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OUR VISION AND MISSION

OUR VISION is a world of PEACE, JUSTICE, and SUSTAINABILITY.

OUR MISSION is to CULTIVATE HARMONY AMONG THE WORLD’S RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES and to foster their engagement with the critical issues of our time – in partnership with one another and with the guiding institutions of society.
LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends, It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of gratitude that I present the 2023 Annual Report of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

This year marks a significant milestone for the Parliament, as we celebrated our 130th anniversary and convened our 9th Convening in Chicago on August 14-18. This was the most geographically diverse Convening in our history. We began with more than a thousand members of more than twenty faith organizations walking in our inaugural Parade of Faiths.

Our theme was “A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights.” Faith and spiritual communities are vital partners and first responders in the fight for human rights, for justice, for freedom, for a healthy environment, and for democracy.

As you will read in this report, participants engaged in a rich and varied program that included plenary sessions, workshops, panels, religious observances and cultural events. People of over 200 diverse faiths came together, shared their experiences, and learned from one another on the urgent issues of Climate Action, Women's Dignity, Indigenous People's Rights, Peace and Justice and the Next Generation, as well as the Parliament's Global Ethic.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the countless people who made the 2023 Parliament a success. First and foremost, I would like to thank the people of Chicago for their warm hospitality and support. I would also like to thank our Circle of Patrons, Sponsors, many other donors, volunteers, and staff for their tireless efforts and dedication, as well as the hundreds of presenters and exhibitors who shared their unique contributions to the global interfaith movement.
We offer very special appreciation to the hundreds of Sikh volunteers who each day shared the meal of Langar – the gift of sevā or selfless service.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the 2023 Parliament. Your presence and participation made this gathering a truly unforgettable and historic event.

As we look ahead, the Parliament remains committed to its mission of promoting interfaith understanding, cooperation, and action. We are living out the theme of the 2023 Chicago Convening with this year's program, "Focus24: Faith, Democracy and Our Common Future: Shaping a Path Forward." Please join us in 2024 and beyond as we work together to build a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

-- Rev. Stephen Avino, Executive Director
With these words, members of my Jain faith greet one another, saying "Victory to the supreme Victors." What is their victory? They have triumphed over the ignorance that leads to violence and they have won the victory of harmony and peace.

Our world is torn by violence – and 2023 has also gone down in memory as the time when 8,000 of us met on the shores of Lake Michigan for five beautiful days in August to answer "A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights." Why this call? It was a call for our conscience to speak out, since if we do not speak out today we may be silenced forever. Human rights and freedom are under threat all over the world.

Human rights arise from human dignity: every human being is worthy of respect. At our 9th Convening we came together to reaffirm our belief in the ongoing struggle for human rights, to uphold each other’s dignity, and to strengthen our partnerships and plans of action to establish peace, justice and care for the Earth.

8,000 of us from diverse religions, many countries, different traditions and ethnicities met in peace – faith leaders, renowned speakers, artists, musicians, dancers, local Chicagoans, children, volunteers, sponsors and our Board and the staff of the Parliament.
During the Convening we experienced love, friendship and the feeling that all is not lost. Now we have returned to our communities carrying this message-- if people from all walks and talks of life can stand under one roof and share love, peace and compassion, why can we not expand this harmony and oneness into the ONE Earth that we all share?

Chicago is the birthplace of the Interfaith Movement where in 1893 our forebears came together to celebrate both the diversity and oneness of humanity. While differences have remained or may in some cases have grown deeper, respect, love and compassion towards our fellow human beings has also increased. From 1893 to 2023, our valuing of our diversity has increased and we have celebrated this beauty of our differences together with the commonality of our existence.

The leadership of the Parliament of World’s Religions is deeply grateful to all our donors, sponsors, and partners in Chicago and worldwide who have given their support to bring this extraordinary event to fruition. We hope to rely on your continued support as we carry our work forward into the future.

Looking forward to meeting all of you again,

In service,

Nitin Ajmera
Chair of the Board
Dear Friends, I’m pleased to send greetings to the Parliament of the World’s Religions as you gather in Chicago. You represent religious traditions in their magnificent diversity but you are united by a shared faith in our common humanity. This spirit of unity is what brings you together and it is the spirit our world needs more than ever. We need to unite to tackle the big challenges of our time from war and conflict, hate and discrimination, hunger and poverty, to our burning planet.

To sail safely through these turbulent seas, we must stay true to the essential values common to all religions and central to the United Nations: compassion, solidarity, respect for the dignity and rights of every person. These universal values animate the United Nations Charter and are at the core of our work for peace and sustainable development.

They are also at the heart of your theme this year: “A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights.”

I deeply appreciate your commitment to reach out across communities and come together as one human family, sharing burdens, solving problems and seizing opportunities.

Thank you for inspiring the best in each of us to build a better world for all of us.
The theme of the 2023 Parliament convening was an urgent Call to Conscience, with presentations and participation by the largest gathering of the world’s religious and spiritual leaders and practitioners, activists and organizers who united in a collective, courageous and clear reply to the most dangerous crisis confronting us today – authoritarianism.

Daily plenaries, five in total, addressed the challenge of this global scourge with intersectional, inspiring wisdom offered by diverse faith leaders and activists from the Parliament’s traditional areas of engagement and community – the Global Ethic, Peace and Justice, Women, Indigenous peoples, Youth, and Climate Change – as well as leading figures in the fight for democracy, freedom and human rights.

Plenaries and daily programs, offered by hundreds of attendees, offered strategies, tools, best practices and an activated network ready to be a critical life of defense against the tyrants and strongmen who commit crimes against humanity, murder the truth with lies, who foster hate and the resurgence of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, misogyny and racism, and who misappropriate religions to justify the unjustifiable. Our thematic programming was collective response that faith and spiritual communities reject their efforts to divide us and to subvert our fundamental freedoms.

The Parliament’s unique open-call strategy for programs also offered abundant opportunities for discovery, inspiration, peace, prayer, ritual, reflection and rejoicing with an outstanding and substantial program of over 800 presentations celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of the many represented religious and spiritual traditions. Assemblies and tracks of programs were also presented in the Parliament’s traditional areas of engagement, along with a compelling film festival, a joyous interfaith concert, art exhibits, rites and rejoicings.

The Parliament’s 2023 programming sent a crucial message to the world that faith and spiritual communities are vital and engaged partners in the defense of justice, freedom, human rights and democracy, in seeking to ease the suffering of others and in contributing to a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

With continuing commitment,

Rev. HP Phyllis Curott
Program Chair, 2023 Parliament of the World’s Religions
CRISIS PLENARY
This Plenary highlights the urgent threat of authoritarianism and addresses some of the most pressing threats facing democracy and human rights. Speakers examine issues such as political polarization, disinformation, and rising authoritarianism.

WATCH HERE

CONSCIENCE PLENARY
This Plenary explored the ethical and religious importance of conscience, not just as an individual and collective moral compass, but as a dynamic call to action to defend the dignity, freedom, and human rights of all.

WATCH HERE

COMMUNITY PLENARY
This Plenary explored innovative approaches to building strong, resilient communities. Expert speakers share their experiences, insights, and proven best practices on how to create effective community-driven solutions to pressing social issues.

WATCH HERE

CLOSING PLENARY
The Closing Ceremony was a momentous occasion celebrating the collective knowledge, experience, and commitment of every participant at this 9th global Convening of the Parliament of the World’s Religions.

WATCH HERE
CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY featured two Assemblies focusing on individual and collective action to save our planet, hosted a Climate Village (pictured) for environmental groups to network, and included sessions on divestment from fossil fuels, the Human Right to a Healthy Environment, and the Greening of Congregations, among others.

THE GLOBAL ETHIC programming featured an Assembly and week-long Symposium to celebrate 30 years of the Parliament’s foundational document Towards a Global Ethic: An Initial Declaration and to tackle the question: How do we put into practice our commitments to foster a culture of respect for life, of economic justice, of truth and compassion, of women’s rights, and of care for the Earth?

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ RIGHTS featured morning and evening Fire Ceremonies, an Indigenous Arbor for special sessions and networking, and a main stage event featuring Amazonian leaders advocating for the protection of the Amazon Rainforest in cooperation with the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative and the Indigenous Medicine Conservation Fund (pictured).
NEXT GENERATION programming featured spiritually and geographically diverse youth, young adult changemakers, and intergenerational cohorts that are working towards interfaith cooperation in their communities and are tackling critical issues on defending democracy, freedom and human rights.

PEACE & JUSTICE programming recognized the necessity for being rigorously engaged in overcoming differences that obstruct the achievement of peace and justice, featuring discussions on nonviolence, nuclear nonproliferation, and a demonstration of turning guns into plowshares.

WOMEN’S DIGNITY featured programs to promote the dignity and human rights of women and girls, to stop religiously justified violence against women and girls, and to promote women’s leadership and equal participation in religious and spiritual communities through a Women’s Assembly (pictured), a Women’s Village for discussions and rest, and through a diversity of panels and workshops.
FEATURED PROGRAMMING

CITY OF CHICAGO
This track featured organizers, artists, and leaders from religious, municipal, educational, and intersectional social movements committed to showcasing how Chicagoans leverage interfaith cooperation, defend freedom and human rights, celebrate diverse interreligious achievements in peace and justice and stand with our planet.

