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The second International Interfaith Conference was held in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia from 30th November 2016 to 2nd December 2016 on the theme '**Forging a Common Humanity through Religious Education and Interfaith Dialogue**'.

The conference was well supported and attended by delegates from several countries as well as local communities, and from various religious and non-religious groups. The presentation by the speakers covered a wide range of topics, ranging from managing religious dialogue, handling challenges, and the use of initiative and strengths to developing a framework of peace building from within oneself to society and to the world at large.

The main aim of this conference focused on how one can forge or make it happen even if it means pain, sorrow and sacrifice. Regardless of colour, religion, race, culture, and tradition, we are able to put our differences aside and see one same thing 'Love', which can bind all of us together as one family, one nation and one people, living side-by-side in unity, peace and harmony.

We also had the opportunity to participate in a one-day Conflict Resolution Workshop by top clinical psychologist Dr Joseph Paul Ozawa from America. This was an eye opener for us, as Dr. Ozawa shared case studies of what causes conflict in one's personal life, and also methods that were used to resolve conflicts that arise in our daily life. The main highlight of discussion was that forgiveness was a very powerful tool that can resolve many conflicts regardless of the nature of the conflict and how it all started.

**Reflections by Jagdish and Sarwan Narayan
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- Conflict Resolution Workshop -



- Venerable Master Chin Kung's Address -



- Dialogue Circles in session -



- Keynote address by Bishop Cameron Venables -



- Launching of 'Scriptures 360' by Members of TIWG -



- Group photo -



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