



AT A CROSSROADS:

*An Intergenerational and Multireligious Response
to the Social and Environmental Crises*

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*Participants of **At a Crossroads** stop for a moment of prayer and reflection during the Camino Ignaciano*



BACKGROUND

500 years ago, St. Ignatius of Loyola sojourned in the city of Manresa in Catalonia, Spain during his pilgrimage from the Basque Country to the Holy Land. What was intended to be a brief respite turned into an extended stay wherein St. Ignatius experienced profound spiritual enlightenment. This encounter with divine revelation led St. Ignatius to write *The Spiritual Exercises*, a set of prayers and reflective meditations meant to guide others to experience a similar transformation. To this day, "going to Manresa" means for the Jesuits, a pilgrimage to the sources of their history, religious vocation and spirituality.

In commemoration of this quinentennial anniversary of St. Ignatius's stay in Manresa, *Religions for Peace* International, *Religions for Peace* Spain, and the City Council of Manresa convened the *At a Crossroads* forum to address the intersection of faith, youth, and the environment in an effort to create inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities (Sustainable Development Goal 11). Inspired by St. Ignatius's call to embrace the power of transformation, the forum brought together senior most faith leaders, women of faith, youth activists, academics, and civic leaders from across the world, and catalysed a multi-religious, multi-sectoral, and intergenerational movement to confront social and environmental crises that threaten communities across the globe.

The importance of this gathering was infinite, and these remarkable partnerships and relationships that have flourished over the years enable this work to thrive well into the future. The 52-year legacy of *Religions for Peace* and the ground-breaking work we continue to do forges more tangible results in our ongoing outreach and in our multi-collaborative efforts across all facets of multi-religious peacebuilding.

(Left): Inside the Cave of St. Ignatius

THE IGNATIAN WAY



Participants of At a Crossroads gather for a group photograph at the Torre Santa Caterina

In honour of St. Ignatius, the forum was launched with a multireligious pilgrimage along the *Camino Ignaciano* (the Ignatian Way), the same path St. Ignatius took 500 years ago. As they traversed through nature with Montserrat on the horizon, the assembled representatives were called on to meditate on St. Ignatius's appeal to embrace the power of personal transformation and quietly reflect on their place within the world. At the Torre Santa Caterina overlooking Manresa, members of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee, together with representatives of the Catalan youth movements spoke on the power of faith while reaffirming their commitment to shared values which compel them to work to advance peace and protect the Earth. The multireligious pilgrimage concluded with a descent from the Torre Santa Caterina to the Cave of St. Ignatius, in Manresa.

At the City Hall of Manresa, the **Honourable Mr. Marc Aloy i Guàrdia**, Mayor of Manresa, welcomed the forum participants. During the welcoming ceremony, **Professor Dr. Azza Karam**, Secretary General of *Religions for Peace*, noted that it was “...a blessed moment, because you have faith leaders of different religions,” who have made a powerful statement of interfaith unity through their shared act of devotion by walking together on the pilgrimage route.

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(Left to Right): Translator, Ms. Ligia Matamoros, H.E. Sheikh Shaban Mubaje, & Prof. Dr. Joan Hernández Serret

Rev. Guillem Correa, President Official Religious Board of Grupo de Trabajo Estable de Religiones (GTER) and the Interreligious Council of Catalonia, drew attention to the importance of this unity and collaboration for the goal of the forum, saying that “*as brothers and sisters, we shall work together, live together, and dream together of a better future.*” **H.E. Rev. Mons. Romà Casanova**, the Bishop of Vic, praised the interreligious and international nature of the forum, saying that by working together “*...we can be prophets of health, peace, and unity, and construct peace together.*”

