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HJI CELEBRATES WORLD HARMONY INTERFAITH WEEK
"Interfaith Cooperation and Peace"

In October of 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 65/5, which affirms that "mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace." The resolution proclaimed the first week of February every year as the World Interfaith Harmony Week, a week to honor and promote cooperation among believers from all religions, faiths, and beliefs. It further "encourages all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, based on love of God and love of one's neighbour or on love of the good and love of one's neighbor, each according to their own religious traditions or convictions."

This webinar will feature speakers who will report on and discuss the impact of the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

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| Host Dr. Thomas Walsh President, HJI | Speaker Guru Dileepji Founder & Global Chairman, World Yoga Community | Speaker Dr. Afsar Rathor Director, Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations | Speaker Dr. Tageldin Hamad President, Universal Peace Federation | Speaker Ms. Nagma Shrestha UN Representative, International Association of Youth & Students for Peace |

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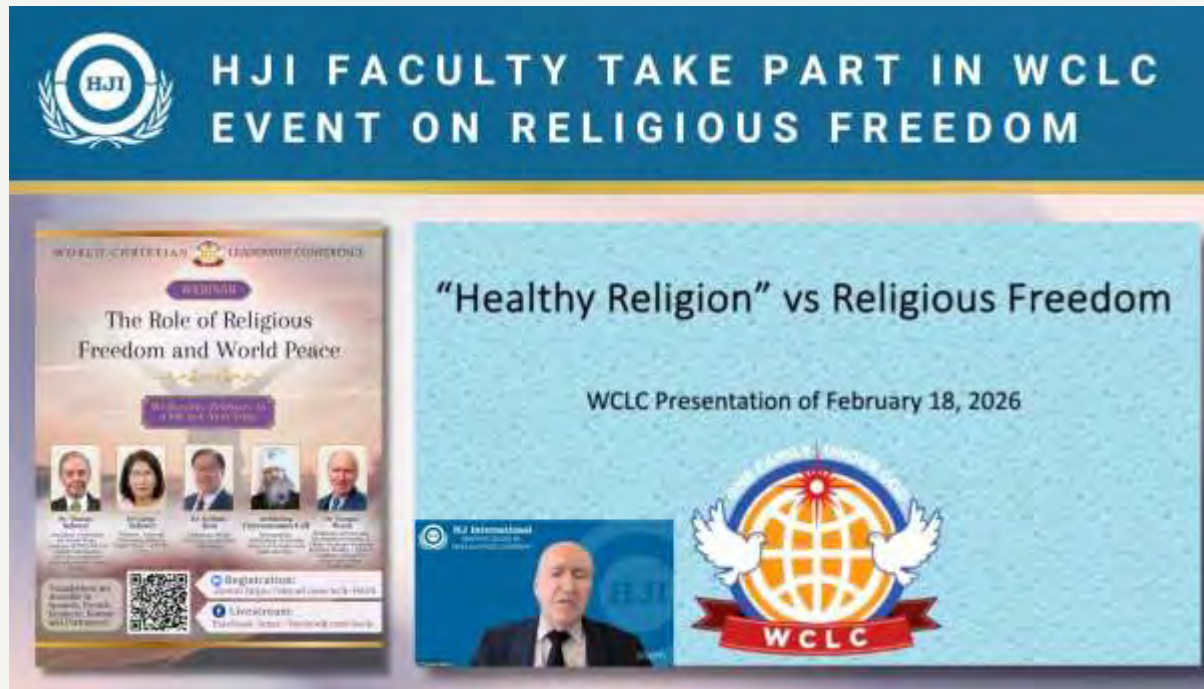
WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
The Official UN Observance in the 1st Week of February



HJI joined in the celebration and observed World Interfaith Harmony Week by hosting a special webinar on "Interfaith Cooperation and Peace." The event brought together respected religious leaders, scholars, and advocates to reflect on the importance of mutual understanding, dialogue, and collaboration among faith traditions. Through meaningful presentations and discussion, the program reaffirmed HJI's commitment to fostering inter-

religious harmony and preparing leaders who promote peace, respect, and cooperation in an increasingly interconnected world.

[Watch the Recording!](#)



HJI faculty participated in the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC) webinar on “*The Role of Religious Freedom and World Peace*,” contributing to important discussions on the relationship between healthy religion, religious freedom, and global harmony. The event brought together respected scholars, faith leaders, and advocates committed to protecting religious liberty and promoting peace. HJI was also proud to see alumni Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and Dr. Grace Selover among the distinguished participants, reflecting the continued impact of the HJI academic community in advancing faith-informed leadership and inter-religious cooperation worldwide.

[Watch the Recording!](#)



Welcome

NEW STUDENTS!



Cheryl Hamshaw
Barbados



Bundala Kifumu
Tanzania



Diane Zagwe
USA



Emmanuel Anthony
Tanzania



Hak Wong Mingela
Singapore



Kuniko Takahashi
Japan



John Adamedee
Australia



Johnson Mathew
India



Kenji Watanabe
Japan



Kristina Richardson
USA



Moonnide Niyomchok
Thailand



Kimaruy Tang
Cambodia

We are delighted to welcome our new students for Spring 2026 and celebrate the beginning of their academic and spiritual journey with us. Representing diverse nations and backgrounds, each student brings unique experiences and perspectives, and we look forward to supporting and walking alongside them as they deepen their understanding, strengthen their calling, and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the world.

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