

—Our Common Goals and Heritage—

Reconciliation through Understanding

Christianity and Islam:



Quick facts

- Send non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person. Balance due December 29, 2003. For registrations after December 29 please send a check or use Visa or MasterCard for the full amount.
- Special dietary or mealtime needs for religious or medical reasons? Please describe in a note sent with your registration.
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Christianity & Islam: Reconciliation through Understanding, January 29 - February 1, 2004

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Name _____ Age _____ Male ___ Female ___
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr, Mrs., Ms., Miss) (Optional)

Your preferred name _____ Accompanying spouse _____

Address (PO Box, street, city, state, ZIP) _____

Day telephone () _____ E-mail address(optional) print clearly _____

Registering for Full Conference, Jan. 29-Feb.1 _____ or Short Conference, Jan. 30-Feb. 1 _____ (check one) Are you a student age 18-24? _____

Roommate request* _____ Single Occupancy** _____ Is this your first visit to Kanuga? _____

Church _____ Diocese _____

Smoker _____ Nonsmoker _____ Lodging preference: Cottage _____ Guest House _____ Inn _____ No preference _____

Names and ages of people coming with you who will not participate in the conference: _____

Payment by Check _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ Card# _____

Name on Card _____ V-code (last 3 digits on back of card) _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ Deposit \$ _____ In Full \$ _____

*Those who wish to share a room or groups desiring to share housing should send registrations in one packet. **Single occupancy, if available is extra. Please notify Kanuga Reservation Services in advance if you have any medical needs such as diet or disability accommodations. Unless otherwise informed, Kanuga will consider your registration as permission to use photographs, audio/video recording of you for Kanuga promotion, its web site or news media coverage. Please make your checks payable to **Kanuga Conferences, Inc.** Committed to the principles of equal opportunity, Kanuga Conferences makes its programs available without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, age or national origin.

Rates, conference options

The cost includes program, lodging, meals, and use of recreational facilities. Commuters must be residents of Henderson, Buncombe, Polk, Rutherford or Transylvania County. Commuter rate includes program, lunch, supper, use of recreational facilities. *Students age 18 - 24 receiving \$250 grants should expect to be assigned double occupancy accommodations.*

Full Conference: January 29-February 1 (Thursday supper-Sunday lunch) Double occupancy \$495 per person, Single occupancy \$570, Commuter \$345; Students age 18-24: \$420 double occupancy, \$485 single occupancy, \$295 commuter

Short Conference: January 30-February 1 (Friday supper-Sunday lunch) Double occupancy \$375 per person, Single occupancy \$425, Commuter \$245; Students age 18-24: \$295 double occupancy, \$335 single occupancy, \$195 commuter

You can help sponsor a student

The need for reconciliation is a challenge for every generation. To encourage young adults to participate in this conference, grants of \$250 are being sought. The goal is to bring to Kanuga students age 18 to 24, 10 Muslims and 10 Christians.

Can you help find churches, dioceses, mosques, schools, organizations, foundations, or persons who will sponsor participants? Eight grants have been received; 12 more are needed.

For information or to become a sponsor email Van Kussrow at vank12@mchsi.com or telephone 828-693-1490. Contributions will be tax deductible.



Kanuga Conferences and the Community of the Cross of Nails continue working together to promote understanding between Christians and Muslims, with a new conference in 2004.

Kanuga is an Episcopal center with programs open to all faiths. The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is an international organization promoting peace and reconciliation as a ministry of Coventry Cathedral in England.

In December 2001, the collaboration produced the Reconciliation Conference: *Christianity and Islam in Conflict: Is There a Way Forward?*. Planned many months before September 11, the event attracted unprecedented coverage by the news media, including The New York Times.

Soon after, that conference's coordinator, **Van C. Kussrow, Jr.** of Hendersonville, began preparing a second event, **Christianity and Islam: Reconciliation through Understanding—Our Common Goals and Heritage**. The dates are January 29-February 1, 2004 (Thursday supper-Sunday lunch). A Short Conference (Friday supper-Sunday lunch) is offered, designed for students or working persons who cannot get away for the entire conference.

