *Religions for Peace* Myanmar

#### Experiences on Terrorism and Youth:

- **H.M. Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III**, Sultan of Sokoto, Sultanate of Sokoto, Nigeria; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. John Cardinal Onaiyekan**, Archbishop of Abuja, Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*; Co-Moderator, African Council of Religious Leaders-*Religions for Peace* (ACRL-*Religions for Peace*)

**Action Point on Disarmament:** **Ms. Beatrice Fihn**, Executive Director, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)



### 12:45 – 14:15 Religious Caucuses over Lunch

Assembly participants come together within each of their religious groups for an in-depth discussion over lunch.

Bahá'í Caucus:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle
Buddhist Caucus:	♥ Rooms 1-3, Inselhalle
Christian Caucus:	♥ St. Stephan's Church
Hindu Caucus:	♥ Room L3 (lower ground floor), Inselhalle
Indigenous Caucus:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle
Jain Caucus:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle
Jewish Caucus:	♥ Rooms 5-8, Inselhalle
Muslim Caucus:	♥ Rooms L1-2 (lower ground floor), Inselhalle
Sikh Caucus:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle
Zoroastrian Caucus:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle
Other:	♥ Restaurant, Inselhalle

### 14:45 – 16:15 5 Simultaneous Commissions

Please refer to page 24 for detailed information

### 16:45 – 18:00 Business Meeting 2 (Delegates only)

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall ♥

### 18:15 – 18:45 Steering, Declaration and Nominating Committees (closed)

### 19:00 – 21:00 Option1: Dinner with Lindau Community

Market Square between Churches ♥

The Catholic and Protestant Churches of Lindau invite all Assembly delegates and locals to join for a multi-religious, open-air dinner at a long table on the Market Square, a 5 minute walk from the venue of Inselhalle. This will be an opportunity for delegates and locals to enjoy dinner and get to know each other.

### Option 2: Dinner at Conference Venue

Inselhalle ♥



## Day 3: Thursday, 22 August 2019

### 8:00 – 8:30 Optional Religious Services

Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady

Please refer to page 75 for detailed information

### 8:45 – 9:00 Joint Multi-Religious Prayer and Meditation

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall

### 9:00 – 10:30 Business Meeting 3 (Delegates only)

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall

### 11:00 – 12:30 PLENARY III: Advancing Shared Well-Being by Promoting Just and Harmonious Societies

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall

**Moderator:** **Ms. Isabel Schayani**, Journalist, Westdeutscher Rundfunk

**Address:** **Mr. Dominik Bartsch**, Representative of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Germany

#### Experiences on Overcoming Violence Against Women:

■ **Ms. Ela Gandhi**, Trustee, Gandhi Development Trust; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

#### Experiences on National Consultation in Uganda:

■ **H.E. Sheikh Shaban Ramadhan Mubaje**, Grand Mufti, Uganda Muslim Supreme Council; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*; Co-Moderator, African Council of Religious Leaders-*Religions for Peace* (ACRL-*Religions for Peace*), Uganda

■ **Archbishop John Baptist Odama**, Archbishop of Gulu, Uganda

**Action Point on the Alliance of Virtue:** **Shaykh Hamza Yusuf**, Vice President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies; President, Zaytuna College

### 13:00 – 14:30 Regional Caucuses over Lunch

Assembly participants come together within each of their regional groups for an in-depth discussion over lunch.

Africa:	Room L1 (lower ground floor), Inselhalle
Asia & Pacific:	Room L2 (lower ground floor), Inselhalle
Europe:	Room L3 (lower ground floor), Inselhalle
Latin America & Caribbean:	Rooms 5-8, Inselhalle
Middle East & North Africa:	Rooms 1-3, Inselhalle
North America:	Restaurant, Inselhalle

### 13:00 – 14:30 International Trustee Meeting over Lunch (Trustees only)

Bayerischer Hof

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**15:00 – 17:30 Equipping for Action Session**

Please refer to page 33 for detailed information

Plenary Hall, various locations 

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**17:15 – 18:15 Steering, Declaration and Nominating Committees (closed)**

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**18:30 – 21:30 Boat Ride with Dinner**

Boat Sonnenkönigin 

Boarding Time: 17:30 – 18:30

Departure of Boat: 18:30

**Depart from Inselhalle at 17:30** by walking or shuttle service to boat loading dock on Lindau Island (Look out for signs and volunteers guiding the way).



Experience a ride aboard **Boat Sonnenkönigin** across Lake Constance and enjoy a delicious dinner along with beautiful views of the shores of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Local and international specialties will served as “Flying buffets” and at different catering stations.





## Day 4: Friday, 23 August 2019

### 8:00 – 8:30 Optional Religious Services

Inselhalle or Cathedral of Our Lady 

Please refer to page 75 for detailed information

### 8:45 – 9:00 Joint Multi-Religious Prayer and Meditation

Inselhalle, Plenary Hall 

### 9:00 – 10:30 PLENARY IV: Advancing Shared Well-Being by Promoting Integral Human Development and Protecting the Earth

**Moderator:** **Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs**, Director, Center for Sustainable Development; Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals; International Trustee, *Religions for Peace*

#### Panelists:

- **Senior Representative**, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Chief Rabbi David Rosen**, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC), Israel; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Senior Representative**, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

#### Action Point on the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative:

- **Bishop Gunnar J. Stålsett**, Bishop Emeritus of Oslo, Church of Norway; Honorary President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Ms. Sonia Guajajara**, Leader, Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil

### 11:00 – 12:30 CLOSING CEREMONY

- Reading of the High Points of the Assembly Declaration
- Reporting from Track II Sessions
- Transfer of Leadership Ceremony
- Pledge of Commitment

### 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Inselhalle 

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**15:00 – 16:30 New World Council Meeting**

Bayerischer Hof 

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**19:00 – 19:45 Shabbat Service**

Bad Schachen Hotel 

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**19:00 – 23:00 Reception on the Garden Terrace  
and joint Dinner**

Bad Schachen Hotel 

Note: For those who remain, a dinner will be offered at Bad Schachen Hotel.

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# Commissions

Tuesday, 20 August 2019

16:45–18:45

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

14:45–16:15

Under the overall Assembly theme: *Caring for Our Common Future—Advancing Shared Well-Being*, five sub-themes will be discussed in Assembly Commissions that will be held simultaneously in two sessions.

Five Commission papers were commissioned in 2018 and written by experts with knowledge and experience in multi-religious cooperation. These were shared widely to regional and national *Religions for Peace* affiliates prior to the Assembly. Through national and regional consultations, these Commission papers have been reviewed and discussed. Participants have had the chance to prepare themselves for the work in the Commissions with background in their local context.

## I COMMISSION I: ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING AS MULTI-RELIGIOUS VISION OF POSITIVE PEACE

### Moderators:

**Mr. Steve Killelea**, Founder, Charitable Foundation; Integrated Research, LTD., Institute for Economics and Peace; Treasurer and International Trustee, *Religions for Peace* and **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

### Presentation on Commission Paper:

**Mr. Steve Killelea**, Founder, Charitable Foundation; Integrated Research, LTD., Institute for Economics and Peace; Treasurer and International Trustee, *Religions for Peace* and **Dr. William F. Vendley**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

### Rapporteur:

**Ms. Nivy Balachandran**, *Religions for Peace* Asia-Pacific Interfaith Youth Network, assisted by **Mr. Steve Killelea** and **Dr. William F. Vendley**

## II COMMISSION II: ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING BY PREVENTING AND TRANSFORMING VIOLENT CONFLICTS

### Moderator:

**Imam Mohamed Magid**, Imam of All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center in Sterling, Virginia; Chairman, International Interfaith Peace Corps (IIPC). (TBC)

### Presentation on Commission Paper:

**Dr. Mark Owen**, General Secretary, European Council of Religious Leaders–*Religions for Peace*

### Rapporteur:

**Ms. Sarah Linnoinen**, Acting Head of the Secretariat, The Network of Traditional and Religious Peacemakers, assisted by **Dr. Mark Owen**





### III COMMISSION III: ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING BY PROMOTING JUST AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETIES

**Moderator:**

**Ms. Sharon Rosen,**  
Global Director of Religious  
Engagement, Search for  
Common Ground

**Presentation on  
Commission Paper:**

**Dr. Katherine Marshall,**  
Senior Fellow at the Berkley  
Center for Religion, Peace,  
and World Affairs, Georgetown  
University

**Rapporteur:**

**Ms. Ingrid Rosendorf Joys,**  
General Secretary, Council  
for Religious and Life Stance  
Communities, Norway, assisted  
by **Dr. Katherine Marshall**

### IV COMMISSION IV: ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING BY ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Vinu Aram,** Director, Shanti  
Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions  
for Peace*

**Presentation on  
Commission Paper:**

**Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs,**  
Director, Center for Sustainable  
Development; Special Advisor to  
United Nations Secretary-General  
on the Sustainable Development  
Goals; International Trustee,  
*Religions for Peace*

**Rapporteur:**

**Mr. Jesse Thorson,**  
Special Project Coordinator,  
Earth Institute, assisted by  
**Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs**

### V COMMISSION V: ADVANCING SHARED WELL-BEING BY PROTECTING THE EARTH

**Moderator:**

**Prof Dr. Din Syamsuddin,**  
Co-President, *Religions for  
Peace*

**Presentation on  
Commission Paper:**

**Rev. Fletcher Harper,**  
Executive Director,  
GreenFaith

**Rapporteur:**

**Ms. Hailey Fudu,**  
Local Spiritual Assembly  
Secretariat, Bahai'i Faith  
Kwazulu Natal, assisted by  
**Rev. Fletcher Harper**

# Commission Proceedings

Each of the five Commissions will consist of two sessions with the following schedule, format and objectives:



## SESSION 1

**Tuesday, 20 August 2019**

16:45 – 18:45 (2 hrs)

- One, 10-minute presentation on the Commission paper by author
- Maximum 5-minute presentation of reports from six regional consultations
- Interactive Small Group Discussion
- Answers to group questions submitted to rapporteur

### Expected Output:

- Shared understanding of problematic and related needed roles to address the challenges
- Discernment of religious assets for multi-religious collaboration to address the needed roles (good practices)

## SESSION 2

**Wednesday, 21 August 2019**

14:45 – 16:15 (1h 30 min)

- 5-minute report on Day 1 group discussion by the rapporteur
- Interactive Small Group Discussion (Continuation of the groups from Day 1)
- Answers to group questions submitted to rapporteur; Rapporteur prepares draft Commission report and succinct summary for Plenary report

### Expected Output:

- Recommendations for multi-religious action
- Complementarity on national, regional and international levels
- Needed equipping
- Multi-sector partnerships across the *Religions for Peace* network – inter-religious councils, women of faith and youth networks

## Group Work

The groups are encouraged to take the following sources of information into consideration when analyzing the sub-theme and working towards expected outcomes:

- The Commission paper
- Reports and recommendations from national and regional Pre-Assembly consultations
- Experiences expressed by group members

### SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS

Discussions should aim to review the information from Commission papers and regional reports and move towards a shared understanding of the main approaches and challenges of the sub-theme. The group should move on to analyze what resources are available within religious traditions that may have potential to address challenges.

#### Consider the following questions:

1. While appreciating diverse geographical, cultural and religious experiences within the group, what are shared moral values that can contribute to a common understanding of the problematic?
2. What religious assets (spirituality, values, human resources, culture and institutions) can guide in addressing the problematic?
3. What is the potential and added value of multi-religious cooperation when searching for solutions?

### SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

Based on the Outputs from Day 1, the discussion will move to suggest operational options for multi-religious action to address the problematic. Consider multi-level approaches: national, regional and global. The group is invited to answer in ways that form operational recommendations.

#### Consider the following questions:

1. What multi-religious actions on national and regional levels could be recommended to address the problematic? How can these actions build on the competence of each level while complementing each other?
2. What are needed measures of equipping national and regional *Religions for Peace* bodies and networks to effectively address the problematic? What should *Religions for Peace* International do to complement and strengthen their efforts?
3. What are other organizations should *Religions for Peace* be partnering with to create multi-stakeholder partnerships?

The group responses for each session will be submitted to the Rapporteur, allowing for a Commission Report to be developed. The Commission Reports will be presented in the Business Meeting on 22 August.



## Track II Peace Consultations

The Assembly is an intense time of multi-religious action. Religious leaders coming from zones of conflict will engage in conflict mediation and peacebuilding sessions that include selected key stakeholders. Similar private Track II peace consultations in previous Assemblies have resulted in highly positive outcomes in the Balkans, West Africa, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

SESSION	DESCRIPTION	COMPOSITION
<b>1. Myanmar &amp; Bangladesh</b>	<i>Religions for Peace</i> Myanmar and <i>Religions for Peace</i> Bangladesh meet to discuss Rohingya issues, including the conditions for their return, and initiate people to peace dialogue between two countries.	Approximately 15 senior religious leaders from <i>Religions for Peace</i> Myanmar and <i>Religions for Peace</i> Bangladesh and its Chittagong Local Interreligious Committee members
<b>2. North &amp; South Korea</b>	Religious leaders from North and South Korea meet to advance interreligious action to build a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.	Approximately 20 senior religious leaders from North and South Korea; on the third day, leaders from US, China, Russia and Japan may also join
<b>3. Advancing the Marrakesh Declaration Among Muslims and Others</b>	Religious leaders from the Middle East, including Sunni, Shia and Christian leaders, meet to reaffirm Marrakesh Declaration and commit to intra-religious and multi-religious action for the protection of minorities.	Approximately 20 senior religious leaders from the MENA region (including Sunni, Shia and Christian leaders) from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, Iran, Iraq and Lebanon
<b>4. Central African Republic</b>	Christian and Muslim leaders from CAR advance their work for national dialogue and reconciliation.	Approximately 10 religious leaders, government officials and AU Special Envoy to CAR
<b>5. South Sudan</b>	The peace deal among the chief protagonists of the civil war is on the verge of collapse. Religious leaders will build confidence and commit to supporting a just and effective peace process.	Approximately 10 religious leaders, government officials and AU/IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan
<b>6. Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	The conflict in the DRC has left the country without effective governance. Religious leaders will strengthen their advocacy and action for a proper process and discern their critical roles.	Approximately 10 religious leaders, government officials and former heads of state.

## MYANMAR & BANGLADESH

With Myanmar's initial optimism for peace and development marred by communal conflict and outbreaks of violence, *Religions for Peace* Myanmar (*Religions for Peace-M*), accompanied by *Religions for Peace* International, recognized that the root problems in Myanmar are exacerbated by a critical lack of "open space" for dialogue and discernment of consensus on critical issues. To address this lack of "open space," *Religions for Peace* established a unique multi-religious and multi-stakeholder mechanism for dialogue and action, the "*Religions for Peace* Advisory Forum and its Standing Commissions on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar." *Religions for Peace* has so far held two Advisory Forums, bringing together a total of over 500 representatives of religious organizations, Myanmar government and the military, parliament, ethnic organizations, foreign governments, UN agencies, international and national NGOs and civil society groups in one of the most inclusive and representative ongoing efforts for peace and reconciliation in the country.

The political and diplomatic impasse over the issues of Rohingya refugees in Chittagong, Bangladesh and their return to Rakhine State are further affected by mutual suspicions and misperceptions among the peoples of Bangladesh and Myanmar.

This Track II Session is aimed at initiating *Religions for Peace*'s multi-religious people-to-people dialogue between Myanmar and Bangladesh as a multi-year project to engage in multi-stakeholder dialogue and action from the grassroots to religious and political leadership in both countries.

## NORTH & SOUTH KOREAS

*Religions for Peace* International has worked with its national affiliates, the Korean Conference of *Religions for Peace* (KCRP–South Korea) and the Korean Council of Religionists (KCR–North Korea) in maintaining contact, engaging in dialogue and building trust despite challenging political and security situations in the region. Building confidence and advancing people-to-people dialogue is critical to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and reducing the risk of war.

