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The Significance of Religious Freedom for Peace and Human Development: *A Conversation with Jan Figel*

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Religious freedom is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in many constitutions around the world, including in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Freedom of religion is closely linked to freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom to petition. It can be claimed that freedom of religion is a fundamental component of a free society. At the same time, the right to freedom of religion has often been violated, and in many parts of the world, the freedom of religion is not upheld, even when it is affirmed in the constitution. At this time in history, we observe an increase in challenges to religious freedom. Such developments are related to a more general decline in basic freedoms.

In this webinar we will hear from Dr. Jan Figel, who has served as European Commissioner from 2004 to 2009, and from 2016 to 2019 as the European Commission's special envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion outside the EU.



Moderator: Dr. Thomas Walsh, *Chairman, Universal Peace Federation International*

Panelists: Dr. Thomas Ward, *President, Unification Theological Seminary*
Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, *Student, Unification Theological Seminary*
Mr. John Koester, *Student, Unification Theological Seminary*

Register here for this webinar:

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