

Clergy, Christian Educators, Musicians
General Association 2010

September 26-28, 2010
Silver Lake Conference Center
223 Low Rd, Sharon, Connecticut 06069

Building Tabernacles of Peace: An Interfaith Conversation

Imam Abdullah Antepli and Professor Yehezkel Landau

Who was Jesus of Nazareth? What was the purpose of his life, death and resurrection? The affirmation that Jesus was the Incarnate One whose death and resurrection brought salvation to humanity is the central affirmation of the Christian faith. But how is Jesus understood in the Jewish and Muslim faiths? Drawing on their extensive work in building partnerships among Christians, Muslims and Jews, Professor Landau and Imam Antepli will help participants to understand better the Jewish and Muslim teachings about Jesus in order to strengthen skills for interfaith dialogue. They will also reflect on the meaning of “peace” and share their experiences in peace-making.



Abdullah Antepli

Imam Abdullah completed his basic training and education in his native Turkey. From 1996-2003 he worked on a variety of faith-based humanitarian and relief projects in Myanmar (Burma) and Malaysia with the Association of Social and Economic Solidarity with Pacific Countries. He is the founder and executive board member of the Muslim Chaplains Association and a member of the National Association of College and University Chaplains. From 2003 to 2005 he served as the first Muslim chaplain at Wesleyan University. He then moved to Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, where he was the associate director of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program & Interfaith Relations, as well as an adjunct faculty member. His responsibilities included syllabus and curriculum development, student recruitment, and leadership of interfaith projects. In the summer of 2009, Imam Abdullah completed his doctor of ministry project at Hartford Seminary, titled “Muslim Campus Ministry: Challenges and Opportunities.” As the Muslim chaplain at Duke University, he is one of only a handful of full-time Muslim chaplains at U.S. colleges and universities. His work at Duke focuses on three primary areas: religious leadership for Duke's Muslim community; pastoral care and counseling for persons of any faith, or of no ascribed faith; and intra- and interfaith work. In addition to his pastoral duties, Imam Abdullah also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Divinity School and teaches introductory courses on Islam. A proverbial presence on campus, he engages students, faculty, and staff through seminars, panels, and other avenues to provide an Islamic voice to discussions of faith, spirituality, social justice and other topics.



Yehezkel Landau

Yehezkel Landau is Faculty Associate in Interfaith Relations at Hartford Seminary. After earning an AB from Harvard University (1971) and an MTS. from Harvard Divinity School (1976), Landau made *aliyah* (immigrated) to Israel in 1978. A dual Israeli-American citizen, his work has been in the fields of interfaith education and Jewish-Arab peacemaking. He directed the OZ veSHALOM-NETIVOT SHALOM religious peace movement in Israel during the 1980's. From 1991 to 2003, he was co-founder and co-director of the OPEN HOUSE Center for Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Ramle, Israel. (See the Web site www.friendsofopenhouse.org) He lectures internationally on Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations and Middle East peace issues, has authored numerous journal articles, co-edited the book *Voice from Jerusalem: Jews and Christian Reflect on the Holy Land* (Paulist Press, 1992), wrote a Jewish appraisal of Pope John Paul II's trip to Israel and Palestine in 2000 for the book *John Paul II in the Holy Land: In His Own Words* (Paulist Press, 2005), and authored a research report entitled “Healing the Holy Land: Interreligious Peacebuilding in Israel/Palestine” (United States Institute of Peace, Sept. 2003, accessible at www.usip.org/reports). At Hartford Seminary, Prof. Landau directs an interfaith training program for Jews, Christians, and Muslims called “Building Abrahamic Partnerships” (see www.hartsem.edu or e-mail ylanau@hartsem.edu).

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WHAT TO BRING

Haven't been to Silver Lake?

Haven't been there lately?

Silver Lake is the Connecticut Conference summer camp and year-round conference setting. The sleeping quarters in the buildings we will use are communal (separated men's and women's rooms), with thickly-padded bunk-beds and shared shower/toilet facilities.

