



## World Council of Churches “Living Letters” Delegation

ITINERARY  
September 15-23, 2007

*"You show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us,  
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not  
on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."  
(2 Corinthians 3:3, RSV)*

### Living Letters Delegation Visit

**Saturday, September 15, 2007 – New York City**

#### **Salam Arabic Lutheran Church**

- Muslim-Christian relations in post 9/11 New York City

**Dinner with local Interfaith leaders**

**Sunday, September 16, 2007 – New York City**

9:00-10:30 a.m.

#### **Worship at Abyssinian Baptist Church**

- Greetings from **Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts, President, Council of Churches of New York**

**Sunday, September 16, 2007 – Nyack**

2:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Gathering**

- Presentation by Living Letters delegates
- Various musical performances and presentations
- Presentation of FOR Peace Prizes

**Dinner with FOR leaders**

**Monday, September 17, 2007 – Washington D.C.**

**Dinner & Welcome**

- **Rev. Phil Jones**, Director, Church of the Brethren Witness/Washington Office

**Monument Tour**

- A look at war monuments from the non-violent faith perspective

**Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – Washington D.C.**

**Meeting at the NCCC Office**

**Esq.**  
Advocacy,  
Christ in the USA

**Welcome & Introduction by Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell**,  
Associate General Secretary for Justice and  
National Council of Churches of

- Special guests include **seminarians from Wesley Theological Seminary**

**Discussion on Domestic Gun Control & Arms Sales**

- **Mr. Greg Smith**, Senator Feinstein's Staff, US Senate
- **Mr. Ladd Everitt**, Million Mom March DC Chapter
- **Mr. Scott Stedjan**, Arms Sales Transfer Group & Oxfam, America

**Discussion on the Iraq War**

- **Dr. Elizabeth Ferris**, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institute, Moderator
- **Dr. Antonios Kireopoulos**, Associate General Secretary for International Affairs and Peace, NCCCUSA
- **“Out of Iraq Caucus” of the US House of Representatives** (invited)

**Luncheon & Table Discussions**

- **With Heads of Washington Offices**, Church Organizations

**Capitol Tour**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2007 – Akron**

**Meeting with Mennonite Central Committee**

## Visit the MCC Material Resource Center

**Wednesday, September 19, 2007 – Philadelphia, PA**

**Dinner with Host families and US DOV Committee members**

### **White Rock Baptist Church**

- **The Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw**, Pastor & President National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
- **The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith**, Ecumenical Representative, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. & Co-Chair of WCC-DOV for USA

**Thursday, September 19, 2007 – Philadelphia, PA**

8:00-10 a.m. **Prayer and Praise Breakfast for Peace**  
White Rock Baptist Church

10:30 a.m. **Press Conference**  
**VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

### **Activities with Dr. Shaw and Local Community & Church Leaders**

- Tour of Philadelphia churches
- Briefing with Dr. Shaw on peace and community efforts

**Friday, September 21, 2007 – New York City – United Nations**

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

- Sponsored by the **United Nations Liaison Office of the World Council of Churches** 777 UN Plaza Suite 9D
- Endorsed by the **Ecumenical Working Group**
- Hosted at the **Church Center for the United Nations**

9:30 a.m. **Peace Bell Ceremony**

- Ringing of the Bell by **Mr. Ban Ki Moon**, Secretary General of the United Nations

11:30 a.m. **Prayer Service**

- Sponsored by the **Ecumenical Working Group**
- **The Rev. Kathleen Stone**, Chaplain, presiding
- **Tillman Chapel**, Church Center for the United Nations

1:30 p.m. **Panel “Voices of Peace: Conversations with Living Letters”**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Church Center for the United Nations

3:00 a.m.

**Reception**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Church Center for the United Nations

**Saturday, September 22, 2007 – New Orleans**

**Lunch with Interfaith Group**

**Tour of city**

**Meeting with Artists**

**Sunday, September 23, 2007 – New Orleans**

9:00 a.m.

**Delegates to attend local churches for Sunday Services**

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