



about this. We believe that everyone has the right to freedom of religion. Everyone, regardless of whether they live in Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Ukraine or any other country in the world, has the right not only to profess their faith, but also to express it publicly," the DECR Chairman stressed.

Metropolitan Hilarion reminded that today Christianity is the most persecuted religion on the planet, although it is still the most numerous. "Unfortunately, conflict situations often arise where Christians co-exist with Muslims," the archpastor noted. – We must speak directly about this – not to cast a shadow on Islam, but to call on both political leaders and Islamic leaders to educate their flock, including young people, in the spirit of love and tolerance."

"This is happening in Russia: we have a very close and healthy interaction between Christians, Muslims and representatives of other religious traditions. I very much hope that the same mutual understanding and cooperation will be established in other countries." - concluded Metropolitan Hilarion

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