In the evening, **Professor Dr. Joan Hernández Serret**, Professor of Sociology at Universidad Internacional de Catalunya, moderated a panel on how through multireligious and intergenerational collaboration, we can forge a new path toward a sustainable world. **Honourary Ela Gandhi**, Co-President of *Religions for Peace* and Trustee of the Gandhi Development Trust, spoke on the congruence between teachings of faith traditions and science while emphasizing that achieving sustainability requires a partnership between faith and science, while emphasizing that achieving sustainability requires a partnership between these. **H.E. Sheikh Shaban Mubaje**, Grand Mufti of the Uganda, the head of it's Muslim Supreme Council, and Co-Moderator of the African Council of Religious Leaders, affirmed the importance of environmental protection to faith communities, noting that wanton deforestation and pollution is an “*attack...on creation that comes from God.*” **Ms. Ligia Matamoros**, Co-Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Network of *Religions for Peace*, and a member of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee, emphasised the importance of true intergenerational collaboration, where the youth “*...listen to the wisdom of the older generations,*” while these older generations empower youth, women, and the poor to be agents of positive change.

IDENTIFYING THE CRISIS



(Left to Right): Dr. Renz Argao, Ms. Bani Dugal, Sister. Agatha Chikelue, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, Mr. Manuel Arturo Coña Pirul, & Ms. Jacqueline Grace

The first day of *At a Crossroads* focused on the crisis within cities. While cities hold great potential for promoting intercultural exchange, social development and innovation, inequality and discrimination transform what could be sites of human flourishing into sites of social stratification and exclusion. Furthermore, many cities are governed by modes of consumption and development that contribute to pollution and climate change, while leaving the most marginalised even more vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation. Despite this, participants spoke about the ways interfaith actors are working to make SDG 11—(“making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”)—a reality.

At the opening plenary co-moderated by **Dr. Renz Argao**, Coordinator of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee, and **Ms. Jacqueline Grace**, Chief of Development and Communications at *Religions for Peace*, senior most faith leaders spoke of the need to work together to, as **Dr. Argao** described it, “*ensure that no one is left behind, we all have a home to live in...[and that] that our people have clean water to drink and clean air to breathe.*” **Ms. Grace** drew attention to the urgency of addressing the crisis of unsustainable cities, describing cities “*...as both contributors and victims of societal and environmental issues,*” a problem of acute concern since, as **Ms. Grace** noted, citing UN statistics, “*56% of the world’s population live in cities.*”

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Ms. Bani Dugal, Co-President of *Religions for Peace* and Principal Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations, described the challenge of addressing climate change as, *“Humanity struggling to harmonise the activities of a growing and often fractured global population with the reality of finite and shared planet.”* She noted that *“the world can and must confront this environmental crisis, but...this will require far stronger consensus around the values that are needed at the current stage of humanity's development, as well as much greater determination in putting those values into practice.”* **Rabbi David Rosen**, Co-President of *Religions for Peace* and International Director of the American Jewish Committee's Department of Interreligious Affairs, stressed that, *“Multi-religious collaboration is so critical for the well-being of cities and society, that it must not be left to leaders alone, [instead] the rank and file of must take it up as their personal responsibility.”* **Rabbi Rosen** provided an illustrative example of faith communities responding to modern urban challenges. When the Syrian conflict—itsself linked to climate change as **Rabbi Rosen** noted—precipitated a migration crisis in Europe, the Jewish community of Milan opened up the Holocaust Museum in the train station, *“The same train station that transported Milan Jews to the death camps of Auschwitz,”* to welcome Syrian refugees who were *“Cared for, provided for, and their integration into society was assisted.”*

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"Governments are failing us, we must not fail ourselves."
-Sr. Agatha Chikelue



"Whether we speak about sustainable countries or a sustainable world, a fundamental non-negotiable root of that must be our connection to the divine...and a connection—critically, non-negotiable—to each other." -Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati

