

# THE 2009 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

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## Pre-Parliament Event in Toowoomba

**Date: Saturday 3 October 2009**

**Venue: Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre (room H-102)**

**Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm**

This event, which will be reported to the World's Parliament of Religions, gives the Toowoomba community the opportunity to discuss good inter-religious relations and the chance to undertake mutual projects for the benefit of the broader community. The forum will put Toowoomba on the map of the major world cities associated with the World's Parliament in Melbourne.

Speakers include:

- **Religious and spiritual leaders/representatives**  
**Cr Peter Taylor, Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council**  
**Mr Greg Kelly, State Director Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Brisbane**  
**Professor Peter Goodall, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Social Justice)**  
**Professor Sarva-Damon Singh, Honorary Consul of India, Brisbane**  
**Mr John Walker, Baha'I Community, Toowoomba**

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## PROGRAM

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- 10:00am Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies.
- 10:05am Prayers by religious leaders/spiritual representatives of the region in their own traditions for a successful day, positive outcomes and world peace (*about 3 minutes each*).
- 10:20am Welcome to country by traditional owners of the land.
- 10:25am Welcome to the City of Toowoomba by Cr Peter Taylor, Mayor of the Toowoomba Regional Council.
- 10:30am Official Opening of Event and Welcome to the University of Southern Queensland by Professor Peter Goodall, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Social Justice).
- 10:35am Message from Mr Greg Kelly, State Director, Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
- 10:45am "The Role of Religion in the Community" – Key note address by Professor Sarva-Daman Singh, Honorary Consul of India.
- 11:15 am Morning tea and music.
- 11:35am Interreligious activities in Toowoomba – highlights of interreligious projects and relations presented by religious leaders/spiritual representatives of the region (*10 minutes presentation by each leader*).
- 12:40pm Presentation "Following the Good Will and Tradition" – example of projects to be considered by religious and spiritual communities to work together, provided by Mr John Walker, Baha'i community of Toowoomba.
- 1:10pm Conclusion and final prayers.
- 1:25pm Lunch and individual interaction of participants.
- 2:00pm Closing.