



IRF Summit
2024

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DEAR ATTENDEES,

As Co-Chairs of the International Religious Freedom Summit, we welcome you to the fourth annual gathering of religious freedom advocates from around the world. Over the next two days, we look forward to listening and learning, to building new bridges and alliances, and to continuing the momentum generated during our first three years. We are grateful for your support and deeply appreciate you joining us.

Freedom of religion, conscience and belief is a fundamental human right. It is foundational to every other human right. Unfortunately, for far too many people around the world, religious freedom remains unattainable. It is estimated that almost 80 percent of the world's population lives in countries that impose significant restrictions on their expression of faith or belief.

As a community, we must do what we can to change this reality. Whether at the government level or on the ground, we must all defend those who are denied the freedom to practice their own faith, to follow the dictates of their conscience, or to practice no faith at all. While we may not all share common beliefs, we must find common ground in our commitment to defend each other's conscience rights, and thereby further the cause of international religious freedom.

During these two jam-packed days, we will share ideas and develop strategies to advance the international religious freedom movement. We seek to energize and embolden faith groups, civil society, and governments to recognize the importance of religious freedom and religious plurality, as well as better understand how religious freedom issues impact other areas of our lives. We know your resolve will be strengthened by the people you meet and the stories you hear. We are honored to work alongside you to ensure that religious freedom is safeguarded as a vitally important human right and as a building block of society in every corner of the world.

Our motto at the IRF Summit is simple: Religious freedom for everyone, everywhere, all the time. This message sets out a formidable challenge to all of us that have gathered this week, but we believe it is a challenge we can face and ultimately overcome together. We welcome you and look forward to working with you as we make this bold vision a reality.

Respectfully yours,



Katrina Lantos Swett

*Former Chair of United States Commission
on International Religious Freedom
Co-Chair of IRF Summit 2024*



Sam Brownback

*United States Ambassador at Large for
International Religious Freedom, 2018 - 2021
Co-Chair of IRF Summit 2024*

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM CONTENT

Program order and speakers are subject to change.

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BADGES

Badges must be worn at all times. For security reasons, the sharing of badges is expressly forbidden. If you leave the Summit, and will not be returning we ask that you please do not discard your badge in a hotel trashcan or meeting room. You may return it to the registration desk for recycling and secure disposal. If you are local and will be coming and going, we ask that you take extra precaution with security of your badge.

Please report any lost badges to the IRF Summit registration staff.

REGISTRATION AND BADGE PICK-UP

Concourse Foyer, Concourse Level

Badges will be available at the IRF Summit Registration Desk during the below hours:

Monday, January 29	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, January 30	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 31	7:30 am- 12:00 pm

- Speakers will pick up their badges at the IRF Summit Registration Desk.
- Press will pick up credentials in the Cabinet Room
- You will be required to show a photo ID which much match the name on the badge.
- On-site registration will be available.

NOTE: No discount codes will be honored for onsite registration other than the US Government Officials Discount Code - Government IDs will be required to receive the discount.

LOST BADGES:

Lost badges will incur a replacement fee of \$120, there will be no exceptions.

Badges must either be discarded off-site or returned to the IRF Registration desk upon final departure from the IRF Summit.

EVENT LOCATIONS:

- Plenary Sessions: *International Ballroom, Concourse Level*
- Breakout Tracks: *Georgetown, Jefferson, Lincoln, Monroe, Concourse Level*
- Exhibits: *International Ballroom, Concourse Level*

NETWORKING LOUNGE

International Terrace, Terrace Level

(sponsored by: Global Christian Relief)

Tuesday, January 30	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, January 31	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BOOKSTORE & ART GALLERY

International Terrace, Terrace Level

Tuesday, January 30	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, January 31	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

COAT CHECK - **Cash Only**

International Terrace, Terrace Level

A supervised coat check will be provided in the International Terrace at \$5 per checked item.

ATM locations in Hilton Hotel

Near Bellman's desk located on the Lobby Level
Terrace Level near stairs in Terrace Foyer

MEAL TICKETS

All meals in the International Ballroom require a badge AND a ticket. Tickets can be found in the back of your name badge holder. If you believe you are missing tickets, please go to the IRF Summit Registration Desk for assistance.

