A Brief Report on Cao Dai Group in the Parliament of World Religions (PoWR) 2023 - Chicago

In 2023, the Parliament of World's Religions (PoWR) came back to Chicago, 130 years after the very first PoWR in Chicago in 1893. The theme was "A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights". According to the website of this Convening: 2023 Chicago - Parliament of the World's Religions

there were 7000+ attendees from

95+ countries and

210+ traditions

bringing to the Convening a week of joy and celebration from August 14 to August 18.

In addition, a Sikh Langar was offered at everyday lunch, where all participants mingled in fellowship, while enjoying a vegetarian Indian meal.

The Cao Dai group consisted of 24 members from

Anaheim, CA

San Jose, CA

Portland, OR

Virginia, Boston, MA

Seattle, WA

Dallas, TX ...

All Sisters and Brothers made a point to be present in every Cao Dai presentations. We appreciate so much their loving support.

The Cao Dai presenters comprised:

Thắm Lê, PhD

Hồng Đăng Bùi, MD

Diệu Đức Ánh-Tuyết Trần, PhD

Rev. Hoàng Lê

Hiền huynh Vinh Q Vinh

There were five presentations in chronological order as follows:

- "Cao Dai Ways to Engage Youth to Faith", Tuesday August 15, 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

Presenters: Rev. Hoang Le and Tham Le, PhD; Moderator: Mr. Vinh Q. Vinh.

- "A Multi-Faith Perspective on Cao Dai Tools for Self-Realization", Tuesday August 15, 5:00 6:30 pm. Presenters: Hồng Đặng Bùi, MD, Mr. Azim Khamisa, Rev. Jan Chase, and Mrs. Ruth Broyde Sharone.
- "Lady Religious Leaders In Cao Dai and Sikhism in Defending Religious Freedom", Thursday August 17, 5:00 6:30 pm, Presenters: Hema Kaur Sidhu, PhD, Diệu Đức Ánh-Tuyết Trần, PhD, and Thắm Lê, PhD; Moderator: Rev. Hoàng Lê.
- "The Prominent Role of the Feminine in CaoDai", Friday August 18, 8:00 9:30 am. Presenters: Hồng Đặng Bùi,MD, Diệu Đức Ánh-Tuyết Trần, PhD, and Thắm Lê, PhD; Moderator: Rev. Hoàng Lê.
- "Life and Legacy of Duc Ho Phap", Friday August 18, 1:00 2:30 pm. Presenter: Rev. Hoàng Lê and Moderator: Mr. Vinh Q. Vinh.

The following are some pictures at the Convening.



This is the Opening Ceremony.



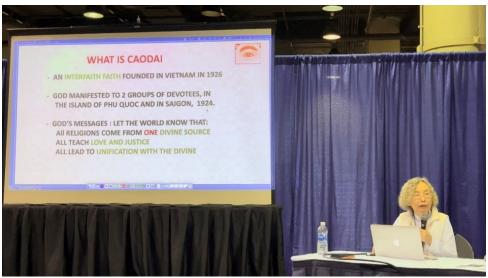
Here is a Langar lunch in the Sikh traditions.



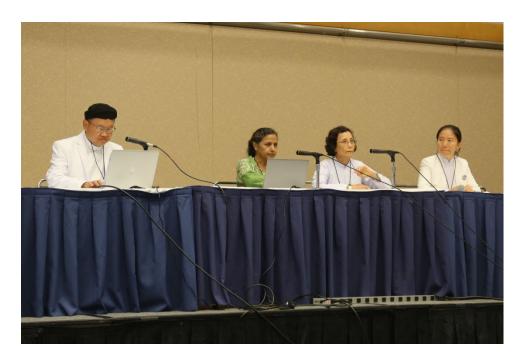
Sister Hong Dang Bui - CaoDai Azim Khamisa- Islam/Sufism Rev. Jan Chase- Unity Church Ruth Broyde Sharone- Judaism (not shown in this picture)

In the panel presentation on "A Multi Faith Perspective On CaoDai Tools for Self-Realization" The Tri-Fold Path of

> Service Self-Cultivation and Turn to Inner Self- Meditation



Dr. Hồng Đặng Bùi presenting.



Rev. Hoàng Lê (Panel Moderator), Dr. Hema Kaur Sidhu, Dr. Ánh-Tuyết Trần (Diệu Đức), và Dr. Thắm Lê in the panel presentation on "Lady Religious Leaders In Cao Dai and Sikhism in Defending Religious Freedom."



Rev. Hoàng Lê (Moderator), Dr. Hồng Đặng Bùi, Dr. Ánh-Tuyết Trần (Diệu Đức), và Dr. Thắm Lê in the presentation on "The Prominent Role of the Feminine in CaoDai"

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Rev. Hoàng Lê in the presentation on "Life and Legacy of Duc Ho Phap".



Mr. Vinh A. Vinh moderating the presentation on "Life and Legacy of Duc Ho Phap".

And below are some activities at the Cao Dai Booth, where books, flyers, brochures on Cao Dai teaching were given out.



With spiritual friends in Cao Đài, Christianity, Buddhism, and others ...



Press Interview



Communicating with visitors.



The kids were building a model of the Holy See.



Meeting with Mr. Rey Sheng, CEO of a Taiwanese Buddhist Charity organization.



Signing books for visitors.





Dr. Hồng Đặng Bùi enjoyed the reunion with her spiritual friends.

Last but not least, we look forward to active participation from Generations X, Y, and Z.

Reported by Diệu Đức (Trần, Ánh-Tuyết) San Jose, CA, 9/13/2023