



International Council of Christians and Jews
2021 Virtual Conference
When all this is over, how do we want the world to be different?

WORKSHOP

Monday, June 21, 07:00 a.m. UTC:

THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH: JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES

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There is “truth,” and there is also “truth claim.” Our religious traditions all hold certain truths to be, to a great degree, self-evident. All religions espouse doctrine, including sacred doctrine, but these doctrines, which form such important pillars of our religious world views, often conflict with the sacred doctrines of other religions. That holds not only *between* religious communities, but also *within* them. How can we manage to be true to our truths and yet remain open to the deeply held truths of our religious partners when they exist in basic and unmitigated conflict?

This workshop is an interactive, involvement oriented program designed to consider and discuss the meanings of truth and how we can be true to the expectations of our faith while remaining open, honest, and welcoming to those of other faith traditions. It is an exercise in “truth-dissonance” and how to make that a positive part of religious dialogue.

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