



Coptic Solidarity 9th Annual Conference, June 21-22, 2018

Egypt Copts: Faces of Persecution

Policy Day June 21 - Capitol Hill Visitor Center - Room 201

9:00 AM **Registration**

9:30 AM: **Welcome and introductory remarks - Dr. George Gurguis, MD – President, Coptic Solidarity**

9:40 AM: **Session: ‘Forms of Persecution’**

Moderator – Mr. Adel Labib - Executive Committee Member

- **Mr. Edward Clancy** - Director of Outreach, Aid to the Church in Need
- **Rev. Fr. Philemon Patitsas** - Holy Metropolis of Atlanta, St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, & Christian Rights and Freedom Institute
- **Dr. Henry Srebrnik** - Professor Political Science, University of Prince Edward Island

10:45 AM: **Screening of “FaithKeepers”** - Documentary about the persecution of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East produced by Clarion Project, a non-profit educational organization.

11:00 AM: **US Senators and Representatives share remarks
Annual Leadership Award Recipient - Rep. French Hill (R – AR)**

12:15 PM: ***Lunch***

1:00 PM **Session: International Legal Definitions of Persecution**

Moderator – Dr. George Gurguis, MD - President, Coptic Solidarity

- **Lord David Alton** - UK House of Lords
- **Dr. Robert A. Destro** - Professor of Law & Director at Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies, The Catholic University of America

- **Ambassador Michael Kozak** - Senior Advisor and Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

2:15 PM Session: ‘International Response and Responsibilities towards the Persecuted’

Moderator – Professor Ryan Mauro - Director of the Clarion Intelligence Network and national security analyst for the Clarion Project, a non-profit educational organization that produced "Faithkeepers"

- **Ms. Kristina Arriaga** – US Commission on International Religious Freedom, Vice Chairwoman
- **MP Garnett Genuis** – Canada House of Commons
- **H.E. Ambassador László Szabó, MD** - Hungarian Ambassador to US

3:30 PM Guest Speaker – Dr. Hamed Abdel-Samad: ‘An Insider’s Look at Christians’ and Other Minorities’ Persecution in Egypt’

4:00 PM US Senators and Representatives share remarks

4:55 PM Closing remarks

Day 2: June 22 - Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City
2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202

9:00AM Session: ‘Our Responsibility Towards our Family in Egypt: Engaging Young Copts in the Diaspora’

Moderator – Ms. Ghada Melek - Rights Activist Canada

- **Dr. Jonathan Adly, PharmD** - Writer and Producer, History of the Copts Podcast
- **Mark Eid, MD** – Coptic Solidarity Executive Committee Member
- **Ms. Marianne Melleka-Boules, MPP** - Editor-in-Chief, Coptic Voice

10:30 AM Session: ‘Government, Media and Societal Denial and Deception’

Moderator (and speaker) – Mr. Raymond Ibrahim - Author, Public Speaker, and Middle East and Islam Specialist

- **Mr. Mansour al-Hadj** - Director Reform Project, Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)
- **Mr. Robert Herman** - Senior Advisor for Policy, Freedom House

- **Mr. Andrew Miller** - Deputy Director for Policy, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED)

11:45 AM **Coptic Solidarity Annual Activity Review – Ms. Lindsay Griffin**, Director of Development & Advocacy, Coptic Solidarity

12:00 PM *Lunch*

1:15 PM **Guest Speaker: Ms. Raheel Raza** - President, Muslims Facing Tomorrow

2:00 PM **Session: Forms of Minority Persecution and Marginalization**

Moderator - Ms. Lindsay Griffin – Coptic Solidarity

- **Ann Buwalda, Esq** - Executive Director of Jubilee Campaign USA; Founder and Owner of Just Law International PC
- **Raymond Stock** - Instructor of Arabic, Louisiana State University
- **Mr. Nathan Weinenger** - Director of Policy and Coalitions, 21 Wilberforce

3:00 PM **Guest Speaker: Salim Mansur, PhD** - Political Science, Western University, London, Ontario

3:30 PM **Session: Islamic Extremism and Coptic Persecution**

Moderator (and speaker) – Mr. Magdi Khalil - Executive Committee Member

- **Dr. Hamed Abdel Samed** - German-Egyptian political scientist and author
- **Dr. Wafa Sultan** – Author and Expert in Islamic Terrorism

Gala Dinner - Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City
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5:30 PM **Reception**

6:30 PM **Dinner**

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Azbej Tristan - Hungary's State Secretary for the Aid of Persecuted Christians

Master of Ceremonies

- *Mrs. Ghada Malek, Rights Activist Canada*

- *Dr. Michael Rizk, Coptic Solidarity EC Member and Secretary*

