DECR staff member takes part in Interfaith Youth Forum ‘Concord of the Different’



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On 5th November 2026, the 5th Interfaith Youth Forum ‘Concord of the Different’ took place at the Moscow Islamic Institute. Its topic was ‘Dialogue of the Youth in the Name of Peaceful Coexistence.’

Within the framework of the forum, three sections were held, entitled ‘Interreligious Dialogue: Historical Experience, Strategies and Institutions,’ ‘Youth Communities and Projects,’ and ‘Culture, Art and Education As a Language of Dialogue.’ Acting as moderator was Mr I.K. Davletshin, Head of the Qayum Nasıri Centre for Interreligious Dialogue of the Moscow Islamic Institute.

Taking part in the meeting with the blessing of Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate’s Department for External Church Relations, was Hieromonk Mark (Akhmatkhanov), DECR staff member.

Among the participants in the forum were also Mr R.V. Islyamov, Deputy Chairman for Education and Science of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of the Russian Federation, Pro-Rector for Academic Work at the Moscow Islamic Institute; Mr N.V. Mazunin, Consultant of the Directorate for Relations with Religious Organizations of the Department of National Policy and Interreligious Relations of the city of Moscow; Mr A.A. Aymaletdinov, Specialist of the Fund for the Support of Islamic Culture, Science and Education; Priest Vasily Rodionov, Head of the Sector for Relations with Dioceses of the Synodal Department for Youth Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church; Geshe Yonten Lodoy, Chairman of the Central Spiritual Administration of Buddhists of Russia; Ms S.V. Salnikova, Deputy Head of the Department for Public Relations of the Russian Union of Christians of Evangelical Faith (Pentecostals), and others.

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