“FOSTERING A CULTURE OF PEACE AMONG ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS”

THE 4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEBUILDING

Schedule of Presentations
Tuesday, October 31 – Thursday, November 2, 2017
DAY ONE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

Location: The Community Church of New York (Assembly Hall)
40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

8:30 AM Registration (Main Entrance) & Continental Breakfast (Hall)

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Opening Session
Room: Assembly Hall

9:00 AM Opening Speech
Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM

9:15 AM Welcoming Remarks
Dianna Wuagneux, Ph.D., Chair Emeritus of ICERM

9:30 AM Keynote Speeches
Theme: Living Together in Peace and Harmony
Noah Hanft, President and CEO of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, New York
Hon. Tek Bahadur Bashnet, Minister of General Administration, Government of Nepal

Chair:
Dianna Wuagneux, Ph.D., Chair Emeritus of ICERM

10:30 AM Q&A Session with Keynote Speakers

10:45 AM – 5:00 PM Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

10:45 AM Distinguished Lecture on Mediation
Metaphor Awareness for Multidimensional Practice: A Proposal for Enriching Narrative Mediation with Expanded Metaphor Techniques
Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D., DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

No Mediation Without Humanization: Lesson to be Learned from the 45 Years-Long Sham “Peace Process” in the Middle East
Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Resercher, Tel Aviv, Israel

Moderator:
Arthur Lerman, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Political Science, History and Conflict Management, Mercy College, New York
11:55 AM Group Photo

12:00 Noon – 1 PM Lunch on your own & Networking

1:00 PM Panel 1: Religious Conflict Issues and Model for Peaceful Coexistence

Islamic Identity Conflict: The Symbiotic Sectarianism of Sunni and Shia as Seen Through Hofstede’s Cultural Dimensions
Jeff Trueman, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California

Faith and Practice in Conflict Resolution: Toward a Multidimensional Approach
Rachel Goldberg, Ph.D., DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

A Mathematical Model to Attain Peace based on Monotheism
Seyed Abbas Tabatabaie Shirazani, Boroujerdi Civil Rights Group, The Netherlands

Moderator:
Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., Researcher-in-residence of Abrahamic Connections and Islamic Peace Studies at the Center for Global Peace in the School of International Service at American University and the Director of The African Institution, all in Washington DC

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM Short Break

2:10 PM Panel 2: Understanding Gender and Identity Issues for a Sustainable Peaceful Coexistence

Muslim American Women and the Headscarf: Choice and Identity
Abtsam Saleh, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Gender Studies: Challenges to Peace and Sustainable Development in Morocco
Fouzia Rhissassi, Co-chair /UNESCO / Chair : Woman and her Rights, Ibn-Tofail University, Kenitra, Morocco

Effectiveness of Treatment Based on Wish-Actualization Doctrine and its Comparison with Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy in Couples with Marital Problems due to Differences of Beliefs and Religious Conflicts
Laleh Moazenzadeh, BCR group, USA

African Inter-Marriages as a Peace-Making Inducement and Developmental Orientation
Tumwebaze Abu Bashir, Zanzibar University

Moderator:
Tzofnat Zoe Peleg-Baker, Ph.D., Psychology & Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Belgium & Taos Institute, U.S.A., and Rutgers University

3:30 PM – 3:40 PM Short Break
3:45 PM Panel 3: Dehumanization and Transgenerational Conflict: Effects of Ethno-Religious Conflict on Children

The Dehumanized Personality: Understanding Prevention and Healing
Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Researcher, Tel Aviv, Israel

Sins of the Father: The Danger and Futility of Trans-generational Conflicts in Nigeria
Nneka Ikelionwu, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Nigeria

Children’s Safety and Ethno-Religious Armed Conflicts in the 21st Century: A Case of Africa’s Great Lakes Region
Badru Hasan Seguji, Ph.D., Zanzibar University and Kampala International University, Dar es salaam-Tanzania

Moderator:
Basil Ugorji, Ph.D. Program, Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, Nova Southeastern University’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM), New York

5:00 PM Day One Closing Remarks
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM

DAY TWO
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Location: The Community Church of New York (Assembly Hall)
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8:30 AM Registration (Main Entrance) & Continental Breakfast (Hall)

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Insights from the Experts and Panel Discussions

9:00 AM Panel 4: Peaceful Coexistence and Harmony

A Learning Journey Towards Peace and Harmony
Ana Martinez De Luco, Sure We Can, Brooklyn, New York

E-clustering for Living Together in Peace and Harmony
Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., Center for Global Peace, American University, and The African Institution, Washington, DC

Albania Model for Coexistence in Peace and Interfaith Harmony
Nikoll Doci, Ph.D., Albanian Trade Unions Centre for Training and Research

Moderator:
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Harriet Lewis, Ph.D., Konesens Development, Westchester, Illinois

**Moderator:**

*Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations*

2:50 AM – 3:00 PM Short Break

### 3:00 PM Panel 8: Peace Education and Conflict Prevention

**Teachers’ Preparation for Sustainable Peace-building Education in Post-conflict Colombia**
Carolina Castro, The University of Auckland, New Zealand