For over 20 years, senior religious leaders of KCRP and KCR have met in Beijing, China, and Pyongyang, North Korea. The religious leaders from the Korean Peninsula will further strengthen dialogue to address their shared concerns of peace, security and prosperity in the Korean Peninsula, including an early realization of an exchange visit between Pyongyang and Seoul.

This Track II Session will bring together approximately 20 senior religious leaders from North and South Korea to develop a plan of action for people-to-people dialogue and interreligious action to promote peace and security in Korean peninsula, including North and South Korean delegations to Washington and New York. On the final day of the session, leaders from the USA, China, Russia and Japan may also join North and South Korean religious leaders to support and encourage the continued bilateral confidence building efforts and advance multi-lateral and multi-religious advocacy for peace and security in Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia.

## ADVANCING THE MARRAKESH DECLARATION AMONG ALL MUSLIMS

All sects of Islam share the same core religious sources. *Religions for Peace* has been working in collaboration with the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies (Forum)<sup>1</sup> and other partners to foster consensus among all Muslims—based on Islamic resources—to protect minorities living in the region by advancing the full citizenship of all minority communities in Muslim majority states. Building on the historic Marrakesh Declaration advanced by H.E. Shaykh Abdullah bin Bayyah, in 2016, *Religions for Peace* convened a “High-level International Consultation: Partnering with Religious Leaders of the Middle East in Advancing the Protection of Minorities in Muslim Majority States.” It brought together more than 60 senior Muslim leaders from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and internationally recognized eminent religious leaders from other traditions. The Consultation reaffirmed the Marrakesh Declaration<sup>2</sup> and adopted a four-point action plan that identified and promoted, through informal and formal education, the authentic religious teachings of Islam on the right to full citizenship for minorities.

For the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly, eminent religious leaders from the MENA region will convene to build trust and understanding essential to inclusive citizenship.

This Track II Session will convene religious leaders from the region, including Sunni, Shi’a and Christian leaders, in the context of the historic Marrakesh Declaration, to advance equal citizenship for all.



- 1 The Forum and *Religions for Peace* have worked closely together since 2013, not least in the historic Marrakesh Declaration and Alliance of Virtue initiatives of the Forum and multiple initiatives. H.E. Shaykh Abdallah bin Bayyah, Chairman, United Arab Emirates Fatwa Council and Founder & President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, serves as Co-Moderator of *Religions for Peace*.
- 2 The Marrakesh Declaration, developed under the aegis of the Forum, provides a Legal Framework and Call to Action in support of the rights of religious minorities in predominately Muslim lands. The declaration was signed by leading religious figures in Marrakesh, Morocco in 2016.



## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The Central African Republic (CAR) has undergone extreme violence since March 2013. This conflict has resulted in the forced displacement of 1.2 million people as of January 2019, with approximately 650,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) and 590,000 refugees. Tragically, the fault lines of the political conflict have converged along religious identities, resulting in the misuse of religion to further fuel the conflict.

*Religions for Peace*, in its capacity as a co-founder of the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, supported a major step in the peace process when religious leaders in CAR built a Platform of Religious Leaders for the express purpose of harnessing multi-religious cooperation for national peacebuilding and reconciliation. This Platform was the driving force behind an historic agreement of principles expressed in a statement, signed by representatives of the key parties to the conflict—Seleka and anti-Balaka—, the Transitional Government and the Platform of Religions of Central Africa on 8 April 2014. In recent years, faith leaders have been attacked for preaching peace. However, the role of religious leaders in achieving peace in the country remains crucial.

This Track II Session will bring together Christian and Muslim leaders from CAR to advance national dialogue and reconciliation. Issues will include equal citizenship for all, humanitarian assistance and safe return of displaced people and other critical interventions to address the root causes of the crisis and advance peace and prosperity for the country.

## SOUTH SUDAN

The Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic South Sudan (R-ARCSS) was signed in September 2018. The agreement boosted hopes that peace may soon be reached to end the country's five-year civil war, which has killed tens of thousands, pushed millions to the brink of famine and caused the displacement of roughly 5 million people. A transitional unity government is set to be established by the postponed date of November 2019. For the agreement to succeed, the government and its partners must adopt a strategy that will improve the social economic status of the country as part of sustainable peace.

This Track II Session will bring together religious leaders, government officials and African Union and Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD) Special Envoys to South Sudan with the intention of building confidence in the existing peace agreement and recommitting to supporting the ongoing peace process. There is a strong need to fill the diplomatic vacuum and reconnect different levels of the peace process – objectives that religious institutions are uniquely positioned for, due to their influence at the local and international levels.

The session will work at multiple levels and may seek to address entrenched interethnic tensions at the grassroots, while also discussing mechanisms to encourage national leaders to take the necessary steps to uphold the current agreement and immediately address the obstacles that could cause its collapse.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) remains precarious as a result of continuing conflicts between communities, between non-state armed groups and Congolese security forces and due to prevailing socio-economic challenges that affect the most vulnerable persons. The conflict in the DRC has deepened the need for constructive engagement by religious communities, especially in facilitating peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Throughout the DRC's history, religious groups have wielded enormous influence in the public space as providers of social services. Religious organizations have been essential in providing humanitarian aid, education, psychological care and counseling for former child soldiers and child victims of sexual abuse and fostering reconciliation between political leaders and the society at large. In the lead up to the recent elections, religious leaders played an essential role in educating citizens and monitoring the elections and preventing and mitigating electoral fraud and violence. Religious groups have continuously urged politicians to put the needs of the country first and have been key facilitators at all levels of dialogue to promote reconciliation and peace.

In this Track II Session, religious leaders will meet to further strengthen their collaboration in advocacy and action for national unity and a host of urgent issues including: post-election violence, violence against women, displacement, Ebola and Measles epidemics and the destruction of rainforests.



# Equipping for Action

Thursday, 22 August 2019  
15:00–17:30

Participants will attend one of the following four simultaneous sessions: an interactive workshop, the Global Gallery on best practices, the Lightning Talks session or Religion & Diplomacy, which combines the expertise of religious leaders and diplomats. Participants are asked to select one of the four sessions upon their arrival and registration. All sessions are designed to equip and motivate participants for action subsequent to the Assembly.

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## WORKSHOPS

Several locations 

In small groups, participants hold in-depth conversations on some of the most pressing topics affecting communities today. With partner experts acting as conveners, each participant shares his or her own personal expertise and experiences in engaging discussions that will culminate in the joint determination of relevant action points and concrete projects through the mobilization of multi-religious collaboration. In addition, a special workshop held by Deutsche Welle will offer a media training to interested Assembly participants of all backgrounds.

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## GLOBAL GALLERY

Location: Inselhalle Foyer 

In a highly interactive session, participants learn about different projects from around the world that showcase innovative approaches to, and successful examples of, multi-religious collaboration for peace. Participants review and discuss best practices while forging bonds with sister projects and potential future cooperation partners.

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## LIGHTNING TALKS

Location: Park Theater Cinema Lindau 

In order to share inspiring thoughts on decisive questions within the range of religious, spiritual and peace-related issues, a space for creative and precise minds is indispensable. *Religions for Peace* Lightning Talks (in TED-style) will provide both accurate, powerful words and thought-provoking, inspirational solutions. The only requirement: enlighten us and be precise. This session is comprised of seven Lightning Talks delivered by selected Assembly participants.

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## RELIGION & DIPLOMACY

Location: Inselhalle Restaurant 

Religion & Diplomacy is a new format that combines the expertise of religious leaders and international diplomats. It addresses challenges within the domain of current world politics with the ambition to find joint approaches combining the mandates and the methods of spirituality and diplomacy. This format is organized by the Division "Religion and Foreign Policy" of the German Federal Foreign Office together with international colleagues.



# Business Meetings

The Assembly Business Meetings will consist of voting delegates accredited by the Assembly Accreditation Committee.



## BUSINESS MEETING OBJECTIVES

### Business Meeting I

20 August, 9:00–10:00

Plenary Hall, Inselhalle 📍

- 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

### Business Meeting II

21 August, 16:45–18:00

Plenary Hall, Inselhalle 📍

- Reports from Women and Youth Pre-Assemblies
- 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; and report of the Search Committee for the International Secretary General
- First Balloting

### Business Meeting III

22 August, 9:00–10:30

Plenary Hall, Inselhalle 📍

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

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**Deutsche Welle** is Germany's international broadcaster. With journalistically independent, objective coverage in 30 languages DW enables users around the world to take a well-informed perspective on world events.

DW Akademie is Deutsche Welle's center for international media development. DW Akademie's training department is offering a Media Training for Youth delegates that aims to raise awareness of the topics of the 10th World Assembly in public. The selected youth participants will get the opportunity to join an intensive one-week training in mobile reporting and multimedia storytelling in the run-up of the 10th World Assembly. After the training and for the duration of the Assembly, teams of youth delegates and experienced journalists will be formed to develop specific approaches for reporting on religious topics and suitable formats for media coverage. The project is financed and supported by the German Foreign Office and is intended to reach new and, in particular, younger target groups via social media.

As a strategic partner of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), DW Akademie carries out media development projects that strengthen the human right to freedom of opinion and promote free access to information. DW Akademie also works on projects funded by the German Foreign Office and the European Union - in approximately 50 developing and emerging countries.

## Meet Diplomats for Coffee

The Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany welcomes all participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly of *Religions for Peace*. Experienced diplomats of several international foreign services join us at our coffee corner inside Inselhalle during the breaks. We believe that we share plenty of common ground with the peace work that you do in your communities as faith-based actors. Come and have a cup of coffee with us!

**Meet us there, share your stories and let us talk about opportunities for joint action!**





## Agora – Market of Ideas

The public is welcome to participate in several events during the Assembly in the large, open space in front of Inselhalle. The Agora is one such opportunity. At this event, organizations and institutions promoting the Assembly theme in their work will have the opportunity to engage with Assembly participants and the general public.

At the center of the exhibition area, there will be a meeting area and café, encouraging attendees to enjoy the conversations and engage more deeply with the presenting organizations and other attendees.

Additionally, a screen installed at this same location will transmit a live-stream video during the Opening and Closing Ceremony as well as Plenary Sessions of the Assembly, allowing the public to view these events from this public space outside the Inselhalle.



### Address:

Therese-von-Bayern-Platz  
[in front of Inselhalle],  
88131 Lindau (Bodensee),  
Germany

### Opening hours of Agora:

Tuesday, 20 August 2019:	10:00 – 17:00
Wednesday, 21 August 2019:	10:00 – 17:00
Thursday, 22 August 2019:	10:00 – 17:00
Friday, 23 August 2019:	10:00 – 12:00

# Presenters at Agora

Bavarian State Ministry of  
Education



**The Free State of Bavaria** welcomes the *Religions for Peace* World Assembly to Lindau!

As one of the most prosperous and innovative regions in Germany, Bavaria is aware of both its responsibility and its potential to contribute to the solution of the world's most pressing problems and to tackle the global challenges of tomorrow. Its rich religious and cultural history as well as its cutting-edge research and innovation inform the daily life of the Free State and make it into a uniquely diverse and fascinating place.

You are cordially invited to find out more on the host of this year's world conference at the Bavarian show booth at the AGORA in front of the Inselhalle. Get a glimpse of both the traditional treasures and the modern and cosmopolitan sides of the Free State by watching a short video or browsing our flyers, post a picture or gif of your stay at the conference to your social media with the help of our student journalists and film-makers, or see for yourself how a Bavarian research project at the Technical University of Munich translates into affordable and sustainable e-mobility solutions for the world. There is so much more to Bavaria than meets the eye!



Deutscher  
Evangelischer  
Kirchentag

The German Protestant Kirchentag is a lay organization and movement. Kirchentag welcomes more than 100.000 people from more than 100 countries. It is a unique event with a combination of spiritual and faith-related programs, honest political and social debate and many cultural activities. Established in 1949 after the Second World War Kirchentag aimed to overcome dictatorship and to empower people in their civic participation. In more than 2,000 individual events, it proves to be a huge forum of the civil society. Kirchentag wants to enable everyone to become a change maker. In 2019 the International Peace Center was an important meeting point to engage people looking for peace building concepts worldwide. With a decreasing attachment to the churches in Germany as well as an increasingly pluralized society inclosing an expending variety of religious communities Kirchentag opens up as an all including forum. The question of how the coexistence of religions can function is, among other topics, an important concern of the Kirchentag. Inter-religious dialogue has long played an important role at German Protestant Kirchentag.

The Kirchentag is founding member of the European Christian Convention (ECC).

*Religions for Peace's* affiliate in Germany provides a forum a forum for interreligious dialogue at grass-roots level. Currently 12 local and regional groups bring together people of different religious background and organise a variety of interreligious events and activities. Many of these groups have become the nuclei, breedings grounds or important partners of Interreligious Councils or Forums in their cities.

The **Round Table of Religions** in Germany gathers 12 high-ranking representatives of the largest religious communities twice a year for discussions, publishing statements on relevant issues and preparing the annual Day of the Religions in a major German city.



The European Christian Convention is an initiative of Christians from different denominations in Europe. Its aim is to make a substantial contribution to the European Project as a common vision for peace, justice and equality, human rights and democracy. As this European and ecumenical vision is in crisis, we develop answers based in the Christian witness and the ecumenical commitment. The aim is to organize a participatory large-scale gathering fully ecumenical, inviting civil society, bringing together people and organizations over Europe and beyond.



forumZFD

**Forum ZFD** supports people involved in violent conflicts on the path to peace. Our organization was established in 1996 by peace and human rights groups – in reaction to the Balkan crisis. Since then we have striven to help **overcome war and violence**.

Currently, we are working with peace consultants in Germany and ten other countries in **Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia**. Our professional work in conflict wouldn't be possible without intense preparation. Therefore, our **Academy for Conflict Transformation** offers specialized trainings to people in international peace work. Through campaigns, **lobby work and public relations** we actively advocate civil peace policy.

We are a recognized organization of the German Civil Peace Service (CPS). We have signed the Transparent Civil Society Initiative (ITZ, by Transparency International Germany). We finance our work through public and private grants, donations and membership fees. Our organization was awarded the Gustav Heinemann Citizens' Prize in 1997, the Göttingen Peace Prize in 2005 and the "Sievershäuser Ermutigung" peace prize in 2014.





Visitors to the popular holiday destination at Lake Constance often do not suspect that a lot of weapons and armament equipment are exported from here. Jürgen Grässlin, an armament expert, estimates that armament in the region around Lake Constance is the most concentrated in all of Europe.

This has given rise to a strong peace movement: for over thirty years the **'International Path of Peace Lake Constance'** sets a mark for peace and against any form of violence in the way of Easter-marches; transnationally with Austria and Switzerland. Numerous organizations in the region are actively engaged to ensure a more peaceful future, for a logic of peace and civil security and for military disarmament: you can inform yourself further at 'Friedensregion Bodensee e.V.', Friedensräume Lindau, the Association 'Keine Waffen vom Bodensee' or Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft.



The **Peace Rooms Museum** in the Villa Lindenhof are more than just a museum. They are interactive places where visitors are invited to get to grips with peace issues through their eyes, ears and fingers. Visitors of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly can take an impression of the 'friedens räume' (peace rooms) with them – through feeling, hearing and seeing.

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**For Peace**

**For Peace** is a holistic initiative to co-create a global culture of peace, positioned at the intersection of personal development and societal transformation. We promote the establishment of a Federal Ministry for Peace in Germany and the adoption of a UN Resolution calling for the creation of Departments of Peace worldwide. A collaborative initiative, For Peace is building an embodied, people-powered movement from the bottom-up and the inside-out to elevate consciousness and strengthen participation in politics, policy and society. [www.ForPeace.org](http://www.ForPeace.org)



**PaRD** brings together governmental and intergovernmental entities with diverse civil society organizations (CSOs) and faith-based organizations (FBOs) to engage the social capital and capacities vested in diverse faith communities for sustainable development and humanitarian assistance in the spirit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



For almost 25 years the **Global Ethic Foundation** has been active with intercultural and interfaith research, education and interaction. The foundation works at many levels of society in the fields of religious multiculturalism, diversity, education, economy, culture and sports.

