



IN DEFENSE  
OF CHRISTIANS

SEPTEMBER 9 -11, 2014 | OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL | WASHINGTON, DC

# INAUGURAL SUMMIT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Registration Open

Omni Shoreham  
Regency Ballroom Foyer

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

### Ecumenical Christian Prayer Service

Omni Shoreham  
Regency Ballroom

*Prelates and representatives of all churches and rites in attendance join in this ecumenical Christian prayer service.*

**His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri**

Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches

**His Most Eminent Beatitude, Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Raï**

Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

**His Beatitude, Gregorios III Laham**

Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, Alexandria and Jerusalem

**His Beatitude, Ignatius Youssef III Younan**

Syriac Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

**His Holiness, Aram I Keshishian**

Catholicos of the the Great House of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church

**His Eminence Archbishop Cardinal Wuerl**

Archbishop of Washington

**His Eminence the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joseph Zahlawi**

Archbishop of New York and All North America, for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

**His Grace, Bishop Angaelos**

General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria

**His Excellency, Ibrahim Ibrahim**

Bishop Emeritus of Chaldean Eparchy of Saint Thomas the Apostle

*\*Additional Participants as Announced*

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### Introductory Remarks

Regency Ballroom

**Andrew Doran**

Executive Director, In Defense of Christians

**Toufic Baaklini**

President, In Defense of Christians

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### Keynote Address

**The Honorable John Ashcroft**

Former Attorney General of the United States

**His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri**

Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

### Reception

Omni Shoreham  
Ambassador Ballroom

# DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

7:00 am - 8:00 am

## Continental Breakfast

Ambassador Ballroom

8:00 am - 9:00 am

## Keynote Address

THEME: **Call to Unity**

WELCOME BY:

**His Eminence, Donald Cardinal Wuerl**  
Archbishop of Washington

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri**  
Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches

**His Holiness, Aram I Keshishian**  
Catholicos of the the Great House of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church

**His Beatitude, Gregorios III Laham**  
Melkite Patriarch of the (Greek Catholic) Church of Antioch

**His Grace, Bishop Angaelos**  
General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria

9:00 am - 9:30 am

## Transportation to Capitol Hill

10:15 am - 11:00 am

## Hill Briefing

Congressional Auditorium

*Senior advocacy and human rights experts discuss the most effective means of advocacy on the Hill. Educational materials will be issued to attendees.*

**Nina Shea**  
Hudson Institute, Director, Center for Religious Freedom

**Robert A. Destro**  
Professor Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America

11:00 am - 11:10 am

## Statement on Behalf of All Patriarchs

Congressional Auditorium

**His Most Eminent Beatitude, Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Raï**  
Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

11:15 am - 12:30 pm

## Remarks by Members of House and Senate

Congressional Auditorium

*House and Senate members address and engage with Summit attendees.*

Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)

Congressman Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)

Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL)

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA)

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)

Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA)

Congressman Joe Pitts (R-PA)

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ)

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE)

*\*Additional Congressional speakers will be added; please go to [www.idcsummit.org](http://www.idcsummit.org) for updates.*

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 *(continued)*

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

### Lunch

Capitol Hill  
Congressional Meeting Room South

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### Direct Advocacy and Education

House and Senate

*Attendees meet at pre-scheduled meetings with targeted key House and Senate members and their staffs to educate them on the crisis. Meetings will be arranged in advance by IDC staff.*

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### Shuttle Transportation back to Omni Hotel available

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### Cocktail Reception

Omni Shoreham  
Ambassador Ballroom

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### Gala Solidarity Dinner

Regency Ballroom

THEME: **Religious Freedom and Human Dignity**

GALA MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

**The Honorable Ray LaHood**  
Former United States Secretary of Transportation

WELCOME REMARKS:

**Toufic Baaklini**  
President, In Defense of Christians

**Dr. Imad S. Mufarrij**  
Chairman, Gala Solidarity Dinner

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**The Honorable Ted Cruz (R-TX)**  
United States Senator

**His Most Eminent Beatitude, Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Raï**  
Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

**His Beatitude, Ignatius Youssef III Younan**  
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Bishop Emeritus of Chaldean Eparchy of Saint Thomas the Apostle

## DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

7:30 am - 8:30 am

### Breakfast & Keynote Address

Regency Ballroom

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

**His Holiness, Mor Ignatius Aphrem II**  
Syriac Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch

**His Beatitude, Ignatius Youssef III Younan**  
Syriac Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

8:30 am - 10:30 am

### First Panel

Regency Ballroom

THEME: **Christians in the Middle East, Present and Future**

MODERATOR: **Alexis Mourkaziel**

## DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 *(continued)*

### OPENING REMARKS:

**His Eminence the Most Reverend Metropolitan Joseph Zahlawi**

Archbishop of New York and All North America, for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

**His Grace, Bishop Angaelos**

General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria

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### PATRIARCHAL KEYNOTES:

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Catholicos of the the Great House of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church

10:30 am - 10:45 am

### Break

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

### Second Panel

Regency Ballroom

#### *Changing Policy Through Awareness and Advocacy*

MODERATOR: **Dr. Robert Danin**

**Tom Farr**

Director of the Religious Freedom Project  
Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs

**Sir Rabie Rateb**

President, Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation

**Nermien Riad**

Executive Director, Coptic Orphans

**Nina Shea**

Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute

**Canon Andrew White**

Chaplain, Saint George's Anglican Church, Baghdad, Iraq

**Dr. James Zogby**

President, Arab American Institute (AAI)

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

### Break

Regency Ballroom

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

### Lunch & Keynote Address

Regency Ballroom

THEME: **Unity with the Persecuted**

**Canon Andrew White**

Chaplain, Saint George's Anglican Church, Baghdad, Iraq

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

### Break

## DAY 3: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 *(continued)*

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### First Afternoon Panel

Regency Ballroom

THEME: **Why Christianity Is Vital to The Middle East**

MODERATOR: **Judge Joseph Boohaker**

OPENING REMARKS:

**Edward Clancy**

Aid to the Church in Need

**Nabil Costa**

Supreme Council for Evangelicals in Syria and Lebanon

**Bishop Julian Dobbs**

Barnabas Fund

**Michael LaCivita**

CNEWA

**Neemat Frem**

Vice President, Maronite Foundation IDC Board Member

**Dr. Philip Salem**

Director of the Cancer Research Program, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston

**Canon Andrew White**

Chaplain, Saint George's Anglican Church, Baghdad, Iraq

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

### Break

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### Social Media Panel

Regency Ballroom

*Using Social Media to Promote Human Rights in Iraq, Syria and Egypt*

**James Marchant**

Small Media

**Dr. Bronwen Robertson**

Small Media

4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

### Concluding Remarks

Regency Ballroom

**Toufic Baaklini**

President, In Defense of Christians

5:15 pm

### Summit Concludes

7:30 pm

### Special Event

*Holy Sacrifice of The Mass*

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST:

**His Eminence, Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai**

Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CHURCH

7142 ALASKA AVENUE, N.W.

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*\* Reception Immediately Following*



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