



## “CULTURES & RELIGIONS FOR ALL AGES?”

1<sup>st</sup> of October 2008

In commemoration of the  
UN International Day of Older Persons

at the World Council of Churches, Main Hall, 150 route de Ferney, Geneva  
Access: Bus n°5, to stop *Crêts-de-Morillon* – Parking on site

Organised by  
the Geneva International Network on Ageing (GINA),  
the World Council of Churches and the City of Geneva

*Free entrance - Interpretation available (French/English)*

### **PART I**

**10:00-11:00 INTER-RELIGIOUS WORDS OF WISDOM**  
*Chapel of the World Council of Churches*

*Music: Organ*

#### **WELCOME ADDRESS**

**Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger**, *President Geneva International Network on Ageing (GINA)*

**Dr. Reverend Shanta Premawardhana**, *Director Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation Programme, World Council of Churches*

**Dr. Reverend William McComish**, *President of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal*

*Gong*

Hindu : **Swami Amarananda**, *International Vedantic Center*

Jewish: **Rabbi François Garaï**, *Liberal Synagogue*

Buddhist: **Banthe Dhammika**, *International Buddhist Center*

*Gong*

Muslim: **Hafid Ouardiri**, *Interknowing Foundation*

Bahai: **Susan Hansen**, *Bahá'í Community of Switzerland*

*Gong*

Christian  
(Roman Catholic): **Mgr. Pierre Farine**, *Auxiliary Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg*

*Music: organ*

*Bagpipe to the Main Hall*

## **PART II**

### **11:15-13:00    INSIGHTS, VISION AND ACTION**

*Panel discussion and debate*

*Main Conference Hall, World Council of Churches*

#### **Introduction and moderation**

*Dr. Manoj Kurian, Health and Healing, World Council of Churches*

*Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger, President Geneva International Network on Ageing (GINA)*

#### **POPULATION AGEING IN A MULTI-CULTURAL AND MULTI-CONFESSIONAL WORLD**

*Ms. Siri Tellier, Director United Nation Population Fund, Geneva (UNFPA)*

#### **CULTURE, HEALTH AND AGEING**

*Dr. Norman Sartorius, former Director of WHO Mental Health Department  
Advisory Council of the World Psychiatric Association*

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES FROM THE FIELD:**

##### **Ageing in Geneva: experience of an international city**

*Mr. Maurice Graber, Assistant Director, City of Geneva, Founder of Cité Seniors Geneva*

##### **Ageing in Europe: experience of pastoral work in Holland**

*Reverend Mrs. Lia Wolters-Berghout, World Council of Churches*

##### **Ageing in India: experience from a community-based initiative**

*Prof. Arvind Kasthuri, expert on ageing, St-John's Medical College, Bangalore, India*

*Pro-Musica Interlude (during the music, written questions are collected in the public)*

*Debate with the public*

### **12:30-13:00**

#### **MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS DESMOND TUTU, CHAIR OF GLOBAL ELDERS**

*Presented by Mr. Thabo Sephuma, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance*

#### **MESSAGE FROM MR. MANUEL TORNARE, Mayor of the City of Geneva**

*Bagpipe to the Main Hall*

### **13:00-14:30    RECEPTION**

*In the main lobby of the Word Council of Churches  
Offered by the City of Geneva*