

UPF Oslo, Norway: Interreligious Cooperation for Peace and Human Rights

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Universal Peace Federation, in partnership with Foundation Dialogue for Peace, organized a conference titled «Interreligious Cooperation for Peace and Human Rights» in «The House of Literature».

The organizers, represented by Aamir Sheikh and Steinar Murud (UPF) wished the audience welcome. They gave welcoming remarks emphasizing the significant role that religion play in today's world and the vital need for interreligious cooperation.

Former Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik, also an ordained minister, shared his view on religion as a source to peace. Arshad Jamil, deputy leader of Muslim Dialogue Network in Norway, spoke on the importance of good dialogue among faith communities. Einar Tjelle, International Director in the Church of Norway, commented on the international situation and the need to balance and avoid polarisation. The Ambassador of Pakistan to Norway spoke on the situation in Pakistan and particularly how the government responded to the tragic attacks on churches in September. Ms. Mushaal Hussain Mullick, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister in Pakistan on Human Rights and Women's Empowerment, explained the problematic situation in Kashmir.

The final words from the Special Advisor to the Pakistan Prime Minister, that by connection to the spiritual core of our faiths we can come closer to the ideal of peace, served as a good closing on the conference.