

It gives me great pleasure to send my warmest greetings to everyone in attendance at the 32nd World Religions Conference.

As governor general, I believe that we define our identity by what we show the world and how we treat others. Your presence at this conference demonstrates a shared belief in working together and collaborating with one another to understand the varied perspectives of faith structures as they relate to our world today. In doing so, you are learning more about each other and taking an active role in improving the human condition for all.

I am equally pleased to see that the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is also being recognized as part of the conference activities. In six decades, Her Majesty has promoted the values of peace, respect and equality around the world—values you are discussing and celebrating today.

I commend you on your efforts, and I wish you an enlightening and informative experience.

David Johnston

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