



Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens 2021

**“The Road to New Normal in Post COVID-19 Era:
Collective Intelligence for Global Civil Society”**

20-21 November 2021(KST, GMT +9)

BACKGROUND

Since the end of the Cold War, humanity has opened up a global era where the world is united across borders with the spread of globalization. For the last 30 years, the international community has enjoyed material enrichment through the establishment of a global supply chain based on mutual cooperation and trust, and we have expected that we could overcome the global crises that threaten human society and lead the infinite prosperity of human society through close coordination.

However, due to the global pandemic of the COVID-19, the vulnerabilities of social structures hidden by the rapid development of material civilization and the loss of human inner values have been exposed to society, and the world has become more prevalent in spirit poverty and ignorance with the decline of morality. As a result, today's peace faces global crises such as our security, livelihood and life-threatening climate, nuclear weapons, and the loss of humanity. In order to overcome these

crises, it is important to restore perfect humanity with the restoration of morality through harmony between spiritual civilization and material civilization.

The leaders and intellectuals who have experienced international turmoil due to the outbreak of COVID-19, have begun to seriously consider the "future of humanity" and are putting the topic of "global citizens" as an important agenda for this purpose. In the human society before COVID-19, the global citizenship education was an option but now it should be a necessity.

To do this, the religious communities need to review the morality and ethics as an international standard to respond jointly and overcome the global crises on the earth according to the spirit of the times, and furthermore build the collective intelligence of global citizens who pursue the harmony of the material civilization and spiritual civilization in order to open the sustainable future of humanity.



Event: The Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens 2021 will be held in 20-21 November, 2021. The event will be co-organized by the Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens (ICCGC), Research Center of Religions at the Wonkwang University, the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies (SBCS) and the Won-Buddhism UN Office.

Theme: The theme is that "The Road to New Normal in the Post COVID-19 Era: Collective Intelligence for Global Civil Society."

Format: Online Conference

Venue: Zoom Webinar

Rationale: The ICCGC was launched according to the united religions movement that has been discussed since 1950s to the present. The conference is the collective intelligence and interfaith action coalition to build a global civil society. The event is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Republic of Korea and the United Religions Foundation.

Co-organized by

The Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens
The Research Center for Religions, Wonkwang University
The Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
The Won Buddhism UN Office

In Collaboration with

The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) Japan Chapter
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The Won Buddhism Committee for United Religions

Purpose: The purpose of this year's event is to establish a collective intelligence platform for making a global civil society. By exchanging knowledge and experience, we set up an action plan together and promote a global peace movement for global citizenship.

Participants: More than 300 delegates from government, NGO/NPOs, academic society, religious circle and youth group will be attended the event.

Information

Website: www.iccg.or.kr

Zoom Webinar ID: 868 9079 6148 ([click here](#))

Registration: [click here](#)

Language: English-Korean (Day 1)

Japanese-Korean (Day 2)

Event Schedule

(Day 1) 20 Nov. 2021, 10:00-17:30 (KST, GMT +9)

(Day 2) 21 Nov. 2021, 11:00-16:00 (KST, GMT +9)

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Keynote Speech



“After COVID-19: What Should Be the Role of Religion for Global Civil Society?”

Keynote 1 (Day 1, 10:15-10:35)

Venerable Dr. Phra Anil Sakya is Honorary Rector of World Buddhist University and Vice President for Foreign Affairs and Global Engagement of Mahamakut Buddhist University. He was graduated with an M.Phil from Cambridge University and Ph.D. from Brunel University, UK. He has been lecturing and speaking at leading universities, business world, and the UN organizations. He represents the modern face of Theravada Buddhism, a bridge between the monastic’s principled authority and the ever-changing realities of secular existence.

Session Description

Session 1. Peace Dialogue “Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World”

As we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier. What should we do for an equitable and sustainable world after the pandemic?

Session 2. Knowledge Dialogue “Interfaith Collective Intelligence for One World One Family”

Humanity has continued to make efforts for global peace, but we face to humanitarian crisis due to Pandemics. International cooperation is fragile than before, and people have suffered from poverty, disease, and violence. Can religious teaching be a solution? We will talk about the possibilities of interfaith collective intelligence.

Session 3. Global Dialogue “Responding to Global Consciousness after COVID-19: Global Spirituality and Global Citizenship”

The United Nations declared the Global Citizenship Education Initiative in 2015, emphasizing the importance of global citizenship. Global citizenship is essential to overcome global crises, but in reality, the future of humanity is uncertain due to 'my country first.' Shouldn't the world spirit of our time be global citizenship to overcome the severe crises that threaten humanity?

Session 4. High-level Dialogue “United Nations and United Religions for Global Peace”

The United Nations has contributed to global peace, but its humanitarian peace activities sometimes have been constrained by political considerations. The religious sector has been discussed to establish the United Religions like the United Nations to support ongoing humanitarian activities for global peace. Can the United Religions be a co-partner of the United Nations?