**Effect of treatment based on wish actualization view on reduction symptoms of antisocial personality disorder as an effective step to prevent these individuals from joining terrorist groups**
Thomas Gawrgus, BCR Group, USA

**Education Against Dehumanization: A Radical Change of Approach to Peace Education**
Olek Netzer, Ph.D., Independent Resercher, Tel Aviv, Israel

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### 4:00 PM Panel 9: Building Sustainable Peace and Security in Multi-Ethnic Societies

**Ultra-religious Theory of Wish-actualization as a Comprehensive Solution for Promotion of Global Peace**
Shirin Moazen Zadeh, BCR Group, Women Rights Activist, USA

**The Nigerian State and Farmers-Herders Conflict: Searching for an Elusive Peace in a Multi-ethnic Society**
George A. Genyi, Ph.D., Federal University Lafia, Nigeria

**Resolving Conflict through Mediation: The Case of Tiv Farmers Vs Fulani Herdsmen in Benue State, North Central Nigeria**
Margaret Bai-Tachia, Ph.D., Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria

**Future Agenda of Conflict Resolution in African Societies**
Tumwebaze Abu Bashir, Zanzibar University

**Moderator:**

*Tzofnat Zoe Peleg-Baker, Ph.D., Psychology & Educational Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), Belgium & Taos Institute, U.S.A., and Rutgers University*

5:00 PM Day Two Closing Remarks
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, ICERM
DAY THREE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

1:15 PM Guided Tour at the United Nations
Take off Location: 1st Avenue at 45th Street, New York, New York.

6:00 PM to 9:30 PM Conference Closing Ceremony
Open to the Public / Suggested Donation

Location: The Community Church of New York (Hall of Worship)
40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

Glimpses of
3rd Annual International Conference
**6:00 PM to 9:30 PM Conference Closing Ceremony**  
Open to the Public / Suggested Donation

Location: The Community Church of New York (Hall of Worship)  
40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

**6:00 PM Meet and Greet / Refreshment**

**6:15 PM Film Screening**  
KAWOMERA: Plant, Pray, Partner for Peace – A film about a community of Muslim, Christian and Jewish coffee farmers in Uganda setting an example of peaceful coexistence by Marla Mossman, Peace Caravan Project

Location: Assembly Hall, 40 E 35th St, New York, NY 10016

**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Pray for Peace - A multi-faith, multi-ethnic and multi-national prayer for global peace**

**6:30 PM Welcoming Remarks**  
Laura Waldman, ICERM Member  
Michele Washington, Master of Ceremonies (MC)  
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM)

**6:40 PM Flute Peace Song Interlude**  
Dr. Eileen Ain

**6:45 PM Song on Piano**  
Mykel, Singer/Performer at Eec! Productions, Inc.

**6:50 PM Peace Prayer & Reflection**  
Rev. Susana Bastarrica, Founder of Vigil for Peace and Ecology  
Guruji Rev. Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan, President, World Yoga Community  
Imam Dr. Ahmet M. Atlig, Chaplain, VA Medical Center  
Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Kenjitsu Nakagaki, Buddhist Council of New York  
Rabbi George Scott Matous, Advisor, All Faiths Seminary International  
Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, President of Interfaith Center of USA

**7:00 PM World Peace Flag Ceremony**  
Brandon Perdomo, World Peace Prayer Society

**7:10 PM Keynote Speech**  
Ms. Ana María Menéndez,  
Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Policy
7:45 PM ICERM Honorary Award Presentation to:
Ms. Ana María Menéndez, Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on Policy
Noah Hanft, President and CEO of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, New York

7:55 PM Support the #RunToNigeria with an Olive Branch Campaign
Help us #RunToNigeria with an olive branch and prevent ethnic and religious conflict situation in Nigeria from escalating. With only $10 you can support one runner for peace, unity & justice!

8:00 PM “I Don’t Know You Yet” – A poem recitation
Nance L. Schick, Esq., Main ICERM Representative to the United Nations

8:05 PM Aboriginal Taiwanese Blessing Dance
Shiang Jiun Chen, Peace Kite Project

8:15 PM Voices of the Indigenous People
Nana osei Kwame II at Tetrem, Traditional Ruler from the Ashanti Region of Ghana
Michelle L. George, UN Representative for United Tribal Nations/ Onondaga Nation Snipe Clan

8:35 PM Rice Dance
Brandon Perdomo & The Performance in Peace Initiative

8:45 PM Dance with Flags and a Track
•Mykel, Singer/Performer at Eec! Productions, Inc.

8:50 PM Song - "Search for Peace"
Revalyn Gold, Shout Peace on Earth Activist and Founder

9:00 PM Closing Remarks
Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM)
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Theme: Traditional Systems of Conflict Resolution

Date: Tuesday, October 30 - Thursday, November 1, 2018
Location: New York City

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