

REPORT OF THE SCRIPTURAL REASONING SESSION HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF TARBES, NYERI COUNTY, KENYA

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: January 30, 2024

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

VENUE: Centre for Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes, Nyeri County, Kenya

ORGANIZER: Harmony Institute

EVENT DIRECTOR: Mr. Mustafa Genc

INTRODUCTION

On the 30th of January 2024, a Scriptural Reasoning event was held at the Centre for Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes in Nyeri County, Kenya. The event aimed to foster interfaith dialogue and understanding between Christians and Muslims. Mr. Mustafa Genc, the Director of Harmony Institute, welcomed approximately 70 guests from both religious communities.

“We put scriptures at the centre of our conversation”

**JANUARY 30
TUESDAY**
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Venue:
SJT centre, Nyeri

**THEME: FAMILY
SCRIPTURAL
REASONING**
Sr. Josephine Kwenga

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The Invitation poster for the event

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mr. Mustafa Genc opened the event by extending a warm welcome to all attendees. He provided an insightful introduction to Scriptural Reasoning, emphasizing its importance in building bridges between different faith traditions. Mr. Genc also introduced the session's study leader, Sister Josephine Kwenga, the Development Coordinator for the Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes.



Mr. Mustafa Genc offering his welcoming remarks

SCRIPTURAL REASONING SESSION

Sister Josephine Kwenga led the Scriptural Reasoning session, guiding participants through a thoughtful exploration of sacred texts from both Christian and Muslim traditions. The interactive dialogue encouraged participants to share their perspectives on common themes found in the scriptures, fostering mutual understanding and respect.





Sr. Josephine Kwenga leading the Scriptural Reasoning event

ATTENDEES

The event brought together approximately 70 individuals representing both Christian and Muslim communities. The diverse group contributed to a rich and enlightening discussion, creating an atmosphere of unity and collaboration.



VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. Reginald, a prominent figure in the local community, expressed gratitude on behalf of all attendees at the end of the Scriptural Reasoning session. He acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Mustafa Genc, Sister Josephine Kwenga, and all participants in making the event a success. Dr. Reginald highlighted the significance of such interfaith initiatives in promoting harmony and peaceful coexistence.



Dr. Reginald Nalugala present a gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

To symbolize the unity and growth resulting from the Scriptural Reasoning session, a tree planting ceremony was organized in the center's garden. Attendees actively participated in planting trees, underscoring the commitment to nurturing shared values and understanding.

During the tree planting session at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes gardens



CONCLUSION

The Scriptural Reasoning event in Nyeri County proved to be a meaningful and transformative experience, bringing together individuals from different religious backgrounds for a constructive dialogue. The event concluded with participants sharing a cup of tea and snacks, further fostering connections and friendships. The combination of intellectual engagement, symbolic gestures like tree planting, and the shared moments of hospitality made this event a memorable step towards interfaith harmony in the local community.



Attendees interact over a cup of tea after the session was over