The Global Ethic idea dates back to the 1980s and the Swiss theologian Hans Küng, who has since then been deeply engaged with the world's religions and questions of how the people of the world can successfully live together:

"No peace among nations  
**without peace** among religions.

No peace among religions  
**without dialogue** between the religions.

No dialogue between the religions  
**without fundamental research**  
into the religions."

Further information: [www.global-ethic.org](http://www.global-ethic.org)



**MISEREOR** was founded 1958 by the Catholic Church in Germany in the spirit of Christian compassion. Still today our mission is to be by the side of those who in Africa, Asia and Latin America suffer hunger, poverty and disease, who live in violence or war, who experience inequality and injustice. Together with partners on the ground we tackle the root causes of these grievances and recognize our own personal and structural involvement in the causes. We constantly adapt our work to new challenges: More than 20 years ago MISEREOR began to learn what Pope Francis expressed so succinctly in *Laudato si'*: Poverty and environmental issues are inseparable. The question of justice and ecology are two sides of one medal. Anyone who's responding to the challenges of climate change, the loss of biodiversity or deforestation must look at the same time at those people who are affected by these challenges.

In the process of finding a solution MISEREOR relies on the potential of religious communities to transform conflicts through non-violent communication and peacebuilding. Therefore we seek to support the potential of every single person, community and organization – this way, we try to take rights and dignity more serious and people are able to take charge of their own lives, making contributions to the common good. We do this by working together with them as partners, as peers rather than as external experts. And we create spaces so that the voice of people can be heard where others don't want to listen. We are convinced that the global challenges can only be solved through global cooperation.



**World Vision** has been working worldwide to promote a better and fairer world for children for more than 60 years. World Vision Germany was established in 1979 as a registered association. In FY 2018, over 160,000 sponsors and donors have made our work possible with their donations for the benefit of people in need. Their contributions allowed us to implement a total of 284 projects in 48 countries.

It is consistent with World Vision's Christian mission to help all needy people, regardless of their background or religion. Long-term development cooperation measures include food security, medical care and education, as well as AIDS and trade promotion. In addition to development cooperation, World Vision also provides humanitarian aid in disaster areas. The third focus of World Vision is development policy advocacy work.

As a Christian organization, we firmly believe that it is important to involve religious actors in our daily work. It does not matter what religion it is. One of our approaches in this field we use in both Christian and Islamic contexts is Channels of Hope. Here we train religious leaders specifically on specific topics (currently these are HIV/Aids, mother/child health, child protection, gender and Ebola) and work out with them an action plan on how their church or mosque can support the people in the village community.

World Vision Germany is also a member of the Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), a partnership in which UN agencies, government organizations and faith-based organizations work together to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



**Tanenbaum** is a secular, non-sectarian nonprofit that promotes mutual respect with practical programs that bridge religious difference and combat prejudice in schools, workplaces, health care settings and areas of armed conflict. Tanenbaum's vision is a safe world in which religious differences are respected and daily life reflects the highest values of our shared religious and ethical traditions.

Tanenbaum designs trainings and educational resources to change the way people treat one another and to celebrate the richness of diversity.

The organization's namesake is humanitarian interfaith leader Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum. Marc was Jewish and a Rabbi, but his congregation was humanity: every religion, every color, every country.

In late 1992, Dr. Georgette F. Bennett, Marc's widow, founded the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding.





The **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty. This landmark global agreement was adopted in New York on 7 July 2017. This campaign has been actively working against nuclear weapons since 2007 and paved the way for the nuclear weapon ban treaty passed by the United Nations in 2017. For their success to providing a path to a world free of nuclear weapons ICAN was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 2017.

Currently, ICAN is focusing on assisting countries with the ratification of the nuclear weapon ban treaty and is always campaigning for more countries to sign the treaty. When 50 countries have ratified the treaty (currently there are 23 ratifications) it will come into force. ICAN will then use the treaty, once in force it is now binding under international law, as a tool to indicate the illegitimacy of nuclear weapons to countries and their allies that still possess nuclear weapons and will demand nuclear disarmament from these countries.

At our stall we want to interactively inform you about current nuclear dangers and the work that ICAN is carrying out to create peace.



The **Interfaith Rainforest Initiative** is an international, multi-faith alliance that works to bring moral urgency and faith-based leadership to global efforts to end tropical deforestation.

IRI provides a platform for religious leaders to work hand-in-hand with indigenous peoples, governments, civil society organizations and businesses on actions that protect rainforests and safeguard the indigenous peoples that serve as their guardians.

The initiative was launched in June of 2017 at the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway in a first-of-its-kind summit of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu and Taoist religious leaders, climate scientists, rainforest experts and indigenous peoples' representatives from Brazil, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Meso-America and Peru.

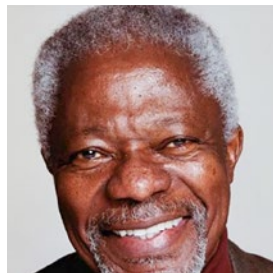
## Testimonials



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**H.E. Ban Ki-moon**  
Secretary General of  
the United Nations  
(2007–2016)

*Because of the great common ground on which we stand, I commend the continuing commitment of Religions for Peace to strengthen recognition of our common humanity, including through its support for global nuclear disarmament. Its new publication, Resource Guide on Nuclear Disarmament for Religious Leaders and Communities, is a welcome step forward on the road to a nuclear weapon-free world.*



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**H.E. Kofi Annan**  
Secretary-General of  
the United Nations  
(1997-2006)

*The peace talks have started off well, with the two parties expressing their firm commitment to the peace process and determination to work together to resolve the conflict... Religions for Peace Sierra Leone... played a particularly active role. President Kabbah has proposed that the Council whose role has been appreciated by both sides, should become one of the moral guarantors of the peace agreement.*



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**Rabbi David Rosen**  
International Director  
of Interreligious  
Relations, American  
Jewish Committee

*The World Conference of Religions for Peace as an organization and this historic Assembly, serve as wonderful inspiration and vehicle for such a practical program of shared responsibility and care throughout our globe that will help to achieve what the Jewish mystical tradition calls “repairing our world”, bringing about “the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.”*



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**Dr. Andreas Görden**  
Director-General  
for Culture and  
Communication,  
Federal Foreign Office,  
Germany

*Religious communities are the largest civil society institutions in the world, and beyond all questions of faith, the focus needs to be on their responsibility within and between societies! May the 10th World Assembly of Religions for Peace become a microcosm of interreligious cooperation from which we can learn and which can send a signal from Lindau calling for a more peaceful and just world!*



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**H.H. Pope Francis**

Message to *Religions for Peace* leaders,  
18 October 2017 at  
the Vatican

*There is a need for a common and cooperative effort on the part of the religions in promoting an integral ecology. The Bible helps us in this regard by reminding us of the Creator, who ‘saw all that he had made, and it was very good’ (Gen. 1:31). The religions have the wherewithal to further a moral covenant that can promote respect for the dignity of the human person and care for creation.*

*Thanks be to God, in various parts of the world we have any number of good examples of the power of interreligious cooperation to oppose violent conflicts, to advance sustainable development, and to protect the earth. Let us continue along this path! We must trust in the Almighty’s help and in the good will of believers and so many others.*



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**Professor (em.) Dr. h.c.  
Wolfgang Schürer**

Chairman of the  
Foundation Peace  
Dialogue of the World  
Religions and Civil Society

*Dialogue can build not only areas of consensus but also trust. Both are indispensable for building Peace. Lindau is a venue for dialogue and its translation into an agenda for action that serves today’s as well as the next generation.*



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**H.E. Shaykh  
Abdullah Bin Bayyah**

President of the Forum  
for Promoting Peace  
and Co-Moderator of  
*Religions for Peace*

*Religions for Peace was a key partner leading up to and following the convening of several hundred eminent Muslim scholars and diplomats who produced the Marrakesh Declaration. During the proceedings in Marrakesh, 50 senior non-Muslim religious leaders – facilitated by Religions for Peace Secretary General Dr. William Vendley – both observed the Islamic scholars in their deliberations and reflected in separate sessions on their respective religion’s support for minorities.*



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**Ms. Ann Veneman**

Executive Director of  
the United Nations  
Children’s Fund  
(2005-2010)

*Religions for Peace and UNICEF have long partnered for children. Working together, we are committed to ensuring that all societies uphold the right and advance the well being of children. In particular, we recognize that religious communities can be unique and irreplaceable agents in protecting and nurturing children. In addition to caring for today’s children, religious communities have the capacity to shape the priorities of future generations to uphold children’s rights.*





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**Laura Chinchilla  
Miranda**  
President of Costa Rica  
(2010-2014)

*We need better education and awareness-raising campaigns on issues related to nuclear weapons, nuclear disarmament, and peace studies. In this regard, the action of civil society and faith-based communities is critically important. This is why this gathering to launch the Religions for Peace Resource Guide is so important.*



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**Ms. Chiara Lubich**  
Foundress of the Focolare  
Movement, speaking at  
the VII World Assembly of  
Religions for Peace

*[W]e are convinced that, in spite of everything, peace is possible, and that it is the only feasible path for a future worthy of the highest human values. We are here because we are deeply convinced that working for peace corresponds to our innermost vocation, to the most profound aspirations of the human heart, and, in a word, to our being women and men of religion.*



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**H.M. King  
Abdullah II**  
Hashemite  
Kingdom of Jordan

*Strengthening the bond between religion and peace is one of the foundations of hope in a better future for humanity. Your organization, which is one of the most prominent institutions of civil society undoubtedly has the will and ability to contribute to this noble cause because it is active, not only on the local and regional levels but also on the international level. Shared religious values are universal by their very nature. Since your organization adopts the moral imperatives that these values entail, the space of its action cannot but be universal, and the time span cannot but cover the entire future of humanity.*



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**H.H. Sri Sugunendra  
Theertha Swamiji**  
Abbot of Udipi Sri Puthige  
Matha and Co-President  
of Religions for Peace

*Religions for Peace is the main solution to keep peace in this whole universe. If we can stand together under Religions for Peace then all man can survive. So we hope all of us will strengthen Religions for Peace – for to bring in one platform, all religions, is a very great effort and they have succeeded in this goal.*

*I am very glad to share my opinion of Religions for Peace. I am delighted to participate in Religions for Peace as my own religion is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – which means all the world is a family. We feel that other religions, other people, are like family. Therefore, in Religions for Peace, I feel at home.*

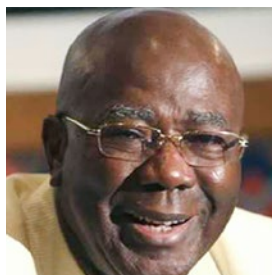


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**Bishop Efraim Tendero**

Secretary-General of the World Evangelical Alliance

*Due to Religions for Peace clear principles – respect for religious differences; act on deeply held and widely shared values; preserve the identity of each religious community and honor the different ways religious communities are organized – it has won the trust of the World Evangelical Alliance. Religions for Peace has been a vital link to the Evangelical participation in outstanding activities, including the Marrakesh Declaration.*

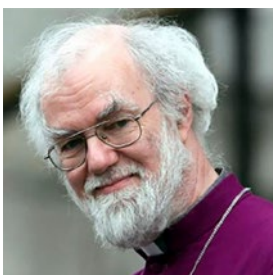


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**Ahmed Tejan Kabbah**

President of the Republic of Sierra Leone (1996-2007)

*[Religions for Peace] did an outstanding job in talking to the various factions, in reasoning with them. They even went to the bush in some states, sat with them on the floor and socialized with them, and in the process they were able to really educate them on the principles of good living – live and let live. Their contribution to the peace process, in my view, has been inestimable.*



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**Dr. Rowan Williams**

Archbishop of Canterbury (2002-2012) and President Emeritus of Religions for Peace

*As you know well, Religions for Peace is involved in many parts of the world in supporting the work of religious leadership for peace and reconciliation. Of particular mention at the present time is the recent conflict resolution work in Sri Lanka and the steps to facilitate cooperation among religious leaders in the Middle East – both of which have been of special concern to me – and in North Africa, which I have recently visited myself at the invitation of the Islamic World Call Society.”*

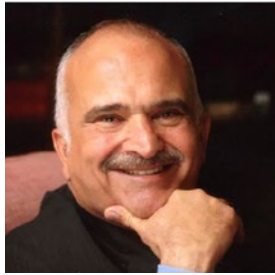


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**The Most Ven. Tep Vong**

Great Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia

*I traveled to Jaffna in Sri Lanka as part of the Religions for Peace International delegation in the midst of the civil war. In a broken city under siege, I joined Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian leaders to try to bring a peaceful end to the violent separatist conflict. During the Pol Pot Regime, I was executed and left for dead in a ditch. I survived and have spent my life working to heal my country. Religions for Peace provided me with an opportunity to deepen my own Buddhist practice of compassion, reconciliation and peace.*



**H.R.H. Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal**

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

*We are here [...] to explore how we, as men and women of faith, may meet the challenges posed by 'Common Living' and take the initiative in preventing, transforming, and resolving conflict by addressing its underlying cause and consequences. While some may argue that this is the proper task of governments, the United Nations, or inter-governmental agencies, it is clear that civil society has a complementary role to play, particularly since today's conflicts are often internal in nature... As the largest and best-organized component of civil society, religious communities are uniquely placed to undertake this task... We must not forget that it is their moral and social traditions which provide the foundation for the humanitarian visions capable of summoning believers and non-believers alike to committed action for peace.*



**H.E. Francis Cardinal Arinze**

President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue at the Vatican (1984-2002)

*Gathered as we are from most of the religions and from all of the continents, we cannot but reflect on the state of human society around the world. We are concerned that our century has known devastating conflicts and wars and that in some countries arms have been silenced. There are worrying manifestations of the refusal to accept people of differing ethnic or linguistic groups or religions. Unhealed historical memories have led to tribal massacres and so-called ethnic cleansing. But at the same time, we notice a growing number of people of good will who will take concrete steps to heal wounds and reconstruct the social fabric between peoples. Many people are joining hands with others to seek ways to promote human society more in line with the will of the Creator. The RfP is one such initiative the world level.*



**Dr. Mohammed Sayed Tantawi**

Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar, speaking at the VII World Assembly of Religions for Peace (1996-2010)

*I do not subscribe to the idea of a clash among civilizations. It is incumbent upon all sincere Muslims to cooperate with all other sincere religious believers to contribute to efforts to achieve justice, peace, and the welfare of humanity.*



**Hon. Mehrézia Labidi-Maïza**

First Vice-President, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia

*My role as the global coordinator of the Religions for Peace International Women of Faiths Network prepared and equipped me to be a mediator, reconciler, and facilitator in the multi-party dialogue and negotiation process of developing the country's constitution. I am honored to be part of Religion's for Peace's rich history and profound mission.*





**Lord Carey of Clifton**  
Archbishop of Canterbury  
(1991-2002)

*Part of the task of an Assembly is, I believe, to remind our world of the significance of religious faith to so many of its people, and of its importance to good governance... Are we willing to build new bridges of co-operation across old chasms of bitterness and misunderstanding? We people of faith have an opportunity to show the way. Let us seize this opportunity and lead the way to a new and brighter future.*



**The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu**  
President Emeritus  
of Religions for  
Peace South Africa

*The World Conference of Religions for Peace played a crucial role in my country's struggle against apartheid – and it continues its work today, bringing together in more than 90 countries diverse religious leaders and believers who are committed to stopping conflicts and building peace. Religions for Peace recognized that, historically, religions have often been misused to intensify intolerance and violence in our world. But if religion is part of the problem, it must – and can – be part of the solution.*



**H.H. Pope John Paul II**  
Speaking at the World  
Conference of Religions  
for Peace's 30th  
Anniversary

*The Roman Catholic Church follows with great interest the work of reconciliation carried out by the World Conference of Religions for Peace in many parts of the world. Faced with the pressing problems of today's global society, all religions must feel called to fresh efforts to co-operate in order to promote human life and its dignity.*



**Dr. Vinu Aram**  
Director of Shanti  
Ashram

*I think that the need for a partnership has come, the need to move from isolation to collaboration has come, we cannot exist in isolation, either as religious leaders, believers, or members of the civil society or governing structures, whatever we need to collaborate, there is no other choice, we need to see how we can collaborate well and effectively.*

## Achievements of Previous World Assemblies

Every 5-6 years, *Religions for Peace* convenes a World Assembly of senior-most religious leaders for the purpose of forging a deep moral consensus on contemporary challenges, electing a new World Council and advancing multi-religious action across and beyond the *Religions for Peace* network.

