



## Coptic Solidarity 6th Annual Conference

***100 Years Later: Middle Eastern Christians Face Another Genocide***

**Washington, D.C. - June 11-13, 2015**

### AGENDA

(Actual)

#### POLICY DAY - Thursday June 11 - Capitol HVC 201

**9:00** Registration

**9:15** *Introductory Remarks - Adel Guindy, Coptic Solidarity president*

**9:30** **Session-1**                      **Chair: Dr. Walid Phares**

**Rt. Hon. Baroness Elizabeth Berridge** - Chair, All Party Group on Intl. Religious Freedom  
(APPG) - **UK** House of Lords

**Hon. Michael Mukasey** - United States 81st Attorney General

**Hon. Alberto Fernandez** - Vice-President, MEMRI

**Q&A**

**11:00** *Statements by Members of U.S. Congress*

**Rep. Jim McGovern**            (MA-D) - Co-Chair TLHRC

**Rep. Ted Poe**                    (TX-R)

**Rep. Dave Trott**                (MI-R)

**Rep. Chris Smith**            (NJ-R) - Chair of F.A. Subcom. on Human Rights and Intl. Organization

**Rep. Trent Franks**            (AZ-D)

**Rep. Brad Sherman**          (CA-D)

**12:30** *Lunch (snacks offered on site)*

**13:30** *Statements by Members of U.S. Congress*

**Rep. Albio Sires**                (NJ-D)

**Sen. James Lankford**        (OK-R)

**Rep. Diane Black**            (TN-R)

**Rep. Louis Gohmert**        (TX-R)

**Rep. Joe Pitts**                 (PA-R) - Co-Chair TLHRC

**14:45 Special Session: International Views on Situation of Middle East Minorities**

**Dr. Katrina Lantos-Swett** - Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom (**USCIRF**)

**Amb. David Saperstein** - U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom

**Q&A**

**15:45 Session: Apathy of International Community Amidst Genocide - Chair: Mr. Raymond Ibrahim**

**Hon. Bob Dechert** - Member, House of Commons, **Canada**

**Dr. Herb London** - President London Center for Policy Research

**Mr. Raymond Ibrahim** - Writer, Author of "Crucified Again"

**Q&A**

**17:00 End**

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**DINNER - Thursday June 11 - The Capitol Republican Club**

300 First Street S.E., Washington, DC 20003

**17:30 Cocktail**

**18:30 Dinner**

**Guest foreign diplomats:**

- Ambassadors of **Slovenia**; Deputy Chief of Mission of **Cyprus, Armenia**

- Embassy Ministers/Councilors of: **Russia, Belgium, Greece, Canada, Italy**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Zuhdi Jasser** - President, American Islamic Forum for Democracy

Received the Coptic Solidarity Leadership Award for 2015

**21:30 End**

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**CONFERENCE - Friday June 12 - Key Bridge Marriott Hotel**

1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, 22209-1201

*Rooftop Ballroom*

**9:00 Session-1 MECHRIC in Action at UNSC - Chair: Dr. Walid Phares**

**Mr. Khalid Haidar** - Representative of Yezidi Human Rights Organization International

**JD Caroline Doss Esq.** - VP Coptic Solidarity

**Ms. Soona Samsami** -Iranian NCRI's representative in the U.S.

**Mr. William Youmaran** - President of Assyrian American National Federation

**Mr. David William Lazar** - Chairman, American Mesopotamian Organization (AMO)

**Mr. Loay Mikhael** - Director Foreign Relation, The Chaldean Syriac Assyrian Popular Council

**Mr. Magdi Khalil** - Coptic Solidarity

**Mr. John Hajjar** - Melkite Committee

**Mr. Tom Harb** - General Secretary MECHRIC and President of American Maronite Union

**Coptic Solidarity posthumous Pioneer Award to the Name of Dr. Helmy Guirguis**

**11:00 Break**

**11:30 Session-2: Multiple Approaches to Combat Apathy - Chair: JD Ann Buwalda,**  
Executive Director of Jubilee Campaign USA

**Dr. Faten Morris** - Prof. English Literature, Polk State Univ., Florida

**JD Mark Shalaby, Esq.** - General Counsel, a multinational co., Coptic Solidarity Board Member

**Dr. Thibaut Gress** - Lecturer, Higher Institute of Philosophy Studies, Paris, France

**13:00 Break**

**14:15 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Judge Jeanine Pirro** (FoxNews Analyst)  
Q&A

**15:00 Session-3: Civil Society: The Fight for Remembrance and Truth - Chair: Lindsay Vessey**

**Mr. Gary Lane** - Anchor, CBN

**Mr. Kenneth Hachikian**, Chairman Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA)

**Mr. Johnnie Moore**, Author of "Defying ISIS,"

**Dr. Jamie Glazov**, Managing Editor of FrontPage Magazine, Anchor of "Glazov Gang"

**16:30 Session-4: Moving Forward: Practical Actions to Save Indigenous Christians in ME -**  
**Chair: Dr. George Gurguis**, VP, Coptic Solidarity

**Dr. William Weessa** - Editor, MCN

**Mr. Matthew Elmaraghi** - JD Candidate, SF Univ. (Intl. Human Rights Law)

**17:30 End**

**Parallel activities during the day:**

**\*\* Art exposition "Oriental Colorful Inspirations" - Dr.Essam Eskander**

**\*\* Books sales**

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**Coptic Solidarity General Assembly - Key Bridge Marriott**

***Members Only***

**9:00 Activity Report**

**Resolutions**

**Elections**

**13:00 End**

**14:00 Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee & The Advisory Council**

**17:00 End**

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