SECURITY

All personal items and packages are subject to inspection. Badges must be worn while attending the IRF Summit.

Personal banners, flags, or other items that are not part of a registered partner exhibit booth are not allowed and are subject to confiscation.

All attendees are reminded to hold themselves to civil conversation, even when opinions differ.

The IRF Summit reserves the right to immediately revoke badges and/or remove persons who act in an aggressive or disruptive manner, either vocally or physically. Refunds will not be provided to persons who are asked to leave the Summit.

PRESS INQUIRES

Press inquiries should be directed to
Seth Grutz at Seth.Grutz@jdaworldwide.com

SPECIAL NOTE

We kindly ask that attendees leave the plenary session room immediately after the conclusion of each session so that staff may strike and re-set for the next program.

You are welcome to mix and mingle in the pre-function space and in the Global Christian Relief sponsored lounge located in the international Ballroom Terrace. Thank you!

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Freedom

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BREAKOUT TRACKS

AT-A-GLANCE

BREAKOUT TRACK: **VULNERABLE**

*Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level / **Monroe***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 1
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Plurality Through the Eyes of Minorities in the Middle East
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 2
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM	Intersectionality and International Religious Freedom
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Blasphemy and Violence Across Asia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACKS SESSION 3
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Subverting State Power: Chinese Christian Prisoners of Conscience
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Amplifying the Defending Freedoms Project

BREAKOUT TRACK: **VIOLATIONS**

*Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level / **Lincoln***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 1
1:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Religious Freedom Violations in War & Conflict Zones: Ukraine, Armenia, Nigeria
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 2
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM	Violations in Surveillance States
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Violations Against Indigenous and Occupied Religious Communities

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACKS SESSION 3
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Violations in Western Democracies
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Concerning Trends in Latin America

BREAKOUT TRACK: **VOICES**

*Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level / **Jefferson***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 1
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elevating Forgotten Voices in Media
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 2
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM	Social Innovation for Religious Freedom
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Education for Religious Freedom

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACKS SESSION 3
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Corporate Responsibility for Religious Freedom
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Building Coalitions for Religious Freedom

BREAKOUT TRACK: **VICTORIES**

*Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level / **Georgetown***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 1
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Law and Religion: Legal Victories & Tools for IRF
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 2
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM	Global Spotlight on IRF Victories: Where do we go from Here?
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Bridge-building Victories in the Midst of Conflict: The Holy Land

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAKOUT TRACKS SESSION 3
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Successful U.N. Advocacy on the Freedom of Religious Belief
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Legislative Action Workshop

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Concourse Foyer / Concourse Level

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EARLY CHECK-IN

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

OPENING RECEPTION *Invitation Only*

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Concourse Foyer / Concourse Level

REGISTRATION OPEN

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

International Terrace / Terrace Level

ART GALLERY/BOOKSTORE

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

International Terrace / Terrace Level

LOUNGE OPEN

Sponsored by Christian Global Relief

GLOBAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Concourse Foyer / Concourse Level

META ACTIVATION

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Georgetown / Concourse Level

MORNING WORKSHOP

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR PREVENTION ACT

ENFORCEMENT AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Speakers:

Julie Millsap, *Government Relations Manager*, Uyghur Human Rights Project

Jake Parker, *Professional Staff House Select Committee for Competition with CCP*

Todd Stein, *Deputy Staff Director, Congressional Executive Commission on China*

The Hon. Rep Chris Smith, *(R-NJ) U.S. House of Representatives*

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Upper Ring International Ballroom/ Ballroom Level

EXHIBITS OPEN

Please note: Exhibits are closed during Plenary Sessions and Partner Meals

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

International Ballroom / Concourse Level

PLENARY SESSION 1

WHAT IS IRF, AND WHAT IT IS NOT?

