



# Religions for Peace

**Public Announcement – 16 June 2023:** Acting on behalf of the World Council of *Religions for Peace*, its Executive Committee has formally accepted the resignation of *Religions for Peace* Secretary General Azza Karam, effective July 1, 2023.

Prof. Karam has served as Secretary General since March 2020. During this period, she has led *Religions for Peace* through a time of major organisational transition and a global pandemic, has actively expanded our networks and partnerships with various United Nations bodies, and played a catalytic role in the creation of the first multi-religious council of leaders within the UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency).

On behalf of the World Council and the entire *Religions for Peace* movement, the Executive Committee expresses deep gratitude to Prof. Karam for her tireless efforts to strengthen *Religions for Peace's* ability to advance multi-religious collaboration in the cause of peace and reconciliation.

The Executive Committee has empowered *Religions for Peace's* Senior Management Team to provide interim staff leadership pending the selection of a new Secretary General.

*Religions for Peace* will continue its global and local outreach to transform violent conflicts, advance human development, promote just and harmonious societies, and protect the earth. As the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition, advancing common action among the world's religious communities for peace will remain the central commitment for all of us in the *Religions for Peace* family.

Founded in 1970, *Religions for Peace* is an international coalition of representatives from the world's religions dedicated to promoting peace. The International Secretariat headquarters is in New York City, with regional conferences in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and the Americas.