Sister Agatha Chikelue, Chair of the *Religions for Peace* International Women's Coordinating Committee and Executive Director of the Cardinal Onaiyekan Foundation for Peace, refuted any notion that SDG 11 could be achieved without addressing economic inequality. *"When the poor are made to provide for the comfort of the rich"* and people *"are forced to live in the kind of slums that are not supposed to be habitable by human beings,"* then *"...how can we talk about sustainable cities?"* Echoing **Rabbi Rosen's** call on the lay faithful to address the failings of leadership, **Sr. Agatha** stressed that that even if, *"governments are failing us, we must not fail ourselves"* and that through advocacy and collaborative action, we can confront these massive social and environmental challenges. **Dr. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, Co-President of *Religions for Peace*, President of the Divine Shakti Foundation, and Secretary General of the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, also urged for collaborative efforts to address developmental crises, saying, *"Whether we speak about sustainable countries or a sustainable world, a fundamental non-negotiable root of that must be our connection to the divine...and a connection—critically, non-negotiable—to each other."*

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H.E. Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, representing the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar as Co-President of *Religions for Peace*, and Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders noted that the “*accumulation of crises*,” like the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, “*...has become a major obstacle to building sustainable peace and security.*” **Judge Abdelsalam** called on faith leaders to, “*adopt a religious discourse that raises awareness of global challenges*” and is “*...profoundly spiritual, yet also addresses the daily-life issues of people.*” **Mr. Manuel Arturo Coña Pirul**, Vice-President of the Chilean Association of Interreligious Dialogue and Spiritual Representative of the Mapuche People, said that global crises such as the, “*Criminal exploitation of natural resources and climate change*” must “*not only be addressed politically, but primarily spiritually.*”

After these senior leaders presented on the need for faith communities to mobilise to address crises of inequality and unsustainability, **Mr. Elias Szczytnicki**, *Religions for Peace* Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders, and **Dr. Karen Hernandez**, Programme Officer Partnerships and Interreligious Education at *Religions for Peace* International Secretariat, moderated a panel of all youth activists from India, the United States, the Philippines, and Lebanon, to discuss the ways faith actors are ensuring access to vital services in cities. **Maha Shuru Vasu Bandhu**, a member of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee and Faith Community Coordinator for the Arizona Faith Network, spoke about his experience with multireligious partnerships to address extreme weather with “*people of diverse faiths working together to provide shelter...proves that...diversity makes society better.*”

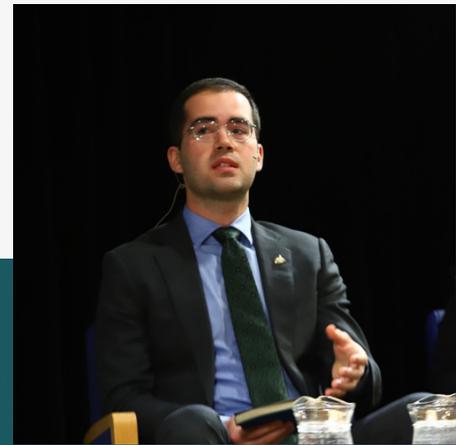


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-Ms. Ana-Maria Daou



“The homeless, the foreigner who has recently arrived, the child who is under-educated,” we must open ourselves up to them and care for them as if they were a family member. -Mr. Pietro Bartoli

Ms. Ana-Maria Daou, Deputy Coordinator of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee and Head of the Research and Courses' Unit at Adyan Foundation, noted that, *“faith actors play a significant role in ensuring equal access to services in cities... [they] counteract social and economic discrimination as well as the negative effects of climate change,”* particularly in countries where government corruption and mismanagement leave huge sections of the population living in precarity. While **Ms. Daou** spoke about this dynamic being preponderant in the Global South, **Mr. Pietro Bartoli**, Program Director of the Sant'Egidio Solidarity Project, stressed that this problem exists in places like New York City that, while, *“envisioned as a beacon and light for the world,”* has over 60,000 unhoused persons, the majority of whom are families with young children. **Mr. Bartoli** emphasised that to care for the most vulnerable, be they, *“the homeless, the foreigner who has recently arrived, the child who is under-educated,”* we must open ourselves up to them and care for them as if they were a family member.