Moderator:

Susan Crabtree, *Political Correspondent, RealClear Politics*

Speakers:

Prof. Payam Akhavan, *Massey College, University of Toronto*

Ambassador Sam Brownback, *Co-Chair, IRF Summit*

Ambassador Robert Rehak, *Chairman, International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance*

Rashad Hussain, *U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Northwest Room / Lobby Level

CATHOLIC MASS

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level

BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 1

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monroe

BREAKOUT TRACK: VULNERABLE PLURALITY THROUGH THE EYES OF MINORITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Speakers:

Habib Afram, *President, Syriac League*

Minoo Anvari, *Internal Controller, Bahi' World Center*

Mirza Dinnayi, *Director, Luftbrücke Irak*

Charmaine Hedding, *President, Shai Fund*

Kaldo Ramzi, *General Director, Syriac Culture*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lincoln

BREAKOUT TRACK: VIOLATIONS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS IN WAR & CONFLICT ZONES: UKRAINE, ARMENIA, NIGERIA

Speakers:

Valery Antoniuk, *President, Baptist Union of Ukraine*

Ambassador Sam Brownback, *IRF, Summit Co-Chair*

Mykhailo Byrystyn, *Head of Mission, Eurasia's Religious Freedom Initiative*

Fred Davie, *Commissioner, USCIRG*

Fr. Ambrose Ekeroku, *Nigerian Priest*

Lauren Homer, *President, Law and Liberty Trust*

Dmytro Lubinets, *Ombudsman, Ukraine*

Michael Rubin, *Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute*

Victor Yelensky, *Director, Ukrainian State Service for Ethnic Policy and Religious Affairs*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Jefferson

BREAKOUT TRACK: VOICES ELEVATING FORGOTTEN VOICES IN MEDIA

Speakers:

Paolo Carozza, *Meta Oversight Board*

Josh Good, *Director, of Faith Angle Forum*

Riada Asimovic Akyol, *Senior Communications Consultant, Gallup*

Nuri Kino, *Journalist, A Demand for Action*

Doug Wilks, *Executive Editor, of Deseret News*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Georgetown

BREAKOUT TRACK: VICTORIES LAW AND RELIGION: LEGAL VICTORIES & TOOLS FOR IRF

Speakers:

Stephanie Barclay, *Faculty Director, Religious Liberty Initiative, Notre Dame University*

Bob Destro, *Columbus Law School, Catholic University of America*

Cole Durham, *G20 Interfaith Forum*

Brett Scharffs, *Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies*

Sarah Teich, *Human Rights Action Group*

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

International Ballroom / Concourse Level

PARTNER LUNCH

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN DIGNITY DAY:

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

Sponsored by BYU International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Featuring Human Rights Advocates promoting an annual UN Human Dignity Day, complementing Human Rights Day, underscoring the importance of human dignity, in particular to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion for everyone everywhere. With music from Broadway star Oyoyo Joi Bonner and piano accompaniment by Braden Walters.

Welcome:

Katrina Lantos Swett, *Co-Chair IRF Summit*

Moderator:

Brett Scharffs, *Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies*

Speakers:

Jan Figel, *Former Special Envoy for promotion of freedom of religion outside the EU*

Mark Hill, *Barrister, United Kingdom Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights*

Ewelina Ochab, *Co-Founder, Coalition for Genocide Response*

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

International Terrace/ Terrace Level

BOOKSTORE AND

NETWORKING LOUNGE OPEN

Networking Lounge Sponsored by Christian Global Relief:

GLOBAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

International Ballroom / Ballroom Level

PLENARY SESSION 2

PANEL: IRF IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Moderator:

Knox Thames, *Senior Fellow, Pepperdine University*

Speakers:

Lise Grande, *President & CEO, United States Institute of Peace*

Ambassador Nathan Sales, *Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council*

Siranush Sargsyan, *Journalist*

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH MIKE PENCE

Michael R. Pence, *48th Vice President of the United States*

Antonia Ferrier, *Vice President for External Affairs, International Republican Institute*

PANEL: IRF IN THE CONTEXT OF MODERN CULTURE

Moderator:

Angela Redding, *Executive Director, Radiant Foundation*

Speakers:

Marisol Nichols, *Actress and Human Rights Advocate*

Hannah Rose Thomas, *Internationally Recognized Visual Artist*

PANEL: IRF IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Moderator:

Benedict Rogers, *CEO, Hong Kong Watch*

Speakers:

