



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (ICCJ)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – HANOVER 2026
July 12 – 15, 2026

Repentance, Repair, and Reconciliation: Religious Resources for Tumultuous Times

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Deutscher Koordinierungsrat der Gesellschaften für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit (DKR)

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

In addition to plenary sessions, keynote papers, and visits to local sites, the ICCJ also puts a great emphasis on the interactive workshops that occur during its annual conferences.

The ICCJ invites proposals for workshops touching on the topics of and issues related to the annual conference theme (see next page).

Additionally, proposals for workshops on the current state of Jewish-Christian, and Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue on the international or local scenes are also invited.

Proposals containing

- the workshop title and an abstract of no more than 300 words,
- the name(s) of the workshop presenters + short biographical blurb(s), and
- a description of the methodology and pedagogical format of the workshop of no more than 100 words

are due by **January 20, 2026** and are to be sent to the ICCJ headquarters (events@iccj.org).

Applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals by **February 13, 2026**.

Guidelines for preparing workshop proposals:

1. Workshops are expected to be interactive, involving the participants as much as possible. They are not meant to be lectures or academic papers delivered to passive audiences. They can be panel presentations, in which case having Jews and Christians (and Muslims) as discussants is preferred.
2. Workshops will be in English.
3. Workshop presenters are expected to respect the given time frame (90 minutes).
4. If relevant and/or possible, workshop presenters are encouraged to provide handouts to participants.
5. All workshop presenters are expected to cover their travel and housing and to pay conference registration fee. In special circumstances, the conference fee can be reduced or waived; please contact the ICCJ headquarters. Thank you for your understanding.

There is a limited number of workshop slots available. The conference program committee will select from the proposals it receives on the basis of their relevance to the conference theme and/or the significance of the topics proposed.



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When relationships are strained, rebuilding them can be challenging. Over the last few generations, through dialogue, many Jews, Christians, and Muslims have overcome difficult histories, though there have been crises and controversies along the way. Each tradition has its own vocabulary and unique approaches to the concepts of repentance, repair and reconciliation; all, however, are based on affirming the dignity of every human being. How do we prioritize the inclusive and universal aspects of our traditions over any tribalism or bias against others? One aspect of the conference will focus on these teachings.

A second dimension of the conference will be more practically oriented. Interreligious dialogue both benefited from and contributed to the deepening appreciation of the significance of repentance and repair in our shared societies. Repentance and repair have found expression in societal and political endeavors beyond the interreligious arena. For example, in Germany, the handling of the past has shaped several generations. In the United States and Australia dealing with the treatment of indigenous peoples and the descendants of the enslaved has been controversial. Other examples may emerge from our member organizations. But the continuing conflict between Israel and its neighbors will be on all our minds: are there ways, given our different contexts, that we can promote repentance and repair in this region so central to our religious and individual self-understanding as Jews, Christians and Muslims? How can we promote repentance and repair in a time of conflict and war in our own communities and globally?