ILLUMINATING THE POTENTIAL AND REIMAGINING THE POSSIBLE



(On Stage, Left to Right): Dr. Francis Kuria, Reverend Taishi Kato, Ms. Merylene Chitharai, Rev. Peter Jørgensen, Professor Jordi Solé, Mr. Pol Huguet i Estrada, & Mr. Thomas Keppen

On the second day, participants discussed ways of overcoming social and environmental crises to realise cities' potential to be spaces for human connection and development. Diverse stakeholders came together to re-envision what cities can be. **Dr. Francis Kuria**, Secretary General of the African Council of Religious Leaders, and **Mr. Thomas Keppen**, Programme Officer for Interreligious Councils and Collaboration at *Religions for Peace*, co-moderated a discussion on the ways multireligious collaboration enriches the ongoing work of academics, civil society, civic leaders, and the private sector in addressing environmental, social, and economic crises. **Dr. Kuria** described faith communities as key actors in multisectoral partnerships, with governments, *“funding critical infrastructure, schools, and health facilities,”* and *“...both providing social services as well as ensuring that cities are spiritually sound.”*

Reverend Taishi Kato, Senior Priest of Hattori Tenmangu Shrine, asserted that the tenets of faith communities, like the Shinto teaching of harmony with nature, represented, *“historical resources that are very important to building a better society.”*

In addition to providing moral instruction, **Rev. Kato** provided an example of how his shrine is improving life in cities by working with municipal authorities, the private sector, and local community members to host recreational events that nurture physical

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and mental wellbeing. **Ms. Merylene Chitharai**, a member of the *Religions for Peace* Youth Media Team, spoke about her experiences in youth-led interfaith climate advocacy, and how, through working with secular civil society partners, they were not only “able to learn from one another, but to do more for their communities.” **Professor Dr. Amany Lubis**, a member of the *Religions for Peace* International Women’s Coordinating Committee and Rector of the Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, emphasised that true stakeholder engagement requires elevating and supporting women and youth as the backbones of faith communities.

Reverend Peter Jörgensen, the Partnerships Development Officer for *Religions for Peace* Europe, asserted that faith communities can guide the development of equitable and just cities, citing the kibbutzim movement whose motto, “from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs” speaks to the need to ensure that “...everyone is provided for, and no one is needy.” **Professor Jordi Solé**, professor in the Department of Earth and Ocean Dynamics at Universitat de Barcelona and an IPCC reviewer, argued faith communities complement the work of scientists in climate justice advocacy by explaining that the fight to address this crisis is rooted in religious values of, “altruism, empathy and care for the other.”

“The most important aspect of multisectoral collaboration is that it must be in conversation with God and with Mother Nature.”
-Ms. Merylene Chitharai



It is important, “to disrupt this idea of leadership in terms of positional leadership, or representational leadership and to...think about leadership as how are we walking together.”
-Ms. Sarah Oliver

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After the panel on multisectoral collaboration, **Mr. Christian Kazadi Lupemba**, Chairperson of the *Religions for Peace* Interfaith Youth Network of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, moderated a discussion on leadership, and the readiness of leaders to address environmental and social challenges. **Ms. Sarah Oliver**, Associate Director of global programmes at United Religions Initiative, argued that it is important, “to disrupt this idea of leadership in terms of positional leadership, or representational leadership and to...think about leadership as how are we walking together.”



(Left to Right): Sr. Agatha Chikelue, The Very Rev. Stavrophor Joan Garcia, Ms. Bani Dugal, The Honourable Mr. Marc Aloy i Guàrdia, Professor Dr. Azza Karam, Dr. Joan Hernández Serret, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, & Rev. Taishi Kato during the Press Conference



Participants of At a Crossroads gather for a group photograph in front of Monasterio de Montserrat

WALKING TOGETHER



(Left to Right): Mr. Shameer Rishad, Dr. Renz Argao, Professor Dr. Azza Karam, & The Honourable Mr. Marc Aloy i Guàrdia during the signing of the Manresa 2022 Pact

