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BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

Friends Meeting House, 4th and Arch Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

9:00 — 11:15 a.m.

SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE

MONDAY, APRIL 26

FOUNDATIONS AND TRADITIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Dr. Franklin H. Littell
Temple University
Dr. Robert Gordis
Jewish Theological Seminary

Dr. Robert McAfee Brown
Stanford University
The Rev. James Hennesey, S.J.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 27

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN EXPERIENCE OF CONSCIENCE AND DISSENT

Dr. William A. Jones
Bethany Church, New York
Dr. Edwin B. Bronner
Haverford College

Professor Janice Raymond
Hampshire College
The Rev. Jesse Jackson
Operation PUSH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF CHURCH/STATE RELATIONS

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
Dr. John C. Raines
Temple University

William B. Ball, Esq.
Ball & Skelly, Attorneys at Law
Dr. Elwyn A. Smith
Vista America Corporation

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
Notre Dame University

Dr. Philip Potter
World Council of Churches

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

THE PROSPECT FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

11:00 — 12:30 P.M.

Dr. M. K. Curry, Jr., President
United Negro College Fund

Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel, President
World Council of Churches

The national Bicentennial Conference on Religious Liberty is an inter-faith program of the Metropolitan Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia. For further information, write: Bicentennial Conference on

CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

SEMINARS

Open to Conference Participants

- Free Exercise of Religion
- Religious and Ethnic Minorities
- Religious Liberty and Public Education
- Religious Liberty and Private Education
- Civil Religion
- Prophecy
- Conscience and the Limits of Civil Obedience
- Rights of Privacy and Clergy Confidentiality
- Women's Liberation and the Rights of Conscience
- Mass Communication and the Formation of Human Values
- Genocide as National Policy and Resistance Thereto
- Aging and the Rights of Conscience
- Voluntary Organizations and Economic Power Structures
- Religious Liberty and International Affairs
- The Military/Industrial Complex and the Concerned Conscience
- Medical Ethics and Rights of Conscience

EVENING PROGRAMS

Monday, April 26, 8 p.m.

Old First Reformed Church
4th and Race Streets

Open to Public
No Charge

Play: "The First Hundred Years"

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Tuesday, April 27, 8 p.m.

Friends Meeting House
4th and Arch Streets

Open to Public
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Speaker: Elie Wiesel

Topic: "Freedom of Conscience—
A Jewish Commentary"

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Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Ballroom, Bellevue Stratford Hotel
Broad and Walnut Streets

Banquet

Arts Program — produced by Affiliate Artists, Inc., in cooperation with RCA (The Religious Communities for the Arts)

Charge \$10 per ticket. Contact Conference Office, 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for tickets. (563-2036)

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Many Conference leaders will be available for speaking engagements to Philadelphia area churches, synagogues, and community groups at the time of the Conference. For further information, contact the Rev. Howard G. Hartzell, First Baptist Church, 17th & Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Tel: LO 3-3853.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SABBATH/SUNDAY

Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, 1976 will be observed as Religious Liberty Sabbath and Religious Liberty Sunday in the synagogues and churches of the Greater Philadelphia area. A flier prepared by an inter-faith committee and published by the American Bible Society containing suitable selections for use on those days and other appropriate times during the Bicentennial observance is available. Contact the Conference Office for further information.

"A GIFT TO BE FREE"

Religious liberty will be the theme of an hour-long show titled "A Gift to be Free" to be aired Sunday, April 4, at 11:30 AM, on KYW-TV (Channel 3 — Philadelphia). The script by Eve Stedman deals with historical events from the settlement of Pennsylvania by William Penn, to adoption of the First Amendment, to a celebration of freedom of worship in contemporary churches and synagogues. Mort Crim is the narrator.

BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Bicentennial Conference on Religious Liberty will be a national six-day meeting held in Philadelphia, April 25-30, 1976, under auspices of the city's Christian and Jewish communities. Its purpose will be two-fold:

- to commemorate the American heritage and Constitutional guarantees of religious liberty and freedom of conscience.
- to provide a study forum for the re-examination and re-assessment of the foundations, history, contemporary situation, and future prospects of these rights.

As an inter-faith Conference, the program itself will be an embodiment of the spirit of American pluralism. It, therefore, will not function as a legislative or action body or seek the formation of consensus. Its aim will be to foster respectful and critical dialogue seeking a deeper understanding and renewed commitment to the basic concepts of freedom of religion and rights of conscience which underlie a free society.

SPONSORS

The Conference is sponsored and supported by the Christian and Jewish communities of the five county area of Greater Philadelphia through the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia representing Protestant and Orthodox churches, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference Registration is \$25 which covers the cost of all Conference functions. Students may register for \$10 which allows participation in all sessions except the reception and banquet. Banquet tickets may be purchased for an additional \$10 each. For further information contact the Conference Office.