



9th International Conference on Interreligious Dialogue in Qatar

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The 9th International Conference on Interreligious Dialogue opened on October 24, 2011, in Doha, Qatar. It has been organized by Qatar's Foreign Ministry and the International Center for International Dialogue in Doha. This year the conference is held under the theme 'Social Networks and Interreligious Dialogue: New Relations'.

Among Local Orthodox Churches present at the conference are the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Moscow Patriarchate represented by Deacon Dimitry Safonov of the DECR. Assembled for the forum are about 200 representatives of Christianity, Islam and Judaism from 55 countries.

The conference was opened by Prof. Ibrahim Saleh Alnaimi, head of the International Center for the Dialogue of Religions in Doha. Among the speakers at the first plenary session was Qatar's Minister of Justice Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanim.

The conference will consider the themes: 'The danger of communication technologies', Science and religion', 'Optimal use of communication technologies' and 'Advantages of the use of social networks in interreligious dialogue'. The conference will divide into subgroups to work on specific problems involved in the use of social networks. The conference will conclude its work on October 26.

During the conference, Deacon Dimitry Safonov met with the Russian Embassy minister-counsellor in Qatar D. Trofimov. They discussed the Church's participation in international events held in Qatar and other matters of mutual concern.

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