The final day of the forum was dedicated to reflecting on the knowledge and experiences of faith communities to seek solutions to the challenges the world as a whole, faces. **Professor Dr. Elisabeth Naurath**, Chair of *Religions for Peace*-Germany, moderated a discussion that enabled panellists to share their experience with multi-religious collaboration to address environmental, social and political challenges, to build peaceful and inclusive communities. **Father Andrew Yang Ding**, General Secretary of the Catholic Diocese of Chongqing, China, summarised the discussion with the assessment that, *“in the face of various conflicts in today’s world, different religions should be, and are indeed, a force fighting for good.”*

Rabbi Amirit Rosen, Rabbi of Kehilat Moreshet Avraham in Jerusalem, shared her experience with interfaith collaboration as a tool to confront intercommunal tension, explaining that through interfaith exchange we, *“grant legitimacy to each other’s faith, to each other’s culture,”* and demonstrate that *“...pluralism is a force of light.”* **Ms. Emina Frljak**, Programme Coordinator of Youth for Peace and a member of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee, spoke of how interfaith cohesion has been critical for and to her work in social and environmental advocacy because, *“pollution doesn’t know religion, bad air doesn’t know religion, hunger doesn’t know religion.”*

WALKING TOGETHER

Ms. Cinde Lee, Chair of *Religions for Peace*-United Kingdom, reiterated the importance not only education, but of faith communities in times of crisis, describing how the, “*altruistic and generous expressions of faith communities...have shown us religions can truly act as a cohesive agent amongst the population, and not just amongst the faithful population.*”

At a Crossroads concluded with the presentation of ***The Manresa 2022 Pact: Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities.*** The Pact was led by members of the Interfaith Youth Network, and co-developed with leaders from faith communities - including women of faith, as well as academic and civic actors, to pledge their commitment stories multisectoral, interreligious, intergenerational and gender-sensitive, collaboration, aimed at alleviating the effects of the social and environmental crises that impact everyone, particularly the most vulnerable.

A Programme listing speakers and sessions can be found [on page 16](#). You can also find a video highlighting, ***At a Crossroads: An Intergenerational and Multireligious Response to the Social and Environmental Crises***, [here](#).



Participants of At a Crossroads gather for a group photograph inside La Sagrada Familia

RESOURCES

Sessions

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- [*Rights and Duties: The Role of Faith Actors in Ensuring Access to Vital Services in Cities*](#)
- [*Multisectoral and Multireligious Collaboration to Realise Sustainable Cities for All*](#)
- [*Are Leaders Prepared to Implement the Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities?*](#)
- [*Visionary Teaching: Sharing Ways Faith Communities Can Offer Solutions by Working Together*](#)
- [*Presentation of The Manresa 2022 Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities*](#)

Video Interviews

- [*Honourary Ela Gandhi*](#)
- [*Ms. Emina Frljak*](#)
- [*Mr. Pietro Bartoli*](#)
- [*Mr. Shameer Rishad*](#)
- [*Mr. Christian Lupemba*](#)
- [*Ms. Ana-Maria Daou*](#)
- [*Ms. Merylene Chitharai*](#)
- [*Professor Dr. Azza Karam*](#)

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The unexpected stay of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Manresa while on route to Jerusalem was a time of personal conversion. It was a thorough transformation of his whole being, and its impact on aspects such as spirituality, personal values and peace continue to be relevant throughout the world. 500 years ago, in Manresa, St. Ignatius wrote the *Spiritual Exercises* to encourage this experience in others. Today, the call to embody these values of peace and goodness are shared by other social, religious, and interreligious movements as essential for the creation of more inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities (SDG 11).

Today's world is both similar to and different from that experienced by St. Ignatius 500 years ago. The human family has made tremendous advances over the course of these years. However, global challenges remain, some even caused by this progress. Many still suffer poverty, injustice, lack of necessities, and the current health and economic crises from COVID have paralysed the world. Nevertheless, true peace, dialogue, and social commitment continue to be at the heart of all the religious traditions of the world.

