

## *Nigeria 2010: New Interfaith Dialogue*



In 2009, the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue of San Mateo, Calif. air-mailed to Nigeria 60 gift sets of its how-to, inspirational documentary DVDs for attendees in Africa at the October INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH AND INTERFAITH COMMUNICATION: Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue and Citizen-to-Citizen Collaboration -- <http://interfaithdialogue.cfsites.org> .

The videos were *DIALOGUE AT WASHINGTON HIGH*, and *PEACEMAKERS: Palestinians & Jews Together at Camp* -- <http://traubman.igc.org/vids2007.htm> .

By February 2010, a new era of interfaith Dialogue had begun across old lines -- bridging chasms, closing distances in Nigeria.

**October 2010** would see the 2nd Conference, with its theme: *Building Bridges Through Interfaith Dialogue and Youth Participation* — <http://traubman.igc.org/nigeria2010.htm> and <http://www.youthinterfaithconference.org> and its documentary film, *DIALOGUE IN NIGERIA: Muslims & Christians Creating Their Future* -- <http://traubman.igc.org/vidnigeria.htm>

**E-mail — 22 February 2010**

*Greetings from Bauchi State, Northern Nigeria.*

*If you may recall some times ago I sent you an e-mail appreciating the good work you people are doing and also asked you to send me copies of CDs as many people were asking for it.*

*I just want to let you know that I got the CDs from Mr. Emmanuel Ande Ivorgha of NEEDCSI, Jos, Plateaux State.*

*I also want to inform you, that we have already started our own "Muslims-Christians Dialogue Living Room" in Bauchi State.*

*Please, attached are some of the pictures snapped during the first dialogue.*

*We are committed to changing the volatile relationship that exists between the two faith in Bauchi State.*

Usman Inuwa  
L4R Coach  
Bauchi State, Nigeria



## FIRST DIALOGUE Report & Photos



### BRIEF REPORT ON MUSLIMS-CHRISTIANS DIALOGUE LIVING ROOM BAUCHI STATE, NIGERIA 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010

#### IN ATTENDANCE;

1. NURU ABDULKADIR
2. ELISHA BAWA
3. HON. AHMED MOHAMMED MISAU
4. PAUL BAKO
5. SIMON BAWA
6. SUWAIBA BOTOSON
7. TAMIDA HARUNA
8. MANSURA MUSTAPHA
9. ZAHIRA NAZIF
10. SHEMA'U SALE MAHMUD
11. MUHAMMED NASIRU YUSUF
12. SHEHU BABA AHMED
13. ADAMU ABUBAKAR YA'U
14. SANUSI GARBA
15. USMAN INUWA

#### ***THEME: "Improving Harmonious Relationship"***

The dialogue was coordinated by Usman Inuwa alongside two other persons (Shehu Baba Ahmed and Nasiru) that attended the International Conference on youth and inter-faith communication/Climate Change walk 2009 in the City of Jos, Plateau State. It was conducted at the swimming pool site of the open Air Theatre Building, Bauchi. Though, the dialogue was suppose to be attended by twenty youth leaders from both the Christians and Muslims faith, some of the invited youth leaders were unable to attend due to some various issues . They however, sent their apologies and promised to attend the next dialogue.

The dialogue marked the semi official take off of the "Muslims-Christians Dialogue Living Room" in Bauchi State. The theme of today's dialogue was "Improving Harmonious Relationship" During the dialogue two laptops were used, where part of the films were played to the participants and explanation of some scenes in the films were given by Usman Inuwa. Copies of the films obtained from New Era Educational Development and Charity Support Initiatives (NEEDSCIS) were also distributed to those present at the meeting.

Many views were shared as regard the importance of organizing such dialogue. In fact all the attendees were of the opinion that, what was missing among the two religions was absence of

communication and togetherness that led to creating of vacuum that currently exist between the two religions Bauchi State.

The dialogue as mentioned earlier was intentionally organized for youth leaders, but it was however, concluded at the meeting to invite elders of the two religions to participate in the next dialogue after the one fixed for 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

A day after the dialogue, (Today, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010) other people called me on phone and some met me in the office while compiling this brief report to register their interest to join the next dialogue.

### ***RECOMMENDATION BY WAY OF CONCLUSION:***

It was observed that, what was actually missing in Bauchi State was proper guidance and moral motivation among the youth of the two faiths (Christianity and Islamic), as during the brief dialogue the participants all expressed their minds regarding the continuous fighting and hatred between the followers of the two religions. Everyone at the dialogue saw the need to invite more youth and all promised to come to the next dialogue with friends and family members.

More copies of the CDs should be made available so as to go far and wide as it would help in disseminating the aims and objectives of dialogue living room in Bauchi State. Posters and fliers I think could also be good too.

It also occurred to me, that by extending our hands of friendship to our brethren of other faith could help us to bring the required change we need in our present day society, which would consequently, make us unfold the future opportunities.

The dialogue we had was to me the beginning of a new era for the people of my generation and the next in unfolding possibilities and making what is possible real in Bauchi State. I believe “Our current problems cannot be solved with the same level of thinking which created them”.

I also went with the views of other participants to involve other influential people particularly, the traditional title holders in Bauchi State.

The next dialogue was scheduled to hold on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Attached are pictures snapped with phone by Shehu Baba Ahmed.







**Jewish-Palestinian  
Living Room Dialogue Group  
of San Mateo County**

Dear Relationship Builder,

We are giving you two new films to illustrate what it looks like when diverse people – young and old, even “enemies” – Connect, Communicate, and Change.

The principles are universal, beginning with a new quality of listening in homes, institutions, communities and nations.