The *Religions for Peace* World Assemblies are global in scale, multi-stakeholder in composition and action-oriented. The Assemblies convene senior religious leaders from around the world who are strategically positioned to advance multi-religious action for the common good. They also include representatives of governments, intergovernmental organizations, charitable foundations and other civil society sectors and provide concrete opportunities to forge multi-stakeholder partnerships for the common good.



### I.

#### KYOTO ASSEMBLY

1970, Japan

*300 participants  
from 39 countries*

**Theme:** Advancing Peace through Disarmament, Development and Human Rights

**Context:** Escalating Cold War rivalry and the worsening war in Vietnam

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Called for an immediate ceasefire
- Dispatched a multi-religious fact-finding mission to Vietnam
- Established a legal NGO at the UN
- Pioneered the UN NGO Committee on Disarmament

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## II.

### LEUVEN ASSEMBLY

1974, Belgium

*400 participants  
from 53 countries*

**Theme:** World Religions/World Peace

**Context:** The Cold War – the threat of nuclear annihilation dominates the global order

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Started Vietnamese Boat People's Project and continued work for Disarmament
- Established first of six regional multi-religious bodies



## III.

### PRINCETON ASSEMBLY

1979, USA

*350 participants  
from 48 countries*

**Theme:** Religion in the Struggle for World Community

**Context:** The Cold War; the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan; the Iranian revolution

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Welcomed Chinese religious leaders to join *Religions for Peace*
- Organized delegations to Washington, Moscow and Beijing to advocate for nuclear disarmament



## IV.

### NAIROBI ASSEMBLY

1984, Kenya

*600 participants  
from 60 countries*

**Theme:** Religions for Human Dignity and World Peace

**Context:** Cold War continues and former colonies struggle for inclusive governance

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Orchestrated *Religions for Peace* South Africa multi-religious efforts to end apartheid
- Mobilized the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee



## V.

### MELBOURNE ASSEMBLY

1989, Australia

*650 participants  
from 61 countries*

**Theme:** Building Peace Through Trust

**Context:** Vast accelerated military spending related to the Cold War (Star Wars)

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Built confidence through intense liaison among Soviet, European and US religious leaders
- World Summit of Religious Leaders for Children in support of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Introduced global action partnership with UNICEF





## VI.

### RIVA DEL GARDA ASSEMBLY

1994, The Vatican and Italy

*850 participants  
from 63 countries*

**Theme:** Healing the World: *Religions for Peace*

**Context:** Cold War ending; civil wars in many parts of the world, including former Yugoslavia

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Established Inter-religious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina-*Religions for Peace* for reconciliation
- Empowered Inter-religious Council of Sierra Leone-*Religions for Peace* in efforts to mediate the civil war, participates in the formal peace talks and advances reconciliation
- Inter-religious Council of Liberia-*Religions for Peace* helps to mediate the civil war, receives the resignation of Charles Taylor and advances reconciliation



## VII.

### AMMAN ASSEMBLY

1999, Jordan

*1200 participants  
from 70 countries*

**Theme:** Action for Common Living

**Context:** Cold War has ended; a short period of unipolar American hegemony; peace dividends anticipated; HIV/AIDS pandemic

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Advanced conflict resolution in 15 states
- Convened Pan African religious leaders on HIV/AIDS in partnership with the UN
- Advanced 'Hope for African Children' program in 10 African states with major INGOs; 180 million US dollars is raised for services linked to *Religions for Peace* multi-religious religious structures



## VIII.

### KYOTO ASSEMBLY

2006, Japan

*800 participants  
from 100 countries*

**Theme:** Confronting Violence and Advancing Shared Security

**Context:** 9/11; invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq; growing threats of terrorism; North Korea conducts first nuclear test

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Track II negotiations among representatives of Iraq and from Israel and Palestine are initiated; negotiations among representatives of North and South Korea, Sudan and Sri Lanka are advanced
- Launched youth-led global multi-religious campaign “Arms Down!”



## IX.

### VIENNA ASSEMBLY

2013, Austria

*800 participants  
from 141 countries*

**Theme:** Welcoming the Other-Advancing Human Dignity, Citizenship and Shared Well-Being

**Context:** Violent extremism and rising social hostility

**Selected Outcomes:**

- Organized programs to counter terrorism
- Partnered with UNHCR and UNICEF on refugees
- Prepared for global climate change campaign for Paris Summit
- Ethics in Action in the Vatican for SDGs

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## ARTICLE I – PRINCIPLES

**Section 1. Basis of Standing Rules.** These Standing Rules which seek to implement the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation (henceforth Purposes) are based upon the following two principles and should be interpreted in light of them.

**A. Representativity.** The principle of representativity recognizes that a person, or group of persons, can represent, informally or formally, concerns of a larger community. This principle should guide both the relationship among the different organizational categories of *Religions for Peace* and the selection of *Religions for Peace* members for the various offices within the organizational categories of *Religions for Peace*.

**B. Subsidiarity.** Participatory decision making and implementation should be guided by a concept of subsidiarity, which recognizes that local decisions and actions can be taken at the local level, national decisions and actions at the chapter level, regional decisions and actions at the regional level, and world decisions and actions at the international level.

## ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION

**Section 1. Levels of Organization.** There shall be four levels of organization within *Religions for Peace*: Local Affiliates, National Affiliates, Regional Affiliates, and a *Religions for Peace*. The Officers, Procedures, Secretariat and Corporation of each level shall be determined by that particular level, pursuant to the provisions contained herein relating to *Religions for Peace* Governance Structures. Each level shall adhere to the following rules for membership and formation.

**A. Local Affiliates.** Religious bodies, institutions, organizations and individuals who are in agreement with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* and who wish to be affiliated with *Religions for Peace* within a particular area smaller than a nation state may form a Local Unit in consultation with the appropriate National Chapter which, if one exists, is empowered to recognize it as an agent of the Executive Committee of *Religions for Peace*. If a National Chapter does not exist, a Local Unit may seek recognition from the Executive Committee.

**B. National Affiliates.** Such a Local Unit(s) within one nation state may form into a National Chapter on consultation with the Executive Committee of *Religions for Peace* which is empowered to recognize it. A request for recognition as a chapter shall normally be accompanied by a recommendation of a relevant Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate, if it exists.

**C. Regional Affiliates.** A Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate shall include all National Affiliates wishing to join it

within a broad geographical area. Such National Affiliates may form into a Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate on consultation with the World Council of *Religions for Peace* which is empowered to recognize it.

**D. Religions for Peace.** *Religions for Peace* is a standing body that shall consist of all duly approved members of Local Affiliates, National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates, and those individuals and institutions as approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2. Recognition of Different Levels of Organization.** The International Executive Committee (see IV. C.4.a) shall retain the right to approve the legal form of any Local Unit, National Chapter or Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate, or any change in such legal form, including the formation of a separate legal entity from a division of *Religions for Peace*, and the transfer of assets related to such division to such separate legal entity.

**Section 3. Use of Religions for Peace Name and Symbols.** It is a condition to the affirmation of each Local Unit, National Chapter and Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate with *Religions for Peace* and the use of the names and symbols associated with *Religions for Peace* that the right to use each such name and symbol is granted and licensed by *Religions for Peace* thereto and that no Local Unit, National Chapter or Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate shall have a right to use any such name or symbol except pursuant to such grant and license.

**Section 4. Dissolution.** Any *Religions for Peace* Local Unit, National Chapter or Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate has the right to dissolve itself at any time.

**Section 5. Termination.** Any *Religions for Peace* Local Unit, National Chapter or Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate that has engaged in activities contrary to the Purposes and multireligious character of *Religions for Peace*, and persists in such activities after it has been called to the attention of its officers, may have its recognition withdrawn. In the case of a National Chapter or a Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate, such action is to be taken by the World Council. In the case of a Local Unit, the action is to be normally taken by the National Chapter as an agent of the World Council. Before such action is taken, notification and an opportunity to be heard shall be given. It is understood that such action is taken in the sole discretion of the appropriate body. At such time such Local Unit, National Chapter or Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate shall cease to use the names and symbols associated with *Religions for Peace* or otherwise to present itself as being part of or affiliated with *Religions for Peace*.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Categories of Membership.** There shall be two types of membership: institutional and individual.

**A. Individual Membership.** A person who is in agreement with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* may apply for Individual Membership.

**B. Institutional Membership.** A religious body, institution, or organization that is in agreement with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* may apply for Institutional Membership.

**Section 2. Application for Membership.** Applicants for Individual or Institutional Membership shall apply to their Local Unit, or, if none exists, to their National Chapter. If there is not yet a National Chapter in their nation state, they may, in consultation with any relevant Region, apply for membership with the International Secretariat and shall be reviewed at the next governing body meeting.

An international religious body, institution, or organization that is in agreement with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* may apply for membership with the International Secretariat and shall be reviewed at the next governing body meeting.

**Section 3. Requirements for Membership.** Each Local Unit, National Chapter, and Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate shall determine its own specific requirements for individual and institutional membership, respecting the Purposes and multireligious character of *Religions for Peace*, as well as the area's religious traditions and procedures. When application for membership is made through the International Secretariat, the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* and these Standing Rules shall provide the basic requirements for membership.

**Section 4. Termination.** Individual and Institutional Members of *Religions for Peace* who have engaged in activities contrary to the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*, and persist in such activity after this is called to their attention may have their membership withdrawn by *Religions for Peace* level to which they belong. Before such action is taken, notification and an opportunity to be heard shall be given. It is understood that such action is taken in the sole discretion of the appropriate body.

**Section 5. Transfer of Membership.** Membership in *Religions for Peace* is not transferable or assignable.

## ARTICLE IV – GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

**Section 1. Structures.** The structures for the governance of *Religions for Peace* shall be: World Assembly, International Council, World Council and Executive Committee.

### A. World Assembly.

The highest governance body of *Religions for Peace* shall be known as the World Assembly.

#### 1. Membership of the World Assembly.

**a) Delegates.** The delegates for the World Assembly shall be selected as follows:

1) the number and apportionment of delegates among geographical areas and religious affiliations shall be determined by the Executive Committee;

2) not fewer than 35% of the delegates, including young leaders, shall be women;

3) not fewer than 15% of the delegates shall be young leaders, which shall normally be understood to be men and women between the ages of 18 and 35;

4) delegates from geographical areas within National Affiliates shall be designated by their respective National Affiliates. Delegates from geographical areas without a National Chapter shall be designated by the Executive Committee; and

5) each Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate may be represented at the World Assembly ex officio with full vote by its President or senior officer or duly appointed representative and two designated Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate delegates.

The delegates of the World Assembly shall have the right to speak and to one vote in plenary sessions and in meetings of any committee to which they are assigned at the World Assembly.

**b) Fraternal Delegates.** Organizations, the purposes of which are compatible with those of *Religions for Peace*, may be invited as fraternal delegates by the Executive Committee. If the said organizations are national or regional in character, the Executive Committee will extend invitations in consultation with the appropriate National Affiliates or Regional Affiliates.

Fraternal delegates have the right to speak in plenary sessions and to speak in meetings of any committee to which they are assigned at the World Assembly. Such fraternal delegates shall not have the right to vote.

**c) Other.** Other participants, including guests, consultants, observers, aides, spouses, press representatives and staff, both permanent and temporary, shall be invited on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. These other participants shall not have the right to vote. They may be extended the right to speak by the Assembly Steering Committee or by the chair of any given session or meeting.

**2. Meetings of the World Assembly.** The World Assembly shall meet at intervals of approximately five years. Geographical rotation and historical factors shall be taken into consideration in the selection of an appropriate venue. The decision of the date and place of each particular World Assembly shall be made by the Executive Committee, after

consultation with the other members of the World Council, or by the World Council if it meets first.

**3. Functions of the World Assembly.** The World Assembly shall:

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 Regional Affiliates, National Affiliates and Local Affiliates 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; and

e) consider and act upon proposals to amend *Religions for Peace* Standing Rules.

**4. Committees of the World Assembly.**

**a) International Youth Committee (Standing).** The International Youth Committee (IYC) shall be composed of no less than twelve and no more than sixteen *Religions for Peace* youth members, with due respect for achieving broad representation in terms of geography, religion and gender. They shall normally be under the age of 30 years at the time of the World Assembly.

At an appropriate time, the out-going IYC coordinator, or, if he or she is not available, a replacement chosen by the IYC, shall convene all young adult delegates (between eighteen and thirty-five years of age) present at the Assembly in order to prepare for nomination to the Assembly a slate of twelve to sixteen young *Religions for Peace* members representing the young adult members of *Religions for Peace*. The delegates to the Assembly shall receive the slate and elect the members of the IYC. More than half of the members of the out-going IYC shall be replaced on the in-coming IYC at the Assembly. IYC may send two of its members as delegates to the next Assembly.

The first task of the in-coming IYC is to select its own coordinator. Should the coordinator be unable to complete his or her term, the committee may elect from among its members a new coordinator. Between World Assemblies, the IYC shall receive and act upon nominations to fill any vacant positions on the committee. Such elections shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant position.

The IYC shall:

1. function on a permanent basis to help convene when deemed appropriate *Religions for Peace* Young Leadership Forums designed to promote the aims of *Religions for Peace*

among young adults at local, national, regional and international levels. The activities of the Young Leadership Forums shall be carried out under the guidance and support of the governing bodies of *Religions for Peace* International and in cooperation with existing Local Affiliates, National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates.

2. approve a IYC budget for the next ensuing year in coordination with the Finance Committee of *Religions for Peace*.

**b) Women's Coordinating Committee (Standing).** The Women's Coordinating Committee (WCC) shall be composed of not more than 10 *Religions for Peace* Women members, one of whom shall represent and be from *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee. Members shall be chosen with due regard for achieving broad representation in terms of geography and religion.

The first task of the WCC shall be to select its own coordinator. Should the coordinator be unable to complete her term, the committee may elect from among its members a new coordinator. Between World Assemblies, the WCC shall receive and act upon nominations to fill any vacant positions on the committee. Such elections shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant position.

At an appropriate time, the out-going WCC coordinator, or, if she is not available, a replacement appointed by the Executive Committee, shall convene the women delegates at the Assembly to prepare for nomination to the Assembly a slate of not more than 10 women members. The delegates to the Assembly shall receive the slate and elect not more than 10 women members to the incoming WCC. More than half of the members of the out-going WCC shall be replaced on the in-coming WCC at the Assembly.

The WCC shall:

1. function on a permanent basis to help convene, when deemed appropriate, *Religions for Peace* Women's Forums and other programs designed to promote the aims of *Religions for Peace* among women at local, national, regional and international levels. The activities of *Religions for Peace* Women's Forums shall be carried out under the guidance and support of the governing bodies of *Religions for Peace* International and in cooperation with existing Local Affiliates, National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates.

