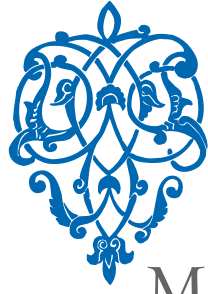


# Christian- Muslim SUMMIT



March 1-3, 2010

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



PUBLIC FORUM

MARCH 3, 7 PM

## About the Christian-Muslim Summit

The Christian-Muslim Summit calls together religious and political leaders from Christianity and Islam as well as Eastern and Western nations to promote understanding and reconciliation between Islam and the West, and to encourage religious leaders to continue using their influence within governments to promote—and positively impact—peace and reconciliation efforts worldwide. These initiatives must be undertaken to engage leaders across faiths and nations in the search for what Jesus called “the Peace of God that passes all understanding” and what the Quran teaches: “O ye who believe! Enter into Peace whole-heartedly” (Surah 2:208). The Summit will result in a jointly agreed upon Plan of Action to achieve specific steps in alignment with these goals before the four principals reconvene.

**YOU SHALL** not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

—Leviticus 19:18

**ALL THIS** is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

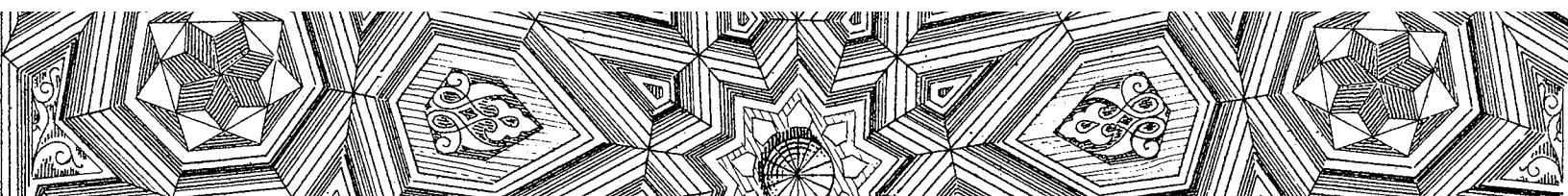
—2 Corinthians 5:18–20

**THE BELIEVERS** are but a single Brotherhood: so make Peace and Reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear Allah, that ye may receive Mercy.

—Surah 49:10

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- No unauthorized video or flash photography is permitted during the program.
- No recording devices are permitted.
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Thank you for your cooperation.



# Public Forum

March 3, 2010, 7 pm

## Welcome

THE VERY REVEREND SAMUEL T. LLOYD III  
Dean, Washington National Cathedral

## Introduction

THE REVEREND CANON JOHN L. PETERSON  
Director, Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation,  
Washington National Cathedral

## Opening Remarks

DAVID IGNATIUS  
Associate editor, the *Washington Post*

## Remarks by the Four Principals

In the absence of  
AYATOLLAH DOCTOR SEYED MOSTAFA MOHAGHEGH DAMAD,  
we welcome  
AYATOLLAH DOCTOR AHMAD IRAVANI  
President of the Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East  
Research Scholar, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; Shi'a Muslim

PROFESSOR DOCTOR AHMAD EL TAYEB  
President of Al-Azhar University  
Cairo, Egypt; Sunni Muslim

HIS EMINENCE JEAN-LOUIS CARDINAL TAURAN  
President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue  
The Vatican; Roman Catholic; Christian

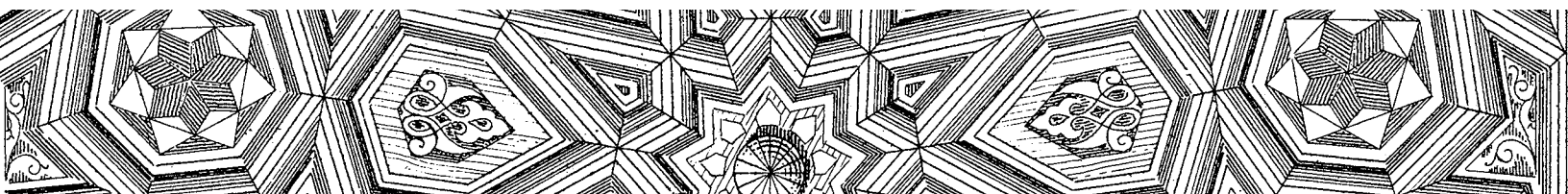
THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN BRYSON CHANE  
Episcopal Bishop of Washington  
Diocese of Washington; Episcopal/Anglican; Christian

