



WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

The Official UN Week

1st Week of February



Second from right:

HM King Abdullah II

Right:

HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad

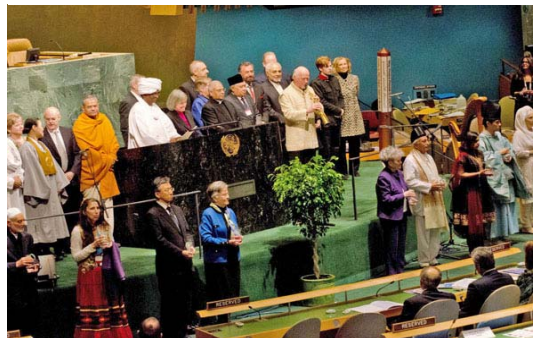
Love of God and Love of the Neighbour, Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour.

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World Interfaith Harmony Week—2012

The Second UN WIHW saw an increasing number of events organised in more countries than ever before. The events included lectures, seminars, interfaith breakfasts, art performances, fairs, sports activities, prize awarding ceremonies, international gatherings at Universities, as well as scores of local based initiatives. The message of harmony seems to be filtering up. The first year saw many events at grassroots level, and while these were repeated again this year, they were also joined by many high profile events. Some of these are mentioned in the following pages.

WIHW Celebrated at the UN for First Time.



The WIHW was celebrated for the first time at the United Nations. In a major event attended by over 1,000 people, leading interfaith and peace activists gave presentations on the importance of interfaith work in contributing to world peace

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Interfaith Harmony Seminar organised by The Madin Islamic Academy, Kerala, India and the International Islamic University of Malaysia



2012 Events:



*Understanding Islam, South Korea –
4 February 2012
at the Chung-ho Buddhist Cultural*



*Semana da Harmonia Inter-Religiosa
Mundial*



*The World Interfaith Harmony Week
2012 at Washington Times Foundation*

Malaysian Prime Minister Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak



Malaysian Prime Minister Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak met religious leaders at Seri Perdana, in Putrajaya.

He said that efforts to promote understanding and awareness through discussion, dialogue and also education were important so that the public could understand clearly the differences and similarities between the various races in the country.

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London Central Mosque held discussion panels on “Peace with Justice and Mercy”. The Panel of Abrahamic Faiths – Omar Seddiki, Imam Sajid, Rev. Alan Race, Rabbi Tabick and Rev. Peter Owen Jones, and The Dharmic Panel (Buddhist, Sikh and Hindu). Yann Lovelock, Ajit Singh MBE, Kiran Bali MBE

Expanding Circles of Love



The first circle was intra-Islam and began in 2005 with the declaration of 'The Amman Message'. This declaration defined:

1. Who is Muslim?
2. Who can and cannot be declared an apostate [takfir]?
3. Who has the right to issue a fatwa?

This initiative addressed putting contemporary Islam's house in order.



The second circle of love was inter-religious. The A Common Word Initiative was launched on October 13, 2007 as an open letter signed by 138 leading Muslim scholars and intellectuals (including such figures as the Grand Muftis of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Oman, Bosnia, Russia, Chad and Istanbul) to the leaders of the

Christian Churches and denominations all over the world.

In essence, it proposed, based on verses from the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Bible, that Islam and Christianity share at their core, the twin "golden" commandments of the paramount importance of

loving God and loving the neighbour. Based on this joint common ground, A Common Word called for peace and harmony between Christians and Muslims worldwide.



The World Interfaith Harmony Week seeks to spread the message of harmony and tolerance. The foundational principles used in A Common Word of 'Love of God and Love of the neighbour', are extended to 'Love of God and Love of the neighbour' or 'Love of the

Good and Love of the neighbour'.

This is not a call to water down one's faith, but rather is a call to respect our differences and unite around the basic principles that people of all beliefs agree upon and to understand that harmony can only come if

we build upon a solid foundation of dialogue that has "Love of God and Love of the neighbour" or, "Love of the Good and Love of the neighbour" as its core principle for engagement.

See Full Letters of Support at :

*http://
worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/
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World Interfaith Harmony Week Resolution UNGA A/65/PV.34

The General Assembly, Recalling its resolutions 53/243 of 13 September 1999 on the declaration and programme of action relating to a culture of peace, 57/6 of 4 November 2002 concerning the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, 58/128 of 19 December 2003 on the promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, 60/4 of 20 October 2005 on a global agenda for dialogue among civilizations, 64/14 of 10 November 2009 on the Alliance of Civilizations, 64/81 of 7 December 2009 on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace and 64/164 of 18 December 2009 on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief,

Recognizing the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions in enhancing mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people,

Recalling with appreciation various global, regional and subregional initiatives on mutual understanding and interfaith harmony including the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace, and the initiative "A Common Word",

Recognizing that the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding,

1. Reaffirms that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace;
2. Proclaims the first week of February of every year the World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs;
3. Encourages all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, based on love of God and love of one's neighbour or on love of the good and love of one's neighbour, each according to their own religious traditions or convictions;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution..

Related Web Sites:

King Abdullah II
A Common Word
Interfaith Tracking
Islam and Buddhism
R.I.S.S.C.
The Amman Message
The Great Tafsir Project
The Royal Aal Al-Bayt
Institute