**Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka**

**International Conference on Religious Tolerance and Harmony**

**IRTH 2015**

**Session Schedule**

**22nd and 23rd April 2015**

**Day 01 - 22nd April 2015**

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| 9.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | Inauguration |
| 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12.30 p.m. - 12.50 p.m. | Discussion with the Keynote Speaker,  **Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy**,  President Emeritus, Interfaith Alliance, U.S.A.  Chair: **Rev. Dr. Aloysius Pieris** |

**Plenary Session - 12.50 p.m. - 2.20 p.m.**

Each Presentation - 15 minutes

Discussion - 30 minutes

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| **Plenary Session** | |
| **Chair** | **Prof. Oliver Abeynayake** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Gallelle Sumanasiri** |
| **Moderators** | **Ven. Ampare Ananda** |
| **Ven. Yodakandiye Ariyawansa** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. Anjali Premakumara** |
| **Ms. Chamari Hasanthi** |
| **Mr. Sineth Madushanka** |

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| Venue : Main Auditorium | | |
| Time | **Panelist** | **Topic** |
| 12.50-1.05 | Prof. Tilak Kariyawasam  BPU/IRTH 2015/001 | Religious Minister- Family Member and Conflict Resolution |
| 1.05-1.20 | Dr. Noor Zaheer  BPU/IRTH 2015/002 | Religion And Conflict Resolution Believing Panchshil ; Outwitting Terror |
| 1.20-1.35 | Ven. Raluwe Padmasiri  BPU/IRTH 2015/003 | Need for Addressing Conflicting Religious Teachings Instead of Surface Dialogues for a Long-Lasting Religious Harmony |
| 1.35-1.50 | Mr. M.I.M. Thowfeek  BPU/IRTH 2015/004 | Understanding Religious Tolerance in Islamic Perspective |
| 1.50 p.m. - 2.20 p.m. Discussion | | |

**Parallel Sessions**

Each Presentation - 10 minutes

Discussion - 35 minutes

**2.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.**

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| **Session 1** | | **Session 2** | |
| **Chair** | **Dr. Noor Zaheer** | **Chair** | **Dr. Neeti Rana** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Ittademaliye Indasara** | **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Wawwe Dhammarakkhita** |
| **Moderators** | **Ven. Wijithapura Gunarathana** | **Moderators** | **Ven. Ilukewela Dhammarathana** |
| **Ven. Gammahegewewa Samitha** | **Ven. Dhambarawe Somadhaja** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. Gayathri Perera** | **Assistants** | **Ms. A.G. Shyamalee** |
| **Ms. T.G.L.K. Gunasekara** | **Ms. N.S. Uduwela** |
| **Mr. Upali Chathuranga** | **Mr. D.M. Seneviratna** |

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| 2.30-2.40 | Ms. Dilini Ariyawansa  BPU/IRTH 2015/005 | An Examination on Using Multi-Religious Concepts in Sinhalese Poetry (Based on 'Prabuddha' by Mahagama Sekara) | Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh  BPU/IRTH 2015/009 | Brahmavihara And Humanism: A Buddhist Approach |
| 2.40-2.50 | Mr. S. Padmanaban  BPU/IRTH 2015/006 | Hindu Religion life Reflected from Kiranagame | Ms. Ranjani Malawi Pathirana  BPU/IRTH 2015/010 | The Buddhist Aspect; Caste system and peaceful society. (With reference to the Aggañña Sutta) |
| 2.50-3.00 | Dr. Kirtiraj D C  BPU/IRTH 2015/007 | The Rising Hindu Fundamentalism (Hindutva) and the Future of India’s Diversity and Democracy in a Globalized Era | Ven. Miriswaththe Wimalagnan  BPU/IRTH 2015/011 | Christian Charity; A Model for Theistic Religions to Extend Universal Brotherhood |
| 3.00-3.10 | Ven. Huynh Kim Lan  BPU/IRTH 2015/008 | Developing Harmony Between Different Religions | Professor Vijay Kumar Singh  BPU/IRTH 2015/012 | Cultivation of Compassion in Buddhism as per Dhammapada: The prerequisite for peace |
| 3.10p.m. - 3.45 p.m. Discussion | | | **3.10p.m. - 3.45 p.m. Discussion** | |

**3.45p.m. - 4.00 p.m. - Tea**

**4.00 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.**

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| **Session 3** | | **Session 4** | |
| **Chair** | **Dr. Jehan Perera** | **Chair** | **Ms. Parvathi Nagasundaram** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Neluwe Sumanawansa** | **Co-Chair** | **Mr. Swarnananda Gamage** |
| **Moderators** | **Ven. Aluthgama Wimalarathana** | **Moderators** | **Ms. Kosala Kumarage** |
| **Ven. Hathamunayaye Jinananda** | **Ven. Mahawatthe Anandasiri** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. Radhika Kodithuwakku** | **Assistants** | **Ms. Hiruni Perera** |
| **Ms. W.M. Chamari Idunilka** | **Ms. M.A.S. Rathnayake** |
| **Mr. Supun Mihiranga** | **Mr. M.A. Hemantha** |

