Distance-Facilitated Multifaith Dialogue in India Using Zoom Internet Webcam Technology

Saturday, 02 February 2019 ● Tollygunge, Kolkata, India (South Asia)

Facilitated from San Mateo, California, USA (North America)

Context and Preparation

Young adults in Kolkata, wishing to initiate face-to-face relationships among diverse citizens of India, discovered the USA-based Euphrates Institute – transforming “others” into brothers and sisters. Now their Euphrates Kolkata is shepherded by Sohini Jana and Arkamitra Ghatak, who met online in Zoom January 2019 with facilitators Libby and Len Traubman, co-founders of the 26-year-old Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue on the San Francisco Peninsula of California, USA. They shared their life stories and began planning intensely for the expanded Dialogue experiences during World Interfaith Harmony Week.

Earlier, September 2018 during a Euphrates online gathering, Arkamitra had excitedly described the importance https://vimeo.com/292486053 .

On Friday 01 February 2019, the core team -- ages 17 to 28, mostly university students -- met online to express their own deep motivation for helping to prepare for the next day’s community Dialogue.
The Dialogue

For 2-1/2 hours during Saturday 02 February 2019 – 5:00 pm Kolkata, 3:30 am California – diverse women and men shared their personal life narratives coming from roots in Islam, Christian denominations, Judaism, and different sects of Hinduism. They experienced Dialogue’s new quality of listening-to-learn that dignifies both listener speak and listener, and that “an enemy is one whose story we have not heard.”
Facilitors
Libby and Len Traubman ● Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue (California, USA)
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Sohini Jana and Arkamitra Ghatak

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