Michael Abramowitz, *President, Freedom House*

Nazila Ghanea, *Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, United Nations*

Robert Jenkins, *Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau of Conflict Prevention & Stabilization, USAID*

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

International Terrace / Terrace Level

BOOKSTORE SIGNING

WITH HANNAH ROSE THOMAS

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

DEDICATED NETWORKING & EXHIBIT TIME

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level

BREAKOUT TRACK SESSION 2

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Monroe

BREAKOUT TRACK: VULNERABLE INTERSECTIONALITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Speakers:

Marian Edmonds-Allen, *Executive Director, Parity*

Frances Hui, *Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong*

Ruhi Jahanpour, *Baha'is of the United States*

Katrina Lantos-Swett, *Co-Chair, IRF Summit*

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Monroe

BREAKOUT TRACK: VULNERABLE BLASPHEMY AND VIOLENCE ACROSS ASIA

Speakers:

Aung Kyaw Moe, *Deputy Union Minister, National Unity Government*

Nadine Maenza, *President, IRF Secretariat*

Ajit Sahi, *Advocacy Director, Indian American Muslim Council*

Siju Thomas, *Director, ADF International India*

Amjad Khan, *National Director of Public Affairs, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA*

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Lincoln

BREAKOUT TRACK: VIOLATIONS VIOLATIONS IN SURVEILLANCE STATES

Speakers:

Rushan Abbas, *Uyghur American Advocate and Activist*

Namygal Choedup, *Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

Nazila Ghanea, *UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief*

Bassam Ishak, *Co-Representative, Syrian Democratic Council to the United States*

Sabrina Sohail, *Director of Advocacy and Communications, Campaign for Uyghurs*

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Lincoln

BREAKOUT TRACK: VIOLATIONS VIOLATIONS AGAINST INDIGENOUS AND OCCUPIED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Speakers:

Mark Basta, *Research Fellow, UC Berkeley*

Alda Benjamin, *Assistant Professor, University of Dayton*

Senator Cecilia Moyoviri Moye, *Bolivia*

Cole Durham, *President, G20 Interfaith Forum Association*

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Jefferson

BREAKOUT TRACK: VOICES SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Speakers:

Kyle Abts, *International Committee on Nigeria*

Dr. Dennis Petri, *International Director, International Institute for Religious Freedom*

Marian Maghakyan, *Cultural Heritage*

Marina Shalabi, *Product Policy Manager, Instagram*

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Jefferson

BREAKOUT TRACK: VOICES EDUCATION FOR IRF

Speakers:

Mario Bramnick, *President of the Latino Coalition for Israel*

Matius Ho, *Executive Director, Lemeina Institute*

David Trimble, *Vice President Public Policy and Education, Religious Freedom Institute*

James Walters, *Director, LSE Faith Center*

3:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Georgetown

BREAKOUT TRACK: VICTORIES GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT ON IRF VICTORIES: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Moderator:

Jeremy Barker, *Director, Middle East Action Team, Religious Freedom Institute*

Speakers:

Fiona Bruce, *United Kingdom Special Envoy, Freedom of Religion or Belief*

Ambassador Rashad Hussain, *U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom*

Eric Patterson, *President, Religious Freedom Institute*

Nadine Maenza, *President, IRF Secretariat*

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Georgetown

BREAKOUT TRACK: VICTORIES BRIDGE-BUILDING VICTORIES IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT: THE HOLY LAND

Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon, *Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace*

Anthony Limberakis, *MD, National Commander of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle*

Becca Tyvoll, *Peace Catlyst, International*

Dr. Elizabeth Pomodrou, *Visiting Professor in the International Studies Program at Boston College*

Aziz Abu Sarah, *Palestinian peace activist*

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Georgetown / Concourse Level

PRIVATE SCREENING OF OCTOBER 7TH FOOTAGE *Prior RSVP Required*

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Warning: This footage is unedited, is extremely graphic and contains difficult footage to watch.

RECORDING OF ANY TYPE IS NOT ALLOWED

All electronic devices, cellphones, laptops etc., must be checked at the door prior to entry.

No briefcases, backpacks or personal items other than a small purse will be allowed. All purses are subject to inspection.

