

# INVITATION TO HIS BEATITUDE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICSD.

His Beatitude Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos III,

I am writing to invite His Beatitude to speak as part of a panel at an Interfaith Climate and Energy Conference in Jerusalem. The event is planned for this March 19th at 10am at the Konraki Adenauer Event Center in Mishkenot Sha'ananim. The time required for His Beatitude to be at the conference would be from 10 am to 11:15 am. The audience will include a significant media presence. I am including a document that describes more about the event. Please note that His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has recorded a video address special for this conference that we will be showing as a video.

I founded and direct *The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development* accesses the collective wisdom of the world's religions to promote co-existence, peace, and sustainability through education and action. Rabbi David Rosen serves as a close adviser to our efforts. This past spring the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land endorsed a statement on climate change that my organization submitted to it, and three members of the Council spoke in July at an Interfaith Eco Forum in Jerusalem.

In addition, we invite the participation of seminary students from the Orthodox seminary to participate in an upcoming series of seminars of

our Interfaith Seminary Students Sustainability Project. The seminars will bring together Christian, Muslim, and Jewish seminary students to undergo a transformative program focused on issues of faith and the environment in the Holy Land. I am

attaching a document that describes more about the project for your consideration. Since the first seminar will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Conference, we would appreciate if His Beatitude could provide us with a response as to the participation of seminary students by March 1st.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. Please provide a response by phone or email (and not by fax). I look forward to being in contact.

Sincerely,

**Rabbi Yonatan Neril Founder & Executive Director**