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### **World's Religions Congress Commemorates Fifth Anniversary of September 11**

#### **Congress Scheduled for September 11-15 in Montréal**

Montréal, Dec. 13 – On the fifth anniversary of the attacks of 9/11, representatives from the world's religions will meet in Montréal, Canada for a unique purpose. The global congress, World's Religions After September 11, aims to replace “the clash of civilizations” with an interfaith conversation of respect and understanding.

From September 11-15, 2006, participants will discuss a wide variety of themes regarding the role of religion from human rights to healing. This is an official post-parliament event of the 2004 Barcelona Parliament of World Religions as declared by the Council of a Parliament of World Religions.

Speakers will include Karen Armstrong, Deepak Chopra, Shirin Ebadi, Robert Thurman and Huston Smith.

A draft version of the Declaration of Human Rights by the World's Religions will be the cornerstone of this Congress with Nobel Laureates His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop Belo and Shirin Ebadi as patrons of this historic event.

General registration is open online and the deadline for submissions is February 28, 2006

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