A disclosure agreement must be signed prior to entry.

Speakers:

Eliav Benjamin, *Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Israel, United States*

Robert Nicholson, *President, The Philos Project*

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

International Ballroom

PARTNER DINNER

Sponsored by Alliance of Virtue

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS CAN ADVANCE RELIGIOUS

FREEDOM THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF MARRAKESH DECLARATION

Speakers:

Azizah Al-Hibri, PhD, *Board Chair, The Karamah: Muslim Lawyers for Human Rights*

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, *Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London*

His Eminence Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah, *President, Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace*

Ambassador Sam Brownback, *Co-Chair IRF Summit*

The Hon. James Lankford *(R-OK) U.S. Senate*

Bishop Elias Zaidan, *Chairman USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace*

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Georgetown / Concourse Level

MOVIE SCREENING

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Concourse Foyer / Concourse Level

REGISTRATION OPEN

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Upper Ring / International Ballroom / Ballroom Level

EXHIBITS OPEN/ART GALLERY

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8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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NETWORKING LOUNGE OPEN

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GLOBAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Gunston East / Terrace Level

YOUNG CHAMPIONS TRACK

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

International Ballroom

PARTNER BREAKFAST WORLDWIDE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPIRITUALITY AND WELLBEING

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Speakers:

Diana Gerson, Associate Executive Vice President, The New York Board of Rabbis

Ilana Ron-Levey, Managing Director, Public Sector, Gallup

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

International Terrace

BOOKSTORE OPEN

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Northwest / Lobby Level

CATHOLIC MASS

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

International Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION 3

KEYNOTE: THE HON. MIKE JOHNSON (R-LA)
SPEAKER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

PANEL: CHALLENGES IN INDIA FOR
NON-MAJORITY FAITHS

Moderator:

David Curry, President & CEO Global Christian Relief

Speakers:

Sukhman Dhami, Co-Founder, Ensaaf

Arfa Khanum, Senior Editor, The Wire

Bina Nepram, Founder, Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace

Fr. Christu Rajan, Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore

PANEL: WOMEN IN IRF LEADING THE WAY

Moderator:

Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, Former U.S. Ambassador-At-Large,
International Religious Freedom

Speakers:

Hurunnessa Fariad, Director of Outreach, Multifaith Neighbors Network

Gloria Puldu, President, LEAH Foundation

Lou Ann Sabatier, Co-Founder, FoRB Womens Alliance

Wai Wai Nu, Founder and Executive Director, Women Peace Network

PANEL: COUNTERING THE GLOBAL SURGE OF
ANTISEMITISM

Speakers:

Katrina Lantos Swett, Co-Chair IRF Summit

Aaron Keyak, Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism

Julie Rayman, Managing Director, Policy and Political Affairs,
American Jewish Committee

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Upper Ring / International Ballroom

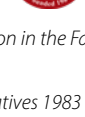
NETWORKING AND EXHIBIT TIME

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

International Ballroom

PARTNER LUNCH

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and Universal Peace Federation



Speakers:

Rev. Luke Higuchi, President of the Japanese Association in the Family

Federation for World Peace and Unification

The Hon. Dan Burton (R-IN), U.S. House of Representatives 1983 to 2013

Dr. Michael Jenkins, President of the Universal Peace Federation International

(UPF) and President of The Washington Times Foundation.

Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of the Board of Director, The Washington Times

Hon. Newt Gingrich, U.S. House of Representatives 1978-1999,

Speaker of the House, 1995-1999.

Charles Hurt, Opinion Editor and columnist, The Washington Times.

