



# Semi-Annual Presentation to GMC - OSMTH Copenhagen, Kingdom of Denmark

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# Outline

- Resolution 12-15
- Co-sponsored Refugee Conference, December 2015, Amman, Jordan
  - OSMTH
  - Lutheran World Federation
  - The Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center
- World Spotlight of Terrorist Attacks on Religious & Cultural Centers, Sites, and Art
  - Serbia/Kosovo - April 2016
- Reconfirmation of OSMTH Religious Protector His Beatitude Patriarch Nourhan Manougian
- Key Senior Christian Hierarch Meetings
- Invitation to Officially visit World Council of Churches
- Proposed Establishment of Legate General & Legate Corps of OSMTH
- Formal Meeting with the Chief Executive of World Parliament of Religion



# OSMTH Co-Sponsorship on Middle Eastern Refugee Concept - Return Home

## KEY SPONSORS

- **The Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Center** - Very Rev. Father Nabil Haddad, Executive Director
- **Lutheran World Federation** - Rt. Rev. His Grace Bishop Munib Younan, President
- **OSMTH - Knights Templar** - Brig. Gen. Patrick Rea, Grand Master & Col. Dr. Marcel De Picciotto, Grand Commander



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# OSMTH Knights & Dames Attending

1. HG Bishop Younan, Grand Chaplain
2. BG Dr. Patrick Rea - Grand Master
3. Chev. Lars Karstensen - GP Denmark, Treasurer Jordan River Campus
4. Rev. Dean Pertti Ruotsalo - Chancellor General
5. Chev. Dale Starkes - Secretary General
6. Dame Stacey Starkes
7. His Highness Duke Alexander zu Mecklenburg



# OSMTH On Site Teams to Examine & Document Damage Done by Terrorists Groups to Religious, Cultural, Art and Historic Locations & Works

OSMTH as world-wide advocates for historic preservation and highlighting terrorist attacks on cultures, societies, religions, and civilized Nations across the world.

Serbia, the first site visit - GP Serbia did highly professional site preparation involving the President of the Nation, Patriarch of the Orthodox Church and EU/Kosovo authorities as well as security for the Templar team led by Chev. Tom Curtis, Deputy Grand Commander. (More will follow - sincere thanks to our excellent members)



# Religious Protector of OSMTH and Patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Patriarchate of the Holy See of St. James





# Meetings with Hierarchs

**December, 2015** - Rt. Rev. His Grace  
Bishop Dr. Munib Younan.

Website: [www.lutheranworld.org](http://www.lutheranworld.org)



**January 2016** - Most Rev. His Eminence Archbishop  
Dr. Vicken Aykazian, Legate of the Armenian Church,  
active ecumenist, past President of the National  
Council of Churches - USA, current member of the  
Executive Committee of the World Council of  
Churches. Major force to assist OSMTH invitation to  
the WCC. Rev. Dr. Jean Ford will be OSMTH  
representative.

Website: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)





## Meetings with Hierarchs (Cont'd)

**January 26th, 2016** - Lord Bishops Rt. Rev. Bishop Paulus Benjamin and Rt. Rev. Bishop Awa Royel Holy Synod of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East.

Website: [www.assyrianchurch.org](http://www.assyrianchurch.org)



**March, 2016** - Rt. Rev. His Grace Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church of the United Kingdom. Major force for Orthodox/Christian understanding.

Website: [www.copticcentre.com](http://www.copticcentre.com)



**March, 2016** - Most Rev. His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah. Retired Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church of America and a current Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia.

Websites:

[www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) / [www.synod.com/synod/indexeng.htm](http://www.synod.com/synod/indexeng.htm)







# Immediate appointment of Legates in coordination with the Grand Priors.

## Recommended Legates thus far:

- Rev. Dean Pertti Ruotsalo, Legate General
- Grand Prior of Argentina, Roman Catholic Church
- BG John Digilio, Assistant Legate Roman Catholic Church
- Grand Prior Dr. Paul Tsolakian, Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem
- Rev. Dean Pertti Ruotsalo, Lutheran World Federation
- Grand Prior Elke Bruns, Assistant Legate for the Coptic Orthodox Church
- Grand Prior George MacLean, Assistant Legate for the Coptic Orthodox Church



# Parliament of The World's Religions

- Established in 1893 in Chicago
- Global interfaith movement
- Faith against hate
- Educating religious leaders for a multi-religious world
- Main committees tend to follow UN committee structure on faith issues
- Major meetings every two years with 8,000 to 10,000 delegates
- OSMTH would be welcomed from the Priory, Grand Priory and international level - more mutual coordination is needed.
- Speakers and board members are among the most senior of world religions such as the Dalai Lama

The  
Global  
Interfaith  
Movement



**Website:** [www.parliamentofreligions.org](http://www.parliamentofreligions.org)



# Parliament of The World's Religions (Cont'd)

- Dr. Larry Greenfield, Executive Director and the OSMTH Grand Master will meet again to discuss joint religious cooperation and advocacy.
- The Parliament discussed in detail Templar history and modern mission. They found **Resolution 12-15** a good document that recognized the difficult challenges facing the billions of people of faith. They found it new and a bit exciting that a Christian Chivalric Order is prepared to work side by side with other faiths to solve the world's problems. The leadership of the Parliament knew and greatly respected Bishop Younan.
- Their door is open to OSMTH



# Front Doors of Religions

No other Christian Order in the world has this kind of reach.





# The two living Grand Masters of OSMTH at the funeral of Major General Robert Disney at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC.

Left: Brigadier General Patrick Rea,

Grand Master III

Right: Rear Admiral James Carey,

Grand Master II





# The casket of Major General Robert Disney moves to its final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC following full military honors.

His was recognized as an extraordinary Templar Leader and a US Military Hero.

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# Questions?