## Comments by Religious Experts from Each Tradition

## Public Dialogue

## Summary Remarks

DAVID IGNATIUS



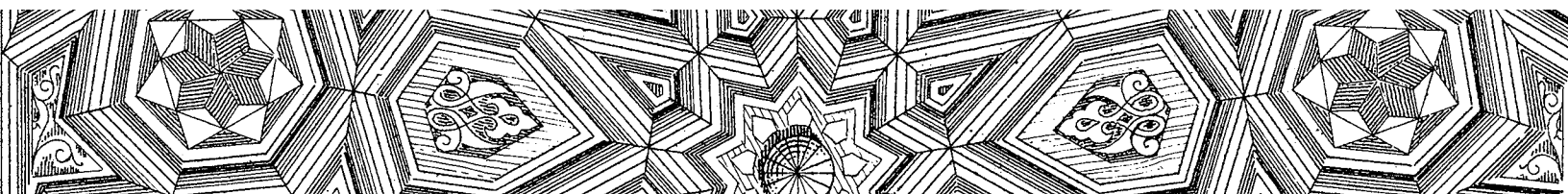
## About the Principals

**AYATOLLAH DOCTOR SEYED MOSTAFA MOHAGHEGH DAMAD AHMADABADI** is professor of law at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran. Following two courses of education, he first attended the Fayzieh School at Qom, Iran, where he received his traditional Islamic education in Arabic language and literature, Quran and *hadith*, Islamic philosophy, theology, and jurisprudence. From this background he achieved the status of *Mujtahid* (Ayatollah) in 1970. Parallel to his traditional studies he pursued a modern academic education at Tehran University where he earned his B.A. in Islamic Philosophy and M.A. in Islamic Jurisprudence. He studied in Belgium, where he earned his Ph.D. in Law at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve. He has been a fellow member of the Iranian Academy of Sciences since 1988.

**PROFESSOR DOCTOR AHMAD MOHAMED EL TAYEB** is president of Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. His long academic career spans more than 40 years at Al-Azhar University, as a faculty member and where he earned a Master of Philosophy and a Ph.D. He was dean of his department, as well as several of Al-Azhar colleges around Egypt and at the International Islamic University of Pakistan. Outside Egypt, his teaching career includes several years in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the Emirates, and Pakistan. Professor El Tayeb authored many books and textbooks in his field and published many monographs on Islamic themes and contemporary issues. He has also translated several works from French into Arabic, treating the mystical thought of the great Andalusian Sufi, Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi. His great interest in interfaith dialogue has led him to participate in many international conferences, and under his watch, Al-Azhar University has hosted several international gatherings dealing with interfaith matters and contemporary challenges to Islam.

**HIS EMINENCE JEAN-LOUIS CARDINAL TAURAN** is president of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue. He received his education for the priesthood at the Gregorian University, obtaining a license in philosophy and theology, followed by a Doctorate in Canon Law. Ordained in 1969, he served as parochial vicar in Bordeaux before entering the diplomatic service as secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in the Dominican Republic and then in Lebanon. In 1983, he was called to the Vatican and joined the Council for Public Affairs of the Church and for many years represented the Holy See at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In 1991, he was consecrated as titular archbishop of Thelepte; in 2003, he was appointed cardinal deacon in the consistory and received the red biretta and the deaconry of Saint Apollinare alle Terme Neroniane-Alessandrine.

**THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN BRYSON CHANE, D.D.**, was consecrated the eighth bishop of Washington in 2002. A graduate of Boston University and Yale Divinity School, he has also received honorary doctorates from Virginia Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School, and Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge. As a leader in interfaith dialogue and study he has traveled to Iran on numerous occasions as an invited guest of former President Khatami, speaking to, and studying with numerous religious leaders at seminaries and universities in the cities of Tehran and Qom. He was named by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the 150 most influential leaders in the District of Columbia and was recognized by the *London Telegraph* as one of the 50 most prominent leaders in the worldwide Anglican Communion.



## About the Twenty

The Principals are joined by five eminent religious leaders and experts from their respective religious communities. These additional participants, called “The Twenty,” collectively represent civic, governmental, and religious organizations of unparalleled global impact and outreach.

### Shi’a Delegation

- ✿ Ayatollah Doctor Ahmad Iravani, President of the Center for the Study of Islam and the Middle East, and research scholar at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- ✿ Imam Abdul Latif Berry, Head of the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, Dearborn, MI
- ✿ Imam Seyed Mohammad Rizvi, Imam, Ja’fari Islamic Centre, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada
- ✿ Imam Sayid Hassan Al-Qazwini, Religious Leader of the Islamic Center of America, Detroit, MI
- ✿ Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi, Founder and Director of the Islamic House of Wisdom, Dearborn, MI

### Sunni Delegation

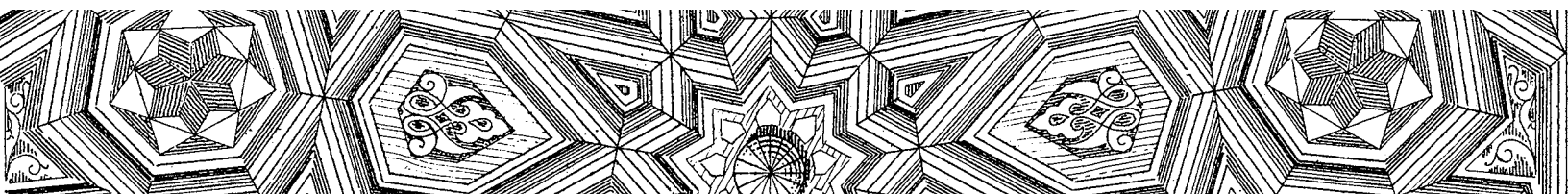
- ✿ Professor Doctor Mohamed Abdel Fadil M. Abdel Aziz, Vice President of Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- ✿ S. E. Cheikh Malek Shaar, Mufti of Tripoli and North Lebanon
- ✿ Doctor Mahmoud Abdel Salam Azab, Professor of Islamic Studies, Sorbonne University, Paris, France
- ✿ Ms. Maryam Ishag Muhammad Alkhalifa Sharief, doctoral student in Theology and Philosophy Department, Al-Azhar University, and teacher at the English Center of Islamic Studies, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- ✿ Ms. Sanaa Aly Marei Makhoulf, Senior Instructor of Rhetoric and Composition, Department of Rhetoric and Composition, at American University in Cairo and teacher at the English Center of Islamic Studies, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt

### Roman Catholic Delegation

- ✿ Professor Doctor Christian Troll SJ, Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology, Frankfurt, Germany
- ✿ Professor Lamin Sanneh, D. Willis James Professor of World Christianity and Professor of History Fellow of Trumbull College, Yale Divinity School
- ✿ The Reverend Fr. James Massa, Executive Director, Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- ✿ Dr. Sandra T. Keating, Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, Providence, RI

### Episcopal/Anglican Delegation

- ✿ Mrs. Clare Amos, Director of Theological Studies in the Anglican Communion Office, London, England
- ✿ The Honorable Kjell Magne Bondevik, Director of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights
- ✿ The Right Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem
- ✿ The Right Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Anglican Bishop of Kauduna, Nigeria
- ✿ The Right Reverend Pierre W. Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Paris, France



## About the Steering Committee

We are most grateful to the Steering Committee for their commitment in planning this Summit.

- ✿ Ayatollah Doctor Ahmad Iravani, representing the Shi'a tradition of Islam
- ✿ The Reverend Canon John L. Peterson, representing the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
- ✿ Ms. Maryam Ishag Muhammad Alkhalifa Sharief, representing Professor Doctor Ahmad El Tayeb
- ✿ The Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, representing His Eminence Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran

## About the Observers

While this Summit explores the relationship between Christians and Muslims, it exists within the context of a larger interfaith dialogue. Jewish observers participated in the Christian-Muslim Summit by observing the group process, reflecting on the nature of the dialogue, noting key commonalities and differences between the two faith groups, and by offering a point of view from their own tradition or perspective.