Moriko Hori, International Vice President and National President,

Women's Federation for World Peace

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Concourse Foyer

NETWORKING LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Crystal Ballrooms / Concourse Level

BREAKOUT TRACKS SESSION 3

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Monroe

BREAKOUT TRACK: VULNERABLE SUBVERTING STATE POWER: CHINESE CHRISTIAN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Speakers:

Bob Fu, President, ChinaAid

Lee Ming-Che Taiwanese pro-democracy activist

Pang Jhy-hong, Speaker's Council Representative, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

Olivia Enos, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Family Members of Prisoners of Conscience

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Monroe

BREAKOUT TRACK: VULNERABLE AMPLIFYING THE DEFENDING FREEDOMS PROJECT

Speakers:

Dr. Mitra Aliabouzar, University of Michigan

Sasha LaPonsa, Staff, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission

Danielle Ashbahian, Chief of Public Affairs, United States Commission on

International Religious Freedom

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Lincoln

BREAKOUT TRACK: VIOLATIONS VIOLATIONS IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES

Speakers:

Arielle Del Turco, Director, Center for Religious Liberty, Family Research Council

Andrew P.W. Bennett, Program Director, Faith Communities Cardus

Dr. Aaron Edwards, Author and Theologian

Elizabeth Francis, Legal Counsel, Global Religious Freedom for ADF International

Dr. Paul Teller, Advancing American Freedom

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Lincoln

BREAKOUT TRACK: VIOLATIONS CONCERNING TRENDS IN LATIN AMERICA

Speakers:

The Hon. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), U.S. House of Representatives

Fr. Alberto Reyes Pias, Archdiocese of Camaguey, Cuba

Martha Patricia Molina Esq., Editorial Board of La Prensa

Dr. Antonio Garrastazu, Senior Director for Latin American and the Caribbean,

International Republican Institute

Dr. Dennis Petri, Founder and Scholar-at-Large, Observatory of Religious

Freedom in LAC

Anna Lee Stangl, Director of Advocacy, Christian Solidarity Worldwide

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Jefferson

BREAKOUT TRACK: VOICES CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Speakers:

Harbir Bhatia, CEO, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

Usman Choudhary, Chief Product and Technology Officer, Vipre Security Group

John Dye, Radiant Foundation

Fr. Greg McBrayer, Chief Flight Dispatcher, American Airlines

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Jefferson

BREAKOUT TRACK: VOICES BUILDING COALITIONS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Speakers:

Tristan Azbej, State Secretary for the Aid of Persecuted Christians, Hungary Helps

Rabbi Diana Gerson, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

Imam Luqman, Amadiyya Community

Kimberlie Orr, International Legal Fellow, Religious Liberty Clinic

Simran Jeet Singh, Executive Director Religion & Society Program, Aspen Institute

1:00 PM - 1:55 PM

Georgetown

BREAKOUT TRACK: VICTORIES SUCCESSFUL U.N. ADVOCACY ON THE FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF

Speakers:

Jonathan Ammons, Committee on the Freedom of Religion or Belief

Ambassador Kelley Currie

Peter Irwin, Associate Director, Research & Advocacy Uyghur Human Rights Project

Kelsey Zorzi Director of Advocacy, Global Religious Freedom, ADF International

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Georgetown

BREAKOUT TRACK: VICTORIES LEGISLATIVE ACTION WORKSHOP

Speakers:

Jamie Staley, Supervisory Policy Advisor, U.S. Commission on International

Religious Freedom

The Hon. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), U.S. House of Representatives

Julie Millsap, Uyghur Human Rights Project

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Oak Lawn / Lobby Level

ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL BODIES WITH EVIDENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TRAINING

The short training is to provide individuals and organizations with information on how to engage international bodies, including the UN and the International Criminal Court, with evidence of human rights violations.

Speaker:

Ewelina Ochab, Co-Founder Coalition for Genocide Response

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Northwest / Lobby Level

WHAT YOU DO MATTERS: HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRAINING

Training examines the enforcement of laws within the legal and political framework of Nazi Germany — a journey that eventually turned those who should protect life and liberty into those who intimidated, humiliated, deported, and eventually murdered millions of innocent people.

