

Invitation



Mount Zion Award 2011

The Mount Zion Foundation
has the honor to invite you
to the presentation of the
Mount Zion Award 2011
To

Friends of the Earth Middle East

Sunday, October 30, 2011, 4.00 P.M.

Dormition Church, Mount Zion, Jerusalem

Friends of the Earth Middle East



The Directors of Friends of the Earth Middle East (from left to right):

- Gidon Bromberg (Israel)
- Munqeth Mehyar (Jordan)
- Nader Al-Khateeb (Palestine)

Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Our primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect our shared environmental heritage. In doing so, we seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv. FoEME is a member of Friends of the Earth International, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the world.

With assistance from the Mount Zion Foundation FoEME will further efforts to rehabilitate the Lower Jordan River. The Lower Jordan River, from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea, has had 98% of its fresh water resources diverted. All that is presently left flowing in the Lower Jordan - a river considered holy to half of humanity - is agricultural run-off, diverted saline waters and untreated sewage. The Jordan River's rich spiritual and cultural connections to Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith based communities provide a foundation for a strong inter-faith coalition focused on the need to rehabilitate this important natural and cultural heritage landscape.

For more informations: www.foeme.org

The recipients of the Mount Zion Award 2011 will be

Friends of the Earth Middle East

Gidon Bromberg (Israeli Director), Munqeth Mehyar (Jordanian Director), Nader Al-Khateeb (Palestinian Director)

The ceremony will take place

on **Sunday, October 30, 2011, 4.00 p.m.**

at the **Dormitio Church, Mount Zion, Jerusalem.**

Program

Music

Salutation

Fr. Markus Muff OSB

In the name of interreligious and intercultural understanding:

The Mount Zion Foundation

Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen

Video presentation

„Good Water Neighbors“ youth „Water Trustees“ telling the story of Shared Waters

Laudatio

Abbot Gregory Collins OSB, Dormitio, Jerusalem

Music

Award ceremony

Abbot Gregory Collins OSB – Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen – Fr. Markus Muff OSB

Speeches of thanks by the Laureates

Music

Reception

RSVP by email at info@foeme.org or phone 03-5605383 ext 101 to Sarit

Mount Zion Foundation / Mount Zion Award

The Mount Zion Award for reconciliation was founded in 1986 by Wilhelm Salberg, a Catholic Priest from Essen (Germany), who died in 1996. The Award has been presented biannually since 1987 to individuals and institutions that made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of dialogue between the different religions and cultures in the Holy Land and of mutual understanding between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The presentation always takes place at the end of October, because on October 28, 1965, the 2nd Vatican Council published the text "Nostra Aetate" which attracted much attention. With this "Declaration concerning the relationship of the church towards the non-Christian religions", the Latin Church adopted a new attitude towards Judaism, Islam and other religions, which is characterized by respect.

The Mount Zion Award recipients are:

- 1987 Dr. Mahmoud Abassi, Al-Masreq Publishing House, Shefar'am
Sr. Rose-Therese Sant, Religious of Our Lady of Sion, Jerusalem
- 1989 David Grossman, writer, Mevasseret Zion
- 1991 Elisheva Hemker, Pastoralreferentin, Haifa & Nahariya
- 1993 Dr. Kirsten Stoffregen-Pedersen (Sr. Abraham), Jerusalem
- 1995 Elias und Heyam Jabbour, social worker, Shefar'Am
Yeheskel und Dalia Landau, social worker, Ramle / Jerusalem
- 1997 Sumaya Farhat-Naser, Professor, University Birseit, Jerusalem
Yitzhak Frankenthal, director of Neviot Shalom, Jerusalem
- 1999 Shmuel Toledano, politician, Jerusalem
Ass'ad Araidy, Druse, major of Maghar in Galilee
- 2001 Archimandrite, Emile Shoufani, Nazareth
Reuven Moskovitz, Jerusalem
Kifaya Jada for Omri Jada (deceased), Habla / Qalqilya
- 2003 Keren Assaf
Rami Nasser-E-Dinn
- 2005 Rabbi David Rosen, Interreligious Coordinating Council, Israel
- 2007 Sr. Monika Düllmann, Saint-Louis-Hospital, Jerusalem
- 2009 Dr. Nedal Jayousi, Palestinian House for Professional Solutions, Ramallah
Daniel Rossing, Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations

The Board:

- Abbot Gregory Collins OSB (Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem)
- Prof. Dr. Verena Lenzen (Institute for Jewish-Christian Research, University of Lucerne)
- Fr. Markus Muff OSB (Pontificio Ateneo Sant' Anselmo, Rome)

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