It is hoped that many new participants will come, especially young adults, as well as all who attended the 2001 event.

"The focus of the 2001 conference was international, with speakers from several nations, and participants were eager for a follow-up about reconciliation in North America," Kussrow said recently. "There are many cultural and religious barriers to overcome, now aggravated by war. Current events make it more imperative than ever that we explore the basis for trust and understanding between neighbors in the United States and Canada."

Distinguished Muslim and Christian speakers



Takim



Ludwig



Appleby



Raza



Bennetts



Shweder



Ali



Moosa

Seven major presentations are planned for Christianity and Islam: Reconciliation through Understanding, January 29-February 1, 2004.

* **Muslim-Christian Interaction: Past, Present, Future** (Dr. Liyakat Takim, University of Denver; Prof. Theodore Ludwig, Valparaiso University)

* **Fundamentalism – Christian and Muslim** (Prof. R. Scott Appleby, Notre Dame)



* **Women and Islam: Myth vs. Reality** (Ms. Raheel Raza, journalist, Toronto)

* **And Who Is My Neighbor? – Christians and Muslims Care for Each Other** (The Rt. Rev. Colin Bennetts, Bishop of Coventry)

* **Tolerance through Understanding: On Being Slow to Judge 'Others'** (Prof. Richard Shweder, University of Chicago)

* **The African-American Islamic Experience** (Dr. Abdul-Malik R. Ali, Imam, Trenton, N. J.)

* **Shari'ah Values and U. S. Constitutional Values: Where Are the Fault Lines?** (Prof. Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University) *Shari'ah is the Islamic code of law.*

In response, questions will come from the audience. After a break, discussion groups meet, then return to a plenary session with their response and any further developed questions for the speaker. Time is slotted for at least four projects, actions back home which the conferees will identify and plan.

Conference leaders hope that older and younger persons will attend, including many Muslims as well as Christians, balancing the dialogue and achieving a more realistic outcome.

Although the two traditions have much in common, each has unique needs and practices. Separate worship will be led by both a Muslim imam (prayer leader) and a Christian chaplain. Muslim prayers will be said in observance of the annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, occurring at the time of the conference. The conference program will include comparisons of Muslim and Christian pilgrimages.

The realities of reconciliation

The program leaders believe that Islam cannot be understood by reading newspapers and watching television. Neither can the Muslim community understand Christianity by reading what so-called fundamentalists say in the same news media.

The program will be a scholarly discussion of the problem but time for Muslims and Christians to get to know each other is as important as the keynotes and workshops. The reconciliation ministry of the Community of the Cross of Nails asks people to risk modifying perceptions, practices, and strongly held convictions. Leaders find the road to reconciliation is frightening, painful, and often dangerous, but it does not require abject surrender to another's position.

"We think reconciliation in North America requires thoughtful consideration of the roles of religion in politics, government, and human interaction," Kussrow said. "Perhaps most promising will be our conversations about how the behavior of our group, however large or small it may be, can influence many others in many places."

More about the presenters

Dr. Takim - Has taught world religions and especially Islamic Studies at universities including Toronto, Miami, Queen's, Vanderbilt, Denver...involved in Muslims in the American Public Square, a joint research project for the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University

Prof. Ludwig - Surjit S. Patheja Professor of World Religions and Ethics, Department of Theology, Valparaiso University...M. Div., Th.D., Ph.D....courses include Families of Abraham: Jews, Christian, and Muslims...Understanding Islamic Religion and Culture

Prof. Appleby - University of Notre Dame, Professor of History and John M. Regan Jr. Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies...examines the roots of religious violence and the potential of religious peacebuilding...former co-director of the Fundamentalism Project, an international public policy study by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Raza - media consultant, award-winning journalist, public speaker...born in Pakistan, resident of Canada since 1989...addresses issues facing the South Asian community (human rights,

status of women, arranged marriages, media stereotypes)... received MW Award (Muslim Women Who Make a Difference)

Bishop Bennetts - Bishop of Coventry, home of the Community of the Cross of Nails, since 1998...very involved in Middle East affairs, including recent visits to Iraq, Israel, Jordan...Patron, The International Friendship and Reconciliation Trust

