

# “Dharma is not inhuman”

## Udupi Seer at World Religious leaders meet in Turkey



His Holiness Shree Shree Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, addressing the gathering. In the picture Dr. William F Vendley, General Secretary WCRP, Mr. Richard Blum Co-Chair, International Trustees WCRP, Prince of Jordan Rashid El Hassan, on right side and Prof. Dr. Ali Bardakoglu President, Turkey's Ministry Religious Affairs and others are seen.

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**“Dharma, which does not respect Humanity, cannot be called as Dharma. Today, in the name of Dharma, inhuman and unlawful activities are carried out. In all the places, we**

**see Dharma is misused, abused and twisted. The Dharma, which is very root foundation of peace and harmony, has been abused and distorted and introduced vice versa by self centered people for their end. "**

**"At this point of time, Religious heads cannot be silent spectators to this distortion of their own field by few self-serving people and they have to take necessary steps to preserve the real meaning of the Dharma. The religious leaders should take necessary steps to bond the hearts of humanity with love and affection. To achieve this goal, all the religious leaders from different faiths should work together like Hindu Gods, who has multiple faces but one heart. This is the time for different faiths to engage in common action. Towards this direction, the worldwide organization of world religious leaders, the World Council of Religions for Peace, (WCRP) which is supported by United Nations, should take a leading and decisive role" said His Holiness Shree Shree Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Jagadguru Sri Madhwaachaarya Moola Mahaa Samsthaanam,**

**Shree Puthige Mutt Udipi and International President of WCRP in the meeting of World Religious leaders and Trustees of WCRP at Istanbul, Turkey.**

**His Holiness wished the crucial meeting held at Istanbul, the confluence of two continents Europe and Asia, will concrete the bridge of affection and love between all human beings throughout all continents.**

**While inaugurating the WCRP Board of Trustees meeting, Prince of Jordon, Rashid El Hassan, told that it is the duty of political leadership to be fair and inclusive under whatever circumstances. Political leaders should not forget their basic duty of equality and fairness to all the citizens. In this direction he reminded Jordon and Turkey has taken a leading role, which are to be considered ideal by other countries.**

**Dr. William F. Vendley, General Secretary, WCRP, while addressing the Trustees, informed that, WCRP is lending its**

**helping hand to resolve the conflicts in Africa, Iraq, Bosnia, Israel and Srilanka by roping in the local religious leaders.**

**Mr. Richard Blum, Co-chair International Trustees and Industrialist, from USA, Prof. Dr. Ali Bardakoglu, President of the Religious Affairs Turkey, Mrs. Eleni Tsakopoulous-Kounalakis Industrialist from USA, H. E. Dr. Mustafa Ceric Honorary President, Religions for Peace from Bosnia, Bishop Gunnar J Stalsett, Co-President Religions for Peace Norway, Mr. M Farooq Kathwari, Kashmiri Industrialist in USA, Mr. Abdul Ilah Marafie from Kuwait, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United State Senator, California, V. Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, Vice Moderator Religions for Peace, USA and religious leaders from Iraq, Italy, Syria, Japan, France and England among others discussed the issue relating to world peace and harmony and future activities of the WCRP. Rev. Kyoichi Sugino Director, Worldwide services, presented the WCRP worldwide program and activities to the Religious**

**leaders. Ms. Valerie Nash, extended thanks to all the Religious leaders at the meeting.**

**His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch addressed the Religions leaders and wished all the success for forthcoming events. While concluding the two-day meeting, unanimous resolutions were passed to unite the various religious leaders across the world by taking up various activities.**

**His Holiness, Shree Shree Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, has camped in the guesthouse of an Indian devotee and the group of Indian Devotees honored His Holiness on this occasion.**