2. approve a WCC budget for the next ensuing year in coordination with the Finance Committee of *Religions for Peace*.

**c) Assembly Preparatory Committee.** The Executive Committee or the World Council, should it meet first, shall determine the World Assembly date and venue at the earliest possible time, and for the purpose of preparation, its theme and sub-themes. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Assembly Preparatory Committee composed of not fewer than four members of the Executive Committee, appropriate experts on the Assembly theme, representatives of the

Assembly Host Committee, and leaders of the Region and Chapter(s) in the area of the Assembly.

The Assembly Preparatory Committee shall normally send to the Executive Committee approximately eighteen months in advance of the Assembly a draft plan for Assembly preparation. The Executive Committee shall approve a plan for Assembly preparation and shall assist the Assembly Preparatory Committee in its work of following an approved plan of preparation for the Assembly.

**d) Assembly Steering Committee.** The Assembly Steering Committee shall consist of six members of the Executive Committee of the previous Assembly (ex officio) and six additional delegates to the World Assembly chosen with due regard for their experience in *Religions for Peace* and for achieving representativity in terms of geography, religion, age and gender.

Prior to the World Assembly, the Executive Committee shall select six of its own members and six Assembly delegates to be nominated for membership on the Assembly Steering Committee. As one of its first acts of business, the Assembly will receive the nominations for the Assembly Steering Committee from the Executive Committee of the previous World Assembly. If the Assembly deems that the recommended slate is not adequately representative, the Executive Committee will re-compose and then re-submit the slate to the Assembly. To assist the Executive Committee, suggestions in writing can be received from the floor. After a slate of twelve nominees is elected by the World Assembly, the Assembly Steering Committee shall be constituted. The Assembly Steering Committee shall propose the agenda for the World Assembly's consideration and assist the delegates to the World Assembly to achieve efficiency in their work.

**e) Assembly Preparatory Nominating Committee.** The World Council shall serve as the Assembly Preparatory Nominating Committee, which will initiate a process at least one year prior to the World Assembly designated to solicit recommendations for Honorary Presidents, Presidents and the Treasurer to be filled by election at the next World Assembly. As a part of their preparatory process, the Assembly Preparatory Nominating Committee will seek recommendations from appropriate persons and fraternal organizations and all National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates for the above mentioned positions to be filled at the next World Assembly. Recommendations from the National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates will include appropriate background materials on the people recommended. The materials received will be distributed to all National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates normally at least two months prior to the World Assembly. These same materials will be delivered to the Assembly Nominating Committee.

**f) Assembly Nominating Committee.** The Assembly Nominating Committee shall consist of an equal number of the World Council of the previous World Assembly (ex officio) and delegates to the World Assembly. The committee shall

consist of not fewer than eight but not more than 16 persons. The committee shall be composed with due regard for experience in *Religions for Peace* and for achieving representativity in terms of geography, religion, age and gender. If a person is under consideration for a nomination to be made by the committee, he or she will be ineligible for membership on the committee.

As one of its first acts of business, the World Assembly will receive at least eight but not more than 16 nominations from the World Council of the previous World Assembly for the Assembly Nominating Committee. If the Assembly deems that the recommended slate is not adequate, the members of the previous World Council working as a committee shall re-compose and then re-submit the slate to the Assembly. To assist this committee, suggestions in writing can be received from the floor. After a slate of nominees is elected by the World Assembly, the Assembly Nominating Committee shall be constituted. The Assembly Nominating Committee shall propose to the World Assembly nominees for the positions to be filled by election by the World Assembly.

**g) Other Committees.** Other committees of the World Assembly shall be proposed by the Assembly Steering Committee to the World Assembly for election.

## **B. International Council.**

**1. Membership of the International Council.** The membership of the International Council shall consist of the following:

- a) all of the members of the World Council;
- b) the Honorary Presidents;
- c) the senior governance officer (e.g. the President or Moderator) and the senior executive officer (e.g. the Secretary General) of each national chapter recognized by the Executive Committee; and
- d) the Associate Secretaries General.

**2. Meetings of the International Council.** The International Council shall meet at least once and approximately midway between meetings of the World Assembly. Meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or the World Council, whichever shall meet first.

**3. Functions of the International Council.** The International Council shall:

- a) share experiences, challenges, and concerns within *Religions for Peace*, especially among its different levels of organization at local, national, regional, and international levels.
- b) review the work of *Religions for Peace* International, examine major program concerns, and suggest changes, if



deemed appropriate, in program emphasis in accord with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*.

c) receive reports of the International Youth Committee and Women's Coordinating Committee.

### C. World Council.

**1. Membership of the World Council.** The membership of the World Council shall consist of the following:

a) the Presidents;

b) the Treasurer;

c) the Secretary General;

d) the Coordinator of the International Youth Committee and one additional member of the International Youth Committee appointed by that committee;

e) the Coordinator of the Women's Coordinating Committee, and one additional member of the Women's Coordinating Committee appointed by that committee; and

f) the Moderator or next available senior officer of each *Religions for Peace* Regional *Religions for Peace* affiliate should they not hold the office of International President.

Honorary Presidents may attend meetings of the World Council, without vote. From time to time Honorary Presidents may be seconded to the World Council, without vote.

**2. Meetings of the World Council.** The World Council normally shall meet toward the end of and when possible immediately after a World Assembly, immediately before the next World Assembly, and normally twice between World Assemblies. Meetings may be proposed by the Executive Committee and shall be called upon the petition of 25% of the World Council.

The President(s) and Secretary(ies) of the national chapter(s) in the area of the meeting venue shall normally be invited to meetings of the World Council without vote. The World Council has the right to meet in executive session.

**3. Functions of the World Council.** The World Council shall:

a) at its first meeting, normally toward the end of the World Assembly, receive nominations from the Presidents for a Moderator and Vice Moderator and elect them. The Moderator shall serve both the World Council and the Executive Committee. The Vice Moderator shall only serve the World Council;

b) at its first meeting, normally toward the end of the World Assembly, elect an Executive Committee;

c) at its first meeting, normally toward the end of the World Assembly, approve a budget for the next ensuing year;

d) provide continuity in governance functions between meetings of the other governing bodies;

e) review the work of *Religions for Peace* and make changes in program emphasis within the long-range plans and policies of the World Assembly;

f) plan the work of *Religions for Peace* within the long-range plans and policies of the World Assembly;

g) elaborate and adopt goals and objectives essential to the implementation of these plans;

h) consider and authorize newly proposed program initiatives consistent with the long-range plans and policies adopted by the World Assembly together with plans for their funding;

i) ensure the coordination and development of activities among National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates;

j) receive and act upon recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the financial well-being and development of *Religions for Peace*, including long range projections;

k) establish and commission when deemed appropriate International Trustees. Such Trustees shall have a designated term of service, and the fund raising and other responsibilities as specified by the World Council, and shall work in cooperation with the Finance Committee and the World Council in accordance with the specific mandate of the Trustees;

l) provide direction to the Executive Committee and the Secretary General in organizing the World Assembly, other special projects, and other *Religions for Peace* matters;

m) receive and act upon nominations from the Executive Committee to elect persons to fill unexpired vacancies in each of the governing bodies between World Assemblies. Such designations shall be for the unexpired portion of the term;

n) receive and act upon nominations from the Executive Committee for new Honorary Presidents;

o) establish such Standing Commissions or other program structures deemed important to the furtherance of the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*;

p) consider and act upon the recommendations of such ad hoc committees as the World Council may constitute from time to time, so long as the recommendations are in accord with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*;

q) receive and act upon recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding the termination of the contract with the Secretary General. A due process which includes notification and an opportunity to be heard shall be given, in accord with relevant state and national laws. The contract with the Secretary General may be terminated by a simple majority vote of the World Council;

r) constitute, when deemed feasible, a small senior experts consultative council to advise the World Council regarding major issues relevant to *Religions for Peace*'s mission, program, and future;

s) receive and, when deemed appropriate, act upon recommendations from the International Youth Committee and Women's Coordinating Committee; and

t) serve as ex officio delegates to the next World Assembly.

#### 4. Committees of the World Council.

**a) Executive Committee (Standing).** The World Council shall normally vest in the Executive Committee the powers listed below or in other sections of these Rules that deal with the Executive Committee. The World Council may vest the Executive Committee with additional powers or divest it of the powers noted in these Rules by simple majority vote. In the case of a conflict, the World Council may overrule the Executive Committee by a simple majority vote.

The Secretary General shall ensure that the minutes of Executive Committee meetings are distributed to the members of the World Council for their information.

**1. Membership of the Executive Committee.** The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of ten persons from among the World Council, including the following:

a) the Moderator of the World Council who shall also serve as the Moderator of the Executive Committee;

b) the Treasurer or, if the Treasurer is unavailable, the Finance Committee's nominee;

c) four or five additional Presidents, the smaller number if the Treasurer is a President;

d) the Secretary General;

e) the coordinator of the International Youth Committee;

f) the coordinator of the Women's Coordinating Committee; and

g) the addition of another person from the World Council, to a total of ten persons.

The World Council reserves the right to reconstitute the Executive Committee mid-term.

**2. Meetings of the Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall make every effort to meet annually, and is encouraged to meet more often, scheduling its meetings immediately before and after a World Assembly and between meetings of the World Council whenever possible. Meetings shall be called by the Moderator or upon request of three members of the Executive Committee. Participation is normally in person and not by proxy. Members of the World Council in the vicinity of an Executive Committee meeting will be invited to attend and participate in the meeting, but without vote. The Executive Committee reserves the right to meet in executive session.

**3. Functions of the Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall:

a) provide continuity in governance functions between meetings of the other governing bodies;

b) act on responsibilities delegated to it by the World Council, including the oversight of any committees or commissions called into being by the World Council;

c) support the Secretariat in organizing, planning and arranging meetings of the World Assembly, International Council, and the World Council;

d) determine the award of any travel subsidies that may be necessary for the World Assembly or the meetings of other governance bodies;

e) prioritize goals for the Secretariat in accord with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*;

f) provide guidance and oversight of the work of the Secretariat in the implementation of the above goals;

g) conduct, in the light of these goals and objectives, an annual evaluation of the performance of the Secretary General and Associate Secretaries General, the latter in consultation with the Secretary General. The evaluation of the Assistant Secretary(ies) General shall be the responsibility of the Secretary General, to be reported to the Executive Committee;

h) initiate termination procedures, in accord with the "due process" specified in Article V, Section 6 below, after an evaluation of unsatisfactory performance of a member of the International Secretariat;

i) co-opt when necessary the services of persons with experience and skills judged to be valuable in the Executive Committee's work. Such persons may be invited from time to time to attend Executive Committee meetings, but without vote;

j) nominate to the World Council for election by the World Council candidates to fill vacancies in each of the governance bodies between meetings of the World Assembly.

Such designations shall be for the unexpired portion of the term;

k) nominate, when it is judged appropriate, persons to be Honorary Presidents for election at the next meeting of the World Council;

l) review the Financial reports of the International Secretariat and the Finance Committee and the reports of annual audits and ensure that they are reported to the next World Council;

m) adopt a budget for the work of *Religions for Peace* annually when the World Council cannot do so, and receive from the Finance Committee long range budget projections;

n) adopt a plan for funding *Religions for Peace* upon recommendation of the Trustees;

o) ensure appropriate representation at meetings of relevant fraternal organizations; and

p) consider and act upon the recommendations of such ad hoc committees as the Executive Committee may constitute from time to time, so long as the recommendations are in accord with the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*.

#### **b) Finance Committee (Standing).**

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and two members of the Executive Committee elected by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can also appoint additional persons with special competence to the Finance Committee. The committee shall elect its own chair.

The Finance Committee shall provide oversight of the year to year financial operations of *Religions for Peace* and its Secretariat and shall advise the Secretary General on the development of an annual budget.

The Finance Committee shall recommend to the World Council outstanding men and women committed to the purposes of *Religions for Peace* and with experience and competence in fund raising and financial matters as candidates for Trustees. Recommendations for Trustees may, but need not, include members of the Finance Committee as well as persons drawn from among the Honorary Presidents and Presidents. Such Trustees shall be constituted by the World Council and charged by it to oversee specified tasks associated with fund raising and management of the assets of the corporation.

#### **Section 2. Procedures.**

**A. Quorum Requirements.** Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, a simple majority of the members of any specified governing body of *Religions for Peace* shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business or any item of business of that governing body.

**B. Proxies.** Direct participation in meetings is encouraged. Votes by proxy are discouraged. However, every member entitled to vote at a meeting of members or to express consent or dissent without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him or her by proxy. Each proxy must be authorized by signature by the member or by his or her legal representative (attorney-in-fact). No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of one month from the date thereof unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it, except as otherwise provided by law.

**C. Decision by Consensus.** Whenever possible, decisions shall be reached by consensus. If the chair believes that consensus has been reached, he or she shall announce that fact and state the agreed decision. If the stated decision is formally affirmed by the body, it shall be noted in the minutes as such. Any voting member of the body may question the judgment of the chair by requesting a vote. Decision shall then be reached by a simple majority vote. In extremely grave matters, such as the suspension of *Religions for Peace* bodies or officers, relevant governing bodies may, if they so choose, bind themselves to a two-thirds majority vote.

**D. Closing The Discussion.** When it appears that there is a division of opinion among the voting members on a matter under discussion, any voting member may move to close the discussion. If the motion is seconded, the chair shall immediately put the question, "Shall the discussion be closed?". If a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting concur, the discussion shall be closed and a vote on the issue under discussion shall be taken. If more than one-third of the members present and voting vote not to close the discussion, the discussion shall continue.

**E. Voting.** Voting may be by voice, by show of hands, or by ballot as determined by the chair or by a majority of the voting members present and voting.

### **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers of Religions for Peace.** The officers of *Religions for Peace* shall be: one or more (but not more than 30) Honorary Presidents, seven or more (but not more than 60) Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary General. From time to time "assistant" officers may be appointed pro temp.

**A. Presidents.** The Presidents shall be selected with primary regard for their competence, ability, and willingness to fulfill the role of their office, which shall involve active leadership in promoting the mission of *Religions for Peace*, building up its membership, and working for its financial well-being.

Presidents shall be selected with due regard for (1) their capacity to serve *Religions for Peace* in their own geographical region as well as *Religions for Peace* International; (2) their ability to represent multireligious cooperation to the religious community and organizations to which they belong;

(3) their ability to exercise a favorable influence upon people in the fields of religion, politics, or education; and (4) their ability to promote fund raising in *Religions for Peace*.

Presidents shall also be selected with due regard for achieving broad representation in terms of religion and geography.

**1. Role of the Presidents.** The principal role of the Presidents is to provide leadership for *Religions for Peace* between Assemblies. Presidents are ex officio (by virtue of their office) members of the World Council, and the responsibilities of the World Council shall be understood as major duties of the Presidents. Presidential leadership shall also be taken when the World Council is not in session.

During their terms of office, Presidents shall be responsible to provide leadership toward the development of *Religions for Peace* in their own geographical areas.

Acting together as Presidents, they may designate individual Presidents or small groups of them to be responsible for particular tasks such as:

- a) fostering the development of *Religions for Peace* around the world;
- b) providing leadership for special projects and programs;
- c) providing leadership for such standing commissions or other program structures as may be created to fulfill the Purposes of *Religions for Peace*
- d) strengthening links with the United Nations or other relevant agencies working for the attainment of goals similar to those of *Religions for Peace*; and
- e) promoting fund raising to support programs of *Religions for Peace*.

**2. Special Functions of the Presidents.** As soon as possible following the Assembly, the in-coming Presidents shall meet: to nominate for election, by the World Council, one of the Presidents as the Moderator of the World Council and the Executive Committee.