SCIENCE & FAITH
The Science & Religion track fostered dialogue and scientific understanding to address major challenges facing the planet and beyond.

KIDS OF POWR
The Parliament of the World’s Religions teamed up with Spiritual Playdate to bring fun, interactive, and inspiring kids and family programs to the 2023 Parliament Convening.

SACRED MUSIC NIGHT
Our Sacred Music Night concert featured a variety of performances, including music, dance, and spoken word from a variety of Convening attendees and international artists, with a special appearance by Rev. Jesse Jackson as he was honored with a lifetime achievement recognition.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES AND EXHIBITS
The 2023 Parliament featured several spiritual and religious observances and ceremonies across a diverse range of traditions, along with specially built temples, rooms for religious observances, and a vibrant Exhibit Hall.

Explore the full list of our 2023 Convening programs here.
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS

The Parliament of the World’s Religions is an international ecumenical body representing all major world religions, founded in 1893 at Chicago’s Parliament of Religions. The Parliament is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) accredited to the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UNDGC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD).

The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in his 2021 report “Our Common Agenda” has proposed to repurpose the UN Trusteeship Council to be a forum for deliberation on the rights of future generations and care for the global commons. The Parliament actively supports this proposal. Following formal approval by our Trustees early in 2023 we communicated formally to the Office of the Secretary-General, which had requested input from civil society organizations. We subsequently announced our position statement and posted resources on the proposal and during the year we advocated on repurposing the Trusteeship Council in a number of UN-related forums.

As an observance of World Environment Day, the Parliament co-organized a half-day hybrid conference, “The Right to a Healthy Environment: Looking Ahead” at the Episcopal Church Center, co-sponsored with the Center for Earth Ethics, the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations, The Episcopal Church, and the NGO Committee on Human Rights. This event continued our advocacy for this basic human right and our participation in the global civil society coalition for R2HE, which was a recipient of the 2023 UN Human Rights Award.

The Parliament co-sponsored the following UN-related programs in 2023:

- “Faith and a Treaty for Climate Justice – The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty” – organized by GreenFaith
- “Honoring the 2nd Annual Nuclear Prayer Day” organized by the United Religions Initiative (URI)
- “Taking Stock of Our Ambition: Faith-based Climate Action at the United Nations,” A Side Event of the UN Climate Summit – at Episcopal Church Headquarters
- “Aligning Values and with Action: A Deep Approach to Climate Change Solutions” organized by the Bahá’í International Community during Climate COP28 in Dubai

We published 3 reports on our ongoing project, Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in partnership with the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, the United Religions Initiative, and the United Nations Environment Programme.

We continue our active participation in the Faith for Earth Coalition of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the Faiths for Biodiversity Coalition, the Faith + Food Coalition and the Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN (CRNGOs), including co-chairing the Climate Working Group.

During the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) the Parliament presented at an invitational roundtable on “Innovation in Values: Women’s Engagement in Reimagining Digital Technology” at the Bahá’í International Community.
Seeking Religious Literacy is a self-paced course created by Seattle University’s Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement and the Parliament.

This course is:
- Public and open to all!
- Self-paced—students can take weeks or months to complete it—and non-credit bearing
- Recommended for both individuals and communities-of-learning and designed so that group learning can be facilitated by a leader who shepherds discussion

In five modules, video lectures crafted by faculty scholars and presented by SU students and alumni. The lectures guide us through a path of accessible written and audio content to be reflected upon as students take this rich pilgrimage in learning.
OUR FINANCIALS

The Parliament of the World’s Religions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization audited annually and a platinum-level Guidestar participant, with demonstrated commitment to transparency.

The following financial information is an in-good faith estimate. The final amount may change upon completion of the annual financial audit in 2024.

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The Parliament of the World's Religions had a modest deficit of $161,291 in 2023 due to the cost of producing our large-scale Convening with over 8,000 attendees -- and making the Convening affordable for guests. We are currently in the midst of intensive short- and long-term planning to manage the Parliament's finances in ways that avoid potential deficits.

More financial information can be found on the Parliament’s Guidestar Profile or on the IRS Charity Database.

IRS Charities and Nonprofits Database
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The Circle of Patrons is a group of generous supporters and interfaith leaders who wish to help ensure the strength and sustainability of the Parliament’s vision of interfaith understanding and partnership working to bring into being a world of peace, justice and care for the Earth.

We offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation to these greatly valued Patrons for their important support. These are the Founding Members of the Circle of Patrons for the year 2023 (in alphabetical order):

**Blouke Carus** is a distinguished chemist who revolutionized the production of the vital environmental chemical, potassium permanganate. After graduating from Cal Tech and the University of Freiburg, he transformed production techniques at Carus Chemical in La Salle, Illinois. At this time he began a lifelong preoccupation with teaching, literacy, and books for both children and adults. In 1961, with his wife Marianne, he launched the Open Court Integrated Language Arts Program to improve children’s reading comprehension; the program is now part of McGraw Hill. Blouke also helped develop the International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in the U.S. His company Carus Books carries on the legacy of Open Court Publishing, established in 1887, where Blouke’s grandfather, the scholar and visionary Paul Carus, was the first editor and also helped organize the 1893 World Parliament of Religions. At its Convenings the Parliament gives the Paul Carus Award to one or more recipients for “exemplary and visionary efforts in the promotion of interreligious harmony and cooperation.”

**The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** is a worldwide humanitarian and educational organization established in 1966 by Dharma Master Cheng Yen, a Taiwanese Buddhist nun. Tzu Chi volunteers endeavor to promote the universal value of “Great Love,” reverently accepting the Buddha’s teaching of “expressing great kindness to all sentient beings, and taking their suffering as our own,” manifesting kindness, compassion, joy and selflessness through concrete actions. In its “Four Major Missions” of Charity, Medicine, Education and Humanity, Tzu Chi carries forward large-scale programs of aid globally to the poor, health care, bone marrow donation, education at all levels, international relief and environmental protection. In addition to international medical programs during the COVID pandemic, Tzu Chi currently is extensively involved in aid in India and Nepal, the Buddha's birthplace, and ongoing support for refugees from conflict areas and those affected by extreme weather events. See: [https://www.tzuchi.org.tw/en/](https://www.tzuchi.org.tw/en/)

**The Charter for Compassion** is a declaration to restore compassion and the Golden Rule to the center of our moral and religious traditions. In 2008 acclaimed scholar and bestselling author Karen Armstrong received the TED Prize and made a wish—to help create, launch, and propagate a Charter for Compassion. After much work and the contribution of thousands of people, the Charter was launched at the United Nations in 2009. The Council of Conscience helped to formulate the Charter for Compassion document. The Charter for Compassion provides an umbrella for people to engage in collaborative partnerships worldwide. Its vision is “A transformed world where all life flourishes with compassion.” Its mission is to bring to life the principles articulated in the Charter for Compassion through concrete, practical action in many different sectors by connecting, cultivating, and encouraging networks of compassionate action. Millions of people have affirmed the Charter and the movement has attracted followers worldwide. Over 440 cities and communities in 54 countries, are developing and promoting compassionate initiatives. See: [https://charterforcompassion.org](https://charterforcompassion.org)
The Rafat and Zoreen Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion is dedicated to studying, learning from, and collaborating with religious communities worldwide for the common good. Established in 2017 and inaugurated in 2018, its wide-ranging work includes research, teaching, outreach, and interaction with religious communities, faith and civic leaders, academics and journalists, and the general public. Together, these efforts enable the Institute to foster deliberation, offer training, implement transformative educational programs, and generate ideas on how religion can continue to serve as a force for good in the world. The Ansari Institute embraces an openness to the wisdom of diverse faith traditions, respectful partnership with local and global actors, and collaborations across disciplines to advance the mission of the institute, the Keough School, and the University of Notre Dame. See: https://ansari.nd.edu

The Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha (GNNSJ) is a faith-based charitable organization that has grown from strength to strength founded on deep commitment to community. It embodies the values of shared responsibility and strength in unity. Drawing on the ideals of ‘nishkam sewa’ – selfless service, its members have embraced a Sikh faith-based ethos that has at its core the principle of ‘sarbat da bhala’ – may everyone prosper. GNNSJ has expanded its faith-based, values-led philosophy into various sectors. This has led to the Nishkam Group of Charitable Organizations, active in religious practice and propagation, social regeneration, heritage conservation, education, health care and infrastructure development. Since 1995 the Spiritual Leader and Chairman of GNNSJ has been Bhai Sahib Prof. Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia OBE KSG, third in line of its Sikh religious leaders. GNNSJ engages in interfaith dialogue and collaboration at all levels, and one of its recent important initiatives is the International Peace Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation. See: https://gnnsj.org/info/

