



# PANEL DESCRIPTIONS

**May 23rd, 2022**

**Keynote: From Violence to Peacebuilding,  
Christian and Islamic Perspectives**

Speaker: Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer (UC, Santa Barbara)

Facilitators: Very Rev. Mark Morozovich, SEOD (CUA); Dr. Zeki Saritoprak (John Carroll University)

Respondents: Dr. Asma Afsaruddin (Indiana University), Dr Maryanne Cusimano Love (CUA)

**May 24th, 2022**

**Panel 1: Sufi inspired Peacebuilding: Lessons from Said Nursi**

Facilitator: Dr. Christian Krokus (Scranton University)

Scholars: Dr. Sidney Griffith (CUA) , Dr. Zeki Saritoprak (John Carroll University)

Practitioners: Dr. Ibrahim Anli (Rumi Forum), Zeynep Kariparduc (Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable)

In this panel, we will discuss the inspiration and hear witnesses of volunteers of two Muslim movements who find their origins in Turkey and are active in the Washington D.C. region.

**Panel 2: Francis' Magisterium & Catholic Peacebuilding**

Facilitator: Dr. Axel Marc Oaks Takacs (Seton Hall University)

Scholars: Dr. Robert Miller (CUA), Dr. Daniel Castillo (Loyola Maryland)

Practitioners: Ms. Marie Dennis, OFS (Pax Christi), Dr. Michele Dunne, OFS (Franciscan Action Network)

The panelists will discuss the "distinctive stance that Francis assumes toward supporting peace and building the structures and conditions that encourage nonviolent resolution of conflicts worldwide (Massaro, SJ '21)."

**Panel 3: Quakers, Mennonites, and the Peace Church Tradition**

Facilitator: Ms. Anne DeLorey (Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington)

Scholars: Dr. Georgia Fuller (Langley Hill Meeting, former KL Carroll Scholar at Pendle Hill), Dr. Timothy Seidel (Eastern Mennonite University)

Practitioners: Dr. Bridget Moix (Friends Committee on National Legislation), Mr. Charles Obioruh Kwelum (Mennonite Central Committee)

This panel will aim to frame an ecumenical discussion revolving around the innovative work of the so-called Peace Churches in the U.S. In particular, it will highlight Quaker and Mennonite approaches to peacemaking. But it will also engage the question of whether, and how, Catholics might function as a Peace Church too.

**Panel 4: Local DC Muslim Community**

Facilitator: Dr. Amir Hussain (Loyola Marymount, CA)

Scholars: Dr. Rita George-Tvrtkovic (Benedictine University), Dr. Asma Afsaruddin (Indiana University)

Practitioners: Ms. Hurunnessa Fariad (All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)), Ms. Rahmah A. Abdulaleem, Esq. (Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights)

The panelists will provide insight into Islamic organizations based in the DC community, representative of Muslim immigrant populations, and reaching out in different ways to establish relations between faith communities that lead to better relations.