



VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
WASHINGTON THEOLOGICAL CONSORTIUM
CERTIFICATE IN MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Engaging in a World of Difference – Study Tour to Istanbul, Turkey

June 1-12, 2013



The estimated cost for the study tour to Turkey is \$2,500. This amount will cover the cost of a round-trip ticket from Washington to Istanbul, all transportation within Istanbul, accommodation at the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture (www.nursistudies.com), meals, and entrance fees to various cultural/historical sites. The cost does not include any tuition charged by home institutions.

The registration form and other details are available at <http://www.washtheocon.org/>

Application deadline is December 30, 2012

Contact: The field study will be directed by Dr. Richard Jones and Salih Sayilgan

Dr. Richard J. Jones is Al-Alwani Professor of Muslim-Christian Studies in the Washington Theological Consortium. He has been involved in local Christian-Muslim relations for 30 years. He is the author of *How to Talk with your Muslim Neighbor* (Forward Movement Publications, 2004) and a life of Jesus for young Muslim readers entitled *Jesus, Son of Mary*
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This crosscultural study tour aims to provide students a first-hand experience of a Muslim-majority country and to expand their awareness of a different culture.

Participants will attend lectures by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars. They will visit historic churches, mosques, and museums in Istanbul and meet leading figures of religious minority groups (viz., Jewish and Christian). The group will also make a trip to the city of Nicea (Iznik). Throughout, participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with Muslims in order to enhance their knowledge of Islam in its living dimension.

Students enrolled in member institutions of the Washington Theological Consortium will be graded on the basis of participation and a 5-8 page paper due June 30. (3 Graduate Credit Hours)

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