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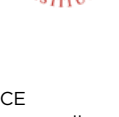
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8:30 AM

PRESENTATION OF YOUTH-LED PROJECTS

9:30 AM

PERSECUTION AGAINST INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN VIETNAM

Vietnamese Language

11:00 AM

STATE-CONTROLLED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS 1

Vietnamese Language

12:30 PM

SCALATING PERSECUTION OF MINORITY RELIGIONS

Christians in Burma

2:00 PM

STATE-CONTROLLED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS 2

Vietnamese Language

3:30 PM

STATE-CONTROLLED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS 3: THE 1997 SECT

Vietnamese Language

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8:30 AM

RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG FORB CHAMPIONS

9:30 AM

PROTECTING AND DEFENDING REFUGEES & VICTIMS OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

Vietnamese, Ede, Hmong Languages

11:00 AM

INTRODUCING MULTI-FAITH NETWORKS

Vietnamese Language

1:00 PM

SUSTAINED MEDIA CAMPAIGN: A COLLECTIVE STRATEGY

Vietnamese Language

2:30 PM

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR RPOCS

3:30 PM

FORB IN ASIA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

United Nations Human Dignity Day: An Idea Whose Time has Come

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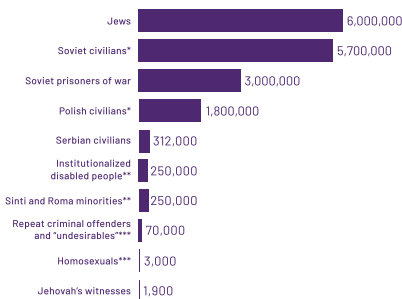
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Sources: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Alexander Zinn



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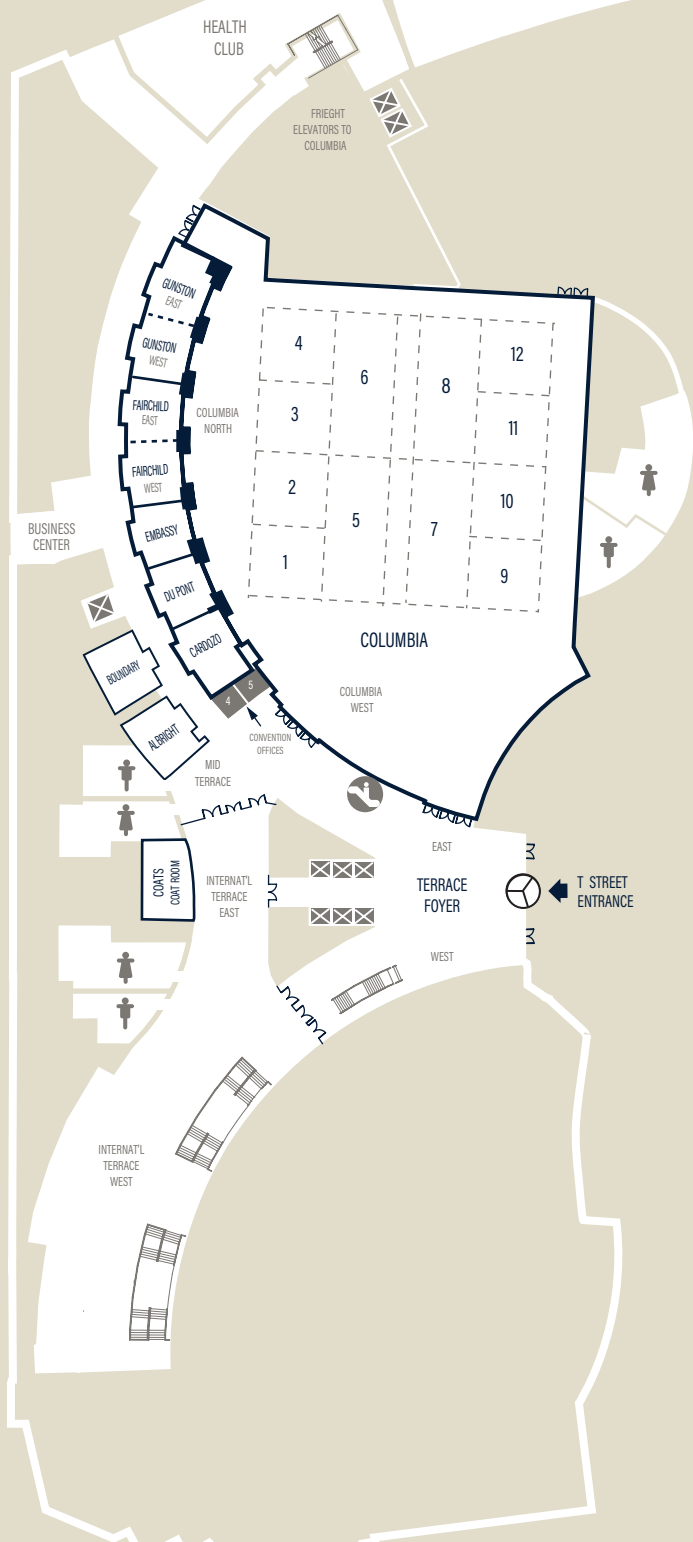


