

UPF-Nigeria's World Interfaith Harmony Week conference on interreligious peace

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Abuja, Nigeria—UPF-Nigeria will observe World Interfaith Harmony Week with a special conference on interreligious peace education.

As part of activities to commemorate the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week 2017, UPF-Nigeria will convene, on February 4, 2017, a Special Conference of Religious Educators, Leaders and Organizations (CORELO) on Interreligious Peace Education for National Harmony and Cooperation.

The conference will bring together religious educators and leaders, government representatives, policymakers, Ambassadors for Peace and other critical stakeholders from NGOs and faith-based institutions.

The conference will inspire discussions on the need for an interreligious peace culture, structure and infrastructure as well as interreligious initiatives for national harmony. The conference will be used to formally present the UPF-Nigeria 2017 Agenda, which is focused on the promotion of interreligious cooperation and will have some participants designated as Ambassadors for Peace dedicated to interreligious cooperation.

The conference also will feature the inauguration of the Ambassadors for Peace Committee on Interreligious Affairs, which will work in 2017 on the following activities:

- Introduction of a Religious Youth Service Project

- National Interreligious Education Program

- Advocacy for the Creation of a National Assembly Committee on Interreligious Affairs

- The need for the government of Nigeria to establish a Religious Affairs Commission/Ministry

- Renewal of the National Interreligious Council

- Launch of the Peaceful Capital Territory Initiative (PCTI)

The conference is scheduled to be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Banquet Hall of the National Merit Award House in the Maitama district of Abuja, the nation's capital.