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| 4.00-4.10 | Ms. A.M.J.S. Gunasekara  BPU/IRTH 2015/013 | Physical Religious Heritage Interpretation Process for the Harmony  of Post War Period  (A Case study about Trincommale within Sri Lankan context) | Ms. H.E.N. Priyadarshani  BPU/IRTH 2015/017 | An Analytical Study on the Subject of Utilization of Conflict Resolution for Inter-Religion Peaceful Coexistence |
| 4.10-4.20 | Mr. Daya Dissanayake  BPU/IRTH 2015/014 | Nature worship for Tolerance and Harmony | Ven. Aparekke Sirisudhamma  Ven. Pitathalawe Wimalasara  BPU/IRTH 2015/018 | The Root-cause of Arising Conflicts: A Buddhist Perspective |
| 4.20-4.30 | Mr. Weston Elliot Strickler  BPU/IRTH 2015/015 | Buddhist Peace Keeping : Non-Violent Peacekeeping and the Buddhist Response | Mr. Bakaki Andrew  BPU/IRTH 2015/019 | The Role of Religion in Leadership for Conflict Resolution and Peace-building |
| 4.30-4.40 | Ven. Omalpe Somananda  BPU/IRTH 2015/016 | Role of Social Work in Building Ethnic Harmony Through Religions Practice | Mr. Amjad Saleem  BPU/IRTH 2015/020 | Understanding Principles And Community Practices Related To Non - Violence And Conflict Resolution From An Islamic Tradition |
| 4.40 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. Discussion | | | **4.40 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. Discussion** | |

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| 6.30 p.m. Onwards **Cultural Show** |
| 8.30 p.m. **Dinner** |

**Day 02 - 23rd April 2015**

**9.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m.**

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| **Session 5** | | **Session 6** | |
| **Chair** | **Dr. Ch. Venkata Sivasai** | **Chair** | **Mr. Ibrahim Waheed** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Prof. E.A. Wickramasinghe** | **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Wegama Piyarathana** |
| **Moderators** | **Ven. Pallegedara Susima** | **Moderators** | **Ven. Eruwewe Gunasoma** |
| **Ven. Balagolle Dhammagawesi** | **Ven. Middeniye Narada** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. Thilini Dilanka Ekanayake** | **Assistants** | **Ms. Kawindi Doollawa** |
| **Ms. D. Chandumali Piyasena** | **Ms. N.B. Ranasinghe** |
| **Mr. Dinesh Gemunu Kumara** | **Mr. Dinesh Kumara Withanage** |

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| 9.00-9.10 | Ven. Yodhakandiye Ariyawansa  BPU/IRTH 2015/021 | A Comparative Study on the Significance of Religions in Conquering the Challenges faced by Youths | Dr. Nishadini Peries  BPU/IRTH 2015/025 | Applying Religious Interpretation on Social Responsibility to Build up Inter-religious Integrity |
| 9.10-9.20 | Ms. D.M.S. Lakmali  BPU/IRTH 2015/022 | Religion And Globalization  (Religious Views of Globalization) | Ven: Moragaswewe Vijitha  BPU/IRTH 2015/026 | Buddhism and Other Religions |
| 9.20-9.30 | Ms. Vibha Mishra  BPU/IRTH 2015/023 | Religion & Globalization | Prof. Lee, Kyoung Hee  BPU/IRTH 2015/027 | The Buddhist Tolerance, A Requirement For Interfaith Dialogue |
| 9.30-9.40 | Ven. Yuande shih  BPU/IRTH 2015/024 | Buddhist Contribution to Global Peace  With Special Reference to Religious Harmony | Ms. Phyu Mar Lwin  BPU/IRTH 2015/028 | The Common Ground for Interfaith and Intrafaith |
| 9.40 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. Discussion | | | **9.40 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. Discussion** | |

**10.15 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. - Tea**

**10.45 a.m. 12.00**

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| **Session 7** | | **Session 8** | |
| **Chair** | **Mr. Joe William** | **Chair** | **Prof. Daya Edirisingha** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Ms. Sasni Amarasekara** | **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Dr. Moragollagama Uparathana** |
| **Moderators** | **Ms. Waruni Tennakoon** | **Moderators** | **Ven. Dampahala Rahula** |
| **Ven. Wellagiriye Wimalajothi** | **Ven. Hatharabage Samitha** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. S.A.D. Neelika Dhananjani** | **Assistants** | **Ms. R.D.S. Harshika** |
| **Ms. D.T.U. Ranasinghe** | **Ms. A.N. Kumuduwithana** |
| **Mr. Asanka Sandaruwan** | **Mr. Charith Priyadharshana** |