The Presidents shall provide from among themselves or other qualified persons the moderation of the meetings of *Religions for Peace*, including the next World Assembly.

The Presidents shall also provide an annual summary of their work on behalf of *Religions for Peace* to the Executive Committee.

**B. Honorary Presidents.** The designation of Honorary President may be bestowed upon those meriting the honor by reason of their diligence and leadership in *Religions for Peace* or in other related fields of endeavor. Honorary Presidents may be requested by the Executive Committee to provide leadership and representation in areas of *Religions*

*for Peace* activity. Honorary Presidents are welcome to participate in meetings of the World Council without vote.

**C. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually performed by officers bearing this title, including, but not limited to, the custody of corporate funds and securities, the accurate account of receipts and disbursements in corporate books, and the accounting for all transactions performed as Treasurer and the financial condition of *Religions for Peace*. The Treasurer shall execute to *Religions for Peace* a bond, for the faithful discharge of his or her duties, in such sum and with such surety or sureties as *Religions for Peace* may direct.

**D. Secretary General.** The Secretary General, as an officer of *Religions for Peace*, shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the minutes of the governing bodies of *Religions for Peace*, for their maintenance and safekeeping, and for providing liaison with the Secretariat. (A further delineation of the Secretary General's responsibilities, as the Executive Director of the Secretariat, is contained in Article VI, Sections 3 and 4 below.)

**Section 2. Election and Term.** Honorary Presidents, Presidents, and the Treasurer of *Religions for Peace* shall be nominated by the Assembly Nominating Committee and elected at the World Assembly by the Assembly Delegates. These officers shall serve from the adjournment of one World Assembly until the adjournment of the next, but may be re-elected if the World Assembly so determines, and will normally serve for no more than a maximum of three consecutive terms.

**Section 3. Vacancies of Office.** Replacement for vacant unexpired terms of office may be elected by the World Council of *Religions for Peace*.

**Section 4. Resignation from Office.** An officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Committee or World Council of *Religions for Peace*. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by either body, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Such resignation shall not relieve the officer so resigning of any obligations or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

**Section 5. Reinstatement to Office.** Upon written request signed by a former officer and filed with the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members, reinstate such former officer upon such terms as the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.

**Section 6. Removal from Office.** Any *Religions for Peace* Officer that has engaged in public activities contrary to the Purposes of *Religions for Peace* may be removed from office. A due process which includes notification and an



opportunity to be heard shall be given. An officer may be removed with a simple majority vote of the World Council.

## ARTICLE VI – INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

**Section 1. Membership.** The International Secretariat shall consist of the following members: the Secretary General, Associate Secretary(ies) General, Coordinating Secretaries, Assistants to the Secretary General, Special Counselors appointed by the Executive Committee, and any other staff retained or appointed to assist in the implementation of the programs and policies of *Religions for Peace* International.

### Section 2. Selection and Tenure.

**A. Secretary General.** The Secretary General shall normally be elected by the World Assembly on nomination by a duly constituted Search Committee. The term of the Secretary General shall normally be from the end of one Assembly until the end of the next. He or she may serve more than one term.

Whenever a vacancy in this office occurs or is anticipated, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Search Committee of no more than seven members, of whom not fewer than four shall be Presidents. This Search Committee shall seek applications and consider nominees and other possible candidates and then propose a single nominee or a prioritized list of nominees to the Assembly.

If it is necessary to fill the position of Secretary General between World Assemblies, the Search Committee shall propose a single nominee or a prioritized list of nominees to the World Council for election. If one of the nominees proposed is not elected, the World Council will continue the process of selection until a proposed candidate is elected by the World Council. A Secretary General so elected shall serve until the next World Assembly. He or she may serve additional terms of office if duly elected by the World Assembly.

**B. Associate Secretaries General.** The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Secretary General, may appoint one or more Associate Secretary(ies) General. Such persons shall be appointed for a three year term and may serve more than one term. Associate Secretaries General may be chosen from those persons who serve as senior national or regional full time staff.

**C. Coordinating Secretaries.** The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Secretary General, may appoint one or more Coordinating Secretary(ies). Such persons shall be appointed for a three year term and may serve more than one term. Coordinating Secretaries may be chosen from those persons who serve as senior regional staff or leaders coming from areas not represented by an Associate Secretary General.

**D. Assistants to the Secretary General.** The Secretary General, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, may appoint one or more Assistants to the Secretary General. They may serve for a term of three years, or for a shorter term, as needed. Assistants to the Secretary General shall normally be chosen on the basis of specific competencies and capacities for support services needed to implement the policies and programs of *Religions for Peace*.

**E. Other Staff.** The Secretary General shall appoint other staff needed for the competent operation of *Religions for Peace* offices and the implementation of the policies and programs of *Religions for Peace*.

**Section 3. Functions of the Secretariat.** The Secretary General will be the chief executive officer of *Religions for Peace* and, in collaboration with other members of the Secretariat, will be responsible to the Executive Committee and shall be charged with:

A. supporting the Governance Structures and their modes of operation, including the preparation and administration of the World Assembly and the meeting of other governing bodies;

B. coordinating the implementation of the policies and programs authorized by the governing bodies;

C. assisting standing committees of Religions for Peace, as well as any other committees or commissions called into being by the World Council or the Executive Committee;

D. managing (an) appropriate international center(s), as may be called into being by appropriate Religions for Peace International Governance Structures, and directing their staff;

E. assisting with fund raising for the organization;

F. assisting the relevant governing bodies or their committees in the preparation of a budget;

G. administering an annual budget approved by the World Council or, if the World Council has not met in the relevant time period, by the Executive Committee;

H. providing for an annual audit of the financial records of Religions for Peace by an independent accountant;

I. following selected issues at the United Nations and disseminating relevant information to the various groupings of Religions for Peace;

J. assisting various National Affiliates and Regional Affiliates to coordinate their activities;

K. encouraging national and regional bodies to study and address selected contemporary issues of concern;

L. facilitating the exchange of information among Local Affiliates, National Affiliates, and Regional Affiliates, including the publication and distribution of an international newsletter and other appropriate materials;

M. assisting in the formation of new National Affiliates;

N. administering individual and organizational membership in areas not falling within existing Religions for Peace units, chapters or regions;

O. carrying out such other tasks as may be directed by the World Council or Executive Committee; and

P. providing leadership in the proposal of programs.

**Section 4. Operation of the Secretariat.** As the chief executive officer of the International Secretariat, the Secretary General is responsible for overseeing the functions of the Secretariat, including the direction and coordination of the Secretariat members set forth in Article VI. The Secretary General shall operate in accordance with the "Guidelines for the Secretariat" approved by the Executive Committee.

In its responsibility to ensure representation of Religions for Peace worldwide, the Secretariat shall draw not only upon its own personnel but also upon the skills and talents of Presidents, Honorary Presidents and other leaders of Religions for Peace, thus freeing the Secretariat to fulfill its major administrative responsibilities.

## ARTICLE VII: CORPORATION

**Section 1. Incorporation.** Religions for Peace may cause a corporation to be formed under the laws of an appropriate civil jurisdiction. The corporation shall act on behalf of Religions for Peace in matters relating to business and property only when properly authorized by Religions for Peace.

**Section 2. Limited Liability.** International presidents, international officers, members of Religions for Peace International World Council, and paid staff of the international secretariat of Religions for Peace shall incur no personal liability by reason of the obligations or commitments of Religions for Peace.

**Section 3. Principal Offices Worldwide.** The principal office of *Religions for Peace* shall be in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York in the United States of America. *Religions for Peace* may also have offices at such other places within or without the State, and worldwide, as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine, or the activities of *Religions for Peace* may require.

**Section 4. Indemnification and Insurance.** *Religions for Peace* shall seek to indemnify and hold harmless any person who is an international president, international officer,

member of *Religions for Peace* World Council, or paid staff of the international secretariat of *Religions for Peace*.

## ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of *Religions for Peace* shall be the calendar year.

## ARTICLE IX – CONSTRUCTION

**Section 1. Relationship Between Certificate of Incorporation and Standing Rules.** If there be any conflict between the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and these Standing Rules, the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

## ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. Amendments.** These Standing Rules shall serve provisionally as the basis for orderly operation of *Religions for Peace*, its officers, levels of organization and International Secretariat until replaced. The Standing Rules may be repealed and/or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present and voting at any meeting of the World Assembly. Proposals for amendment normally must be received by the Executive Committee six months prior to the World Assembly. The Executive Committee, if no other committee has been so charged, will circulate its recommendations for changes in the Standing Rules to all national and regional offices two months prior to the Assembly and to delegates as soon as possible after their selection.



# USEFUL INFORMATION



## ABOUT LINDAU

Lindau dates back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Its beautiful, historic city core remains well preserved. Lindau and Lake Constance are situated at the heart of Europe and are surrounded by nature, offering an ideal location for the Assembly. Lake Constance connects the three countries of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The city of Lindau is an island within the lake, making it a peaceful and “neutral” zone. Lindau has become well known for hosting the annual international Nobel Laureate meetings.

Lindau Island contains the historic district of Bavaria, making it a central tourist destination. It is among the most popular travel destinations on Lake Constance and holds several famous landmarks, including the harbor entrance, marked by a large lion and lighthouse. Outside of the tourist season, Lindau’s population is just under 25,000 inhabitants.

## LAKE CONSTANCE

At close to 540 square kilometers, Lake Constance is the largest lake in Germany and one of the largest in Central Europe. 173 kilometers of Lake Constance’s shores are within Germany; 28 kilometers are in Austria and the final 72 kilometers are in Switzerland. The lake’s German shore predominantly lies in Baden-Württemberg, while only 18 kilometers are located in Bavaria, more precisely in the district of Lindau, Swabia. The Bavarian Lake Constance shore is divided between the municipalities of Nonnenhorn and Wasserburg, as well as the district capital of Lindau on Lake Constance itself. At its broadest point, Lake Constance measures 14 kilometers across and reaches 254 meters deep. Lindau is one of the lake’s eleven islands.

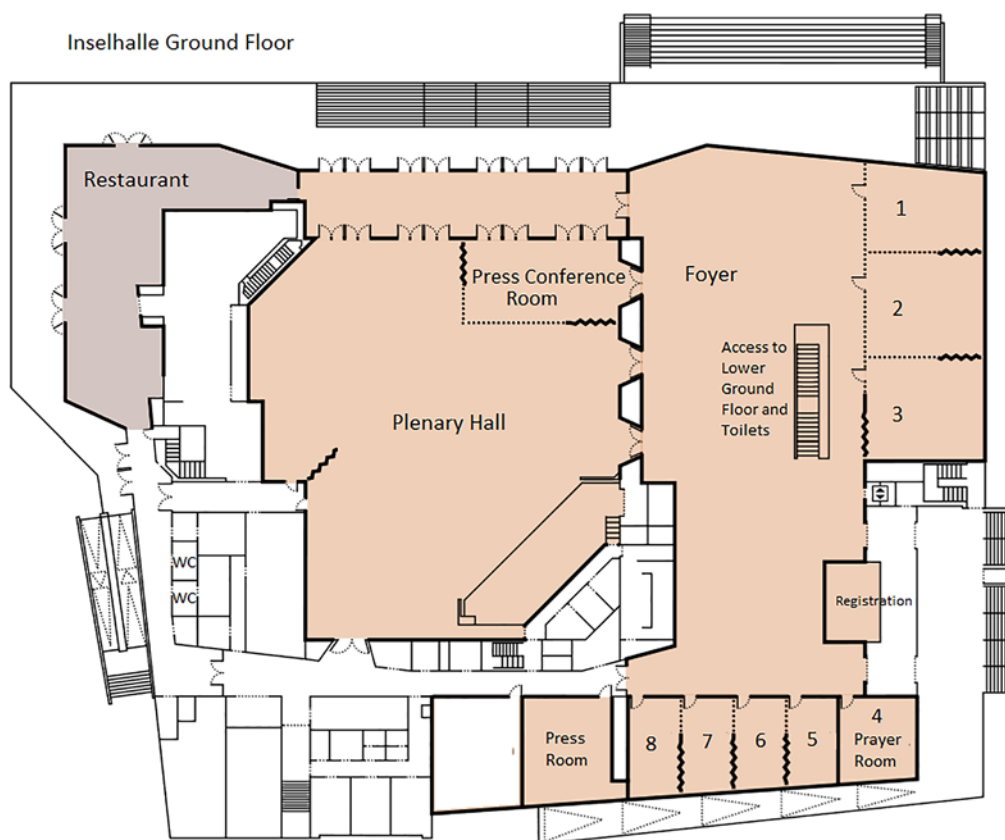
## VENUE

The newly renovated **Inselhalle** will serve as the main venue for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly. It is well suited for hosting large events, intimate discussions, dynamic workshops and high-level consultations.

Inselhalle is located at **Zwanzigerstraße 10, 88131 Lindau (Bodensee), Germany.**

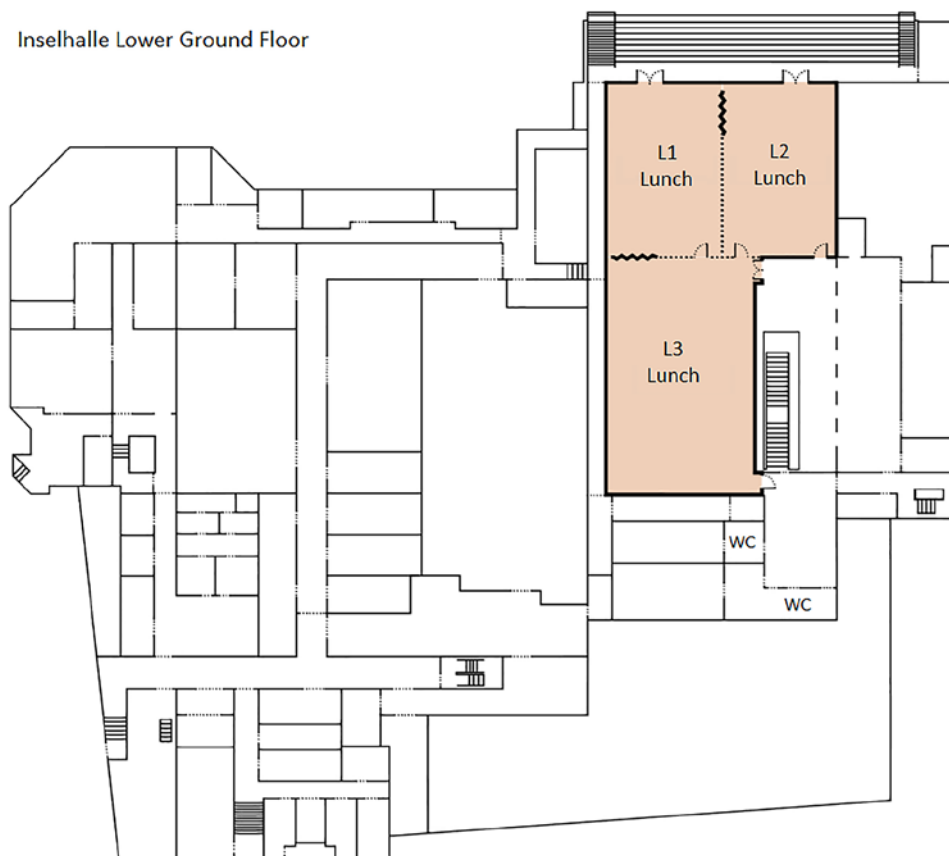


Inselhalle Ground Floor



## INSELHALLE FLOOR PLAN

Inselhalle Lower Ground Floor





## ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

In addition to the conference venue, Inselhalle, a number of meetings and events will be held at additional locations, including:

- **Bayerischer Hof** (Bahnhofplatz 2)
- **Gewölbesaal** (Schmiedgasse 18)
- **Lindau Market Square** (Marktplatz)
- **Luitpoldpark** (Pulverturmweg 3)
- **Park Theater Cinema Lindau** (Zwanzigerstraße 3)
- **Sonnenkönigin Boat** (board at Hafenplatz near Bayerischer Hof)
- Protestant Church: **St. Stephan's Cathedral** (Marktplatz 8)
- Catholic Church: **Cathedral of Our Lady** (Stiftsplatz, Lindau)

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers are organized by the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* from/to Zurich, Munich and Friedrichshafen airports only. All airport transfers arrive at, and depart from, Inselhalle. Please be at Inselhalle no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time of your transfer to avoid delays.



## ASSEMBLY APP – YOUR MOBILE GUIDE

The mobile App for your smartphone will accompany you during the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly and will provide you with all updated information. The App allows you to find all helpful information such as your personal program schedule, locations, information about shuttle service, real time push notifications and much more.

You will receive an email with a link to download the App before the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly. Please check your inbox.

In case you need technical support or you have any questions, please find our staff at the Welcome Registration Desk at Inselhalle.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, please contact the *Religions for Peace* Staff at the Welcome Registration Desk or at +49 175 9272 132 from Sunday, 18 August until Friday, 23 August 2019 (24 hours).

The local emergency phone numbers are:

- **Police:** 110
- **Ambulance/Emergency:** 112

## HOTELS

Assembly participants are accommodated at a number of hotels in and around Lindau which can be reached using one of the four free shuttle buses.

### HOTELS ON LINDAU ISLAND

#### GREY:

Walking distance  
under 10 minutes.

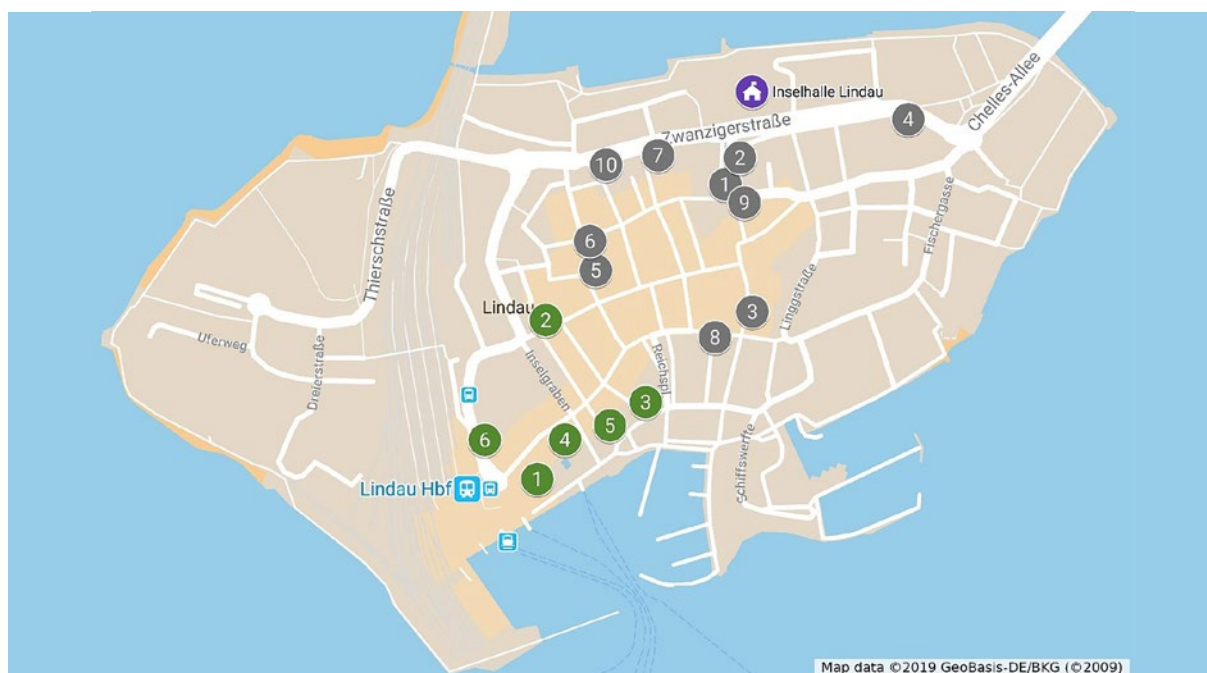
- 1 **Adara**, Alter Schulplatz 1, 88131 Lindau
- 2 **Alte Schule**, Alter Schulplatz 2, 88131 Lindau
- 3 **Anker**, Bindergasse 15, 88131 Lindau
- 4 **Brugger**, Bei der Heidenmauer 11, 88131 Lindau
- 5 **Engel**, Schafgasse 4, 88131 Lindau
- 6 **Medusa**, Schafgasse 10, 88131 Lindau
- 7 **Möve**, Auf der Mauer 21, 88131 Lindau
- 8 **Ratsstuben**, Ludwigstraße 7, 88131 Lindau
- 9 **Spiegel**, In der Grub 1, 88131 Lindau
- 10 **Viktoria**, Auf der Mauer 27, 88131 Lindau

#### GREEN:

Walking distance  
under 15 minutes.

Bus Shuttle will  
be provided.

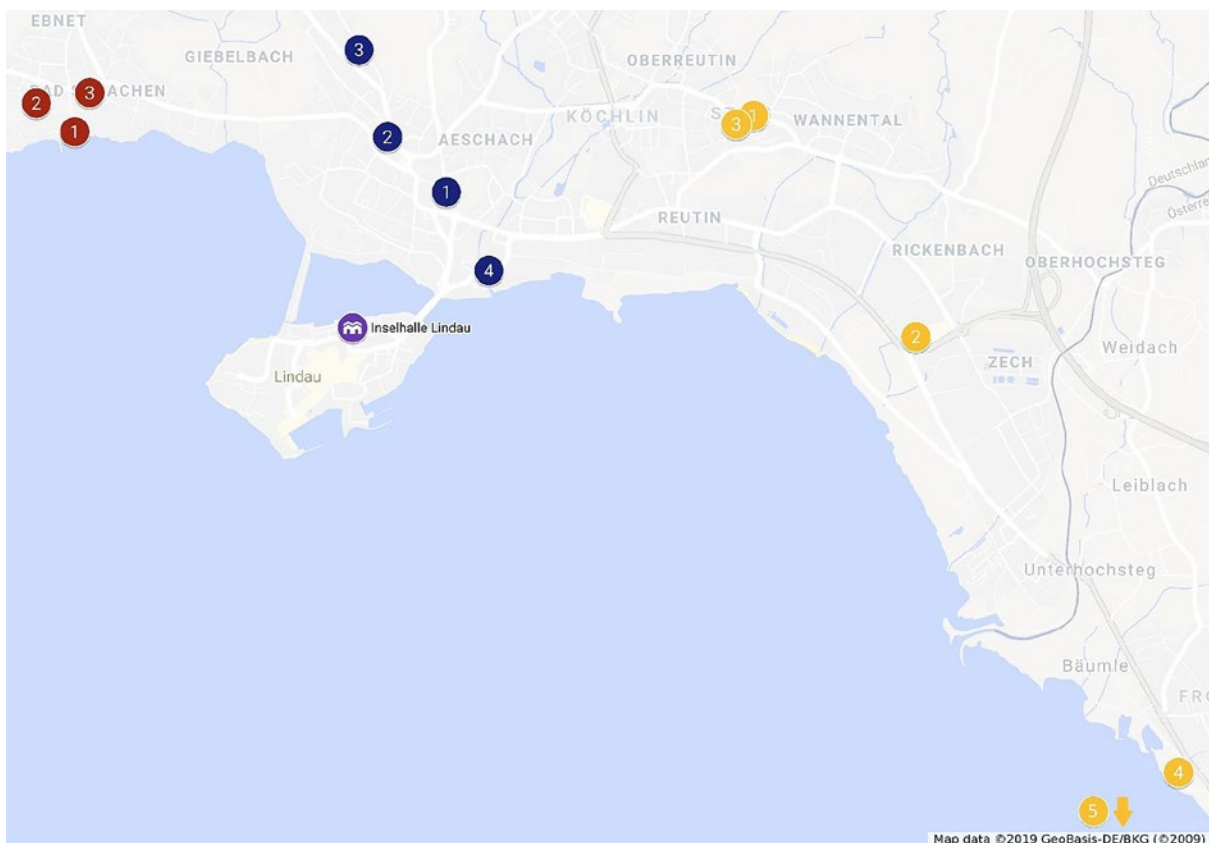
- 1 **Bayerischer Hof**, Seepromenade, 88131 Lindau
- 2 **Insel-Hotel**, Maximilianstraße 42, 88131 Lindau
- 3 **Lindauer Hof**, Dammgasse 2, 88131 Lindau
- 4 **Reutemann-Seegarten**, Seepromenade, 88131 Lindau
- 5 **Schreier am Bodensee**, Färbergasse 2, 88131 Lindau
- 6 **Vis à Vis**, Bahnhofplatz 4, 88131 Lindau





## HOTELS ON LINDAU MAINLAND

Bus Shuttles will be provided to the following hotels.



### Bad Schachen

- 1 **Bad Schachen Hotel**, Bad Schachen 1, 88131 Lindau
- 2 **Lindenallee**, Dennenmoos 3, 88131 Lindau
- 3 **Parkhotel**, Schachener Straße 143, 88131 Lindau

### Lindau Mainland West

- 1 **Am Rehberg**, Am Rehberg 29, 88131 Lindau
- 2 **Ebner**, Friedrichshafener Str. 19, 88131 Lindau
- 3 **Schöngarten**, Schöngartenstraße 15, 88131 Lindau
- 4 **Seereich**, Bregenzerstraße 16, 88131 Lindau

### Lindau Mainland East

- 1 **Auf d'Steig**, Steigstraße 31, 88131 Lindau
- 2 **Best Western Plus Marina Star**, Josephine-Hirner-Straße 4, 88131 Lindau
- 3 **Reulein**, Steigstraße 28, 88131 Lindau
- 4 **Sentido Seehotel am Kaiserstrand**, Am Kaiserstrand 1, 6911 Lochau, Austria
- 5 **Mercure**, Platz der Wiener Symphoniker 2, 6900 Bregenz, Austria

## HOTEL SERVICES / PRIVATE TAXI TRANSFERS

Please note that *Religions for Peace* and the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* will not cover any additional hotel expenses such as telephone calls, internet access, copying, mini-bar, room service, laundry or private taxis.

Please use the provided shuttle service (either by bus or van) marked with the logos of the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* Lindau and *Religions for Peace*. If other public transportation (city buses) or taxis are used, delegates will be required to incur these additional expenses.

## LOST & FOUND

Please visit the Lost & Found in your personal hotel or consult with staff from the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* and *Religions for Peace* at the Registration and Help Desk in Inselhalle. Please be careful with your belongings.

## MEALS

Breakfast is served daily at each individual hotel. Please refer to the program for lunch and dinner times and locations.

## MEDIA RIGHTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMING

Taking photos or recording videos is allowed exclusively for personal use and may under no circumstances be used for commercial purposes. Photography and recordings may not disturb, negatively affect or infringe with the rights of others. Photos and recordings may not make negative statements about the Assembly or any of its participants and may not interfere with the rights of others.

Participants grant *Religions for Peace* and the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* Lindau permission to use any photographic, audio or video material recorded by these organizations during the Assembly. These materials may show participants in a clearly identifiable way may be used for documentation and publication related to the Assembly or the work of the *Religions for Peace* and the *Foundation Peace Dialogue*.

These recordings will not be used for commercial purposes and will only be used in a way that complies with the objectives of the Assembly.

## NAME BADGES

Name badges are distributed at the Welcome Registration Desk in Inselhalle and must be worn at all Assembly events.

## PRAYER & MEDITATION

Opportunities for prayer and meditation will be available throughout the Assembly.

### Multi-Religious Prayer and Meditation

A joint multi-religious prayer and meditation will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:45 to 9:00 in the Plenary Hall at Inselhalle.

### Optional Religious Services

The **Christian** communities of Lindau are kindly inviting all who wish to join to an Ecumenical service taking place at Cathedral of Our Lady (Stiftsplatz, 88131 Lindau) each morning from 8:00 to 8:30.



The following rooms at Inselhalle will be made available every morning between 8:00 and 8:30 to other religious groups for optional **self-organized religious services**:

- **Muslim:** Room 4
- **Buddhist:** Rooms 1-3
- **Jewish:** Rooms 5-8
- **Hindu:** Rooms L1-2 (Lower Ground Floor)

Groups using these rooms are kindly asked to return them to the previous set-up after their service.

### Jummah Prayer

Jummah Prayer will be held on Friday, 23 August at 13:45 to 14:45 in Rooms 1-3 at Inselhalle.

### Kabbalat Shabbat

A Kabbalat Shabbat service will be held on Friday, 23 August at 18:30 at Bad Schachen Hotel (where dinner will also be held on the same evening).

### Prayer room

Room 4 will be available throughout the Assembly (except in the mornings from 8:00 to 8:30) for individual prayers, meditation and contemplation.

## PRESS ROOM AND PRESS CONFERENCES

The press room and press conference room are located at the conference venue Inselhalle. Press conferences are for press, media and accredited journalists only and take place **daily between 12:45 and 15:00**. Please refer to the Inselhalle floor plan for their locations. Press conference specific times can be found in the Program at a Glance.

## REGISTRATION, CHECK-IN AND HELP DESK

Registration will be located at the main entrance to Inselhalle and will take place during the following hours:

- Sunday, 18 August: 8:00 to 22:00
- Monday, 19 August: 7:30 to 22:00
- Tuesday, 20 August: 7:30 to 10:00

Delegates are kindly asked to register as soon as they arrive from the airport at the Inselhalle.

At registration, guests will receive their hotel check-in information along with their Assembly Program and Name Badge. They can then take the free shuttle bus from Inselhalle to their designated hotel.

## SECURITY

You may encounter security checks at several points as you access the Assembly venue. We thank you in advance for complying with our security staff's instructions.

Please ensure that your bedroom is locked at all times and that you keep an eye on your personal belongings while at Inselhalle or any of the other meeting venues. *Religions for Peace* and the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* are unable to accept responsibility for any lost or stolen items.

## SHUTTLE BUSES

Shuttle bus transfers are offered between Inselhalle and all hotels that are located further than walking distance from Inselhalle. Schedules and information are available at the Welcome Registration Desk.

Taxis are also available on the island Lindau for private use. Use of taxis will be at your personal expense and, therefore, will not be reimbursed by the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* Lindau or *Religions for Peace*.

As the island of Lindau rather small, the Assembly venue Inselhalle can be easily reached by walking from several hotels located on the island (walking distance is between 5-10 minutes).

## SPOUSES AND OTHER ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Please note that *Religions for Peace* and the *Foundation Peace Dialogue* will not cover travel, accommodation costs or meals for any additional persons such as spouses or aides accompanying accredited delegates, unless officially registered in their own capacity. Any person not invited and registered for the Assembly will not be granted access to any of its sessions, events, meals or activities. Delegates will be invoiced for the costs of any additional persons staying in their hotel rooms.





## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

While the busy Assembly schedule will not leave too much time for sight-seeing, you will get the chance to experience the beauty of Lindau and Lake Constance during a boat ride on Thursday evening.

If you do find time for a walk around Lindau, enjoy the small historic alleys on the island as well as a stroll along the shores of the island. Main sights include Lindau's historic harbor entrance, beautiful medieval towers including Diebsturm, Mangturm and Pulverturm, the historic City Hall (Altes Rathaus) and St. Stephan's (Lutheran) and Cathedral of Our Lady (Catholic) churches.

## WIFI

- **City of Lindau:** Lindau offers free WiFi hotspots at different places at the harbor and on Maximilianstraße.
- **Hotel:** Please ask at your hotel reception desk for the WiFi password.
- **Venue Inselhalle:** Username: **IHL\_Gaeste**  
Password: **ihl#2019**  
You will find signs with the WiFi password within the Inselhalle.