Session 5. Youth Dialogue “Humanity in Crisis and Religious Social Responsibility”

Today peace faces a critical ganger: Global crisis such as climate, nuclear, and humanity emergency, which threatens our security, our livelihoods, and our lives. The crisis is caused by material poverty, the decline of morality, and the poverty and ignorance of the spirit. To overcome such threatens, we must purify the integrity of humanity, develop the power of the spirit.



Day 1

20 November 2021, 10:00-17:30 (KST, GMT+9)

*Eastern Standard Time on 19 November 2021, 20:00

- 10:00-11:15 **Opening Session**
Theme Video
Pray for World Peace with One Minute of Silence
Rev. Kim Beom-hyun (Won Buddhism)
Welcome Remarks
Rev. Young-in Sa (Co-chair, ICCGC 2021)
Peace Message
Rev. Susan Hendershot (President, Interfaith Power and Light)
Sr. Malia Dominican Wong (Senior Lecture, Chaminade University of Honolulu)
Keynote Speech
Topic: “After COVID-19: What Should Be the Role of Religion for Global Civil Society?”
(Speaker) Ven. Dr. Phra Anil Sakya (Honorary Rector, World Buddhists University)
Buddhist-Christian Dialogue
Topic: “After COVID-19: What Should Be the Role of Religion for Global Civil Society?”
(Moderator) Dr. Kunihiko Terasawa (Associate Professor, Wartburg College)
(Discussion) Ven. Dr. Phra Anil Sakya (Honorary Rector, World Buddhists University)
Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (President, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies)
- 11:15-11:30 **Break**
- 11:30-13:00 **Session 1. Peace Dialogue**
Topic: “Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World”
(Moderator) Dr. Sue Ennis (Secretary, Religions for Peace Australia)
(Discussion) Rev. Dr. Joni Carley (Representative to the UN, Kosmos Journal)
Dr. Hsiang-Chou Yo (Executive Council, World Fellowship of Buddhists)
Rev. Do-yeon Park (Deputy Director, Won Buddhism UN Office)
- 13:00-14:15 **Break & Lunch**
*Session 4. High-level Dialogue (13:30-14:10) will be released. (English-Korea)
- 14:15-15:45 **Session 2. Knowledge Dialogue**
Topic: “Interfaith Collective Intelligence for One World One Family”
(Moderator) Rev. Dr. Kwang-soo Park (Dean, Graduate School of Oriental Studies at Wonkwang University)
(Discussion) Dr. Julius-Kei Kato (Associate Professor, Western University)
Rev. Dr. Seok Heo (Associate Professor, Wonkwang University)
Ms. Christina Lee (Inter-religious Dialogue Advisor, Focolare Movement)
- 15:45-16:00 **Break**
- 16:00-17:30 **Session 3. Global Dialogue**
Topic: “Responding to Global Consciousness after COVID-19: Global Spirituality and Global Citizenship”
(Moderator) Dr. Kathy Matsui (Professor, Seisen University)
(Discussion) Dr. U-tak Chung (Former Director, UNESCO APCEIU)
Rev. Elaine Donlin (Board Member, San Francisco Interfaith Council)
Mr. Issac Thomas (Trustee, United Religions Initiative)

Day 2

21 November 2021, 11:00-16:00 (KST, GMT+9)

- 11:00-12:00 **Session 4. High Level Dialogue**
Topic: “United Nations and United Religions for Global Peace” (Japanese-Korean)
(Moderator) Rev. Kyeong-seok Oh (Radio Director, WBS)
(Discussion) Dr. Sung-gon Kim (Former Honorary President, ACRP)
Mr. Won-soo Kim (Former Under Secretary-General, United Nations)
- 12:00-13:00 **Break & Lunch**
- 13:00-14:45 **Session 5. Youth Dialogue**
Topic: “Humanity in Crisis and Religious Social Responsibility”
(Moderator) Ms. Hye-bok Jeon (Won Buddhism)
(Discussion) Ms. Sung-young Lee (Catholicism)
Ms. Hyun-bin Baik (Korean Methodist Church)
Rev. Yeo-ju Jo (Won Buddhism)
Mr. Jae-seon Lee (Chondoism)
Ms. Sayako Matsuda (Rissho Kosei-kai)
Mr. Masaki Arai (IARF Japan Chapter)
- 14:45-15:00 **Break**
- 15:00-16:00 **Closing Session**
Floor Discussion
Topic: “Religion, Global Citizenship, and One World”
(Moderator) Rev. Sa-ho Lee (Youth Advisor, IARF Japan Chapter)
(Discussion) Rev. Sang-won Hwang (Deputy Secretary-General, Won Buddhism Committee for UR)
(All participants can join the discussion)
Closing Remarks
Rev. Sa-ho Lee (Youth Advisor, IARF Japan Chapter)
Dr. Moon Namgung (Vice Chair, Won Buddhism Committee for UR)