



Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens 2020

“Religious Peace Movement in the Post COVID-19 Era:
Global Ethics, Global Citizenship, and Sustainable Peace”

5-6 December 2020

BACKGROUND

The history of all hitherto existing religion has been pivotal in promoting human peace and development, however, religions have also left stains upon history through their enmity and confrontation, which emerged from differences in beliefs, ideologies and activities.

Now all religions urgently need to open their doors, assemble in one place and discuss, train, and engage in partnerships for the sake of mutual understanding and cooperation. Also, with respect to building a genuinely peaceful world on this earth, we need a firmly global solidarity based on common humanity.

Today peace faces a critical danger: the global crisis such as climate, nuclear and humanity emergency, which threatens our security, our livelihoods and our lives. The global crisis is caused by material poverty, the decline of morality and the poverty and ignorance of the spirit. To overcome such threatens, we must purify the integrity of humanity, develop the power of the spirit and make the

balance between the material and the spiritual civilization, showing values and order, based upon religious morality.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and the resulting economic recession have negatively affected many people's mental health. Our human family is still stressed and the social fabric is being torn. People are suffering, sick and scared. This is, above all, a human crisis that calls for solidarity.

The Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens (ICCGC) aims at promoting the spread of global citizenship, developing global citizenship education through ethics, diversity, global issues, sustainability and operating global civic exchange programs to strengthen mutual trust and enhance cultural diversity. The ICCGC is a unique platform opening the 'Dialogue among Global Citizens' through one in which morality and science, spirit and matter, and religion and politics, joining forces and advance together.

Opening & Welcome Remarks



Dr. Sung-gon Kim
Honorary President
*Asian Conference of
Religions for Peace*



Mr. Joon-myung Choi
Chairperson
*United Religions
Foundation*

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue



Dr. Kunihiko Terasawa
Associate Professor
*Wartburg College
University*



Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure
President
*Society for Buddhist
Christian Studies*



Rev. Dr. Su-Gak
Executive Council Member
*World Fellowship of
Buddhist*

Keynote Speech (1)



“COVID-19 and Global Ethics for Global Solidarity”

Opening Session (5 December 2020, 09:20-09:40)

Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure is the Matteo Ricci, S.J., Professor of Theology at Georgetown University and a Priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. Dr. Lefebure is President of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies (SBCS), a Research Fellow at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a Trustee Emeritus of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. He obtained his S.T.L. from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is an honorary research fellow of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Keynote Speech (2)



“Religion and Global Citizen: Religion, Diversity and Common Humanity”

Session 4 (5 December 2020, 16:00-16:15)

Ven. Dr. Khammai Dhammasami is a Rector of Shan State Buddhist University. He has a doctorate from Oxford University and Fellow and Buddhist Chaplain of Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies (OCBS). The incumbent of the Oxford Buddha Vihara, he also heads the International Association of Buddhist Universities and has been involved in organizing the UN day of Vesak. He travels the world both in that capacity and as teacher and meditation master. He has a key role in the OCBS' relations with the Sangha and Buddhist Universities in Theravada countries and more widely across Asia.

Keynote Speech (3)



“COVID-19: Buddhism and Sustainable Development”

Special Lecture (6 December 2020, 14:00-14:20)

Venerable Anil Sakya is Honorary Rector of World Buddhist University and Vice President for Foreign Affairs and Global Engagement of Mahamakut Buddhist University. He was graduated with an M.Phil from Cambridge University and Ph.D. from Brunel University, UK. He has been lecturing and speaking at leading universities, business world, and the UN organizations. He represents the modern face of Theravada Buddhism, a bridge between the monastic's principled authority and the ever-changing realities of secular existence.

High-Level Dialogue on Global Citizenship Education

Session 4. Dialogue between Global Citizens

5 December 2020, 16:15-17:45

“COVID-19: How to Advance Global Citizenship Education in a Human Crisis of Solidarity”



Ms. Monika Froehler
CEO
*Ban Ki-moon Centre for
Global Citizens*



Dr. Kwang-soo Park
President
*Korean Association for
Religious Studies*



Dr. Irina Bokova
Former Director General
UNESCO



Dr. Liberato Bautista
President
*Conference of NGOs in
Consultative Relationship
with the United Nations*

Eminence Guests & Representatives



Mr. Hiro Sakurai
President
*Committee of Religious
NGOs at the United Nations*



Mr. Won-soo Kim
Former Representative
*United Nations Office for
Disarmament Affairs*



Rev. Norio Sakai
Chairperson
*International Association
for Religious Freedom
Japan Chapter*



Dr. U-tak Chung
Former Director
UNESCO APCEIU



Rev. Hakuga Murayama
President
*World Fellowship of
Buddhist Youth*



Rev. Susan Hendershot
President
Interfaith Power & Light



Dr. James Person
Professor
*Johns Hopkins
School of Advanced
International Studies*



