



# “Interfaith Harmony and Peacebuilding – Principles and Tools of a Faith based Approach”

**Webinar of February 7, 2022 at 19h00**

**Hosted by the**

**Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Switzerland**

**Dear Colleagues, Friends,**

The past two years will be long remembered for the devastating consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic on the world's 7.8 billion population. While injustices, conflict, and extremisms of all sorts still ravage the face of the earth, there has never been such a broad solidarity beyond historical barriers to solve the current problems that threaten humanity.

The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and Middle East, a primary association of the Universal Peace Federation, with key partners, has taken the initiative to host an intergenerational webinar on February 7, 2022 at 19h00 in the frame of the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022. The title of the event is: “Interfaith Harmony and Peacebuilding – Principles and Tools of a Faith based Approach”

It will feature an Interfaith panel with prominent faith leaders and experts, plus a panel of youth respondents from the different faith communities.

We would like to invite you, representing the fields of youth, religion, politics, academia, NGO, international organizations, and the private sector to join us for this very significant event. Due to COVID 19 restrictions the event will be an online webinar. Please reserve the date! You will find the program below. If you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us by e-mail:

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Thank you very much for taking time for this event. Hoping for your positive response, and wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Heiner W. Handschin

IAPD Coordinator for Europe and the Middle East

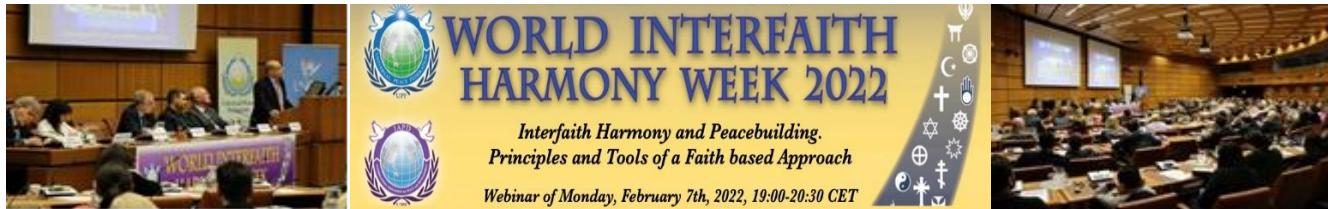
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The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) – Europe and Middle East, is pleased to invite you to an online webinar commemorating the **World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022**.

**Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 19:00-20:30 CET**

## **Interfaith Harmony and Peacebuilding – Principles and Tools of a Faith based Approach**

Welcome and Introduction: **Mr. Heiner W. Handschin**, IAPD Switzerland& Europe

Moderator: **Dr. Manéli Farahmand**, Director Centre Intercantonal de l'information sur les Croyances (CIC) & **Dr. Mischa Piraud**, Centre Intercantonal de l'information sur les Croyances (CIC)

### **Speakers:**

- **Rev. Dr. William A. McComish**, Dean em. St. Peter's Cathedral, Geneva
- **Rev. Dr. Simone Sinn**, Professor of Ecumenical Theology, Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, WCC
- **Chief Rabbi Izhak Dayan**, Jewish Community of Geneva
- **Prof. Boumediene Benyahia**, Director Kalima Institute on Spirituality in Islam, France
- **Dr. Dieudonné Mbusipu Mbombo**, Catholic Priest, Theologian and Philosopher

### **Respondents:**

- **Youth Respondents of different faiths**

The **World Interfaith Harmony Week** was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan, and unanimously adopted by the UN on October 20, 2010. Henceforth, the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week. The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative, started in 2007, that called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments: Love of God and Love of the Neighbor - without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The two commandments are at the heart of the three Monotheistic religions and provide the most solid theological ground possible.

For participation please register under: <https://bit.ly/7feb22>

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