We are especially confronted with the environmental crisis within cities, which cannot be adequately understood without seeing and addressing the ecological and social dimensions jointly. Certain modes of exploitation of the earth's resources for development, especially urban, impede our progress toward a common well-being across generations. The unique urban socio-environmental crisis that we are experiencing requires us to act before the tipping point. We have an opportunity to take another path, to build a better future of integral human development. The keys are relationships and collaboration between different actors of life (religious, governmental, non-governmental).

Religions for Peace International, alongside the Manresa City Council, and *Religions for Peace* Spain-GTER, has taken up this transformative call by organising three days of meetings, reflections, and workshops in the city of Manresa in celebration and commemoration of this historic event, looking to a future of multi-religious collaboration. Under the theme, "*At a Crossroads: A Multireligious Intergenerational Response to the Social and Environmental Crises*," this event seeks to gather and catalyse an intergenerational and multireligious movement to establish a new model for sustainable, just, inclusive, and peaceful cities.

The Ignatian Way

19:00 CET

Forging a New Path: Multireligious and Intergenerational Advocacy for a Sustainable World

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Joan Hernández Serret**, Professor of Sociology at Universidad Internacional de Catalunya (UIC)

- **Hon. Ela Gandhi**, Trustee of Gandhi Development Trust; Co-President of *Religions for Peace (Virtual)*
- **H.E. Sheikh Shaban Mubaje**, Grand Mufti, Uganda Muslim Supreme Council; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace-African Council of Religious Leaders*
- **Ms. Ligia Matamoros**, Co-Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Network of *Religions for Peace*; Member International Youth Committee



St. Ignatius of Loyola

Day 1 – Identifying the Crisis

Despite holding great potential for promoting intercultural exchange, social development and innovation, cities are in crisis. Inequality and discrimination transform what could be sites of human flourishing into sites of social stratification and exclusion. Furthermore, many cities are governed by a mode of consumption and development that contributes to pollution and climate change while leaving the most marginalised vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation. This forum begins with a reflection on the crises of cities and the potential for interfaith actors to find a solution to make SDG 11— “Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”—a reality.

9:00 – 10:40 Opening Plenary

SDG 11 and Interfaith Partnerships: What is the Role of Multireligious Collaboration in Building Resilient, Sustainable, and Inclusive Cities?

Moderator: **Dr. Renz Argao**, President and CEO of Argao Health Inc. and Coordinator of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee

- **Ms. Bani Dugal**, Principal Representative to the United Nations, Bahá’í International Community; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Rabbi David Rosen**, International Director, Department of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee; Co-President, *Religions for Peace* (Virtual)
- **Sr. Agatha Chikelue**, Nun of the Daughters of Mother Mary of Mercy; Co-Chair Nigerian & African *Religions for Peace* Women of Faith Network; Executive Director Cardinal Onaiyekan Foundation for Peace (COFP)
- **Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, President, Divine Shakti Foundation; Secretary General, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Senior Representative of His Eminence Grand Imam of Al-Azhar; Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Mr. Manuel Arturo Coña Pirul**, Vice-President of Chilean Association of Interreligious Dialogue (ADIR) and Spiritual Representative of the Mapuche People

11:00 – 12:00 Panel II

Rights and Duties: The Role of Faith Actors in Ensuring Access to Vital Services in Cities

Co-Moderators: **Mr. Elias Szczytnicki**, Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders – *Religions for Peace*; **Dr. Karen Hernandez**, Programme Officer of Partnerships and Interreligious Education, *Religions for Peace*