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| 10.45-10.55 | Dr. Ida Bagus Putu Suamba  BPU/IRTH 2015/029 | Religion, Culture, and Conflict Resolution: An Eastern View | Mr. Ruwan Deshapriya  BPU/IRTH 2015/033 | Relevance and Importance of Application of Buddhist Counseling Principles in Conflict Resolution |
| 10.55-11.05 | Doctor of Urdu Mukhayyo Abdurakhmonova  BPU/IRTH 2015/030 | Religious Tolerance and National Solidarity are the Guarantee of Development | Mr. Chandan Kumar  BPU/IRTH 2015/034 | Relevance of Buddha teachings Providing a Viable Solution Towards Conflict Resolution |
| 11.05-11.15 | Ms. Chalitha Wijewardhana  BPU/IRTH 2015/031 | Religion and Conflict Resolution | Prof. Shahul H. Hasbullah  BPU/IRTH 2015/035 | Religious Co-Existence In Eastern Sri Lanka |
| 11.15-11.25 | Ms. M. F. Fasriya  BPU/IRTH 2015/032 | Post War Buddhist-Muslim Ethnic Conflict and The Necessity of Religious Tolerance | Dr. R. M. Rathnasiri  BPU/IRTH 2015/036 | A Holistic Buddhist Approach to Resolution of Multi-dimensional Conflicts |
| 11.25 p.m. - 12.00 Discussion | | | **11.25 p.m. - 12.00 Discussion** | |

**12.00 - 1.00 p.m. - Lunch**

**1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.**

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| **Session 9** | | **Session 10** | |
| **Chair** | **Dr. Praneeth Abeysundara** | **Chair** | **Mr. Daya Disanayake** |
| **Co-Chair** | **Ven. Prof. Akiriyagala Nanda** | **Co-Chair** | **Prof. Yamuna Herath** |
| **Moderators** | **Ms. Nipunika Dilani** | **Moderators** | **Ven. Baragama Saddhananda** |
| **Ven. Pallebedde Kassapa** | **Ven. Katharagama Sudeerananda** |
| **Assistants** | **Ms. Thilini Withanage** | **Assistants** | **Ms. G.G.N. Anuruddhika** |
| **Ms. G. Chathuri Thilakamali** | **Ms. J.M. Gayani Udeshika** |
| **Mr. Asanka Idunil** | **Mr. Sajith Sithumina** |

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| 1.00-1.10 | Mr. Rasika Abeysinghe  BPU/IRTH 2015/037 | Interfaith And Intrafaith Tolerance – A Religious Ethic In A Secular World | Dr. Binodini Das  BPU/IRTH 2015/042 | Unity in Diversity; A Study on Religious Life of India |
| 1.10-1.20 | Mr. M. Shihar Hassan (M.H.M. Shihar),  BPU/IRTH 2015/038 | Religious Intolerance - The Crumbling of Civilizations | Ms. M.A.S. Malithi  BPU/IRTH 2015/043 | Analysis of Factors Affecting to Build a Successful Family Life Within the Framework of Religious Diversity |
| 1.20-1.30 | Mr. K.M.B.N. Konara  BPU/IRTH 2015/039 | A critical Analysis of Ancient Sinhalese Textbooks Obstructing Interfaith Tolerance in 19th Century Colonial Sri Lanka | Ms. P.R.S.M. Peramune  BPU/IRTH 2015/044 | Analysing the Expansion of Buddhist View on Conflict Resolution in Industrial Disputes Act No. 43 of 1950 in Sri Lanka. |
| 1.30-1.40 | Dr. Hafiza Shahida Perveen,.  BPU/IRTH 2015/040 | Islamic Concept of Marital Conflict Resolution | Dr. Wasantha Priyadarshana  BPU/IRTH 2015/045 | Spirituality as a Healing Process  (With Special Reference to Islam, Christian and Buddhist Teachings) |
| 1.40-1.50 | Mr. Yonten Gyeltshen  BPU/IRTH 2015/041 | Can Buddhism Bring Peace | Ven. Karagaswewe Wajira  BPU/IRTH 2015/046 | This alone is True, All else is False: How Dogmatic Religious Views impact on Tolerance and Harmony? |
| 1.50 p.m. - 2.30p.m. Discussion | | | **1.50 p.m. - 2.30p.m. Discussion** | |

**2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. - Concluding, Declaration and Thanks**