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Faith Organizations/Representatives

- ❖ National Council of Churches, Australia
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- ❖ Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils
- ❖ Australian Federation of Islamic Councils
- ❖ Executive Council of Australian Jewry
- ❖ The Hindu Council of Australia
- ❖ Sikh Council of Australia
- ❖ Australian Baha'i Community
- ❖ Queensland Churches Together
- ❖ Soka Gakkai International Australia
- ❖ Chung Tian Temple, Brisbane
- ❖ Rongton Buddhist Centre
- ❖ Buddhist Maha Vihara

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Educational & Academic Institutions

- ❖ Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Australia
- ❖ National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies, The University of Melbourne
- ❖ Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney, Australia
- ❖ Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue, Australian Catholic University
- ❖ University of Southern Queensland Multicultural Centre
- ❖ Edmund Rice Education Australia
- ❖ Lujiang Chinese Culture Education Center, China
- ❖ Mahidol University Research Center for Peacebuilding, Thailand
- ❖ Center for Peace Education, Miriam College, Philippines
- ❖ Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ❖ Vietnam Buddhist Research Institute, Vietnam

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**Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University
and**

Pure land Learning College

cordially invite you to an

Interfaith Summit

One Humanity, Many Faiths

*An Interfaith Summit for
Peace and Harmony in Australia
and the Asia-Pacific Region*

**February 18-21, 2009
Brisbane City Council
Conference Hall
Queensland, Australia**

Speakers

Representatives of National Religious Communities/Organizations

Ven Master Chin Kung, Pure Land Learning College
Bishop Brian Finnigan, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
The Most Rev'd Dr. Philip Aspinall, Anglican Church of Australia
Rev. Gregor Henderson, Uniting Church in Australia
Ikebal Patel, Australian Federation of Islamic Councils
Vijai Singhal, Hindu Council of Australia
Bawa Singh Jagdev, Sikh Council of Australia
TBC, Executive Council of Australian Jewry
TBC, Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils
TBC, National Council of Churches in Australia
TBC, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Australia

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Faith Leaders, Theologians, Scholars, Interfaith Practitioners

Abdurrahman Wahid, Former President of the Republic of Indonesia
Rev. Prof. James Haire, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Australia
Commissioner Tom Calma, Australian Human Rights Commission
Archbishop Felix Machado, Catholic Diocese of Nashik, India
Jeremy Jones, Executive Council of the Australian Jewry
Imam Afroz Ali, Al-Ghazzali Centre, Australia
Rev. Elenie Poulos, UnitingJustice, Australia
Prof. Raymond Canning, Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue, Australia Catholic University
Nora Amath, Australian Muslim Advocates for the Rights of All Humanity (AMARAH)
Ven. Dr. Thich Tam Duc, Vietnam Buddhist Research Institute
Brian Garrone, Edmund Rice Education Australia
Thea Omerod, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
Lujiang Chinese Culture Education Centre, China
Yi Thon, Cambodian Interreligious Council, Cambodia
Dr. Loreta Castro, Center for Peace Education, Miriam College, Philippines
Marites Guingona-Africa, The Peacemakers' Circle Foundation, Philippines
Dr. Parichart Suwanbubha, Mahidol University, Thailand
Venerable Pannyanaro, Buddha Dharma Education Association
Prof. Azyumardi Azra, Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia
Prof. Abdullah Saeed, National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies, Australia [TBC]

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Since a central vision of faiths is to inspire and guide their followers to live in ways that promote the well-being of all peoples, it is timely and relevant for this interfaith summit to focus on the vision and contributions of diverse faiths to building peace and harmony in Australia and in the wider Asia-Pacific region. This Interfaith Summit will provide a valuable opportunity for faith communities to engage in constructive dialogue with government, social, economic and cultural leaders to explore and suggest future policies for enhancing the role of faiths in promoting peace and harmony in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

OBJECTIVES

- Explore and affirm common values, virtues and principles among diverse faiths and spirituality traditions
- Share ideas, experiences and “best practices” in building peace and harmony in Australian society and Australia’s relationships with other nations in the Asia-Pacific region
- Identify challenges facing faith communities in promoting peace and harmony and to explore positive ways to overcome such challenges;
- Facilitate a constructive dialogue between leaders and representatives of faiths and multiple sectors in Australian society on how faiths can help enhance social, economic and cultural policies/programs in promoting peace, harmony and well-being among all members of Australian society and the region;
- Explore and recommend local, national and regional policies for implementing peace and harmony in Australia and our relationships with countries in the Asia-Pacific region

PROGRAM

Four Plenaries of leaders of diverse faith and interfaith institutions/organizations and selected leaders from the Australian Government, business and other social institutions and a number of Asia-Pacific countries.

Eight concurrent interfaith plenary panels on:

- Peaceful resolution of conflicts
- Cultural diversity, multiculturalism, and social inclusion
- Meeting basic needs of all peoples and social equity and justice
- Economies for common well-being and spiritual growth
- Climate change and other dimensions of the ecological crisis
- Peaceful and democratic governance
- Promoting human rights and responsibilities
- Education for a culture of peace, spiritual cultivation and harmony

Interfaith Dialogue Circles

Participants will form small groups for in-depth sharing on issues raised under the summit theme and related sub-themes.

After-dinner
multifaith &
multicultural
concert

Exhibition

The role of faith/religions in overcoming violence, wars, conflicts, crises, and disasters, an building a peaceful, harmonious world.

One-day Interfaith Tour/Networking (February 21st)

An opportunity to visit various places of worship and observe religious practices, meet and exchange experiences with others and form new friendships