

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference  
of the International Association  
for Spiritual Care (IASC)**

Jerusalem – Bethlehem - Beit Jala  
July 9 – 11, 2017  
Israel/Palestine

Theme

# Healing Hatred:

Spiritual Challenges in a  
Context of Political Conflict



International Association  
for Spiritual Care

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**The annual conference of the International Association for Spiritual Care will be hosted this year in Jerusalem and Beit Jala and will focus on the spiritual aspects of coping with political conflict in an interfaith context. While the traditional practice of spiritual accompaniment addresses suffering due to illness and death, this conference will explore how the encounter between practitioners of spiritual accompaniment and activists in dialogue and peace can open new paths for healing and overcoming hostility and controversy caused by political conflict.**

**The conference will bring together speakers from various academic and professional fields, for three days of lectures, discussions, joint panels and practical workshops.**

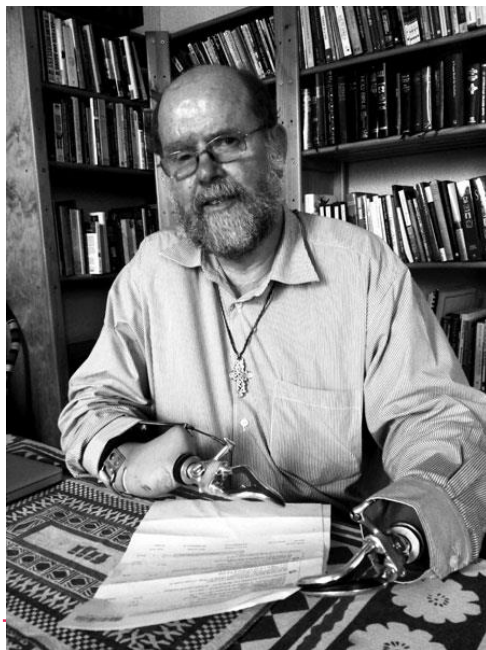
**The conference will take place in Jerusalem and Bethlehem in order to allow open dialogue on both sides of the conflict, and will end with a meeting in Beit Jala for a joint reflection and dialogue for everyone.**

**The conference will be held in English**

# ● SUNDAY JULY 9, 2017

*"Quite early on after the bomb, I realized that if I was filled with hatred and desire for revenge, I'd be a victim forever." Fr. Michael Lapsley.*

Father Michael Lapsley was exiled by the South African Government in 1976, and joined the African national Congress (ANC) as a chaplain. While living in Zimbabwe, he discovered he was on the South African Government hit list. In April 1990 he received a letter bomb in the post. He now runs the **Institute for Healing of Memories** in Cape Town. He has also written a book about his experiences: "Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to healer".



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**16:30**

## **Registration**

Opening Reception

**17:30**

## **Is Forgiveness Necessary?**

- **Prof. Pamela Cooper-White**  
Union Theological Seminary,  
New York

## **How should Palestinians Respond to Israeli Trauma?**

- **Prof. Mohammed Dajani**  
Wasatia, Ramallah
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**19:00 – 20:30**

## **Spiritual Challenges in a Context of Political Conflict**

- **Fr. Michael Lapsley**,  
Institute for the Healing  
of Memories, Capetown
  - **Sami Awad**  
Holy Land Trust  
Bethlehem
  - **Dr. Sarah Bernstein**  
Rossing Center for Education and  
Dialogue, Jerusalem
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**Hebrew Union College –  
Jewish Institute of Religion**

13 King David St.  
Jerusalem

# MONDAY JULY 10, 2017

**08:30**

## Greetings:

- **Rabbi Na'ama Kelman**, Hebrew Union College
- **Dr. Georg Wenz**, International Association of Spiritual Care

**09:00**

## Unlocking Israeli indifference to Palestinian Trauma

- **Dr. Yitzhak Mendelsohn**
- Response: **Dr. Sarah Bernstein**

**10:15**

## Panel: Abuse of Religion in the Name of Politics

Chair: **Prof. Ruhama Weiss**

- **Rabbi Dr. Michael Marmur**
- **Michal Fruman**
- **Dr. Tomer Persico**

**11:30** Coffee Break

**12:00**

## Workshops x 3

- **Alternatives to Violence**  
Joe Moore, Joe diGarbo, Jane Harries
- **Multifaith Spiritual Care in Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem**  
Dina Herz
- **Bereaved Families Forum**  
Robi Damelin and Bassem Aramin

**13:30** Lunch

**14:30**

## Panel: What makes people change? Insights from the Fields of Medicine, Religion and Psychology

Chair: **Prof. Regula Gasser**

- **Prof. Rafi Walden**
- **Rabbi David Rosen**
- **Dr. Bruce Oppenheimer**

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# TUESDAY JULY 11, 2017

**Bethlehem Bible College  
270 Hebron-Jerusalem St.  
Bethlehem**

**Talitha Kumi Guest House  
Beit Jala**

**8:30**

**Registration + Greetings**

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**9:00**

**Spiritual Challenges  
in a Context of Political Conflict**

- Fr. Michael Lapsley
  - Sami Awad
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**10:30**

**Balm for the Troubled Soul:  
Crossing Borders with Spiritual Care**

- Dr. Georg Wenz
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**11:30**

**Coffee Break**

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**12:00**

**Workshops x 2**

- **Radial Forgiveness**  
Cyntha Gonzalez
  - **Healing of Memories**  
Gary Swart
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**13:30**

**Lunch**

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**14:30**

**Spiritual Care in Conflict**

- **Huda Abu Arqoub**  
ALLMEP Coordinator
  - **Sarah Snyder**  
Reconciliation Advisor  
to the Archbishop of Canterbury
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**16:00**

**Travel to Beit Jala**

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**17:00**

**Reception and Buffet**

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**18:00-20:00**

**Healing Hatred**

Presentation and Personal  
Testimonies

*Healing Hatred is a joint project of the Rossing center for Education and Dialogue, the Hebrew Union College and the Holy Land Trust, who have worked together over the last four years to develop a new model for interfaith dialogue in situations of national conflict.*

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