

# Agenda

## Coptic Solidarity Founding Conference

June 19-20, 2010

### Saturday June 19

*Open to Coptic Solidarity members and pre-registered participants*

08:00 Registration

09:15 **Session #1** *Moderator: Halim Meawad*

Dr. Emad Shenouda Courage and Leadership from a Biblical Perspective

Dr. Sabry Gohara Professionalism in Our Actions

Mr. Halim Meawad God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

10:00 Adel Guindy Coptic Solidarity Status Report – Why Are We Here?

Discussion

10:45 *Break*

11:00 **Session #2** *Moderator: Magdi Khalil*

Dr. Helmy Guirguis Did You Say ‘Dialog with Egyptian Authorities’?

Dr. Maher Rizkalla Copts’ Advocacy in Canada: Successes & Challenges

Dr. Ibrahim Habib Copts’ Advocacy in UK: Successes & Challenges

Mr. Gamil Helmy Copts’ Advocacy in Australia: Successes & Challenges

Discussion

12:45 *Break*

13:45 **Session # 3** *Moderator: Adel Guindy*

**Dr. Dwight Bashir**, *Deputy Director, USCIRF:*

**Annual report chapter on Egypt - policy recommendations.**

**Ms. Tina Ramirez**, *Congressional Fellow :*

**Why unity is key to combating religious persecution.**

**Mr. Taniel Koushakjian**, *Director of Grassroots, The Armenian Assembly:*

**The Armenian Diaspora Experience: Challenges and Strategies from an Armenian-American Perspective**

**Mr. Piero A. Tozzi** , *Senior Legal Counsel, the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF):*

**Using International Treaties to Advance the Rights of Religious Minorities.**

Discussion

16:00 *Break*

16:30 **Session # 4** *Moderator: Kamal Ibrahim*

Dr. William Weessa Copts Need Professional Media  
Mr Adel Messeh Financing of Coptic Activism  
Dr. Caroline Doss Advocacy Tactics from Your Home State  
Dr. Wagih Nessim Role for the Youth  
Discussion

17:45 *Break*

18:00 **Keynote Speaker: Pr. Walid Phares**

18:45 Mr. Halim Meawad Presenting the **Candidates Slate**

19:00 **End**

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## **Sunday June 20**

### ***Restricted to Coptic Solidarity Members Only***

08:00 Elections

09:00 Declare Elections Results

Discussions: Priorities of Actions as Seen by Members.

### **10:00 Executive Committee Meeting**

- Internal Organization/Elections (VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Sub-Committees)
- Launch of Activities