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Greetings from Mayor Rick Goldring

On behalf of Burlington City Council and the City of Burlington, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 32nd World Religions Conference.

Embracing all religions in order to promote peace and understanding is paramount to promoting an inclusive society. I am very fortunate to live in a community that has many residents who share a deep understanding of our community and a commitment to building an inclusive Burlington. This includes many members of our local faith communities and their leaders who work tirelessly connecting within the community and promoting tolerance and equality to our diverse population.

Burlington is also fortunate to count amongst its citizens 43 people who were awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medals – a testament to exemplary leadership and a commitment towards service that honours Her Majesty's long standing contribution towards community.

Congratulations to the organizers of the World Religions Conference and thank you to all the staff, volunteers, faith communities and attendees who are here today with a vision of building a better future.

Best wishes for an inspiring and enriching conference.



Rick Goldring
Mayor