



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

2016 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PHILADELPHIA

**“The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism in a Changing World:
The Philadelphia, United States, and International Contexts”**

July 10 – 13, 2016

In cooperation with:

Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2016 annual conference of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) will be held in Philadelphia, USA, July 10 – 13. The ICCJ is honored to organize the conference in cooperation with its North American member organization, the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (CCJR), and to be hosted by the Saint Joseph’s University (SJU) in Philadelphia.

The theme of the conference is “The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism in a Changing World: The Philadelphia, United States, and International Contexts”. Working together in Philadelphia with many excellent institutions, religious groups and organizations and civic authorities, this conference will provide people from around the world with manifold insights into the complex and diverse experiences of religious pluralism, freedom and tolerance of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities in the Philadelphia region, the United States and global contexts.

The first day of our gathering – titled “William Penn’s Experiment” – will focus on the experiences of Christians as a diverse majority in North America; the sessions of the second day – titled “The Non-Establishment Experiment” – will incorporate Jewish and Muslim experiences into our reflections, and on the final day – titled “International Insights” – we will look at the wider horizon of international contexts.

Registration

Please register for the 2016 ICCJ conference on our homepage www.iccj.org. Fill in the registration form and indicate your way of payment.

PLEASE NOTE: Outside the Euro zone payment only by credit card.

All detailed information you need re your payment, can be found on the registration form and the payment info page on our website.

Deadline for conference online registration: **June 6, 2016.**

Program

The on-site check-in for full participants and the welcome for the conference will start on Sunday, July 10, 1.30 pm at the conference venue, the “Campion” building of Saint Joseph’s University, 5600 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131.

Conference participants will receive their conference packages there.

At 4.00 pm the opening ceremonies of the conference will take place at the chapel of Saint Joseph’s University followed by a dinner in “Doyle hall” of the “Campion” at 6 pm.

Together with plenary sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, there will be a total of 15 workshops, which will address a wide range of themes.

The conference language is English.

PLEASE NOTE: After the closing of the online registration period (deadline: June 6, 2016) participants will be asked by mail to sign up for their workshops.

Given the different sizes of the workshop rooms, participants can only take part in a particular workshop who have signed up for that workshop in advance.

Participants will find colored workshop cards in their conference folders. Those who did not sign up for a particular workshop are requested to attend the workshop in the Auditorium (Workshop Track 1 = Workshops A1, B1 and C1).

A program overview that will be regularly updated can be found on www.iccj.org; all participants will receive a final, annotated program booklet as pdf-file together with the invitation mail for signing up for the workshops.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be field trips to local sites in Philadelphia. All will end with a get-together of the groups at the Constitution Center. Tuesday evening is free. Further details will be provided in due course.

Transfers

All transfers during the conference will be by bus. Busses leave from the conference venue, the Saint Joseph’s University, and – if not indicated otherwise – will bring you back to the university.

For conference participants who will stay at the conference hotel “Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue” a shuttle service to the university and back to the hotel will be arranged in the morning and in the evening (those who prefer more flexibility may use the public busses that leave every 10 minutes directly in front of the hotel “Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue” and stop at the main entrance of the Saint Joseph’s University (see the topic “Travel to and in Philadelphia”).

Young Leadership Council (YLC)

The ICCJ Young Leadership Council (YLC) will have its own meeting in Philadelphia in the days after the ICCJ conference (Thursday, July 14 – Sunday, July 17). Participants in the YLC gathering are cordially invited to attend the ICCJ Philadelphia conference as well, and we offer a reduction of the conference fee (50 % of the “Full Participant” fee) for them (see the topic “Conference fee - Students”). We also encourage our national member organizations to help fund the participation of young people from their countries.

Conference Fee

This year the conference fee is **€ 250** for **full participants**. Registration becomes valid and invoices can be sent only after receipt of the conference fee.

The conference fee for **full participants** includes payment for:

- ☉ All conference plenary sessions and workshops
- ☉ All transfers & field trips during the conference program
- ☉ Opening ceremonies and dinner on Sunday
- ☉ Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday / dinner on Monday / coffee breaks
- ☉ Closing festive dinner on Wednesday

PLEASE NOTE: The opening ceremonies on Sunday afternoon (+ dinner) and the field trips to local sites on Tuesday afternoon (+ “get-together” and reception at the Constitution Center) are open to full participants only.

Day Guests

Day guests must register online as well and may choose a maximum of two days.

PLEASE NOTE: Those who would like to attend three days are obliged to attend as “full participant”.

During the conference the on-site check-in for registered day guests will take place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8.00 – 8.30 am at the conference venue, the Saint Joseph’s university, “Campion” building.

For day guests we offer the following packages:

1. **Day Guest on Monday;** conference fee: **€ 80** which covers:

- ☉ Plenary session A and workshop sessions A and B
- ☉ Session “An Afternoon of Dialogue”
- ☉ Lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks

2. **Day Guest on Tuesday;** conference fee: **€ 50** which covers:

- ☉ Plenary sessions B and C
- ☉ Lunch and coffee break

PLEASE NOTE: The field trips to local sites on Tuesday afternoon are not included.

3. **Day Guest on Wednesday;** conference fee: **€ 80** which covers:

- ☉ Plenary session D and E, workshop session C
- ☉ Concluding session
- ☉ Lunch and coffee breaks
- ☉ Closing festive dinner

Students

The conference fee for students and/or those who also participate in the conference of the ICCJ’s Young Leadership Council (YLC) is 50% of the full conference fee (= € 125).

Students have to register online as well; like all participants, students also will be asked to sign up for workshops in due time.

Payment methods

For detailed information about payment see the online registration form on ICCJ's website www.iccj.org; please follow the advice and instructions given there.

The conference fee can be paid:

☉ If you live in a country in the Euro zone:

Preferably through credit card while registering online (VisaCard or MasterCard)

or

by bank transfer to:

Sparkasse Starkenburg Heppenheim, Federal Republic of Germany

IBAN: DE 20509514690000121350

SWIFT/BIC: HELADEF 1 HEP

☉ From non-Euro countries payment only through credit card while registering online (VisaCard or MasterCard)

Cancellations

In case of cancellation reimbursement of the conference fee will be as follows:

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| Cancellation | until April 3 | full reimbursement |
| | from April 4 – April 28 | 80 % |
| | from April 29 – May 22 | 70 % |
| | from May 23 – June 9 | 50 % |
| Cancellation | on or after June 10 | no reimbursement |

Hotel Reservation

For conference participants ICCJ has reserved rooms at special rates in the hotel "Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue", 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131.

You are requested to make your reservations directly with "Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue". On a first come first serve base 80 rooms will be blocked for ICCJ conference participants.

Settle your bill when checking out at the hotel.

The block of rooms has been reserved for July 9 – 15, 2016. The special room rate will be available until June 18th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Rates: Single or Double room per night / per person = 129 USD

PLEASE NOTE: Taxes (15,5 % inclusive of state and local) and breakfast are **not** included.

Address: Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

After your online registration you will receive an automatically generated mail from ICCJ with the confirmation of conference registration, including a direct link to the booking page of the hotel arranged for ICCJ; please only use that link for booking a room at the "Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue" to benefit from the special room rate guaranteed for ICCJ conference participants.

Book your room as soon as possible, the rooms are blocked on a first come first serve base!

Further information

For further information, please contact the ICCJ headquarters at the Martin Buber House:

Email: info@iccj.org

Address: Werlestrasse 2, 64646 Heppenheim, Germany

We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia!