

Religions for Peace

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Recognizing Hate Speech - Overcoming Terrorism

A series of terrorist attacks is shaking people in Europe and around the world. Near Paris a teacher's head is cut off, in Nice three people are stabbed to death, in Vienna four people are shot and 23 are injured. The perpetrators were driven by religiously motivated hatred. The question that arises is: Where does this hatred begin? Before hatred can become big enough to make people take the lives of others, it must first be put into words and heard. Hatred begins with words and language and manifests itself in what we call Hate-Speech. Therefore, we need to take a look at where the language of hatred originates in religions and how it works and also how it can be prevented.

But what is the meaning of religious hatred in language? We would be happy to offer you the opportunity to speak with one or more experts from the *Religions for Peace* movement outside of the conference *1st Assembly on Women, Faith and Diplomacy*, who deal with interreligious dialogue or how hatred in language can be recognized and prevented - in communities and also in social media.

We suggest the following interview partners:

- [Ms. Düzen Tekkal](#), *Journalist, Filmmaker, War Reporter, Human Rights Activist, Founder, Hawar Help and German Dream, GERMANY*
- [Ms. Sharon Rosen](#), *Global Director, Search for Common Ground, ISRAEL [10 Min]*
She co-created and leads the [Universal Code of Conduct on Holy Sites](#) initiative and has managed multiple projects on religion, development, health, and media.
- [Dr. Mary McAleese](#), *Former President of the Republic of Ireland*
1997 to 2011 she was the 8th President of Ireland, the first person from Northern Ireland to hold that role. The theme of her Presidency was Building Bridges and throughout her fourteen years in office she worked to heal the fractured politico/sectarian relationships on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and Britain.
- [Sr. Agatha O. Chikelue DMMM](#), *Nun of the Daughters of Mother Mary of Mercy; Co-Chair Nigerian & African Women of Faith Network; Executive Director Cardinal Onaiyekan Foundation for Peace (COFP); Chair, Religions for Peace International Women's Coordinating Committee*
Director of the [Cardinal Onaiyekan Foundation for Peace](#) which runs the [only interfaith fellowship training programme](#) in Nigeria intended to unite people across divides

The current virtual *Assembly on Women, Faith and Diplomacy* of *Religions for Peace* and *Ring for Peace* brings together experts in peacebuilding and interfaith conflict resolution. Over 600 participants from more than 90 countries are attending. One focus of the conference is the topic of conflict transformation and Hate Speech, which must be considered all the more urgent in view of the terrorist attacks of the last weeks and months.

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<https://wfd2020.ringforpeace.org> - Conference Program with Speaker

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