

# Adventures in Dialogue



## **The Jerusalem Rainbow Group**

### **Impressions of 45 years of Jewish-Christian Dialogue**

Peter E. Janssen

This book tells the story of the Rainbow Group for Jewish-Christian Dialogue in Jerusalem. Founded in 1965, the group meets monthly and brings together Jewish and Christian religious leaders and scholars who seek to overcome longstanding religious animosities and to create a positive framework for reconciliation. In today's world, rife with religious conflict and fanaticism, terror and suffering appear to be on the rise. The adventure of the Rainbow, however, proves that honest dialogue can bring respect for the faith of others, while regular, face-to-face meetings can increase mutual trust and can even lead to friendships that transcend the purely intellectual. Through the acknowledgement of one another's spiritual commitments, the members of the Rainbow have been inspired to work together in the spirit of faith and compassion to address some of the critical issues facing contemporary society.

#### **Quotes about the book and the theme:**

"Let me first say that I am truly impressed by what you achieved. The book is valuable both as a history of the Rainbow itself and for the manner in which you have used the interviews to discuss fundamental questions". (Dr. Malcolm Lowe).

"Keep on having faith in this extremely valuable project". (Dr. J. Schoneveld)

"Good luck on your study on the Rainbow. It is a fine contribution to the history of interfaith understanding in Israel". (Rabbi J. Cohen, Jerusalem)

"Dialogue is possible! This book shows in a practical way how Jews and Christians have been in dialogue for almost 50 years in Jerusalem.

Reading it helps you to do the same" (Dr. A.A. van den Berg, Holland)

"Interreligious dialogue is an essential component in facilitating peaceful reconciliation in international relations" (Rabbi David Rosen, Director of the American Jewish Committee).

"What impressed me about the Rainbow was the commitment of its members which makes the events different from many in the interreligious studies". (Dr. Barbara Meyer, Chair Rainbow, Tel Aviv).

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