# International Interreligious Affairs, highlights, April 2010
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April 6/7,Madrid.

Under the auspices of the Spanish and Norwegian governments and the
Toledo Center, a gathering of Palestinians and Israelis of which I was a part,
came together in Madrid for a two day brainstorming on the subject of the
future of Jerusalem with particular emphasis on the subject of interreligious
cooperation.
The assumption on which the discussion was based was that regardless of
whatever future political arrangements take place concerning Jerusalem, the
different communities are all in need of mechanisms to guarantee their needs
regarding their respective holy sites; and the more this can be facilitated
through communication and cooperation between the institutional leadership
of the different religious communities, the better.
Especially pertinent to this discussion therefore is the Council of Religious
Institutions of the Holy Land (on which I serve as part of the delegation of the
Chief Rabbinate of Israel) – see www.crihl.org

April 14, Jerusalem

Among various meetings in Jerusalem during this month were two notable
Episcopal delegations:-
1. Bishop John Chapman, the Anglican bishop of Ottawa and his delegation
visited with me at bet Moses.
2. The whole episcopate of the Swedish Lutheran Church visited Israel and
the PA and I met with them both at the Chief Rabbinate and at the Notre
Dame cultural center.

April 23-30, London and Washington DC

I traveled to Washington DC for the Annual Meeting via London for my CBE
investiture at Buckingham Palace. While in London I also met with both
Jewish and Christian interfaith leaders.
I arrived in Washington in advance of the AM to service the Regional Office
that held a full morning program held on the document/recommendations of
the Presbyterian Church of USA's Commission on the Middle East. I gave an
opening address to the gathering made up of PCUSA ministers and rabbis
from different denominations in the city and region.