

WFWP Sweden's Spirituality in Faith, Living in Peace - Evening of Dialogue and Peace

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An interfaith gathering was held at Tensta Church on April 18 under the theme "Spirituality in Faith, Living in Peace." The event explored how spirituality and maturity within different faith traditions can go beyond religious doctrine itself, opening pathways toward unity and peace. The gathering was co-sponsored by Universal Peace Federation Sweden and Women's Federation for World Peace Sweden.

Welcoming remarks were given by Britta Houston, who also served as MC for the event. She reflected on the important role of women as peacebuilders during today's turbulent times, mentioning a recent gathering in Rome where Palestinian and Jewish women marched together for peace despite their different religious and cultural backgrounds. She referred to the growing global movement known as "Mothers Call," in which mothers and grandmothers are raising their voices together to demand peace, emphasizing that "there is no alternative."



The song "Lean on Me," performed by James Houston, created a warm and reflective atmosphere for the 57 participants attending the gathering. Later in the program, Sara Fuetsch moved the audience with another beautiful musical performance.

The speakers included:

Lorenz Jolin, who spoke about the importance of people of different faiths coming together under the banner of global peace and encouraged participants to support the restart of SIRF, the Swedish Interreligious Peace Council.



Randall Robinson
Musab Rashid
Antero Tikkanen
Kate Lindblad
Thomas Lillhannus

The main speaker was Levy Daugherty, an American pastor with over 50 years of ministry experience. He also led the audience in a group discussion where participants engaged in open and meaningful conversations.



The event concluded with a moving song and a prayer circle, leaving participants with a strong sense of unity and hope. Overall, the atmosphere was uplifting and welcoming, highlighting the value of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in building peace.

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