Prof. Shweder - Cultural anthropologist and William Claude Reavis Professor of Human Development, University of Chicago...his books include *Why Do Men Barbecue? Recipes for Cultural Psychology* (Harvard University Press), co-editor *Engaging Cultural Differences: The Multicultural Challenge in Liberal Democracies* (Russell Sage Foundation Press), *Thinking through Cultures: Expeditions in Cultural Psychology* (Harvard)

Imam Ali - Since 1979 Resident Imam of Masjidut-Taqwa, Trenton, N. J. where he teaches Quranic Studies, Arabic, Islamic Studies, comparative religion...holds two degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary: master's in Islamic Education, honorary doctorate in Theology...active in inter-faith organizations, civic affairs, 10 years sergeant at arms of the N. J. state senate...conducts workshops on local and national level

Prof. Moosa - Associate Research Professor, Duke University Department of Religion...interests in Islamic law, ethics, theology, theory...co-director of the Center for Study of Muslim Networks...taught at Stanford and University of Cape Town in his native South Africa...is considered to be among the foremost figures of a new generation of Muslim thinkers

Other staff



Kussrow

The coordinator of this and the 2001 conference, **Van C. Kussrow, Jr.** is past president of the Community of the Cross of Nails-USA. He lives in Hendersonville.

The Christian chaplain will be the Rev. **Stephen Stanley**, since 1990 associate rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, N. C. and Episcopal chaplain at the University

of North Carolina. He served as the Inter-Faith Officer for the Diocese of North Carolina and is the CCN-USA vice president for development.

The Iman for the conference will be **Liyakat Takim** of the University of Denver.



Stanley

About the Community of the Cross of Nails

The Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) is a vibrant international network of persons and institutions committed to a practical vision of reconciliation and a genuine intention to live a disciplined Christian life. It stems from and works with the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral in England.

The Coventry Cross of Nails was fashioned from three medieval nails which fell from the blazing timbers of the old Coventry Cathedral, destroyed by Nazi bombing. Rather than focus on revenge, the Cathedral pledged to go in the spirit of peace to

Scholarships

Kanuga maintains a scholarship fund based on need. The usual award is one-fourth of the event's cost, although one-third may be requested for special need. Recipients are encouraged to seek scholarship aid in their church, mosque, or community to match Kanuga's contribution. A scholarship form, obtained from Kanuga's Reservations Services by mail, fax, or email upon request, is required. *Students receiving \$250 grants cannot also receive scholarships.*

Germany and help reconstruct damage from Allied bombing. Today the Cross of Nails and Coventry Cathedral are living, working symbols of peace, conflict resolution and forgiveness through the International Centre for Reconciliation.

Because of its unique history, the ministries of Coventry Cathedral are often able to intervene where governments and other international bodies have failed.

Through research, reconciliation, and relief the group has worked in the Middle East, the Balkans, Northern Ireland, Nigeria, Cuba and elsewhere. Coventry is a multi-faith city and its reconciliation is a model for the world.

About Kanuga Conferences

Enjoying a 1,400 acre mountain woodland campus in Western North Carolina with Kanuga Lake as its centerpiece, Kanuga Conferences is a conference center affiliated with the Episcopal Church. It has year round accommodations for 450 at the main campus and another 160 at the Bob Campbell Youth Campus. Camp Kanuga for Boys and Girls with an additional 120 capacity operates during the summer. Kanuga is located in the southeastern United States and is used by many groups, church and secular, for regional, national, and international programs.

An Episcopal Center since 1928, Kanuga opens its programs to all. In 2002 upwards of 35,000 persons participated in events at Kanuga, enjoying its rustically comfortable accommodations, its inspiring setting and its peaceful atmosphere. Food service is provided by contract with Sodehxo.

Housing options are the Kanuga Lake Inn; Traditional Cottages with 2 to 6 bedrooms, 1 to 4 baths; Guest Houses with 4 bedrooms, 4 baths. Cottages and Guest Houses have living rooms, fireplaces and are ideal for groups of friends.

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