

World Interfaith Harmony Week

Oslo, Norway, 6. February 2014

Central Jamaat-e Ahl-e Sunnat was the venue for the World Interfaith Harmony Week on Thursday 6th February. More than 60 people attended, which was more than expected. Leaders from many organisations and religions, including from the Iraq, Iran and the Israel Embassy participated in the event under the title Peace in Syria and the Middle East.

A beautiful candle light ceremony opened the evening. Eight religious leaders lit a candle for peace followed by a short text from their own tradition. A Buddhist, Shia, catholic, Sikh, Sunni, Hindu, Sufi and protestant leader were represented. The candles kept shining throughout the evening.

Two remarks were given. One from the Secretary General for ECRL- Religions for Peace, and the other from the Director of the Norwegian Peace Council .

As music is not allowed in the mosque we had a couple of poems for peace. One was written by the Israel Ambassador to Norway, and read by the Press Officer from the Embassy.

As always the meeting ended with refreshments that made it possible to share and talk more personally with each guest.

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