

Parliament of the World's Religions

Pathways to peace: the wisdom of listening, the power of commitment

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Council for a Parliament
of the World's Religions



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Events in the world swirl around us. Daily reports of hatred, injustice and violence—often perpetrated in the name of religion—can leave us feeling helpless and discouraged. In the midst of such difficulties we struggle to understand, to find our way, to build a better world.

A way to begin is by listening. There is wisdom in listening to ourselves, to each other, to our traditions, to the world. Only by listening will our assumptions be challenged and our perspectives broadened. Only by listening will we have the opportunity to grow and to be enriched. Only by listening can we learn that we are not alone and that there is reason to hope. Only by listening will we be changed and, at the same time, discover that changing the world is possible. But change requires commitment. A commitment to live out the change we want to see in the world.

One place to find our footing is the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions which will take place in Barcelona from July 7 through 13 in the framework of the Universal Forum of Cultures. This unique international interreligious gathering offers an engaging and promising forum to:

Deepen our spirituality, and experience personal transformation;

Foster mutual understanding and respect, and *learn to live in harmony* in the midst of diversity;

Recognize the humanity of the other, and broaden our sense of community;

Seek peace, justice and sustainability, and *actively* work for a better world.

And, in fact, in coming together to listen and to commit, this gathering itself will be

a pathway to peace.



The Parliament Experience

In 1893, during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the World's Parliament of Religions gave birth to organized interreligious encounter and marked the beginning of formal dialogue between the religious and spiritual traditions of the East and the West.

In 1993, the Parliament of the World's Religions was reborn in Chicago, with 8,000 people from around the world coming together to share their identities, to celebrate diversity and harmony and to explore religious and spiritual responses to the critical issues facing the global community.



In 1999, the Parliament in Cape Town called the world's attention to the interreligious movement's contribution to the struggle to overcome apartheid and build a new South Africa.

In 2004, the Parliament of the World's Religions—one of the most significant events of the Universal Forum of Cultures in Barcelona—will invite the world to confront the challenges and model the possibilities of living peacefully in the midst of diversity.

The Parliament welcomes all people of faith, spirit, and goodwill to encounter the vast and rich diversity of the world's religious and spiritual traditions, to listen to each other with open hearts and minds, to dialogue for mutual understanding, to reflect on the critical issues facing the world, and to commit to discovering new pathways to peace.

The 2004 Parliament will open with a moving ceremony as thousands of adherents of the world's religious and spiritual traditions come together. In the days that follow, participants will engage in interreligious encounter and dialogue through lectures and workshops, plenaries and performances. In shared observances, meditation and prayer, persons from all walks of life will find inspiration and renewal. And in chance meetings in corridors and on the plaza, each will find that the world is paradoxically both a smaller and a richer place than she or he ever imagined.

The 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions is organized by the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, in partnership with the Universal Forum of Cultures—Barcelona 2004, and in association with the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia.

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions works with religious and spiritual communities and other guiding institutions in their efforts to achieve a more just, peaceful and sustainable world. For a full description of the Council's work, including the Partner Cities Network and the Goldin Institute for International Partnership and Peace, visit the CPWR website at www.cpwr.org.

The Universal Forum of Cultures—Barcelona 2004 is the driving force behind the creation of an international forum that is "open, innovative and participative for all cultures of the world." This 141-day event includes, among other things, a series of over 40 congresses and dialogues designed to consider the themes of: conditions for peace, cultural diversity and sustainable development. To learn more about the variety of events taking place at the Forum, please go to www.Barcelona2004.org.

The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia aims to promote the ideals, documents and activities of UNESCO in the Catalan cultural area and to offer UNESCO the collaboration of the Catalan cultural community. The Centre has promoted a number of initiatives in the field of interreligious dialogue, such as the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue (www.audir.org). For more information about the international and local activities of the Centre, please go to www.unescocat.org.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Volunteers—serve as a greeter, translator, room monitor or support staff during the 2004 Parliament event.

Outreach—promote the Parliament event in your community with presentation materials provided by the Council.

Hospitality—provide accommodations for participants requesting “home stays” during the Parliament event. If you are interested, please contact the Forum Barcelona 2004 (religio@barcelona2004.org).

Program—offer a lecture, workshop, panel discussion, observance, facilitated dialogue, meditation, performance or exhibit as a part of the Parliament program.

Scholarships—sponsor a Parliament participant with a full or partial registration, directing your donation to the 2004 Parliament Scholarship Fund.

Pre-Parliament Events and Partner Cities—host a pre-Parliament event and help your city become a part of the Council’s emerging Partner Cities Network.

