

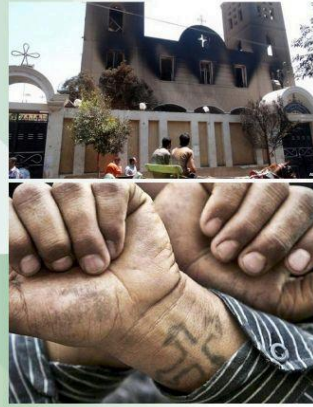


www.copticsolidarity.org

The Indigenous Copts: Past Denied and Future Unknown

 **Dates :** June 15-16, 2023

 **Location :** Washington, DC



Conference Registration

Conference Program

June 15 - Policy Day - U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Room 201

9:00 AM Welcome by Caroline Doss, President of Coptic Solidarity

Morning Session A: Egypt's Denial of Copts' Status and Rights as Indigenous Peoples Moderated by:
Faith McDonnell – Director of Advocacy, Katartismos Global

- **Dr. Gregory Stanton** – Founder & President, Genocide Watch
- **Adel Guindy** – Founding President of Coptic Solidarity & Author of *A Sword Over the Nile: A Brief History of the Copts Under Islamic Rule*

US Representative French Hill (R-AR)

Frank Wolf - Commissioner, US Commission on International Religious Freedom

Mariah Mercer - Deputy Director, Office of International Religious Freedom, State Department

Morning Session B: Unequal by Law: How Religion Usurps Citizenship Rights in Egypt

Moderated by: Raymond Ibrahim - Author, Public Speaker, and Middle East and Islam specialist

- **Robert Destro, JD** – Professor of Law at Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America
- **Paul Marshal** - Wilson Distinguished Professor of Religious Freedom at the Institute for Studies of Religion; Director of the Religious Freedom Institute's South and Southeast Asia Action Team; Senior Fellow - Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom

Morning Session C: International Advocacy Partnerships

Moderated by Trent Martin - Advocacy and Training Coordinator, 21Wilberforce

- Ann Buwalda J.D. – President, Jubilee Campaign
- Sean Nelson J.D. – Legal Counsel Alliance Defending Freedom Global

Coptic Solidarity's Atef Jacob Annual Award: Presentation to Jubilee Campaign

Boxed Lunch Provided

Afternoon Session A: Practical Solutions for Achieving Equal Citizenship Rights for Egypt's Copts

Moderated by: Lindsay Rodriguez - Director of Development & Advocacy, Coptic Solidarity

- [Nathan J. Brown](#), Ph.D. - Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- **Caroline Doss** – President, Coptic Solidarity
- **Amy Hawthorne** – Deputy Director of Research – POMED
- [David Schenker](#) – Director, Program on Arab Politics, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Afternoon Presentation: Coptic Solidarity's Key Advocacy Initiatives and Campaigns

Afternoon Session B: The Ordeal of Christians in the Middle East & Africa

Moderated by Jeff King: President, International Christian Concern

- **Unnamed Sudanese Coptic Witness** will share first-hand testimony about recent events and escape to the US
- **Aimar Raheema** Christians Without Home(Iraq)and Isis's Victim
- **Simisola Okai** – Activist, TV Producer & Author of *I Want to Be a Mommy When I Grow Up: Lessons of Faith and Hope*

Day 2 Program - June 16

Courtyard by Marriott Pentagon South Hotel

4641 Kenmore Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304

Master of Ceremonies: Lindsay Rodriguez - Director of Development & Advocacy, Coptic Solidarity

9:00 AM Welcome by Coptic Solidarity

Morning Presentation A: Raymond Ibrahim on 10th anniversary of Church Burnings

Morning Presentation B: Coptic Filmmaker Raouf Zaki

- Coffee Break -

Morning Presentation C: Mariam Ibrahim on Current Situation in Sudan & Religious Freedom Under Islam - Co-Founder & Director of Global Mobilization, Tahrir Alnisa Foundation; Former Sudanese prisoner of

conscience

Morning Presentation D: Mark Basta on Youth Perspective & Engagement

- Catered Lunch at Hotel-

Afternoon Session A: Controlling the Narrative in Egypt

Moderated by: Hayvi Bouzo, Broadcast Journalist, Host of The Yalla Show

- **Mohamed Gohar- Founder of 25TV who hid 17 Copts in his office building during the Maspero Massacre**
- **Bashar Jarrar - Political Analyst, Commentator, & Media Consultant**
- **Sherif Mansour - Middle East Program Coordinator, Committee to Protect Journalists**

