Women Engagement:
Help for Beirut, refugees and against racism

Wars and extreme climatic conditions or individual disasters like the explosion in Beirut drive people from their homes all over the world. They seek refuge often in places where there is neither running water nor medical care. Lebanon, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sudan and Somalia are the countries with the largest refugee movements at present. Although the international community acknowledges that refugees all over the world have to live in inhumane conditions, it has not been able to develop common strategies to prevent this. In addition, the world is currently confronted with the Black Life Matters movement and the issue of racism not only in the USA, but worldwide.

To develop strategies for prevention and help, it needs diplomatic experience, empathy and sensitivity in both politics and religion. And it needs the help of multipliers who have been active in the crisis regions for decades: religious communities. At the point where political diplomacy reaches its limits, the network of the Religions for Peace movement takes up its work and initiates solution-oriented discussions.

Would you like to learn about the importance of religious leaders in resolving conflicts in crisis areas? Would you like to talk to one or more experts of the Religions for Peace movement about how the interreligious diplomacy of the Religions for Peace movement works?

We suggest the following interview partners:

Beirut

Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Co-Founder, Adyan Foundation; Co-President, Religions for Peace, GERMANY/LEBANON

Refugees/Migrants

H.E. Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Rev. Dr. Antje Jackelen, Lutheran Archbishop of Uppsala; Primate of the Church of Sweden, SWEDEN

Runs “A World of Neighbours” - network of people and faith-based actors working with and for refugees and migrants in every corner of Europe.

Bishop Munib Younan, Bishop Emeritus President; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; Honorary President, Religions for Peace, PALESTINE

Stewarded the adoption of the UNHCR document “Welcoming the Stranger: Affirmations for Faith Leaders” signed at the 9th World Assembly of Religions for Peace in 2013
Racism
Prof. Anantanand Rambachan, Professor of Religion, St. Olaf College; Co-President, Religions for Peace, INDIA/USA
Hindu Liberation theology and progressive Hinduism

Hon. Ela Gandhi, Trustee, Gandhi Development Trust and Religions for Peace Co-President, SOUTH AFRICA; Protested against Apartheid in South Africa and put under house arrest; served on the Transitional Executive Committee in the South African government post-Apartheid; served on South Africa’s Parliament from 1994-2004

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, which must be considered all the more urgent in view of the refugee and racism problems of recent months and years.

General Press Contact:
presse@ringforpeace.org (DE)
press@rfp.org (EN)

Further Information on Conference and Accreditation
https://ringforpeace.org – Press Material, Livestream for Press and Accreditation
https://wfd2020.ringforpeace.org - Conference Program with Speaker, public Livestream
https://rfp.org - Religions for Peace

Press Contact supraregional Germany:
Julia Naumann, naumann@betternau.de, +49 152 557 540 51

Press Contact regional Germany:
Dr. Jessica D.S. Knall, jessica.knall@ringforpeace.org, +49 172 945 15 88

Press Contact international:
Mary Grace Donohoe, mgdonohoe@rfp.org

#womenfaithdiplomacy #religionsforpeace
#ringforpeace #rfp20
Facebook.com/ringforpeace instagram.com/ringforpeace