

**A Re-Commitment to Spirituality
for Building Mutual Understanding & Peace**

**A Middle East-Asia Dialogue
Beirut, Lebanon, November 11-15, 2006**

AGENDA

Sunday 12 November 2006

0700 - 0730 Prayer Meditation¹

0730 - 0830 Breakfast

0900 - 1230 Holy Liturgy in the Cathedral
OR
Time for rest for participants

1230 - 1400 Lunch

1400 - 1600 **Session I**
Greetings from His Holiness Aram I
Messages
Introduction - Why this dialogue
Introduction of participants

Panel 1: Compassion and Tolerance: The Road to Spirituality

Presentations by representatives of religions
followed by discussion

Message from Venerable Master Sheng Yen
Message from H.H. Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
Presentation by H.H. Bour Kry

1600 - 1630 Break

1630 - 1730 **Session II**
Panel 2: Prayer: The Heart of Spirituality
Presentations by representatives of religions
Followed by discussion

¹ A separate room will be available for each religion. Those participants, who would like to attend the Armenian morning service at 7:00 am in the Cathedral, are most welcome.

Presentation by H.H. Swami Parmeshananda
Presentation by Sister Maureen (last name)

1730 - 1900 **Session III**
Groups: *How did the discussions of this day help us recommit ourselves?*

1900 - 1930 **Meditation in Groups**

1930 - Dinner

Informal meetings

Monday 13 November 2006

0700 - 0730 Prayer and Meditation

0730 - 0830 Breakfast

0900 - 1030 **Session I**
Panel 3: Peace Building: An Invitation to Spirituality
Presentations by representatives of religions
Followed by discussion

Presentation by Thai Buddhist community

1030 - 1100 Break

1100 - 1230 Visit to Muslim Spiritual Leaders
also visit to the ruins of the Southern Suburbs of Beirut

1230 - 1400 Lunch

1400 - 1530 **Session II**
Panel 4: Sacredness of life: A Gift and a Call to Spirituality
Presentations by representatives of religions
Followed by discussion

Presentation by Venerable Guo Yuan
Presentation by Swami Ramakrishna

1530 - 1600 Break

1600 - 1730 **Session III**
Groups: *How do we respond to these challenges?*

1730 - 1800 **Meditation in Groups**

1930 - Dinner
Evening free

Tuesday 14 November 2006

0700 - 0730 Prayer and Meditation

0730 - 0830 Breakfast

0900 - 1030 **Session I**
Panel 5: Moral Values: Fruits of Spirituality
Presentations by representatives of religions
Followed by discussion

Presentation by H.H. Swami Chitananda Saraswati

1030 - 1100 Break

1100 - 1230 **Session II**
Visit to Christian leaders

1230 - 1430 Visit an Armenian institution for children in the ancient city of Byblos. Lunch with disadvantaged children.

1500 - 1630 **Session III**
Groups: *How do we recommit to spirituality?*

1630 - 1700 Break

1700 - 1900 **Session IV: Concluding Plenary**
Short reports from groups (summarize discussion, respond to questions, raise new questions, recommend actions/commitments)

Reading and adoption of the message of the meeting

Sharing of experiences of the meeting

Concluding remarks (follow-up)

1930 - **Farewell Dinner**

Wednesday 15 November 2006

Departure

*There will be a programme for those participants who have later flights.