

RESTORING DIGNITY

Women of Faith Leadership Summit

On the Occasion of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

AGENDA

REGISTER TODAY! Registration is FREE & open to the general public and Delegates to the UN CSW. All questions can be directed to Erin McNamara at emcnamara@religionsforpeace.org (212) 687-2163.

Location: The Salvation Army—International Social Justice Commission
(221 East 52nd Street; New York, New York 10022)

MONDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00 am – 12:00 pm: SESSIONS AT UN CSW

As preferred by delegates.

*Registration for all UN CSW sessions is now closed.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: CHECK IN & LUNCH

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: OPENING SESSION

WELCOME & BRIEF HISTORY of *Religions for Peace* North American Women of Faith Network

Ms. Parker Diggory – Co-Chair Religions for Peace North American Women of Faith Network; Presbyterian Church in the USA;

Ms. Salima Ebrahim – Co-Chair Religions for Peace North American Women of Faith Network; Canadian Council of Muslim Women

Overview of *Religions for Peace*

Ms. Jacqueline Ogega – Director, Women's Mobilization Program, *Religions for Peace*

Ms. Mehrezia Labidi-Maiza – Muslim Women's Progress, France; Coordinator, Global Women of Faith Network

Ms. Cecile Tshibanda – President, Catholic Women Association of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chair, African Women of Faith Network

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: RESTORING THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN & GIRLS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune – President, Faith Trust Institute

Religious teachings that proscribe violence against women

Rabbi Zari Weiss – Women's Rabbinic Network

Dr. Uma Mysorekar – Hindu Temple Society of North America

Antonia Clemente – Cofounder & Executive Director of The Healing Center, NY

Moderator: **Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton** – Canadian Council of Churches

Respondent: **Katherine Marshal** – Georgetown's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs; Senior Advisor for the World Bank

5:00pm –RECEPTION

Dr. Ines Aberdi – Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00 Am – 10:00 Am: SESSIONS AT UN CSW

As preferred by delegates*.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: THE UNIQUE LEADERSHIP BY WOMEN OF FAITH

KEY SPEAKER & RESPONDENT

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President, Union Theological Seminary

Ms. Daisy Khan – American Society for Muslim Advancement– Founder of Women’s Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equity

Ms. Brenda Smith – World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women of North America

Sr. Janice McLaughlin – Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Ven. Miao Hong – Buddha’s Light International Association

Dr. Azza Karam – Senior Advisor for Culture, UNFPA

Moderator: **Pastor Ann Tiemeyer** – Women’s Ministry National Council of Churches of USA

12:00 pm – 12:15pm – Break

12:15 pm – 1: 15 pm – MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

North American Women’s Coordinating Committee – Presentation of *Religions for Peace* North American Women of Faith Network Declaration & Plan of Action

KEY CONCLUDING REMARKS & LAUNCH CEREMONY

Ms. Salimah Ebrahim

1: 15 pm – BOX LUNCH

Eat in or take out

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: SESSIONS AT UN CSW

4:00 – 5:30pm – SIDE EVENT - WOMEN, FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

Location: 2nd floor of 777 United Nations Plaza East 44th street & corner of 1st avenue

Moderator: **Jacqueline Ogega** – Director, Women’s Mobilization Program, *Religions for Peace*

Introduction - WFDA overview and activities

Jeanie Harvey– InterAction

Address by H.E. Mary Robinson

Commitments report

Ritu Sharma – President, Women Thrive Worldwide

Inter-religious Commitment

Dr. Yaser Haddara – Chairman, Islamic Relief-USA

Dr. William Vendley – Secretary General of Religions for Peace

Breakthrough Asia Pacific; **Jane Sloan** and **Mary Hawkins**, IWDA

Closing Remarks; **Jean Duff**, CIFA