

Topics, speakers and discussants

Note: The table below will represent Muslim speakers and discussants as MS and MD and similarly for Christian speakers and discussants, CS and CD respectively. Please note also that Muslim discussants will comment on presentations by Christian speakers, and Christian discussants will discuss presentations by Muslim speakers.

Thursday evening, Welcome by Dr. Douglas McConnell of Fuller Theological Seminary followed by a keynote presentation on the Common Word: history and theology, Dr. Aref Nayed.

a. Theological Aspects

Panel 1 : Historical and Religious Contexts of the call to a “*common word*”:
Muslim and Christian readings of the Qur’anic text.

MS : Mahmoud Ayoub

CD : Dudley Woodberry

CS: Colin Chapman

MD : Assad Busool

Panel 2: Worship in the New Testament and The Qur’an, and its meaning for Muslims and Christians today.

MS : Munir El-Kassem

CD : Mary Veeneman

CS: Gary Burge

MD : Marcia Hermansen

Panel 3: Worship of God and Love of His Creation: Christian and Muslim Reflections.

MS : Asma Afsaruddin

CD : Leith Anderson

CS: Glen Stassen

MD : Laleh Bakhtiar

b. Historical Realities

Panel 4: Christian minorities under Muslim rule and Muslim minorities under Christian rule: what lessons can we draw?

MS : Muhammad Sammak

CD : Stephen Sizer

CS: Evelyne Reisacher

MD : Muhammad Shafiq

Panel 5: Christian – Muslim Dialogue: Its goals and obstacles

MS : Jamal Badawi

CD : Rick Love

CS: Martin Accad

MD : Irfan Omar

Panel 6: The problem of terrorism & the experience of American Muslims

MS : Sayid Saeed

CD : Jay Muller

CS: Don Wagner

MD : Sulaiman Nyang

Panel 7: The problem of terrorism & the experience of Middle Eastern Christians

MS : Abid Ismail

CD : Ray Bakke

CS: Chawkat Moukarry

MD : Abdullah Antepi

c. The Common Word:

A Call for Equality and Justice: Muslims and Christians in North America

Panel 8 : Islam and Muslims in the North American Media

MS : Ahmad Younis

CD : Jim Rice

CS: Tim Morgan

MD : Abdul Malik Mujahid

Panel 9 : Christianity and the West in the Arab and Muslim Media

MS : Ghada Talhami

CD : Martin Accad

CS: Wafik Wahba

MD : Sami Catovic

Panel 10: Plenary session, panelist and general audience to conclude our deliberations.

Panel 11 : Evaluation of the present conference and looking ahead to the future