

THREE FAITHS FORUM



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Three Faiths Forum Lawyers Group Launched at Law Society

Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Lawyers were welcomed to the Law Society Hall, by Fiona Woolf, Vice-President of the Law Society, when The Three Faiths Forum Lawyers Group was launched on Tuesday 11 April, 2006. Michael Sternberg, Barrister-son of Three Faiths Forum Co-Founder, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chaired the meeting, and paid tribute to his two fellow co-ordinators of the newly formed lawyers group, Rev Tim Selwood and Farmida Bi. The guest speaker, Rafiq Abdulla OBE, legal advisor to the Muslim College, and secretary to Kingston University, paid a fulsome tribute to the late Sheikh Dr Zaki Badawi and spoke of the importance of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish lawyers coming together in a spirit of understanding and mutual respect. He went on to say that there were many legal issues relating to racial and religious discrimination and human rights where lawyers of the three Abrahamic faiths could have a joint impact. He looked forward to taking an active role within the Lawyers Group, as well as of the Three Faiths Forum, on whose Advisory Board he sits. Sidney Shipton OBE, Co-ordinator of The Three Faiths Forum, was in nostalgic mood when he referred to a certificate he received from the Law Society president indicating he had been 50 years on the rolls. "The Lawyers Group," he said, "like the existing TFF Medical Group, would come together to discuss legal matters under Chatham House rules, such discussions to be open-ended, but of significance."

Rev Tim Selwood, an Anglican priest and a solicitor, who also co-ordinates the Hampshire Three Faiths Forum Group, said that he hoped all present would come to the first meeting of the Lawyers Group to be held on Tuesday 27 June 6-8pm in the crypt of the historic Church of St. Clemens Danes (by the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand) on the Law of Blasphemy.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, in closing the meeting said how much he welcomed the formation of The Three Faiths Forum Lawyers Group. He viewed the launch meeting of great importance for the interfaith movement.

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