

SEARCHING FOR SHARED VALUES IN A DIVIDED WORLD

A CONFERENCE OF JEWS, CHRISTIANS & MUSLIMS

The Center for Workable Solutions
The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews
The Aspen Institute
In Cooperation with the Cordoba Initiative
Present

Searching for Shared Values in a Divided World A Conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims

**Sunday, April 10 – Monday, April 11, 2005
The Kravis Center – Cohen Pavilion
West Palm Beach, Florida**

The Center for Workable Solutions and the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews are partnering to bring together Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders in a two-day conference, "Searching for Shared Values in a Divided World."

The Center for Workable Solutions is a coalition of Jews, Christians, Muslims and others committed to finding workable alternatives to hatred and war through dialogue, tolerance, and respect for the opinions of others.

The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews, a membership organization established in 1993, is dedicated to addressing intolerance and discrimination by promoting fellowship, understanding and respect among all people of the community.

Our core belief is that Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as other religions, share many values. These values include charity, compassion, a rule of law, respect for human life, and religious tolerance, among others. Through identifying and celebrating these values, we can replace the despair and antagonism that currently prevail with hope for a better future.

The Aspen Institute and the Cordoba Initiative are utilizing their years of success in fostering thoughtful dialogue to organize the speakers and agenda for the conference. Walter Isaacson, president of the Aspen Institute, will moderate the conference. All discussions will include active audience involvement and a commitment to developing actionable proposals.

Throughout the conference, speakers will present successful projects based on shared values and their impact on participants. It is our hope that these examples from around the world will inspire conference attendees to create similar projects through their religious institutions, schools and civic organizations.



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A highlight of the conference will be the opening session on Sunday evening with **Dr. Akbar Ahmed** presenting the keynote address. Dr. Ahmed is the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington, D.C. A distinguished writer, anthropologist, and film maker, he is considered one of the world's leading authorities on contemporary Islam. The Sunday evening session will also be the annual membership dinner of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Monday will feature world-renowned speakers:

- Dr. Scott Appleby (Notre Dame)
- Rabbi Brad Hirschfield (National Jewish Center for Learning & Leadership)
- Dr. David Little (Harvard Divinity School)
- Dr. Phillip Mattar (Palestinian American Research Center)
- Aaron Miller (Seeds of Peace)
- John Mroz (East West Institute)
- Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf (Cordoba Institute)
- Ari Shavit (Ha'aretz Columnist)

Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Anwar Sadat, will be the keynote speaker at Monday's luncheon. Mrs. Sadat now teaches at the University of Maryland.

The closing session will feature many of the speakers, as we seek to develop several proposals for action—ideas that will move us forward as we address this global crisis. It is hoped that those proposals will be a basis for individual action as well as government policy. Heads of state of several countries will be advised of the conference in advance and asked to consider our proposals.

A simultaneous program on Monday morning will bring together 200 middle school children to hear Jewish, Christian and Muslim speakers share their views and respect for each other. Publication of papers on several of the discussion topics is planned following the conference.

The conference is \$450 per person.
Participation in the Sunday evening program is \$150.

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