- ✿ Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Washington, DC
- ✿ Rabbi Brian Walt, Co-Founder, Taanit Tzedek, Jewish Fast for Gaza; Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Mishkan Shalom, Philadelphia, PA; Former Executive Director, Rabbis for Human Rights, North America

## About the Moderator

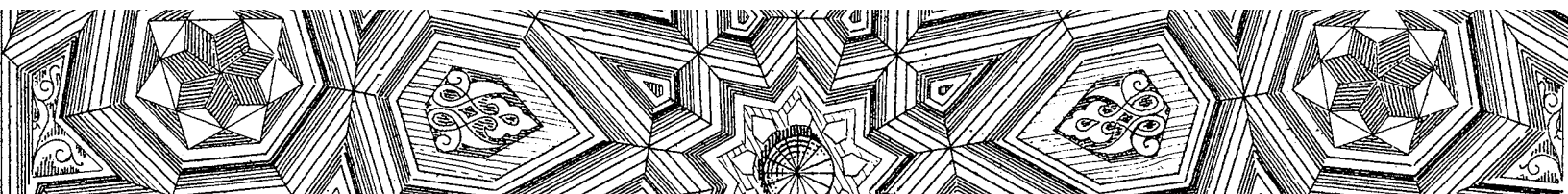
**DAVID IGNATIUS** is a twice-weekly columnist and associate editor of the *Washington Post*, writing on global politics, economics, and international affairs. Ignatius's column has won the 2000 Gerald Loeb Award for Commentary, a 2005 Edward Weintal Special Citation, and the 1984 Edward Weintal Prize for Diplomatic Reporting. He is also creator and co-moderator of "Post-Global," an online conversation about international affairs at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

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Washington National Cathedral and the Christian-Muslim Summit participants would like to acknowledge the visionary of this dialogue, His Excellency Mohammad Khatami, former President of Iran. President Khatami visited the Cathedral in September 2006, delivering an address, which represents the Cathedral's work of forging peace and reconciliation between our two faiths. It is as a result of his leadership that this Summit occurs. Because of the present political situation in Iran, President Khatami is unable to participate as a Principal in this gathering, but we honor his leadership and extend our great respect and gratitude to him.

*The Orient, and specifically the Islamic Orient, can fill the enormous void of spirituality and estrangement from the truth of existence, which today is the great affliction of our world, by reliance upon its moral heritage and transcendental wisdom and by the avoidance of ostentation and superficiality. Great religions, particularly Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, can help mankind solve modern problems and challenges by a return to their vital, vibrant and common essence. At the same time, the East needs to utilize the rationality and prudence of the West in its worldly affairs and must embark on the important path of development.*

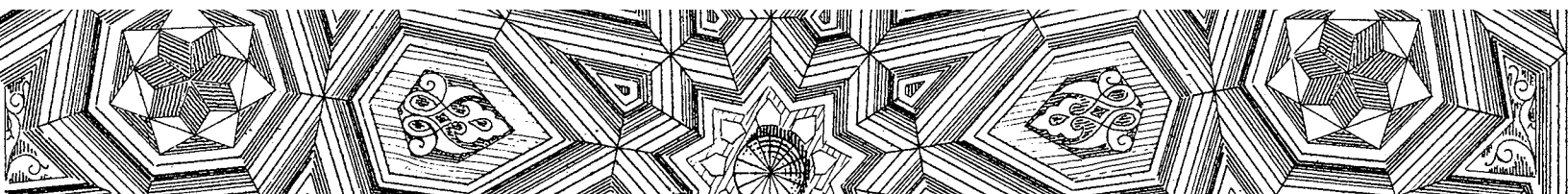
*History teaches us that whenever the East or the West over-relied on one aspect of existence and ignored the other, great calamities engulfed our world. The time has come that in the midst of chaos, war, violence, terror, and insecurity on the one hand, and poverty, ignorance, and backwardness on the other, we seek to envision a world of peace, morality, ethics, and progress for all humankind.*

—His Excellency Mohammad Khatami, former President of Iran  
at Washington National Cathedral, September 2006

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