

DOMINICANS AT THE WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS 2009

<p>Sancta Sophia Meditation Community: Promoting Peace through Interreligious Dialogue</p>	<p>Ken Petersen O. Carm Kathleen Murphy op Rev Chi Kwang Sunim Brahmacharini Nivedita Chaitanya</p>	<p>Friday 4 Dec 2009</p>	<p>11.30am – 1pm Room 104</p>
<p>This workshop will first describe the Sancta Sophia community, which has been functioning since 1996 on the Carmelite Property 'Karith' in Warburton, Victoria. Its primary aim has been to promote interreligious dialogue through a search for wisdom in the great traditions. Its symbols are 'The Open Door' and 'The Shared Table'. The fruit of these symbols and programs has promoted interpersonal relationships with people of many traditions, transforming individuals as well as sparking interreligious dialogue in the wider community. Secondly, speakers will introduce some of the great pioneers—both men and women—of interreligious dialogue in the Catholic tradition who have studied other religious traditions and actively attempted to integrate these traditions into their own lifestyles. Thirdly, speakers will engage the audience in a process of dialogue, deep listening, movement, meditation and ritual.</p>			
<p>Taking Our Place in the Interreligious Movement: Women in Society, Peacemaking, and Interfaith Dialogue</p>	<p>Trish Madigan op, Women's Interfaith Network and Pushpa Wood, Wellington Interfaith Council Sussy Gumo, Maseno University, Kenya Shehara Viswanathan and Narcis Jafari, Young Women's Interfaith Network. Natalie L'Huillier, Believing Women for a Culture of Peace. Rev Denise Yarbrough, Divinity School, New York.</p>	<p>Sunday, 6 Dec 2009</p>	<p>9:30 - 11:00am Room 213</p>

This international panel will call for the full engagement of women in local interfaith and institutional work. Within a historical context of political, social, economic and spiritual marginalization, the speakers will describe experiences and models that support full participation of women in peacemaking, in leadership, and in the interfaith movement.

Experience the Women's Interfaith Network	Natalie Mobini-Kesheh Josie Lacey Rev Pravrajika Ajayaprana Mataji Thubten Chokyi Mohini Gunsekera Rev Susan Emeleus Trish Madigan op Rev Seforosa Carrol Wilma Viswanathan Shehara Viswanathan Mina Singh Batra	Monday, 7 Dec 2009	4:30 - 6:00pm Room 105
---	--	--------------------	---------------------------

The Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) is a gathering of women of many religious traditions who meet and work to promote harmony, understanding and respect among the followers of the various world religions, and stand together as a sign of solidarity among people of faith. Officially launched in Sydney, Australia in March 2001, WIN provides a model for constructive and harmonious dialogue between women of faith, who are often excluded or under-represented in the dialogue between faith leaders. Local WIN groups can be formed where there are women from at least three different religious groups who are willing to adopt the Aim and Principles of WIN. In addition to presenting WIN as a practical model that others can adopt, this program will provide participants with an opportunity to witness a WIN dialogue in action.

Not Broken	Armando Ibanez op, Director	Tuesday, 8 Dec 2009	9.30 – 11am Room 107
<p>Film: in 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States, including the city of New Orleans. People of all races and ethnicities, from all walks of life, and from many different faiths were forced to unite, not only during the disaster, but also along the lengthy and ongoing road to recovery. This award-winning documentary shows how, amidst the most trying of circumstances, spirituality shapes, transforms and expresses our common humanity</p>			
Interfaith Australia, Social Cohesion and the Muslim Communities	<p>Trish Madigan op (chair) Participant Asia-Pacific Dialogues Andrew Markus, Monash University Athalia Zwartz, Australian Multicultural Foundation Ikebal Patel, President Australian Federation of Islamic Councils Melbourne Councillor Brian Shanahan</p>	Tuesday, 8 Dec 2009	2:30 - 4:00pm Room 209
<p>This session will examine the multifaith scene in Australia, especially in relation to 9/11 and its aftermath. Panellists will consider how Muslim communities have been affected by social tensions arising from the growth of international and domestic terrorism, and they will explore the Australian government's strategy for addressing these tensions, including programs under the National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security (NAP). The presenters are nationally and internationally recognised as academic and organisational leaders in social and community cohesion and the interfaith and multicultural movements.</p>			