The Fetzer Institute was founded in 1962 by John E. Fetzer. According to its mission statement, “At the Fetzer Institute, we believe in the possibility of a loving world: a world where we understand we are all part of one human family and know our lives have purpose. In the world we seek, everyone is committed to courageous compassion and bold love—powerful forces for good in the face of fear, anger, division, and despair. Inspired by our founder John E. Fetzer, we encourage each other to discover new ways of knowing our sacred world and explore our personal spiritual journeys as we work toward transformed communities and societies in which all people can flourish. We work with thought leaders to develop programs, research projects, convenings, and funding collaborations in the sectors of faith, spirituality, democracy, education, and organizational culture.” The Institute is based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where its Seasons retreat center is located. See: https://fetzer.org

The Circle of Friends for VRG Vision is a group of Jains inspired by the vision of Virchand Raghav Gandhi (VRG), who represented Jainism at the historic World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 and brought Jainism into a dialogue with other faiths which has continued ever since. Through VRG and his legacy, Jainism has inspired leaders including Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Jr., inspired leaders including Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela and many others with the modern relevance of the Jain values of Nonviolence (Ahimṣā), Non-possessiveness (Aparigraha) and Non-Absolutism (Anekāntavāda) – all key tenets for a peaceful, just, sustainable and loving world. Jains are proud to carry forward the torch lit by VRG and to develop programs and initiatives that will spread in the world the message of the Tīrthaṅkaras or “Makers of the Crossing“ including Mahāvīr, the 24th in the ancient Jain lineage of great enlightened beings.
The Wayfarer Foundation launched in 2021 and was inspired by Bahá’í principles, which are universal in nature. Steve Sarowitz, a Bahá’í philanthropist and founder and chairman of Paylocity (Nasdaq: PCTY), started the Wayfarer Foundation to be the philanthropic engine for his spiritually rooted giving. Wayfarer Foundation partners with nonprofits to co-create a unified world where all people work together for peace, justice, and prosperity. Within these broad areas, we are especially interested in partnering with spiritually rooted and justice-oriented organizations whose missions include promoting: Economic Prosperity, Gender Equality, Racial Justice and Unity in Diversity, Religious Harmony, The Arts, Universal Education, Youth Empowerment. See: https://wayfarerfoundation.org

Weixin Shengjiao: Sagely Teachings of the Heart is a new religion established in 1982 by Grand Master Hunyuan Chanshi in Taiwan. Weixin Shengjiao’s doctrine, known as “Cultivating the Way for the Sake of the Nation, Praying for Blessings on Behalf of the People,” is focused on disseminating the practical wisdom of the I Ching (or The Book of Changes), Feng Shui, and religious cultivation. Its purpose is to assist individuals in resolving life’s challenges, thereby enabling them to attain economic prosperity, establish stable livelihoods, pursue spiritual elevation, and facilitate the transcendence of souls in the spiritual realm. Grand Master Hunyuan Chanshi inherits the heavenly mandate of “Universal Peace” from Immortal Master Guigu (Guiguzi), Wang Chan Lao Zu, and leads all his disciples in the religious practice of dispelling calamities and overcoming tribulations to pursue a peaceful world.

Steve and Jessica Sarowitz – Steve Sarowitz is a philanthropist, Founder and Chairman of Paylocity (Nasdaq: PCTY), Director of Payescape, and partner in Wayfarer Studios. A passionate Bahá’í, Steve presents about the Bahá’í Faith and its vision of world unity at venues around the globe. Steve served as Executive Producer for the award-winning documentary “Maya Angelou: And Still, I Rise” and “The Gate: Dawn of the Bahá’í Faith,” a groundbreaking documentary. As an international philanthropist, Steve promotes unity and universal education and advocates eliminating racism, sexism, nationalism, and religious prejudice. Steve, a Chicago Area Runners Association Hall of Fame inductee, enjoys running and spending time with his wife, Jessica, and two children. Jessica Sarowitz is the Managing Partner of 4S Bay Partners, LLC, a family office management company. She is also the co-founder and Managing Family Director of the Julian Grace Foundation. Jessica is focused on advancing BIPOC leadership in private and philanthropic ventures, including orphanages and clinics in Central America, innovative education programs for foster children, urban centers for arts and technology education, vocational workforce training centers, environmental justice causes, and the preservation of Indigenous cultures. She recently served as executive producer on the film “With This Light”; a documentary about Sister Maria Rosa Leggol of Honduras, known as the Mother Teresa of Central America.
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SHOP FOR GOOD
Support the Parliament when you shop online. Platforms like DealAid.org, PayPal, and eBay provide you with an easy opportunity to donate to the causes you care about.

LEAVE A LEGACY
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