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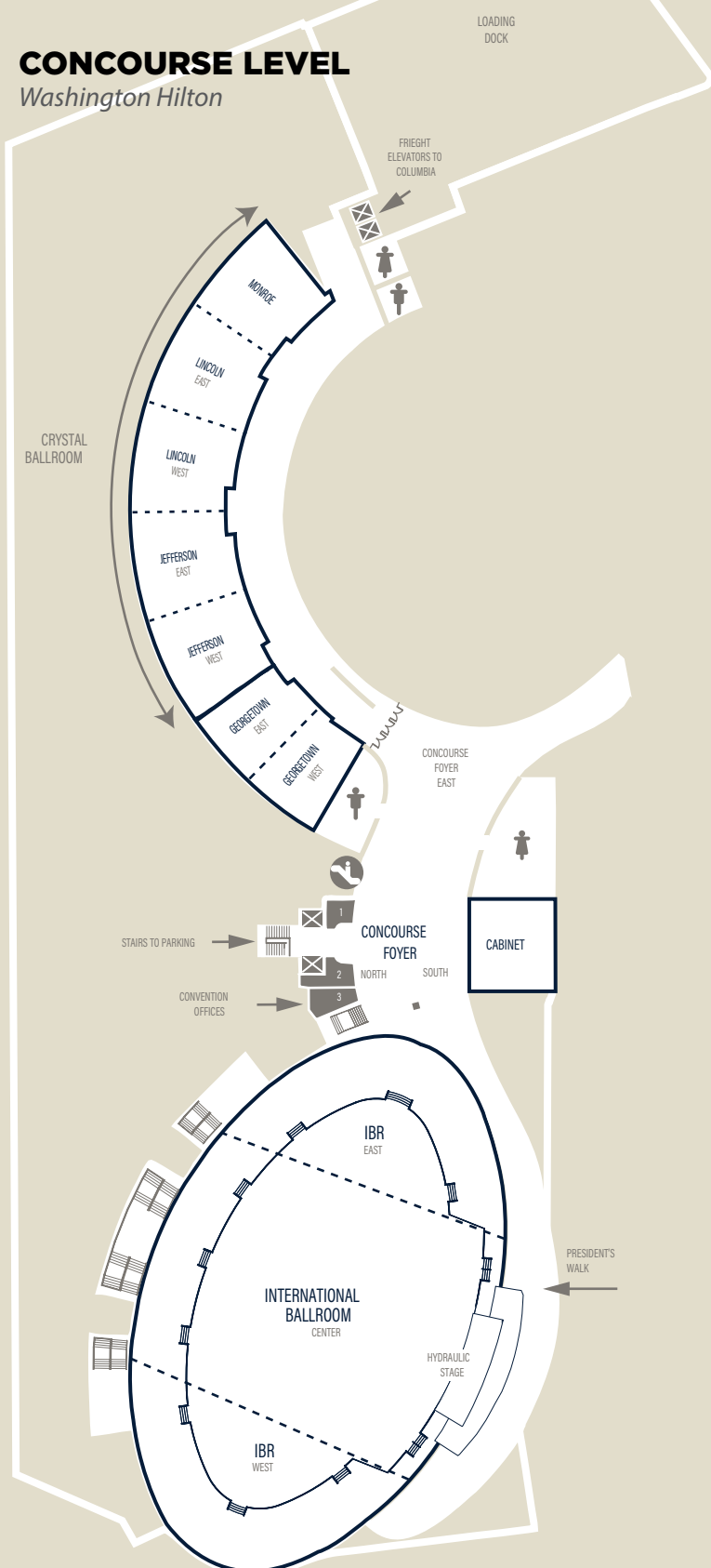
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