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Third Online Conference Promoting
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Migrants, Refugees, Displaced People, and Global Solidarity

6-8
FEBRUARY
2025

GLOBAL OPENING
9 AM (EST)
PRESENTATIONS
12 PM (EST)

The human family is indivisible. Regardless of origin or residence status, people belong together. This international interfaith conference emphasises humanity’s responsibility for mutual care, solidarity, and the fostering of inclusive communities.

Join brothers and sisters from all religious and spiritual traditions as we continue the legacy of Pope Francis and Sheikh Mohamed Ahmed El-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, in the tradition of *Fratelli Tutti*.



Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J., Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will open the conference.



Rev. Daniel Groody, CSC, author of *A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ*, will give the closing “sending forth.”



Most Rev. Mark J. Seitz, D.D., Bishop of El Paso, Texas, will keynote for the Hub of the Americas.

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HUB of the Americas Program

Day 1, February 6, 2025

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9:15 AM Gerald Grudzen, GMU President: “Welcome to the HUB of the Americas.”



9:20 AM Bishop Mark Seitz, Catholic Diocese of El Paso: “People on the Move: Hope for a United Humanity”



10 AM Panel: “Concerned and Active Voices from the United States”
Moderator: Sr. Susan Nchubiri, Maryknoll Sister, Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns,



- Linh Hoang, OFM, PhD, Siena College: “A Refugee’s Lifetime: the Challenges of Migration Today”



- Celine and Don Woznica, Maryknoll Affiliates: “The Migrant Ministry: Faith in Action”



- Monica Rising, Director, San Jose Diocese Tijuana Ministry: “Being Displaced in Tijuana, Mexico”



- Jim and Ann Coady, Maryknoll Affiliates, "What to do When ICE Comes."



11:30 AM Joanna Thurmann, Advanced Lay Leader, Diocese of San Jose: “Global Climate Change Refugees—Understanding the Human Cost of Climate Change”



12:10 PM Kevin Appleby, Senior Fellow for Policy and Communications, Center for Migration Studies, of New York: “The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GMC)—United Nations”



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Day 2, February 7, 2025

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9:00 AM Welcome to Day 2 of our Conference

9:15 AM Sr. Norma Pimental, M.J., Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Rio Grande Valley, Texas: “Challenges in Creating a Just and Peaceful World”



9:45 AM Fr. Carlos Anklan, C.S., Provincial of St. Charles Borromeo Province, Oversees Scallabrinian Missions in Upper South America, US and Canada.



10:20 AM Sr. Claudete Ana Lodi Rissini, Scalabrinian Sister, Social Worker and Pastoral Minister: “Migrants’, Refugees’ and Displaced Persons’ Experience of Hope in Porte Alegre and the Rio Region of Brazil” [Talk will be given in Portuguese with English in closed captions]



10:50 AM Kumi Naidoo, President of Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, Payne Distinguished Lecturer, Stanford University



11:30 AM Fr. Alexandre De Nardi Biolchi, CS, Regional Superior for most of South America: “Migrants: Teachers of Hope” [Talk will be given in Portuguese with English in closed captions]

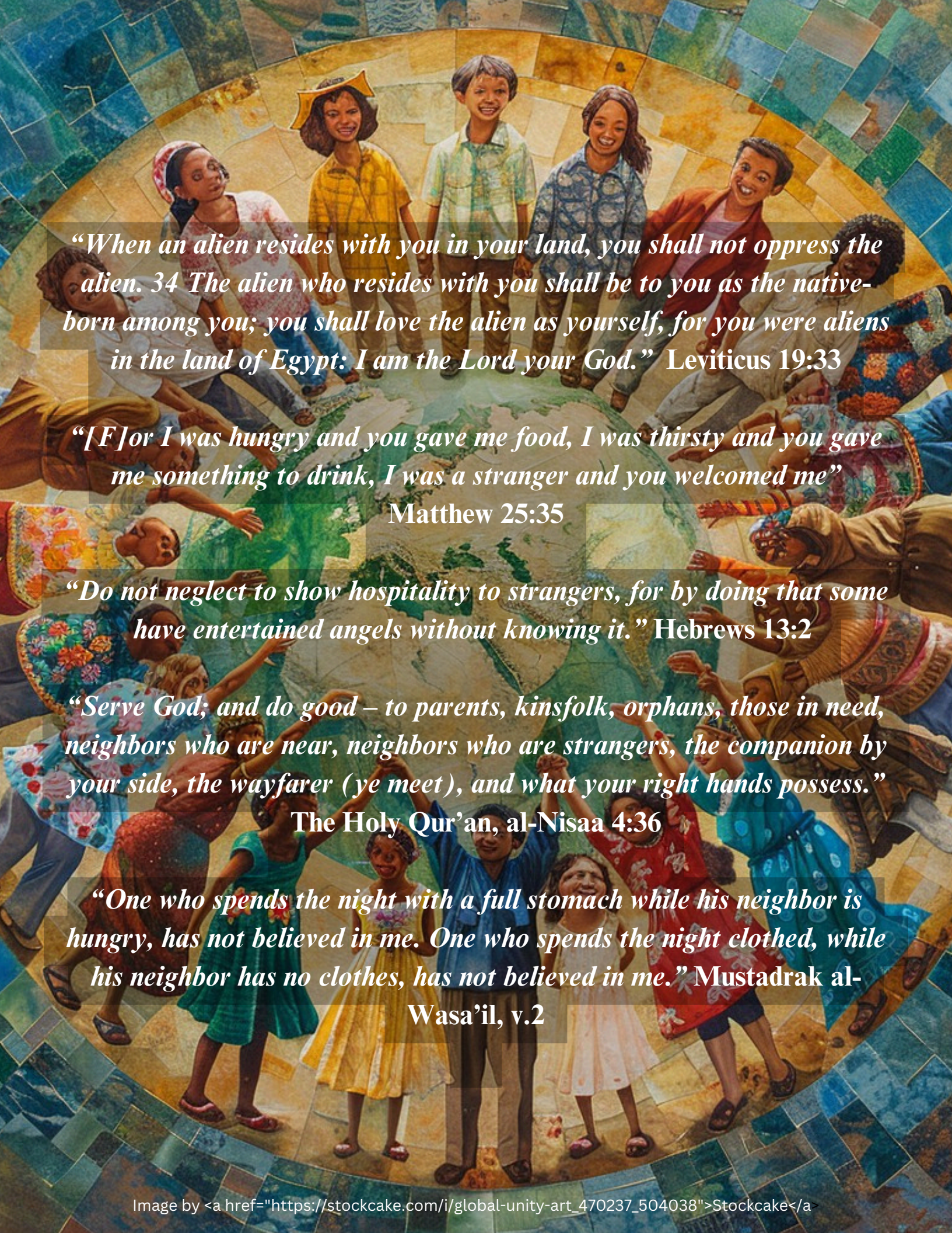


12:20 PM Nihal K. Sahan, M.S., ThD, Faculty, Leavey Business School, Santa Clara University: “Wellness in Action: Regaining Women’s Potential One Refugee at a Time”

Final comments from the Moderator

Program ends at 1 PM





“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. 34 The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:33

*“[F]or I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”
Matthew 25:35*

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

*“Serve God; and do good – to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (ye meet), and what your right hands possess.”
The Holy Qur’an, al-Nisaa 4:36*

“One who spends the night with a full stomach while his neighbor is hungry, has not believed in me. One who spends the night clothed, while his neighbor has no clothes, has not believed in me.” Mustadrak al-Wasa’il, v.2