RELIGIONS FOR PEACE
10th WORLD ASSEMBLY
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As Managing Director of the Foundation Peace Dialogue of World Religions and Civil Society, which was founded by the couple Mr. and Mrs. Schürer for the implementation of the 10th World Assembly, I am focusing today on two aspects:

- The location where the 10th World Assembly will take place and
- The Ring for Peace – the symbol, the ceremony and the trademark

1. Figures, data and facts for the 10th World Assembly

The World Assemblies of RfP take place approximately every 5 to 6 years.

This year, the World Assembly will be held for the 10th time, and
**For the first time in Germany** – from 20 to 23 August 2019 at Lindau Inselhalle in Bavaria.

We are expecting around **900 delegates and guests from 100 countries**.

Our Foundation "Peace Dialogue of World Religions and Civil Society," which was founded last year is responsible for the 10th World Assembly.

Guests from all over the world meet in Lindau in an international, decentralized environment that, with its rich nature, reminds us that climate protection is an essential part of the vision for peace.

In addition, the Tri-State area of Germany, Austria and Switzerland has a certain neutrality.

We hope that Lindau will develop as a permanent place for inter-religious peace dialogue and create a space for future meetings.

2. Ring for Peace – Artwork, Ceremony and Trademark

The Ring for Peace is THE symbol of the 10th World Assembly and will be established as a **lasting symbol of peace** between religions.
As you can see from this model, it is a standing wooden ring in the shape of a Moebius strip. It will consist of woods from various world regions, be 7.5 meters in height and built by the wood sculptor Gisbert Baarmann from Templin in Brandenburg and erected in the Luitpoldpark in Lindau.

The ring stands as a unifying element of religions that is not bound to one denomination or excluding another.

During the Opening day of the World Assembly, an interreligious and spiritual ceremony with all delegates and many guests will take place on 20 August in Lindau at the Ring for Peace in Luitpold Park. From this place, a greeting of peace of all present religions will be sent around the world.

The ring will remain permanently there and will continue to be a symbol of inter-religious ceremonies and meetings in Lindau.

Ring for Peace is the trademark of the Foundation Peace Dialogue of World Religions and Civil Society in partnership with RfP for the 10th World Assembly.

Under this "logo" we – the Foundation with Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Schürer from St. Gallen as Chairman, whom I also warmly welcome at this point, and myself as Managing Director – will support and inspire the inter-religious peace dialogue with our partners in Berlin and New York, even beyond the World Assembly.

Thank you very much!