- **Maha Shuru Vasu Bandhu**, Faith Community Coordinator for Arizona Faith Network
- **Ms. Ana-Maria Daou**, Head of the Research and Courses’ Unit, Adyan Foundation; Deputy Coordinator, *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee (virtual)
- **Dr. Renz Argao**, President and CEO of Argao Health Inc. and Coordinator of the *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee
- **Mr. Pietro Bartoli**, Programme Director of Solidarity Project
- **Ms. Greshma Raju**, Founder of Ecopeace Teen Café
- **Mr. Shameer Rishad**, Youth Chairperson of *Religions for Peace* India

Day 2 – Illuminating the Potential and Reimagining the Possible

We reflect on ways of overcoming social and environmental crises to realise cities' potential to be spaces for human connection and development. Diverse stakeholders including faith leaders, civic leaders, women of faith, youth activists, academics, and secular civil society members come together to re-envision what cities can be.

9:00 – 10:40 Panel III

Multisectoral and Multireligious Collaboration to Realise Sustainable Cities for All

Co-Moderators: **Dr. Francis Kuria**, Secretary General of the African Council of Religious Leaders – *Religions for Peace*; **Mr. Thomas Keppen**, *Religions for Peace* Programme Officer for Interreligious Councils and Collaboration

- **Prof. Dr. Amany Lubis**, Rector of Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University and Member of *Religions for Peace* International Women's Coordinating Committee
- **Rev. Taishi Kato**, Senior Priest of Hattori Tenmangu Shrine.
- **Ms. Merylene Chitharai**, Member of *Religions for Peace* Youth Media Team, South Africa
- **Rev. Peter Jörgensen**, Partnerships Development Officer for *Religions for Peace* Europe
- **Prof. Jordi Solé**, Professor in the Department of Earth and Ocean Dynamics at Universitat de Barcelona and IPCC Reviewer.
- **Mr. Pol Huguet i Estrada**, Councilor of Sustainability of City Hall of Manresa

11:00 – 12:00 Panel IIII

Are Leaders Prepared to Implement the *Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities?*

Moderator: **Mr. Jimmy Obuya**, Global Coordinator for the Faith for Positive Change for Children, Families and Communities (FPCC) Initiative

- **Mr. Christian Kazadi Lupemba**, Chairperson of *Religions for Peace* Interfaith Youth Network of DRC
- **Ms. Sarah Oliver**, Associate Director of Global Programmes, United Religions Initiative
- **Dr. Evelyn Zentner de Falck**, Chairperson of ICJW Interfaith and Intercultural Committee and Coordinator of *Religions for Peace* Latin America
- **Mr. Mohamed Ajana**, Secretary of the Islamic Commission of Spain CIE
- **The Very Rev. Stavrophor Joan Garcia**, Archpriest of Spain and Portugal of the Orthodox Church of Serbia

Day 3 – Solutions and Proposals

Towards *The Manresa 2022 Multireligious and Multisectoral Global Pact for the Development of Resilient, Sustainable, Safe, and Inclusive Cities*.

9:00 – 10:30 Panel V

Visionary Teaching: Sharing Ways Faith Communities Can Offer Solutions by Working Together

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Naurath**, Chair of *Religions for Peace* Germany

- **Fr. Andrew Yang Ding**, General Secretary of the Catholic Diocese of Chongqing (*Virtual*)
- **Rabbi Amirit Rosen**, Rabbi of Kehilat Moreshet Avraham (*Virtual*)
- **Ms. Emina Frljak**, Programme Coordinator of Youth for Peace and Member of *Religions for Peace* International Youth Committee
- **Ms. Cinde Lee**, Chair of *Religions for Peace* United Kingdom
- **Mr. Rafael Gude**, Research Fellow with the Social Change and Transgressive Studies Project at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY (*Virtual*)
- **H.E. Rev. Mons. Francesc Conesa**, President of the Episcopal Subcommission for Interreligious Dialogue of the Spanish Episcopal Conference

11:00 – 13:00 Closing Ceremony

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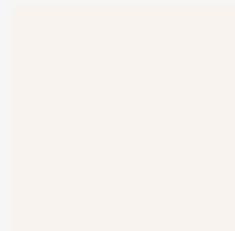


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