

Interreligious meeting

Reykjavik, Iceland, 14. July 2013



Inspired by the 10th anniversary of MEPI and the visit of Ban Ki-Moon to Iceland we held an interreligious sermon in the gathering hall of the Free Lutheran Church of Iceland. Two of our key ambassadors for Peace came and contributed to the success of this spontaneous organised gathering.

The meeting was not held without challenges within society. Originally our PA from Palestine was supposed to speak and he was very inspired to do so at first, especially because the city of Reykjavik finally allotted a nice piece of land in the city for building the first mosque in Iceland. Just before our meeting a small but strong opposition formed itself and made him depressed, so he did not come. Nonetheless one Muslim from the Ahmaddiyyas came and confirmed the interreligious nature of this meeting. Rev. Johannsson who had studied in Jerusalem gave a speech, being very inspired by the film and spirit of this documentary of MEPI.

Myself encouraged Icelanders to have the mind to expand piece from here, a nation being placed as the no. 1 most peaceful nation in the world, expressing the desires of Father Moon for the world's religions to become one by first respecting each other, being inspired from religious zeal as being displayed right now through the Ramadan, by our Muslim brethren. Fasting, a condition to strengthen the minds position over the body as being an important tool of religious life etc.

Ban Kin Moon even asked for young Icelanders to become global citizens, (I wonder where he got this from).

In all, the meeting was small in number, due to holiday season, but very rich in quality were everyone enjoyed fellowship in the age of globalization of many areas of life, especially religion and culture.

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