

Major interreligious events February/March 2010
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I did not travel abroad in February, but there were two major events of note in which I participated here in Israel.

Feb.3 , Council of the Religious Institutions of the Holy Land(CRLHL).
Half day update and discussion on the analysis of Israeli and Palestinian textbooks "images of the other" that is taking place under the auspices of the Council, financed by the US State Department; directed by professors from TAU, Bethlehem University, Yale and Syracuse universities; with an international Academic Advisory Council.(This meeting was followed up in a smaller group for a more detailed discussion on the particulars of the study with its academic directors, on March 15th at Talita Kumi school.)

Feb.22, In the course of a four day visit to the region by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams; a half day was devoted to his fourth meeting with the Chief Rabbis at the Israeli Chief Rabbinate in which I was involved both as the Honorary Advisor on Interfaith Relations of the Chief Rabbinate and as a member of the bilateral Anglican-Jewish commission.(The meeting was followed by a visit to Yad VaShem on which I also accompanied the Archbishop and his retinue.) The communiqué from this meeting that also describes its content may be viewed at :-
<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/news.cfm/2010/2/23/ACNS4688>

March 21-23, Holland , I participated in a Summit of High Level Religious Leaders on the role of religious leadership in combating HIV/AIDS. The meeting was convened by the government of Holland in cooperation with two UN agencies, the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance and the Catholic organization Cordaid, see:-
http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/FeatureStories/archive/2010/20100323_WEBstory.asp