



Coptic Solidarity 8th Annual Conference

June 15-17, 2017

Guest Speakers

- U.S. Senator James Lankford (R-OK)
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- U.S. Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)
 - U.S. Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
 - U.S. Representative French Hill (R-AR)
 - U.S. Representative Randy Hultgren (R-IL)
 - U.S. Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA)
 - U.S. Representative Brad Sherman (D-CA)
 - U.S. Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ)
 - U.S. Representative Dave Trott (R- MI)
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- Ambassador John Bolton - Gala Dinner Keynote Speaker
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- Ms. Sandra Jolley, Commissioner for US Commission on International Religious Freedom
 - Mr. Knox Thames - Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, State Department
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- Dr. Wael Aleji, MD, MBPsS
- Mr. Dwight Bashir - Director of Research and Policy, US Commission on International Religious Freedom
- Dr. Essam Eskander - Professor of philosophy (retired); writer
- Ambassador Alberto Fernandez - Vice President, MEMRI
- Keynote Speaker - Mr. Jân Figel' – European Commission Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief Outside the EU (by video)
- Sheikh Eyad Gamal El Deen - A prominent Shiite cleric and scholar
- Mr. Frank Gaffney - Founder & President, Center for Security Policy
- Dr. Robert P. George - McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University; Former Chair of USCIRF
- Dr. George Gurguis MD - President, Coptic Solidarity; Associate Professor UT Southwestern Medical School
- Mr. Michael Wahid Hanna - Senior Fellow, Century Foundation
- Mr. Tom Harb – Secretary General, Middle East Christian Committee (MECHRIC)
- Mr. Bahey eldin Hassan - General Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

- **Mr. Raymond Ibrahim** - Author, Public Speaker, and Middle East and Islam Specialist
- **Mr. Magdi Khalil** - Author, Journalist, Public Speaker, and Middle East and Islam Specialist; Coptic Solidarity Board Member
- **Mr. Ebram Maqar** - Editor, Good News paper, Canada
- **Mr. Scott Mastic** - Director Middle East & North Africa, International Republican Institute
- **Mr. Ryan Mauro** - Security Analyst, The Clarion Project
- **Mr. Stephen McInerney** – Executive Director, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED)
- **Ms. Elly Page, JD**- Legal Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa at the International Center for Not For-Profit Law
- **Dr. Daniel Pipes** - President, Middle East Forum
- **Ms. Nina Shea, JD** - Director of Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute
- **Mr. Saied Shoaib** - Journalist and expert on terrorism
- **Dr. Eric Trager** - Senior Fellow, The Washington Institute
- **Dr. William Weessa** - Journalist, member of EuroNews NBC Editorial Board
- **Dr. Sarah Yerkes** - Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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- **Mr. Michael Rizk** – Coptic Solidarity Board member (Event MC)
 - **Mrs. Ghada Melek** – Rights activist, Canada (Event MC)
 - **Mrs. Lindsay Griffin** - Director of Development & Advocacy, Coptic Solidarity