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123rd
SUMMER NATIONAL GATHERING



FRIDAY, July 24

- 1:00–2:00 Discussion Group Leaders' Orientation with Barbara Hebert
- 2:00–3:30 TOS Board meeting – Tim Boyd
- 2:00–5:00 Registration (Lobby)
- 4:00 Guided walking tour of the grounds and buildings (start in Lobby) – Janet Kerschner in charge.
Meeting for ES members - Tim Boyd
- 5:30 Supper (dining hall)
- 7:30 Opening of the 123rd Annual Meeting (formal wear optional): Invocation, Prayers of the Religions, Welcoming, Introductions, Greetings from international and local groups, Credentials Committee report, and Announcements
- 8:45–9:45 Violin Recital with Dr. Cármelo de los Santos
Refreshments (dining hall)

SATURDAY, July 25

- 7:00 Yoga
- 7:30–8:00 Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:00–9:00 Travel to conference site - Arrowhead Country Golf Club
- 9:00–9:15 Opening Plenary - *Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth* by Betty Bland, President TSA
- 9:15–10:00 Keynote Speaker - *Religion, Politics, and the Global Community* by Dr. Rachel Bronson, Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- 10:00–10:30 Small Group Discussions
- 10:30–10:45 Break
- 10:45–11:30 Keynote Speakers Panel

Community Preservation and World Engagement: Reflections of a Middle Eastern Church

Historian by Dr. Mark N. Swanson

How Islam & Muslims deal with the Other by Dr. Abdul Malik Mujahid

- 11:30–12:00 Small Group Discussions
- 12:00–1:00 Lunch (at Arrowhead Country Golf Club)
- 1:00–1:45 Interfaith Youth Core Panel – *Diverse Beliefs, A Common Vision*
Samantha Kirby, Jewish faith, Hafsa Kanjwal, Muslim faith, and Dave Ellis, Christian faith
- 1:45–2:00 Question and Answer Session
- 2:00–2:15 Break
- 2:15–2:45 Violin Recital with Dr. Cármeo de los Santos
- 2:45–3:15 Closing Plenary – *Weaving the Fabric of Human Community through Interreligious Dialogue*
by Zabrina Santiago, CPWR Representative
- 3:15–3:30 Group Meditation - lead by Betty Bland, President of the Theosophical Society in America
- 3:45–4:00 Transport back to the TSA
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Light entertainment
Social gathering (dining hall)

SUNDAY, July 26

- 7:00 Yoga
- 7:45–8:30 Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:45–9:00 Meditation
- 9:15– 11:45 Activity Reports - all invited
- 12:00 Lunch
Refreshment Tent (northwest corner of the main garage)
- 1:30–2:30 Public Talk - Robert Ellwood: ‘Theosophy and the World Religions.’
- 2:30–3:00 Break
- 3:00–4:00 Discussion Groups
- 4:15–5:00 Going Social: The Theosophical Community and Circles of Virtue - Dan Noga
- 5:30 Supper (dining hall)
- 6:15–6:45 Transport to Gary United Methodist Church
- 7:00 *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach* - Gail Archer, Organist; Dramatic narrators:
Renate Z. Tobel, David Bruce, and Dan Smolla; Place: Gary United Methodist Church, Wheaton.
Social gathering following the program at Gary United Methodist Church
- 8:45 Return transport

MONDAY, July 27

- 7:00 Yoga
- 7:45–8:30 Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:45–9:00 Meditation
- 9:15–10:15 Meditation lecture - Practice & Inner Journey by John Cianciosi
- 10:45–11:45 Members Talk - John Algeo: “The Seven Rays: Being Different Together.”
- 12:00 Lunch
Refreshment Tent (northwest corner of the main garage)
- 1:00–2:00 Bargain Book Sale (tent at Mills Bldg.)
- 3:30–4:30 *Theosophy and the Religions of the World* (short talks)
Ann Ford – Theosophists' Views on the Religion of Ancient Egypt
Tim Boyd - Theosophy and Buddhism
Robert Ellwood - Shinto: The Way of the Gods
- 4:30–5:00 TOS/ TBGI reports - Tim Boyd and Floyd Kettering
- 5:30 Supper (dining hall)
- 6:30-7:00 Round Table: Flower Ceremony
- 7:15 Fun night – Tim Boyd, Coordinator
Social gathering (dining hall)

TUESDAY, July 28

- 7:00 Yoga
- 7:45–8:30 Breakfast (dining hall)
- 8:45–9:00 Meditation
- 9:15–10:15 Meditation lecture – Mindfulness Meditation by Jack Hatfield
- 10:45–11:45 Panel Discussion - John Algeo, Robert Ellwood and Betty Bland (Questions and Answers)
- 11:45 Closing: Betty Bland
- 12:00 Picnic lunch and free afternoon (yard games available)
- 5:30 Supper (dining hall)
- 7:00 Movie night: *The Quantum Activist*, a new documentary by Dr. Amit Goswami, Ph.D, a pioneer of this revolutionary new perspective within science, shares with us his vision of the unlimited potential of consciousness as the ground of all being, and how this revelation can actually help us to live better.

Meals and refreshments in the Dining Hall; **all meetings in the Auditorium, except as indicated.**

******Archival Display and Art Exhibit during the entire conference******