2nd Annual Conference of the International Association for Spiritual Care (IASC)

Jerusalem – Bethlehem - Beit Jala
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Israel/Palestine

Healing Hatred:
Spiritual Challenges in a Context of Political Conflict

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The annual conference of the International Association for Spiritual Care will be hosted this year in Jerusalem and Beit Jala and will focus on the spiritual aspects of coping with political conflict in an interfaith context. While the traditional practice of spiritual accompaniment addresses suffering due to illness and death, this conference will explore how the encounter between practitioners of spiritual accompaniment and activists in dialogue and peace can open new paths for healing and overcoming hostility and controversy caused by political conflict.

The conference will bring together speakers from various academic and professional fields, for three days of lectures, discussions, joint panels and practical workshops. The conference will take place in Jerusalem and Bethlehem in order to allow open dialogue on both sides of the conflict, and will end with a meeting in Beit Jala for a joint reflection and dialogue for everyone.

The conference will be held in English
"Quite early on after the bomb, I realized that if I was filled with hatred and desire for revenge, I'd be a victim forever." Fr. Michael Lapsley.

Father Michael Lapsley was exiled by the South African Government in 1976, and joined the African national Congress (ANC) as a chaplain. While living in Zimbabwe, he discovered he was on the South African Government hit list. In April 1990 he received a letter bomb in the post. He now runs the Institute for Healing of Memories in Cape Town. He has also written a book about his experiences: "Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to healer".

16:30
Registration
Opening Reception

17:30
Is Forgiveness Necessary?

- Prof. Pamela Cooper-White
  Union Theological Seminary, New York

How should Palestinians Respond to Israeli Trauma?

- Prof. Mohammed Dajani
  Wasatia, Ramallah

19:00 – 20:30
Spiritual Challenges in a Context of Political Conflict

- Fr. Michael Lapsley,
  Institute for the Healing of Memories, Capetown
- Sami Awad
  Holy Land Trust
  Bethlehem
- Dr. Sarah Bernstein
  Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue, Jerusalem
08:30  Greetings:
   •  Rabbi Na'ama Kelman, Hebrew Union College
   •  Dr. Georg Wenz, International Association of Spiritual Care

09:00  Unlocking Israeli indifference to Palestinian Trauma
   •  Dr. Yitzhak Mendelsohn
   •  Response: Dr. Sarah Bernstein

10:15  Panel: Abuse of Religion in the Name of Politics
   Chair: Prof. Ruhama Weiss
   •  Rabbi Dr. Michael Marmur
   •  Michal Fruman
   •  Dr. Tomer Persico

11:30  Coffee Break

12:00  Workshops x 3
   •  Alternatives to Violence
      Joe Moore, Joe diGarbo, Jane Harries
   •  Multifaith Spiritual Care in Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem
      Dina Herz
   •  Bereaved Families Forum
      Robi Damelin and Bassem Aramin

13:30  Lunch

14:30  Panel: What makes people change?
      Insights from the Fields of Medicine, Religion and Psychology
      Chair: Prof. Regula Gasser
      •  Prof. Rafi Walden
      •  Rabbi David Rosen
      •  Dr. Bruce Oppenheimer
8:30
Registration + Greetings

9:00
Spiritual Challenges in a Context of Political Conflict
  • Fr. Michael Lapsley
  • Sami Awad

10:30
Balm for the Troubled Soul: Crossing Borders with Spiritual Care
  • Dr. Georg Wenz

11:30
Coffee Break

12:00
Workshops x 2
  • Radial Forgiveness
    Cyntha Gonzalez
  • Healing of Memories
    Gary Swart

13:30
Lunch

14:30
Spiritual Care in Conflict
  • Huda Abu Arqoub
    ALLMEP Coordinator
  • Sarah Snyder
    Reconciliation Advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury

16:00
Travel to Beit Jala

17:00
Reception and Buffet

18:00-20:00
Healing Hatred
Presentation and Personal Testimonies

Healing Hatred is a joint project of the Rosssing center for Education and Dialogue, the Hebrew Union College and the Holy Land Trust, who have worked together over the last four years to develop a new model for interfaith dialogue in situations of national conflict.
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