## CONTACT US

You may visit the reception desk located at Inselhalle main entrance throughout the Assembly for advice or help. You can contact the Assembly via email at [10thAssembly@rfp.org](mailto:10thAssembly@rfp.org) or [info@ringforpeace.org](mailto:info@ringforpeace.org) or during Assembly hours at the Information and Registration Desk in Inselhalle. In case of any issues or emergency, please contact the team under +49 175 9272 132 from Sunday, 18 August until Friday 23 August 2019 (24 hours).

# TOURIST INFORMATION

## **Lindau Tourismus und Kongress GmbH**

Alfred-Nobel-Platz 1,  
88131 Lindau im Bodensee

## **Opening hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Top attractions – © Lindau Tourismus und Kongress GmbH

## **FRIEDENS RÄUME – MUSEUM OF PEACE**

The **Peace Rooms Museum** in the **Villa Lindenhof** are more than just a museum. They are interactive places where visitors are invited to come to understand issues pertaining to peace through their eyes, ears and fingers. This is an intercultural and interfaith forum that is designed to allow peace issues to be individually experienced and explored. You will not find peace displayed behind glass cabinets here.

Instead, the various rooms are designed to raise your awareness of peace issues and encourage you to get actively involved. Check out the inspiring declarations of love in the Reading Room and stop off at the In-Between Room, where you may find yourself stopped in your tracks. The Listening Room features music on themes of peace and violence and the Garden Room invites you to spend time talking about peace.

Decide where you want to sit when you reach the Decision Room. Sink onto a royal throne or a stool and think about how a particular kind of seat can conjure an image of friend or foe. In this museum, the value of peace is spelled out and presented in its relation to violence and aggression.

The Peace Rooms Museum also host a wide range of events that look at how to handle conflict situations and attempt to inspire the desire, energy and vision to fight for a more just and peaceful world.

**Advice:** After visiting the museum, take a stroll through the Lindenhof-park, which was laid out in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## **Address:**

Lindenhofweg 25,  
88131 Lindau (Bodensee)

## **Opening hours:**

Tuesday to Saturday:  
10:00am – 5:00 pm  
Sunday:  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Monday: closed





## FRIEDENSWEG – THE LINDAU PEACE PATH

*[Information kindly provided by Dr. Dietmar Stoller and the Pax Christi group in Lindau.]*

Within about two hours, the Lindau Peace Path leads you to ten themed stops (e.g. memorials) about peace and war.

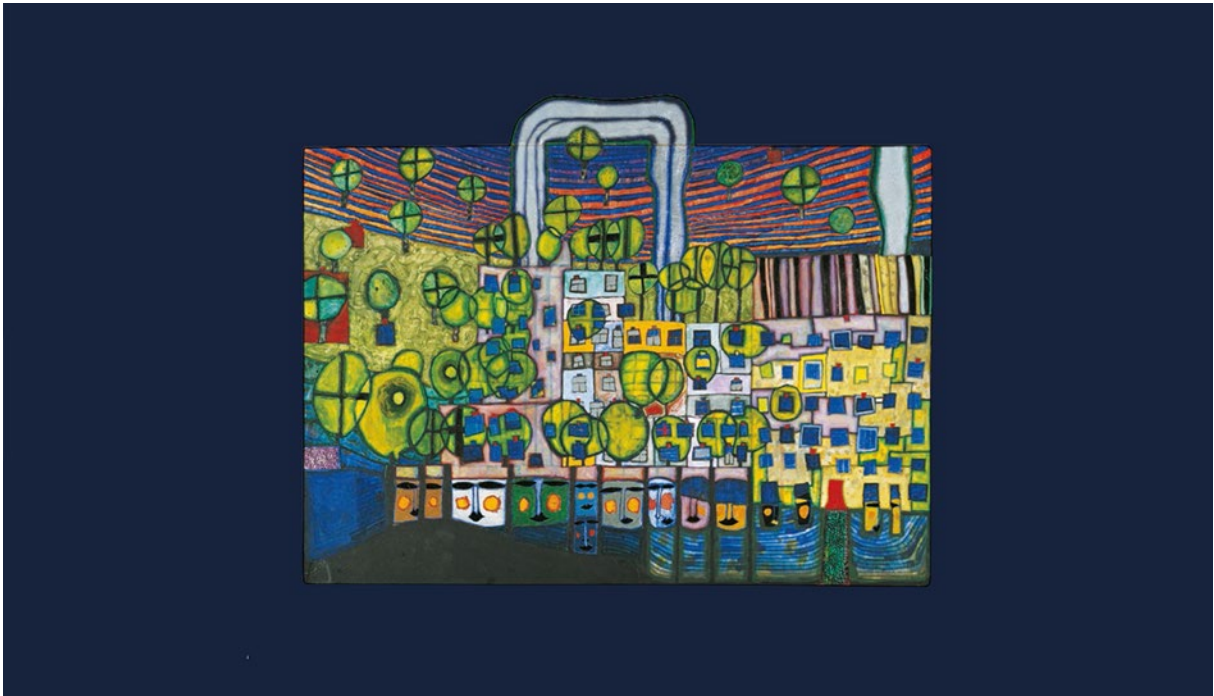
The path leads from the “Friedensräume” (The Peace Rooms Museum) to the last stop, the Linden tree at Lindau marketplace. After setting out from the “Friedensräume” the path runs along the shores of Lake Constance to the Coventry Column, the Leonhardschapel, the Villa Wacker / imperial eagle to the Naturschutzhäusle. The path then leaves the mainland and continues to Lindau island. The next stops are St. Peter’s Church, Pulverturm/Kaserne, Amnesty stone (memorial stone), the Historic Town Hall and finally to the linden tree at the marketplace between the two churches of St. Stephen’s and Münster unserer Lieben Frau (Cathedral of Our Lady).

### Description of stops along the path:

- **friedensräume:** an interactive forum where visitors will experience thought provoking impulses and encounters that are all dedicated to inter-denominational peace
- **Coventry Column:** a memorial that reminds us of the destruction, retaliation and eventual reconciliation that happened during the second World War between Germany and the United Kingdom, specifically between Coventry and Dresden, which were both bombed and gravely destroyed.
- **Leonhardschapel:** is a sign to move people to release the chains of capture and imprisonment. This is especially relevant for people suffering under dictatorships or anyone that is excluded due to their race, religion or language.

- **Villa Wacker/imperial eagle:** from the villa you can see an imperial eagle made from stone on the nearby Hoyerberg hill. The eagle was once a sign of nationalism in Germany. Now, together with the Villa Wacker, they are the foundation on which the German-French reconciliation was built. This stop reminds us that peace cannot be achieved through one nation using force, hatred and dictatorship, but through respect for international organizations and international law.
- **Naturschutzhäusle:** this house is a reminder that peace with nature is something that needs to be fought for and maintained.
- **St. Peter's Church:** is the oldest church in Lindau. The memorial plates were erected for victims of national socialism, such as people of Jewish faith, victims of euthanasia and forced labour. They simultaneously serve as "warning" memorials that remind us of the consequences of militarism, national socialism, imperialism and anti-Semitism. They additionally remind us of what still needs to be done: peace is not an inactive state and it needs to be actively maintained. New forms of religious discrimination including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia must be confronted. Everything must be done to peacefully protect human rights. It reminds us to take a stand when basic rights are endangered or limitations in the name of anti-terror-measures.
- **Pulverturm/Kaserne:** is a reminder of the collateral damage that war and destruction can bring. Military armament and all the resources that are used towards armament in times of peace prevent the use of these resources for peaceful causes, such as combating hunger, poverty or providing clean drinking water.
- **Amnesty-stone:** is a reminder of the central duties and responsibilities of human cohabitation: empathize with, and act to protect, others. These are also the substantial purpose and essence of Amnesty International.
- **Historic Town Hall:** during the Cold War, residents of Lindau met here to silently demonstrate against nuclear armament. A peace stone at the square reminds of the agreement to not support any actions that transport or store nuclear weapons.
- **Linden tree at the marketplace:** after some struggle, the two churches at the marketplace represent collaboration between different faiths and hold regular events together. Today, the cooperation between the two communities on the common basis of religion is a given.





## EXHIBITION: FRIEDENSREICH HUNDETWASSER

Even the artist's name "Friedensreich Hundertwasser Regentag Dunkelbunt" (which roughly translates to (Peaceful-Hundred Water-Rainy Day-Dark but Colorful) hints at an important theme found throughout his entire work – a pre-occupation with the 'elixir of life' that is water. Hundertwasser, who throughout his lifetime always enjoyed travelling the world on his boat "Rainy Day", was continuously and actively fighting for the protection of the seas. It is the relationship to water in his art motifs and creative pieces that suggests Lindau, an island in Germany's largest fresh – water reservoir, as a particularly fitting connection point.

His intensively bright and colorful works of art were created with the power of an all-embracing thought of peacefulness and the aspiration to make the world a better and more beautiful place.



### Address:

Maximilianstraße 52, Lindau

### Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
in the art museum at the main station

Note: **Free entrance for all delegates, who present their name badge upon entrance.**



## LINDAU'S HARBOUR ENTRANCE

Lindau's harbour entrance draws visitors from far and wide. The Bavarian Lion and the New Lighthouse stand majestically against the impressive backdrop of the Alps and Lake Constance. The town's is renowned for having the most beautiful harbour entrance on the whole of the lake.

### The most beautiful harbour entrance at Lake Constance

Standing six metres tall, the lion turns its watchful gaze over the lake. This impressive statue is the work of Professor Johann von Halbig from Munich. It is made of Kehlheim sandstone and weighs 50 tonnes. Its pedestal bears the Roman numerals MDCCCLVI, indicating the year it was erected: 1856.

### View from the New Lighthouse

The New Lighthouse is 36 metres high and its base has a diameter of 24 metres. An unusual feature is the clock on its facade. When you climb the 139 steps to the viewing platform at the top you are rewarded with a breathtaking panorama. Opening hours depend on weather conditions and demand. Entrance fee is 1.80 € for adults and 0.70 € for children.

### Lion roars in Bavarian

The harbour area was previously owned by the German railways, Deutsche Bahn, before they sold it to the town of Konstanz in neighbouring Baden-Württemberg. The harbour – including the lion and lighthouse – was only returned to Bavaria after a protracted dispute. But the lion has been proudly Bavarian again since 2010.

## LIBRARY OF THE FORMER IMPERIAL FREE CITY

500-year-old  
treasures in a  
contemporary  
setting

### Opening hours:

Wednesday – Sunday:  
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Address:

Reichsplatz  
(accessible entrance:  
Bismarckplatz 4),  
Lindau

The thick leather bindings conceal the stories of long-gone generations. Daring travel tales about America, philosophical musings, and intricate diagrams of how to fix a ruptured hernia and tips for the ladies: Lindau's Library of the Former Imperial Free City is a treasure trove of centuries-old knowledge.

### 13,000 historical books

In 1524 Martin Luther called on the "Councilmen of every city in Germany" to establish and maintain good libraries – and his words were certainly heeded on Lake Constance. Lindau's citizens were hungry for knowledge and reform, and upon their insistence a public library was opened in 1538. It began with around a hundred books from the Franciscan monastery, which was dissolved in 1528. Over the centuries it grew to be the largest historic public library on the northern shores of the lake. Purchases by the town council and gifts from Lindau's citizens helped the collection to grow to almost 13,000 historic volumes, covering everything from natural history, alchemy, dogmatic theology and morality to civil and ecclesiastical law.

### Treasures of Library of the Former Imperial Free City

The Town Hall, which dates from 1422, houses books and documents that record local, national and international history. The island's library also has 140 precious incunabula – some of the very earliest printed documents – and a colored example of the first complete German translation of the Bible by Martin Luther dating from 1534. For years, these precious books were hidden away in cool, dark archives, until the autumn of 2013, when the new archives were opened to visitors after an 8-month construction period. The books are meticulously categorized and displayed on heavy wooden shelves. Protected by a huge air-conditioned glass cube, they can now be viewed by the public.

Of course some of these historic treasures can also be viewed from close up. There is a rotating display of books and screens show images of the collection's most precious items. An information wall also provides a fascinating insight into the history of the town, its town hall and of course its historic library.







## OLD TOWN HALL – A SPLENDID BUILDING WITH LOCAL COLOR

Wouldn't it be wonderful if old buildings could talk and tell us everything their windows have seen and their rooms have experienced? This is certainly the case with Lindau's Old Town Hall on Maximilianstrasse. Grand, proud and colorful – the building stands in the heart of the island, its huge wooden staircase turned towards Bismarckplatz, as though it is inviting you to come and discover this piece of Lindau history.

### Old Town Hall: Colorful building in Lindau

Work on the Town Hall began in 1422, and it took 14 years to complete this impressive Gothic building. Just a few years' later, the building was the location for the first of many historic moments when Maximilian I convened the Reichstag in its wood-panelled council chamber in 1496.

In July 1655 the first Lindau Children's Festival was held at the Town Hall. This laid the foundations for a wonderful tradition that still continues today. Girls and boys from all over the town dress up and parade to the Old Town Hall with flags and music to celebrate the town of Lindau. The children are given Butschellen (traditional sweet buns) and vouchers to spend at the funfair – and every year it seems like the historic Town Hall is smiling down on the boys and girls.



But it wasn't quite so harmonious in 1930 when the building's facade was to be renovated. For years there had been discussions about financing and how it should be decorated, but when artist Wilhelm Nida-Rümelin finally finished the work it provoked public outrage. Alongside his depictions of farmers, fishermen, a sea monster and the traditional linden trees, Nida-Rümelin had also painted a death dance, a battle between heaven and earth – symbolised by a skeleton and a young naked woman! The Bavarian People's Party decided that such an erotic display was out of the question and demanded that it be removed immediately.

### **Library of the Former Imperial Free City in Lindau**

Did this happen? Find out for yourself! And don't forget to check out the back of the building. On the south side you will find more wall paintings and a historic sundial, along with the entrance to the Library of the Former Imperial Free City (Ehemals Reichsstädtische Bibliothek, ERB). And in case you're wondering about the oriel that juts out of the Old Town Hall, this is where the town's rulers proclaimed their decisions and new laws to the citizens below. Inside the oriel there are pictures representing the Ten Commandments.

## **MAXIMILIANSTRASSE – GRAND ROYAL REMINISCENCES**

Everyone who visits the island ends up on Maximilianstrasse. It's a promenade, an architectural gem, a shopping street and a history lesson all rolled into one.

But you need to watch your feet when you're strolling along this 230-metre-long street, as it still has its cobblestones from the Middle Ages. And make sure you look from side to side when you're walking down this wide street, as every few meters there are narrow, winding alleyways that tempt you to step back in history. Make sure you look up when you're sitting at one of the outdoor cafes or restaurants – the patrician houses with their decorative gables, dormer windows and artistic wall and ceiling paintings tell amazing stories about their former owners.

### **Historical buildings along the street**

The street was pedestrianized in 1973, but before then it was the home of the guilds and the center of the town's trade. This is reflected in the names of the different sections of the street. In the west it begins as Mezg (butchers), then becomes Brodplatz (bakers) and finally Alten Markt (old market). The "Zum Sünfzen" patrician association was based here. It was first mentioned in 1358, and its remarkable building with arched entryway can still be admired today. Other impressive buildings include Weinstube Frey, the Haus Zum Bären and of course the colorful Old Town Hall. The main post office building is not officially on Maximilianstrasse, but just a little further on you can't miss its striking facade as it looks out over the station square and harbour entrance.

Once you have had your fill of architecture, and eaten your fill in one of the many historic restaurants, it's time for a little window shopping. Many shops have been run by Lindau families for generations. Visitors love their unique interiors and unusual wares.





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