



PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM - PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE

Interreligious Conference

- Date: December 28th/29th 2011
- Venue: Notre Dame Center Jerusalem
- Organizers: Lassalle House Bad Schönbrunn, Switzerland
Elijah Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem
- Costs: 40 Euro, meals included
- Registration: info@lassalle-haus.org (please indicate whether you prefer vegetarian, regular or kosher food)
- Accommodation: has to be organized individually (except for the swiss travel group)

Program

Wednesday, December 28th

- 9:30 Opening ceremony
- 10:15 **Prof. Uriel Simon**, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv
Lecture: Biblical Roots – The Biblical Pilgrim to Jerusalem as Model for Contemporary Interreligious Pilgrimage
- 11:00 Plenary discussion: Reflections and responses with regard to possible contemporary applications
Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem
Rev. Dr. Christian Rutishauser SJ, Lassalle House, Switzerland
Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Cordoba Initiative, New York
- 12:00 Break
- 12:15–13:00 **Chief Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks**, London
Video transmission:
Followed by small groups – responses from the heart and prayerful listening to meditative readings from our scripture
- 13:00–14:30 Lunch
- 14:30–16:00 **Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf**, Cordoba Initiative, New York
Lecture and discussion: A Muslim perspective on Pilgrimage as a Contribution to Peace
- 16:00–16:30 Break
- 16:30–18:00 **Abbot Primate Notker Wolf OSB**, Sant Anselmo, Rome
Lecture and discussion: Pilgrimage to the Earthly and the Heavenly Jerusalem, a Christian Contribution to Peace
- 18:00–19:00 Hannuka meditation: Remembering the Temple of Old, Reliving the Aspiration of the Temple today (with lightening of the candles)
- 19:00–20:00 Dinner



Thursday, December 29th

- 9:00–10:30 Awakening memory: Confronting testimonies of pilgrimage traditions,
Jewish, Christian, Muslim
Dr. Jackie Feldman, Ben Gurion University
Emmanuelle Main, Hebrew University
Dr. Khaled Ansari, Gallilee College
- 10:30–11:00 break
- 11:00–12:00 Reflections: Can we draw inspiration from the past? Can inspiration be
extended to beyond the boundaries of our own tradition? How are we
inspired by the other's pilgrimage?
- 12:00–12:30 Silent meditation
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–15:00 Panel: Can Contemporary Pilgrimage be Transformed into Interreligious
Pilgrimage for Peace?
Custos P. Pierrebattista Pizzaballa OFM, Custodian, Jerusalem
Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowicz, Western Wall, Jerusalem
Sheikh Abdul Karim Zurba, Temple Mount Trust
- 15:00–15:30 Break
- 15:30–17:00 Brief presentations: In the Footsteps of Abraham –
Interreligious Pilgrimage Projects
Abel Damoussi: Inner Pilgrimage to Mecca and Jerusalem
Jackie Feldman – Interreligious Pilgrimage: Reflection of a Contemporary
tour guide
Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem:
The Hope Project
Rev. Dr. Christian Rutishauser SJ, Lassalle House, Zug/Switzerland:
On Foot to Jerusalem
- 17:00–17:15 Break
- 17:15–18:15 Plenary discussion – Conclusion:
On institutions and structures necessary to promote peace pilgrimage
in the future
- 18:15–19:00 Supper snack
- 19:00–21:00 Group prayer pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre and Western Wall