You'll need to bring your own toiletries, towel, pillow, sleeping-bag or bedding, flashlight, comfortable shoes and clothing (casual is certainly suggested). The "headquarters" building for General Association (GA) is called "Cedars." It is a large building, but not visible from the entrance or the main parking lot. If you are coming to GA on Sunday after dark, it will be helpful to ask someone how to find the Cedars building before you arrive.

Experienced attendees to the General Association recommend bringing ear-plugs as you will certainly be in a room with snoring bunk-mates! Also, bring an umbrella or rain gear just in case.

Cell phone service is limited depending on which carrier you have.

Your willing spirit and nimble attitude is what we hope you bring in large quantities. This will be a time for you to not only learn but to share ideas, catch up with fellow clergy/educators, and to enjoy a lot of fellowship.

COME JOIN US IN GOD'S BACKYARD!

General Association is the longest standing ecclesiastical gathering in the United States, beginning in 1709. Throughout the years it has served as a time of spiritual renewal and a chance to network with other colleagues in ministry. Annually this time of reflection and refreshment is held at our own Silver Lake Conference Center in the hills of Sharon, Connecticut, where all are invited to experience the presence of God's creative glory as we seek harmony within our hearts and among each other. Make time this September to experience this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth. Many of our churches pay for their pastors to attend this event, either from continuing education funds or from other budget items covering professional meetings. Very limited partial scholarship aid may also be available from the General Association budget.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 20

- 7:00 p.m. Check-in (*no dinner served Sunday evening*)
- 7:30 Gathering Worship
- 7:45 Social time with opportunity for informal conversation with each other and Conference staff

Monday, Sept. 21

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome to Silver Lake by Tim and Anne Hughes
- 9:15 Introductions, Moderator's Address, Business Meeting and Worship
- 10:00 Presentation 1: Professor Landau and Imam Antepli
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Conversation with the Interim Conference Minister over dessert
- 1:00 Low Ropes Course, Silver Lake Tours & Free Time
- 3:00 Presentation 2: Professor Landau and Imam Antepli
- 5:00 Social Time
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening Worship with Holy Communion
- 7:30 Open Mic (music, comedy, etc.—**5 minute limit per person**—Social Time)

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Watch (Waterfall Chapel)
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 Morning Devotions
- 9:30 Presentation 3: Professor Landau and Imam Antepli
- 11:15 Interim Conference Minister's Address
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 Presentation 4: Professor Landau and Imam Antepli
- 3:00 Closing and Worship

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Special Needs _____

<u>\$35</u>	Registration (except retired clergy)	Cost:	\$35 Registration (waived for retired clergy)
<u>\$40</u>	Lodging Sunday Night (no dinner Sunday evening)		\$40 each Night of Lodging
<u>\$40</u>	Lodging Monday Night		\$15 each Meal
<u>\$15</u>	Breakfast Monday	<i>For Example:</i>	<i>2 Nights, 5 Meals= \$190</i>
<u>\$15</u>	Lunch Monday		<i>1 Night, 4 Meals= \$135</i>
<u>\$15</u>	Dinner Monday		
<u>\$15</u>	Breakfast Tuesday		
<u>\$15</u>	Lunch Tuesday		
<u>\$</u>	Total		

PAYMENT INFORMATION (check one):

- Check enclosed (payable to Missionary Society of Connecticut) Check no. _____
- Charge my credit card (circle one: MasterCard Visa) Amount being charged: \$ _____

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Phone: 860-761-7112 or 866-367-2822, ext. 112 (toll-free in CT); Fax: 860-231-8111

For Office Use Only: Ticket # _____ Authorization # _____ 85

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- I am new to the Connecticut Conference.
- This is my first General Association.
- I wish to participate in the Low Ropes Course on Monday afternoon.
- I need directions to Silver Lake Conference Center.