Because of the urgency on Earth, we will continue to gift these DVDs to whoever will use them.

**DIALOGUE AT WASHINGTON HIGH**

DVD - 43 minutes

A Jewish and a Palestinian exemplar model how to connect with the “other” beginning with personal story. Tenth grade high school students then engage each other in dyads with a new quality of listening. The diverse youth speak about their new way of communicating.

A 2007 film by the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group San Mateo, California, USA

**PEACEMAKERS: Palestinians & Jews Together at Camp**

DVD - 83 minutes

The partnership of a Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue and 51-year-old camp brings together in the California mountains 140 Muslims, Jews and Christians of all ages, including from Israel and Palestine. They discover one another and their ability to communicate and cooperate in new ways. Back down the mountain, they held a public San Francisco event to tell the community about their struggles and breakthroughs.

A 2007 film by the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group & Camp Teewonga, California, USA

We hope you will show these DVDs to others, and creatively help this film project grow and spread around the world, however you are able.

For more information, search the Web for:

Dialogue at Washington High  
PEACEMAKERS: Palestinians & Jews Together at Camp  
Jewish Palestinian Videos

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**DIALOGUE  
AT WASHINGTON HIGH**

**Dialogue at Washington High**

Tenth grade students follow the example of a Palestinian and a Jew to make new connections

A 2007 film by the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group San Mateo, California, USA

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**Peacemakers**

**Palestinians & Jews Together at Camp**

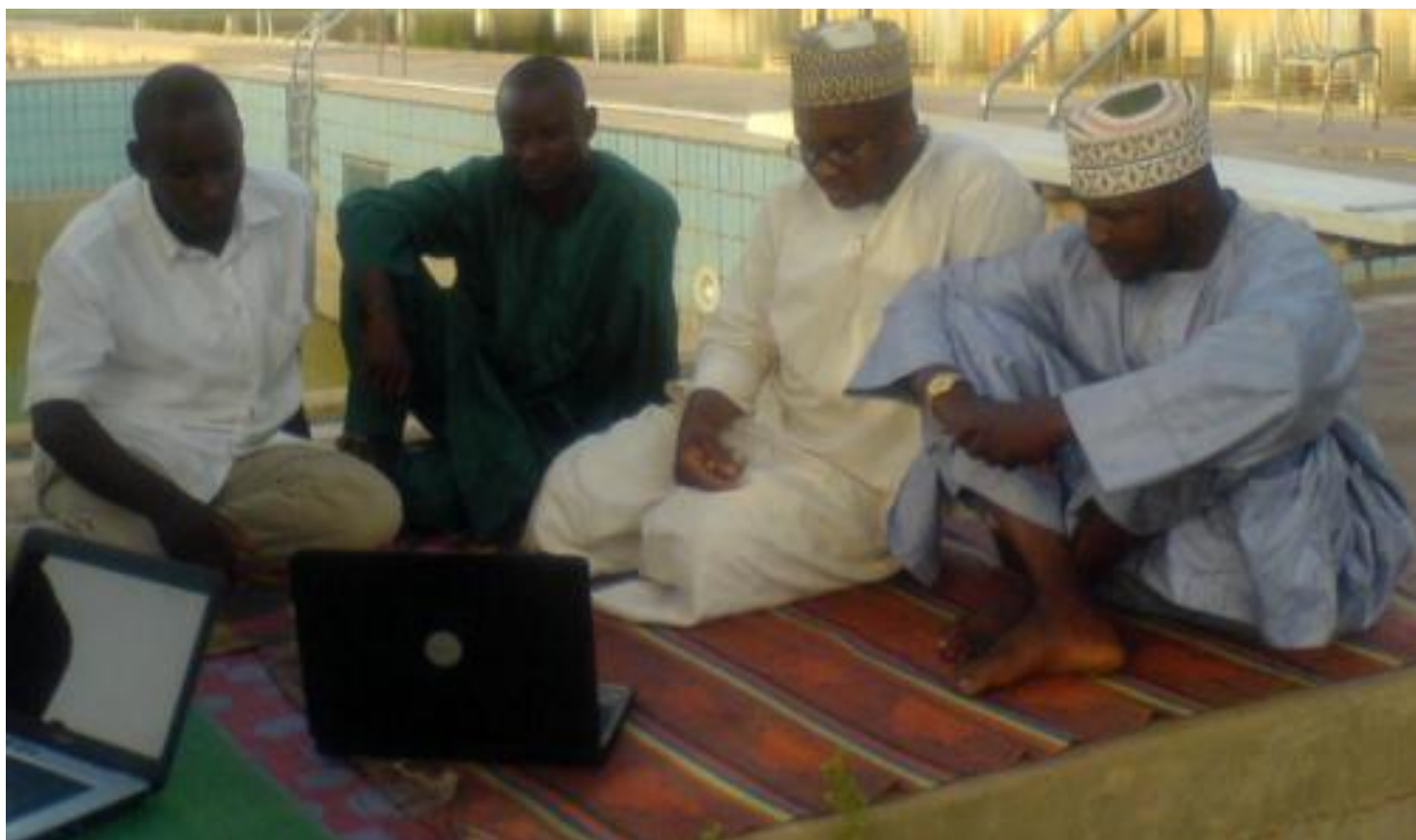
Osh Shalom - Sanaa al-Salam  
Third Family Peacemakers Camp

September 16-18, 2005 - Camp Teewonga, California (83 min)

Interviews of Campers & Staff (22 min)

KPIX CBS-TV News Broadcast | September 19, 2005 (5 min)

**PEACEMAKERS:  
Palestinians & Jews  
Together at Camp**





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