If you are interested in any of the above, please visit www.cpwr.org or contact the Council at P.O. Box 1630, Chicago, Illinois, 60690-1630 USA or by fax at (312) 629-2991. For those in Spain, visit www.unescocat.org or contact the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (c/ Mallorca, 285 – E-08037 Barcelona – Tel. +34 934 589 595).



Languages

The languages of the 2004 Parliament of the World’s Religions’ plenaries will be English, Spanish and Catalan. In other sessions, English and Spanish will be the working languages and simultaneous translation will be offered to Catalan speakers. The organizers may provide translation from other languages in some sessions.

International Registration

	INDIVIDUAL RATE	GROUP/FAMILY RATE (PER PERSON)
FULL REGISTRATION		
BEFORE JULY 1, 2003	\$375	\$325
BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2003	\$425	\$375
AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2003	\$495	\$445
	INDIVIDUAL RATE	GROUP/FAMILY RATE (PER PERSON)
PARTIAL REGISTRATION		
3-DAY REGISTRATION	\$320	\$320
1-DAY REGISTRATION	\$125	\$125

Registration for Spanish Residents

FULL REGISTRATION	295 €
3-DAY REGISTRATION	153 €
1-DAY REGISTRATION	60 €

Other Information

The 2004 Parliament is principally funded through registration fees. To ensure a broadly accessible event, groups, organizations and communities are encouraged to sponsor one or several persons to attend the 2004 parliament.

Attendance dates must be consecutive if choosing the 3-Day registration option. Please select date(s) of attendance on the registration form.

Refunds (less \$40/40 € for administrative costs) will be made, upon request, until May 7, 2004. After this date, no refunds will be given.

To register on-line please visit www.cpwr.org. To obtain registration forms via mail, contact CPWR (P.O. Box 1630, Chicago, Illinois, 60690-1630, USA).

Travel and Accommodations

Please visit www.cpwr.org after June 1, 2003 for travel and hotel recommendations.

Approximate costs for round-trip airfare to Barcelona:

CHICAGO, USA	\$900	DELHI, INDIA	\$1,500		
PARIS, FRANCE	\$250	RIO DE JANEIRO	\$1,150	TAIPEI, TAIWAN	\$1,500

Approximate costs for accommodations in Barcelona:

Single room/per person/per night:

FIRST CLASS (★★★★)	279-216 €/ \$298-\$231
MODERATE (★★★)	178-102 €/ \$190-\$109
STANDARD (★★)	98-71 €/ \$104-\$76
STUDENT RESIDENCE	25 €/ \$27

Shared twin room/per night:

FIRST CLASS (★★★★)	307-248 €/ \$328-\$265
MODERATE (★★★)	181-117 €/ \$193-\$125
STANDARD (★★)	119-97 €/ \$127-\$103
STUDENT RESIDENCE	30 €/ \$32

Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

TITLE FIRST NAME LAST NAME(S)

HOW NAME SHOULD APPEAR ON REGISTRATION BADGE

PASSPORT NUMBER DATE OF ISSUE NATIONALITY

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE/PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY E-MAIL

TEL: (INT'L CODE) (AREA CODE) NUMBER FAX: (INT'L CODE) (AREA CODE) NUMBER

FAMILY MEMBER NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP

FAMILY MEMBER NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP

GROUP NAME

OPTION B ONLY (Please circle date(s)—multiple days must be consecutive): I will be attending on the following day(s).

July 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT 2004 PARLIAMENT PARTICIPANTS (OPTIONAL).

Have you attended a Parliament of the World's Religions in the past? 1993 1999

Have you attended a pre-Parliament event in the past? Yes Specify location: _____

Would you like to be invited to informal networking opportunities with other Parliament attendees from your geographic area?
 Yes No

Vital statistics: Age: _____ Gender: Female Male

Profession: _____

Religious or spiritual tradition (if any): _____

Religious or spiritual organizational affiliation (if any): _____

Why will you attend the 2004 Parliament?:

For more information on the 2004 Parliament

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With this registration, you expressly consent to the transfer and processing of your personal data, with the sole purposes mentioned above, to Fòrum Universal de las Culturas Barcelona 2004, S.A., entity located in Barcelona (Spain) and organizer of the Universal Forum of Cultures to be held in Barcelona from 9 May to 26 September 2004, in which the upcoming edition of the Parliament of the World's Religions takes place, as well as to Centre UNESCO de Catalunya, entity located in Barcelona (Spain) and assigned to be the Local Secretariat for this edition of the Parliament.

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