

2008 National Interfaith Forum

Monday 10 March 2008, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

TIME	ACTIVITY
8.30am- 9.00am	Gather and registration
9.00am-9.20am	Karakia and multi-faith readings (Buddhism, Bahai, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism)
9.20am– 9.30am	Welcome and update by the Co-Chairs – Joycelyn Foo and Pushpa Wood
9.30am- 9.40am	Address by His Excellency Dr Anand Satyanand, Governor General of New Zealand
9.40am– 9.45am	Thanks to His Excellency the Governor General by the co-chair
9.45am– 10.00am	Report back from the 1st Youth Interfaith Forum 2008 and Women Forum 2008
10.00am- 10.45am	Morning tea break and photo session
10.45am- 12.00pm	<p>Panel presentation and Q&A – How do we move beyond ‘tolerance?’ What steps do we need to take to promote ‘understanding?’</p> <p>Panellists: Ven Amala Wrightson Rev Dr Margaret Mayman Dr Khalid Sandhu Aruna Patel Cornish Dave Moskovitz</p>
12.00am- 12.30pm	<p>Report back from regions</p> <p>Waikato Interfaith Council – Anjum Rahman Wellington Interfaith Council – Tiopira Rauna Christchurch Interfaith Council – Dianne Downward Auckland Interfaith Council – TBC Dunedin – Husan Ruzehaji</p>
12.30pm- 1.45pm	Lunch break
1.45pm-2.15pm	<p>Government Agencies’ Role in Promoting Interfaith Dialogue</p> <p>Rohan Jaduram – Human Rights Commission Rakesh Naidoo – NZ Police Families Commission – TBC</p>
2.15pm-3.15pm	<p>Workshop session ‘Gathering the wisdom, charting the future to bridge the gap’</p> <p>Choose one of three workshops as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Bridging The Gap – Strengthening Local Communities” – Rabbi Johanna Hershenson and Joan Buchanan 2. Using education as a tool to bridge the gap – Prof Paul Morris and Jocelyn Armstrong 3. Intra-faith and Interfaith: forging relationship – Rt Rev Richard Randerson and Chris Krefft
3.15pm– 3.45pm	Afternoon tea break
3.45pm-4.15pm	Workshop feedback and action plan
4.15pm-4.30pm	Closing remarks