

Working Agenda

Christian Interfaith Reference Group

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Grandin
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*****Note: CIRG invites all Assembly participants to join its Roundtable Discussion on Interfaith Work in Our Contexts from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm (see details below).**

Other sessions of this meeting are open to members of CIRG ONLY.***

Morning I Working Session (9:00 am – 10:15 am)

9:00 am – 9:30 am

- **Visit to the Commission on Faith and Witness [J. Cebula #1]**
 - progress on CFW's Religious Pluralism discussion / document
 - possible directions for Religious Pluralism discussion / document

9:30 am - 9:40 am Transition to Grandin

9:40 am – 10:15 am

- **CIRG Welcome**
 - Approval of April 2014 minutes
 - Review of Agenda, including wider Assembly participation.
 - Choosing representatives from CIRG to attend Churches' Forum on Global Ministries (second half of presentation) and Biotechnology Reference Group meetings on our behalf
- **Religious Freedom statement**
 - General discussion of statement and suggestions (Gail), including May 2014 report to the Governing Board
 - Decision: Where to go from here?

10:15 am – 10:45 am BREAK (with Assembly)

Morning II Working Session (10:45 am – 12:00 pm)

10:45 am – 11:15 am

- **CIRG visits Churches' Forum on Global Ministries (general presentation) [Tache Room]**
***Note: A CIRG representative may stay for the rest of the morning

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

- **Interfaith Database**
 - Presentation by Robert Smith
 - Discussion
 - Decisions as to next steps and completing the work

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH (with Assembly)

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm PRAYER / BIBLE STUDY (with Assembly)

Afternoon I Working Session (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm)

- **CIRG Business:**
 - 3 year plan (this triennium and next triennium)
 - Report or requests to the Governing Board
 - Business arising from today's activities
 - Religious Freedom statement
 - Database
 - Relationship with Commissions and Committees
 - Membership and leadership of this Group
 - Relationships with CCJC and NMCLC and Interfaith Conversation
 - News of and relationship with North American Interfaith Network
 - Next meetings

***Note: A CIRG representative will be attending the Biotechnology Reference Group presentation at this time.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm BREAK (with Assembly)

Afternoon II Working Session (4:00 pm – 5:30 pm) (General Invitation to Assembly)

- **Roundtable Discussion on Interfaith Work in Our Contexts**
 - **Discussion Question:** In the context of your denomination, what are the key calls for interfaith work in the future? What is your advice for the CCC as it seeks to engage member churches in this work?