



Global Network of Religions
for Children

The Global Network of Religions for Children - Africa

Introduction

With the sole purpose of assembling religious people who share the same wishes for children to offer prayers and to reach mutual understanding and agreement, Global Network of Religions for Children - GNRC was launched in Tokyo, Japan in May 2000. GNRC is the Global Network of Religions for Children, a network of religious people who are working for the well-being of children around the world. GNRC was inaugurated by the Arigatou Foundation, with cooperation from the Japan Committee for UNICEF and the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP) Japan Committee on the occasion of its First Forum in May 2000.

Nearly 300 men and women representing 7 religions gathered from 33 countries and regions at the First Forum to share their experiences and exchange views on how to address the various challenges facing children.

Since then, GNRC has grown from strength to strength, and today, there are six world regions namely GNRC Europe, GNRC Latin America, GNRC Central Asia, GNRC South Asia, GNRC Middle East and GNRC Africa.

GNRC Africa

GNRC Africa covers the African Continent comprising 54 countries.

Vision

As an Interfaith Network, GNRC Africa's vision is to awaken the peace traditions residing in the threads of African cultures to weave together a cloth of peace. GNRC Africa envisions that all children in Africa should grow in a peaceful, safe and enabling environment; where their rights are protected and their voices are heard and considered in all forums of society. GNRC Africa has a vision of working for a peaceful society that will ensure social justice, equality, and opportunity for all, regardless of class, colour, creed or tribe.

Mission

GNRC Africa's mission is to work for the peaceful co-existence of all peoples, regardless of class, colour, creed or tribe. GNRC Africa seeks to ensure that the culture of peace is upheld and maintained by respecting life and the right to live with dignity.

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GNRC AFRICA

Aims and Objectives

- a) Assembling the people of faith in Africa who share our vision for children,
- b) Addressing the issues and root causes that impoverish children in Africa,
- c) Working to change the socio-economic, cultural and political systems that undermine the implementation of children's rights,
- d) Joining our prayers across the African Continent to enkindle compassion for children.

"Peace is happiness. Peace is love within the family. Peace is unity of the family. Peace is someone who loves children. Peace is finding faith and believing in God"
- Abdul (13 yrs, Street Child)

We will initiate a dynamic and proactive exchange of ideas and activities to transform the systems and hearts that cultivate the silence that deafens the cry of our children.

The Golden Rules of Religions

Hindu	This is the sum of duty: Do nothing to others which would cause you pain if done to you (<i>Mahabarata xiii 114.8</i>)
Jainism	A person should treat all creatures as he himself would be treated (<i>Sukrakritanga 1.11.33</i>)
Chinese rel.	Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you (<i>Confucius, Analects 15.23</i>)
Budhism	A state that is not pleasant or delightful to me must be so for him also; and a state which is not pleasant or delightful for me, how could I in ict that to another? (<i>Samyutta Nikaya V, 353.35-354.2</i>)

Judaism Do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you (*Rabbi Hillel, Shabbat 31a*)

Christianity In everything do to others as you would have them do to you (*Mathew 7.12; Luke 6.31*)

Islam No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself (40 *Hadith – Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad an-Nawawi 13*)



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