Afternoon Session B: Middle East Christians in Crisis

- **Habib Afram - President of the Syriac League**
- **Ahed Al Hendi – Regional Director, Heracles Group**

Hotel Information

Courtyard by Marriott Pentagon South

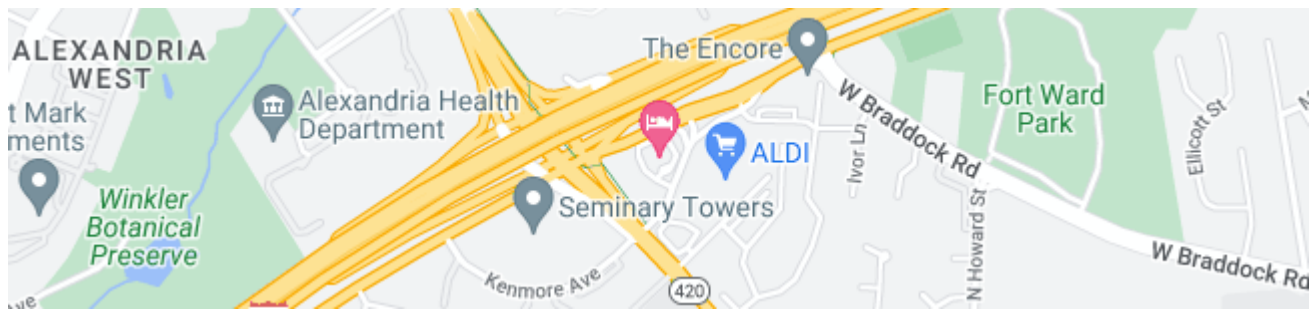
4641 Kenmore Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304

Telephone: (703) 751-4510

Book early at the **Courtyard by Marriott Hotel** to get Coptic Solidarity's special group rate **\$150 a night + tax and includes breakfast.**

Book by phone to get the special rate.

[Book Hotel](#)



Confirmed Speakers

Frank Wolf - Commissioner, US Commission on International Religious Freedom

Mariah Mercer - Deputy Director, Office of International Religious Freedom State Department

US Representative French Hill - (R-AR)

Habib Afram - President of the Syriac League

Ahed Al Hendi - Regional Director, Heracles Group

Hayvi Bouzo - Broadcast Journalist, Co-Founder of Yalla P and Host of the Yalla Show

Nathan J. Brown, Ph.D. - Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Ann Buwalda, J.D. - Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign USA

Robert A. Destro, J.D. - Professor of Law - Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America

Caroline Doss, J.D. - President, Coptic Solidarity

Mohamed Gohar - Founder of 25TV who hid 17 Copts in his office building during the Maspero Massacre

Adel Guindy - Founding President of Coptic Solidarity & Author of A Sword Over the Nile: A Brief History of the Copts Under Islamic Rule

Amy Hawthorne - Deputy Director for Research, Project on Middle East Democracy

Mariam Ibraheem - Co-Founder & Director of Global Mobilization, Tahrir Alnisa Foundation; Former Sudanese prisoner of conscience

Raymond Ibrahim - Author, Public Speaker, and Middle East and Islam specialist

Bashar Jarrar - Political Analyst, Commentator, & Media Consultant

Jeff King - President, International Christian Concern

Sherif Mansour - Middle East Program Coordinator, Committee to Protect Journalists

Paul Marshall, Ph.D. - Senior Fellow Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom; Wilson Distinguished Professor of Religious Freedom at the Institute for Studies of Religion; Director - Religious Freedom Institute's South and Southeast Asia Action Team

Trent Martin - Advocacy and Training Coordinator, 21Wilberforce

Faith McDonnell - Director of Advocacy, Katartismos Global

Sean Nelson, J.D. - Legal Counsel Global Religious Freedom, ADF International

Simisola Okai - Activist, TV Producer & Author of I Want to Be a Mommy When I Grow Up: Lessons of Faith and Hope

Aimar Raheema - Christians Without Home

Lindsay Rodriguez - Director of Development & Advocacy, Coptic Solidarity

David Schenker: - Director, Program on Arab Politics, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Gregory Stanton, Ph.D. - Founder & President, Genocide Watch

Raouf Zaki - Writer, Producer, Director at RA Vision Productions, Inc

Unnamed Sudanese Coptic Witness will share first hand testimony and about recent escape to the US

SHARE



Coptic Solidarity
P.O.Box 1450
Centreville, VA 20122

Get in touch! coptadvocacy@copticsolidarity.org or 801-512-1713

FOLLOW US

