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H.E. Miss Maria de Lurdes Ruivo de Silva Matos Pintassilgo
Prime Minister of Portugal
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Prime Minister Pintassilgo:

Your acquaintances around the world are thrilled at your appointment as Prime Minister.

The Third Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace is to be held at Princeton, New Jersey, from 29th August through 7th September. We would be grateful if you could find time to send us a message of greetings, either to the address of this letterhead or directly to the Assembly at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, U.S.A.

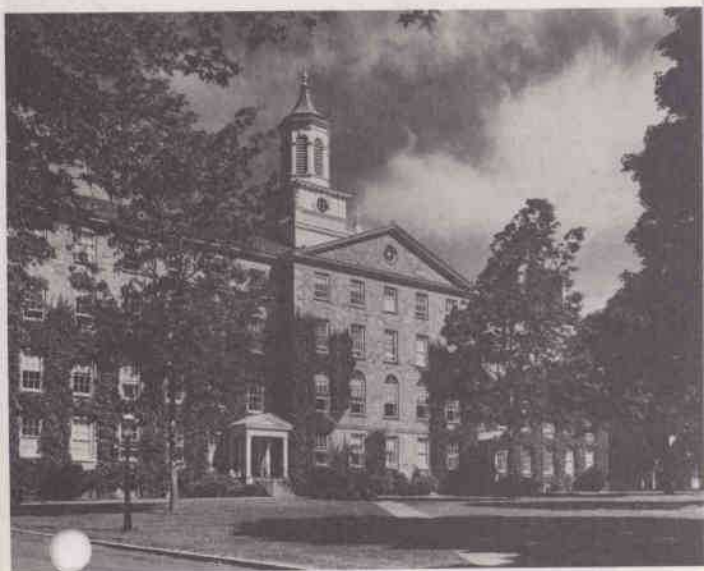
Good luck in your new endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Homer A. Jack
Secretary-General

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U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. which participants to the Third Assembly will visit for briefings.

Fifty-four Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Shintoists, and Sikhs from 18 countries on five continents met at Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A. on 1-6 September 1978 to prepare the Third Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP). After six days of meetings, they agreed to convene the Third Assembly at Princeton, from 29 August through 7 September 1979. Below is the statement released by this International Preparatory Committee.

A CALL TO ALL RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

Evidence mounts on every side that the dignity of the human person, the health of the human habitat, the development of a humane economy, and the growth of fraternal relations between people are threatened by deepening conflicts within and among various nations and blocs. Religion and science are alike in warning that humanity is today launched on a disaster course. The drift from world disorder to general war must be challenged. It must be stopped.

Religious people on all continents are called by their faith and their respect for life to mobilize *Religion in the Struggle for World Community*. This is the theme of the Third Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, which will be held at Princeton, New Jersey in the U.S.A. from 29 August to 7 September 1979.

All the religions of the world are called to send representative leaders of their traditions to this Assembly, to examine the resources of our religious traditions for the building of peace, recognizing that every living religion acclaims peace but that religious differences are often involved in conflicts and wars. This Assembly seeks to mobilize the religious forces for peace in the contemporary struggle to bring world community to birth out of the travail of the current world disorder.

The photo on the front page is Alexander Hall of Princeton Theological Seminary, the site of the Third Assembly.

The work of the Assembly is to discern in concrete terms what the religions of the world can themselves do to uproot the causes of disorder and war and to develop community and peace. Participants will focus their studies and recommendations on five major questions:

- What can religious bodies do to help establish a more just international economic order?
- What can the people of our religious groups do to help the nations avoid war, advance towards disarmament, and achieve an alternative to violence in the resolution of conflict?
- What can members of our religious traditions do to help families, neighborhoods, nations, and the world society protect and promote social justice and the dignity of the human person in community?
- What can our religions do to promote education for peace?
- How can we recover and strengthen the spiritual dimensions within our respective heritages, and bring them to bear on our work:
 - a) to renew our particular community;
 - b) to deepen our common fellowship; and
 - c) to support our cooperative efforts for peace?

It is obvious that a week-long meeting of representative leaders of the religions of the world, however blessed their efforts, cannot turn the course of history around. The Assembly's goal is to help bring into being a world-wide, multi-religious network of people and organizations committed to the proposition that world community, rather than mutual destruction, is the destiny of humanity. Through the structure of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, the Assembly will seek to develop partnership in this struggle among the organized religions on each continent, scientists and scholars in relevant fields, national political leaders of broad vision, the responsible organs of the United Nations, and — through the mass media — the people of the world.



St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, the site of a multi-religious service of the Third Assembly.





United Nations Headquarters in New York City which participants to the Third Assembly will visit for briefings.

These goals and this program are not merely ambitious but presumptuous. The World Conference on Religion and Peace is a fledgling organization, barely ten years old. Its first Assembly, gathered in Kyoto, Japan in 1970, was an historic first pooling of their teachings on peace by representatives of most of the major religions of the world: Buddhists, Christians, Confucianists, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Shintoists, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, and still others. A new and eager spirit of reciprocal affection, bringing closer together vanguard adherents of many religions, came into the world. The second Assembly, held at Louvain, Belgium in 1974, urged the application of teachings of religion about peace to some thorny current conflicts, resolving that henceforth the religions of humanity should serve society's crucial needs together.

THE LOUVAIN DECLARATION

Buddhists, Christians, Confucianists, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, Shintoists, Sikhs, Zoroastrians and still others, we have sought here to listen to the spirit within our varied and venerable religious traditions. Whatever our religion, we know that we are one with the whole of humanity and that all of its problems are our problems. Our faith compels us to search for effective, viable solutions. We have looked hard at the massive evidence of the political, economic, social, and cultural offenses against humanity that are inherent in the growing world disorder. We have grappled with the towering issues that our societies must resolve in order to bring about peace, justice, and an ennobling quality of life for every person and every people.



THE KYOTO MESSAGE

As we sat down together facing the overriding issues of peace we discovered that the things which unite us are more important than the things which divide us. We found that we share:

- A conviction of the fundamental unity of the human family, and the equality and dignity of all human beings;
- A sense of the sacredness of the individual person and his conscience;
- A sense of the value of human community;
- A realization that might is not right; that human power is not self-sufficient and absolute;
- A belief that love, compassion, selflessness, and the force of inner truthfulness and of the spirit have ultimately greater power than hate, enmity, and self-interest;
- A sense of obligation to stand on the side of the poor and the oppressed as against the rich and the oppressors; and
- A profound hope that good will finally prevail.

Because of these convictions that we hold in common, we believe that a special charge has been given to all men and women of religion to be concerned with all their hearts and minds with peace and peace-making, to be the servants of peace. As men and women of religion we confess in humility and penitence that we have very often betrayed our religious ideals and our commitment to peace. It is not religion that has failed the cause of peace, but religious people. This betrayal of religion can and must be corrected.

Participation

A total of only 350 participants can be accommodated at the Third Assembly. The places will be allocated in proportion to the number of each religion's members on each continent. There will be 250 delegates from approximately 50 countries on all continents and another 100 fraternal delegates and observers. A Travel Subsidy Fund of more than \$100,000 is contemplated to be used for needy participants, especially from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The total budget of the Third Assembly has been set at \$25,000, being contributed by religious groups throughout the world as well as foundations and religious groups in the Host Country.

While most participants will be suggested by various world religious bodies--Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim--a limited number of applications from individuals will be considered. These should be addressed to any of the WCRP offices on the next page of this brochure.

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