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**Center  
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**The Center for World  
Religions, Diplomacy and  
Conflict Resolution (CRDC)  
engages in practice,  
research, and education  
concerning the  
contributions of  
world religions  
to both conflict  
and peace.**

The goal of the Center is to present a new approach to reducing global religious violence by incorporating the best moral practices of religious traditions and communities into forward thinking strategies of diplomacy, civil society building and democracy.

#### PRACTICE

We offer:

- Public presentations nationally and internationally to governmental and non-governmental agencies, as well as to concerned citizens;
- Formal training in religion, diplomacy, and conflict analysis;
- International media responses to religious conflicts;
- Consulting for agencies coping with religion and conflict;
- Recommendations on ongoing conflicts;
- Promotion and support of religious moderates in international conflicts;
- Recommendations for specific conflicts, designed for incremental positive change.

#### RESEARCH

- We analyze religious traditions and practices for new and novel avenues of creative diplomacy and reconciliation, and analyze and anticipate those religious manifestations that generate violence;
- We examine the internal struggles within religious communities over competing interpretations of teachings as they relate to war and peace, and we are creating reports on specific conflicts and countries in which religion is a complicating factor;
- We search for new ways in which religious practices and values can heal conflicts in ways that have been beyond the reach of normal diplomacy and conflict resolution.

“World religions have a reservoir of pro-social values of profound subtlety and effectiveness that, if utilized well, could form the basis of an alternative to violence.”

Marc Gopin, CRDC Director

“We can no longer afford international peace negotiations and treaties that do not enter into the hearts and minds of billions of believers, which do not enter into the texts and structures of their education.

Religion can become an indispensable ally of peacemaking, diplomacy, and even democracy.”

Marc Gopin  
CRDC Director

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE...

Online conversations and networking with interested partners;

Participation in regional and city branches of the Center's work;

Bi-monthly discussions with the Director on current issues and concerns;

Interactive response to ongoing Center analysis of current events and policy decisions.

