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# RACE, FAITH AND WORLD PEACE

Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> December, 2013  
18:30 – 20:30

LONDON

## Venue

Hilton London Euston, 17 – 18 Upper Woburn  
Place, London WC1H 0HT

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**Chair:** Lord Frank Judd (TBC)

**Confirmed Speakers:**

REV. MARCUS BRAYBROOKE, President, World Congress of Faiths  
VIJAY MEHTA, Chair, Uniting for Peace  
REV. BRIAN COOPER, Interfaith Secretary, Uniting for Peace  
MOEEN YASEEN, Founder, Global Vision 2000

**Invited Speakers:**

JUSTIN WELBY, Archbishop of Canterbury  
DIANE ABBOTT, MP, Hackney North and Stoke Newington  
BARONESS DOREEN LAWRENCE  
RUSHANARA ALI, MP, Bethnal Green and Bow



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Racism, misuse of religion and sectarian tensions continue to plague the world with prejudices and social exclusion resulting in a heavy toll in human life, untold violence and suffering, enormous social damage, and ethnic conflicts in many regions of the world. Together, they constitute the major threat to global peace. The self-seeking, power-based and misguided responses of the West have much compounded these problems.

The collapse of Communism and related secular ideologies has been followed, in many parts of the world, by a dramatic resurgence of traditional religion. In many regions this has brought great social benefits, especially in grassroots community action and development. However, the misuse of faith for power aims, and the rise of Jihadism and Islamist terror, have fuelled conflicts from the Caucasus to north Africa, and across the Middle East to Pakistan. Tragically, since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the majority of regional conflicts have been faith-related. Reclaiming the peace message at the heart of Islam, Christianity and other faiths is essential for world peace.

With traditional party politics in decline, racism and Islamophobia have emerged across Europe with extremist populist movements, threatening immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees. Across the world generally, millions of the latter are in desperate conditions, mostly treated as 2nd-class citizens. Deteriorating race and faith relations in many societies is the negative result of rapid globalisation and mass communications.

The changing Britain of today, and its global connections, is a microcosm of these issues. From confronting insensitive immigration policies and myths about race, to urging international policies which advance the values of multiculturalism and inter-faith harmony, the Peace Movement can help meet these challenges.

Exploring these questions, distinguished speakers will stress how cultivating inter-racial and inter-faith unity can build sustainable peace, from the local to the global level.

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