



2nd World Scout Interreligious Symposium - Kaoshiung, Taiwan

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The second

World Scout Interreligious Symposium (WSIS) was held at the Fo Guang Shan Temple, Kaoshiung, Taiwan, from Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May 2006 (arrivals on Thursday 4 May and departures on Tuesday 9 May).

The theme of this symposium was
"Together for Harmony and Peace".

Bringing together representatives of National Scout Organizations and the Scout Religious Alliances, the WSIS reinforced the value of Scouting as an institution promoting interreligious dialogue. The WSIS works to further cooperation and understanding of interreligious issues throughout the Scout Movement.

Objectives

Participants at the WSIS were invited to:

1. Develop better mutual knowledge and understanding of others;
2. Clarify the links between religions (faiths and beliefs) and the social impact of Scouting, especially in Justice, Equality and Peace; how Scouting and religions can help to change the world and to prepare young people to be active members of their communities;
3. Identify educational and training methods for better spiritual development in Scouting by exchanging experiences, educational and training tools.

Here is a brief overview of the Programme

Thursday 4 May

- Arrival Day & Registration
- Visit of Fo Guang Shan Temple
- Welcome Dinner

Friday 5 May

- Opening Ceremony
- Key note lecture
- Religions vs Fanaticism
- Jumah prayer (Muslim prayer)
- Presentations on the philosophy and practices of each religion (in small groups)

- Shabat

Saturday 6 May

- Jewish prayer
- Key note lecture
- The Social Impact of Scouting on Justice, Equality and Peace
- Workshops on what Justice/Equality/Peace means for each religion
- Demonstration and participation in educational activities for spiritual development
- Interreligious service

Sunday 7 May

- Christian prayer
- Key note lecture
- Scouting and Spiritual Development
- Study visit (outside of the temple)

Monday 8 May

- Buddhist prayer
- Workshops on educational and training tools to prepare leaders to be active educators in spiritual development
- Report and discussions in plenary
- Open forum
- Conclusions
- Closing Ceremony

Tuesday 9 May

- Departure