Dr. Mu Mu Myint
Professor and Head
*Dept. Oriental Studies
University of Yangon*



Rev. Tae-sung Kim
Secretary-General
*Korean Conference of
Religions for Peace*



Dr. Suphatmet Yunyasit
Secretary-General
*Religions for Peace
Thailand*

Day 1

5 December 2020, 09:00-17:45 (Seoul Time, GMT+9)

- 09:00-10:30 **Opening Session**
Pray for World Peace with One Minute of Silence
Rev. Beom-hyun Kim (Deputy Secretary-General, Won-Buddhism Committee for United Religions)
(BGM Song) Mr. William Buchholtz (Native American Flautist)
Opening Remarks
Dr. Sung-gon Kim (Honorary President, Asian Conference of Religions for Peace)
Welcome Remarks
Mr. Jun-myung Choi (Chairman, United Religions Foundation)
Keynote Speech (1)
Topic: “COVID-19 and Global Ethics for Global Solidarity”
Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Trustee Emeritus, Parliament of the World’s Religions)
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue
Dr. Kunihiko Terasawa (Associate Professor, Wartburg College) / Moderator
Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Trustee Emeritus, Parliament of the World’s Religions)
Rev. Dr. Su-Gak (Executive Council member, World Fellowship of Buddhist)
- 10:30-10:40 **Break**
- 10:40-12:00 **Session 1. Global Citizenship in Religion**
Peace Message: *Dr. Mu Mu Myint (Professor, Yangon University)*
Topic: “Global Citizenship Education and Religious Social Responsibility”
Dr. Suphatmet Yunyasit (Secretary-general, Religions for Peace Thailand) / Moderator
Dr. U-tak Chung (Former Director, UNESCO APCEIU)
Mr. Hiro Sakurai (President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations)
Dr. Sophia Park (Associate Professor, Holy Names University)
- 12:00-13:00 **Break & Lunch**
- 13:00-14:20 **Session 2. Climate Action**
Peace Message: *Mr. Carl Murrell (Co-chair, Value Caucus at the United Nations)*
Topic: “Interfaith Action Coalition for Climate Action: Not Whether, but How?”
Dr. Emile Parry (Advisor, ICE Network) / Moderator
Rev. Susan Hendershot (President, Interfaith Power and Light)
Rev. Sun-myeong Kim (Representative, Korean Interreligious Conference for Ecology)
Mr. Ujay Siddharth (Advisor, Institute for Climate and Peace)
- 14:20-14:30 **Break**
- 14:30-15:50 **Session 3. Disarmament and Peace**
Peace Message: *Rev. Hyo-chul Kim (Director, Won-Buddhism UN&Interfaith Office)*
Topic: “Korean Peace Process: Humanitarian Aid and Nuclear Disarmament”
Rev. Tae-sung Kim (Secretary-General, KCRP) / Moderator
Mr. Won-soo Kim (Former High Representative, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs)
Dr. James Person (Professor, Johns Hopkins SAIS)
Rev. Masamichi Kamiya (Senior Advisor, ACRP)
- 15:50-16:00 **Break**

- 16:00-17:45 **Session 4. Dialogue among Global Citizens**
Keynote Speech (2)
Topic: “Religion and Global Citizen: Religion, Diversity and Common Humanity”
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Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (President, Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN)

Day 2

6 December 2020, 11:00-16:00 (Seoul Time, GMT+9)

- 11:00-12:00 **Session 5. Youth and Global Citizens**
Topic: “How can we promote Global Citizenship Education for Our Future?”
Rev. Zi-young Kang (Int’l Academic Department Head, Youth Conference for United Religions) / Moderator
Rev. Yeo-ju Jo (Education Department Head, Youth Conference for United Religions)
Ms. Sayako Matsuda (IARF Youth member)
Ms. Chi-youn Baek (Focolare Movement member)
- 12:00-13:00 **Break & Lunch**
- 13:00-13:50 **Special Dialogue. UR 50 Inter-religious Dialogue**
Topic: “United Religions movement towards New Japan-Korea relations through Global Citizenship”
Rev. Ji-hoon Guk (Researcher, Policy Institute of Won-Buddhism) / Moderator
Dr. Sung-gon Kim (Honorary President, Asian Conference of Religions for Peace)
Rev. Norio Sakai (Chairperson, International Association for Religious Freedom Japan Chapter)
- 13:50-14:00 **Break**
- 14:00-14:20 **Special Lecture. Keynote Speech (3)**
Topic: “COVID-19: Buddhism and Sustainable Development”
Ven. Dr. Phra Anil Sakya (Rector, World Buddhists University)
- 14:20-14:30 **Break**
- 14:30-16:00 **Closing Session**
Overall Discussion & Comment
Topic: “Discussion on United Religions Movement for Sustainable Future”
Rev. Sang-won Hwang (Asian Pacific Leadership Fellow, East and West Center) / Moderator
Rev. Hakuga Murayama (President, World Fellowship of Buddhists Youth)
Dr. Bagus Laksana (Dean, School of Theology, Santana Dharma University)
Mr. Issac Thomas (Trustee, United Religions Initiative)
Rev. Sa-ho Lee (Youth Advisor, International Association for Religious Freedom Japan Chapter)
Ms. Tai-ock Lee (Executive Chair, Won-Buddhism Eco-Network)
Closing Remarks
Ms. Christina Lee (Interreligious Dialogue Adviser, Focolare Movement)
Rev. Young-in Sa (Secretary-General, Won-Buddhism Committee for United Religions)