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WSC-AR To Participate in September 11 Interfaith Dialogue Seminar at Union Theological Seminary in New York City

The WSC-AR's National Interfaith Committee will participate in a September 11, 2004 interfaith dialogue seminar titled "*Religion-Related Violence and Resources for Healing from Faith Communities*", organized by the Interfaith Relations Commission of the National Council of Churches – USA (NCC-USA).

The seminar will be held in the James Chapel of Union Theological Seminary (121st and Broadway), New York City, on Saturday, September 11, 2005, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. A special service of remembrance will follow at 6:00 p.m. at The Riverside Church, adjacent to the Seminary, for those who wish to participate.

The interfaith seminar will engage faith leaders in a search for resources for prevention and healing of religion-related violence.

Dr. Gurcharan Singh, of Long Island, New York, a member of the WSC-AR's governing Regional Committee and a former Vice-Chairman, will represent WSC-AR at the seminar and will lead in a Sikh reflection at the closing plenary session.

“While Sikhs have been especially victimized post 9/11 and have had many difficulties with law enforcement agencies, we look forward to working with people of other faiths in being woven into the fabric of America,” said Dr. Anahat Kaur of Napa, California, a member of the Executive Committee of WSC-AR.

“We encourage Sikh Americans to participate in this commemorative interfaith dialogue to provide healing and hope for those affected by 9/11 and to work towards building a community based on just peace – an everlasting peace in which compassion, justice, and reconciliation prevails,” said, Dr. Tarunjit Singh of Columbus, Ohio, the Chairperson of the WSC-AR's National Interfaith Committee.

“The seminar’s title intentionally steers clear of the often-used terms ‘religiously’ or ‘religion-motivated violence’. This is because sometimes religion motivates violence, and sometimes it is used, even manipulated, to justify violence. There also is violence unrelated to religion that gets religiously charged because the conflicting parties happen to be of different faiths. We want to address all violence with a ‘religion connection’” said Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, the Associate General Secretary for Interfaith Relations at NCC-USA.

Seating for the event is limited. Early registration (\$20 including lunch) is recommended and can be secured by calling Deidre Lee at (212) 870-3403 or via e-mail to dlee@nccusa.org.

In addition to the NCC-USA and Union Theological Seminary, other sponsors include Religions for Peace - USA, The Interfaith Center of New York, and New York Disaster Interfaith Services.

The September 11, 2004 seminar will be informed by a workshop on “religion-related violence” during last month’s Parliament of the World’s Religions in Barcelona, Spain.

The NCC-USA, founded in 1950, is the leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the United States. The NCC-USA's 36 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox member denominations include almost 50 million persons in more than 140,000 local congregations in communities across the nation.

WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States. Its members include 28 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 7 other Sikh institutions across the nation.