Signatories to the

Declaration on Jewish-Christian Relations

The following persons are signatories to the Bat Kol International Declaration of Jewish-Christian Relations

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Magda Bacellar

Curitiba

BRASIL

I was born in Sion and raised my children at Sion. I proudly carry the commitment to Bat Kol International

Mary Ann Beavis

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Bat Kol Alumna

Mary Bednarek

Salvador

BRAZIL

I have studied and worked with the Scriptures my whole life. Currently, I teach about the Psalms. Interreligious dialogue is part of my journey. I am a Sister of the Holy Cross

Gina Bernasconi

Geelong, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Sandra Bishop

St Helena, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Director, Catholic School of Evangelisation, Bat Kol Alumna

Thomas Bolin

Providence, Rhode Island

UNITED STATES

Scholar-in-Residence (2025-2027) in Jewish-Christian Relations at Providence College

Mary C Boys

New York, NY

UNITED STATES

Professor of Theology committed to Jewish-Christian relations. Author, teacher, dialogue pattern, vowed member of the Sisters of the Holy Names

Rosalie Brown

Melbourne, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

I am pleased to support this Declaration, which is a wonderful initiative

Margaret Cabrera

Pasig City

PHILIPPINES

Bat Kol alumna 2011, 2014, 2023

Emma Carolan

Sydney, New South Wales

AUSTRALIA

Active in Jewish-Catholic relations in the Australian Catholic Church

Margaret Carswell

Mt Egerton, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Works in Theology at ACU with a particular interest in the presentation and teaching of Scripture in Catholic Schools

Vincent Casey

New South Wales

AUSTRALIA

Bernadette Chellew

Amanzimtoti, Kwa Zulu Natal

SOUTH AFRICA

Bat Kol. Writes and edits weekly commentaries.

Mary Louise Chesley-Cora

Hockessin, Delaware

UNITED STATES

Studied at Bat Kol Institute. Taught scripture to teens and adults for many years in FL, MD, VA and DE. I was most grateful for my teachers at Bat Kol in Jerusalem. It was a most extraordinary summer

Joan Chunkapura

Changanacherry

Kottayam, Kerala

INDIA

Bat Kol alumna. A psychologist by profession

Karen Cody

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

A member of Bat Kol for several years, studying with, Marjan Saenen. I accompanied her twice to Israel for further exploration. Thank you for doing what you do!

Carmelita Coen

Bellerive, Tasmania

AUSTRALIA

I am a committed Roman Catholic. I fully support the Declaration in Jewish Christian Relations and working together towards peace between all peoples

Antoinette Collins

Gosford, New South Wales

AUSTRALIA

I have been involved in this important work for many years

Maria Claudia Costa

Curitiba

BRASIL

Mary Coswin

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Benedictine Sister in Winnipeg. Active in Jewish-Christian Relations. I am happy to sign this document and pray for peace and harmony among nations

Dane Coughlan

Rockhampton, Queensland,

AUSTRALIA

Germaine Cross

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Participant in Bat Kol Presentations

Philip Cunningham

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES

Co-Director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia

Roy da Silva

Chandigarh

INDIA

School Principal and student of Talmud Torah. Bat Kol alumnus. Member of Bat Kol International Leadership Team

Marianne Dacy

Box Hill, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Sister of Our Lady of Sion pledged to Jewish Cristian relations

Gwen-Ellen Dankewich

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

I am a member of Bat Kol Ha Emet in Winnipeg Manitoba and have attended since 2003. I attended the July study of Leviticus in 2008. It has been an enriching journey

Regina Despain

Phoenix, Arizona

UNITED STATES

Maria Dias

Rome

ITALIA

Sarah Donnelly

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

CANADA

Leslie Fabre

South Bunbury, Western Australia

AUSTRALIA

Retired teacher and scholar. Alumnus Bat Kol 2017, 2019. Member, CCJ WA

Rachel Farhi

London

UNITED KINGDOM

Gillian Federico

Brampton, Ontario

CANADA

Executive member of local Interfaith Council and a strong supporter of Jewish Christian Dialogue. Serves as System Chaplain with a Catholic School Board. Past Chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces. Involved in Christian-Jewish Dialogue, Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies, and Parliament of the World's Religions

Stephen Fernandes

West Melton, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

July 2019, attended Bat Kol Christian Centre for Jewish studies at Jerusalem, an intensive program for three weeks. Studies in Bamidbar, and also some studies of Etz Hayim and Mishkan T'filah. I greatly appreciated the teachings by Rabbi Dr. Mordechai about Korah's sin and Rabbi Dr. David on the land of Israel. Nostra Aetate has become real and a part of me

Thérèse Fitzgerald

Dublin

IRELAND

Sister of Our Lady of Sion. Bat Kol alum

Toni Foley

Cairns, Queensland

AUSTRALIA

An Assistant Principal in a Catholic school. I did my PhD study on Inter-religious learning and teaching and its interplay with identity

Cecile Fortier

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Julien Fradette

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Chair of the Bat Kol International Leadership Team. Bat Kol alumnus

Maureena Fritz

Jerusalem

ISRAEL

Sr. of Our Lady of Sion, NDS. Prof. Emerita, USMC, University of Toronto. Founder/Prof. Bat Kol Institute

Leonardo Jr. Galanza

Antipolo City, Rizal

PHILIPPINES

Always excited to see the "N.T. contained in the O.T. and O.T. explained in the N.T.

Minerva Generalao

Quezon City

PHILIPPINES

An alumna of BatKol Institute of Christian Studies, 2014 and 2023; I have written teaching commentaries and reflections on the Parashavua.

Rev. Theodore Gill jr

New Haven County, Connecticut

UNITED STATES

I am a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For the last fifteen years prior to retirement, I served as senior editor of WCC Publications at the World Council of Churches in Switzerland

Fernando Gross

São Paulo

BRASIL

A Christian who tries to build bridges of friendship with Judaism and invites others to walk together over them

Margo Hahn

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

Member of Bat Kol Ori YAH

Hilda Heller

Curitiba, Paraná

BRASIL

Friend of Sion, Bat Kol alumna. I agree with and commit to fulfilling the 10 pledges of the Declaration on Jewish-Christian Relations. Works in Teacher training for Basic education

Belle Jarniewski

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Shela Mae Jaso

Davao

PHILIPPINES

Bat Kol Alumna 2017

Mary-Anne Johnson

Moonah, Tasmania

AUSTRALIA

A retired teacher, graduate of Bat Kol, mother and grandmother. I want us to live together respecting our beliefs and traditions

Barbara Kauffmann

Fellbach

GERMANY

Bat Kol alumna, Member of the Bat Kol International Leadership Team

June Kennedy

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

I am a member of Ori Yah

Anne Kelleher

Kildare Town

IRELAND

Proud to be a Bak Kol Alum & deeply grateful for the studies / engagements / conversations / learnings / understandings and continued friendships developed as a result

Ed Kessler

Cambridge,

UNITED KINGDOM

Founder President of the Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK

Christine Kolar

Unionville, Michigan

UNITED STATES

Works at St Christopher Parish, a Catholic Church in Caro, MI. I am very much in line with this Declaration and commitment with our faith journey

Katia Beltrami Koppe

Curitiba

BRASIL

Petite Lao

Quezon City

PHILIPPINES

Bat Kol Alum

Judy Ledding

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

CANADA

Kevin Lenehan

East Melbourne, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Mauricio Locatelli

Curitiba,

BRASIL

Bat Kol alumnus

Tina-Marie Lockyer

CANADA

Bat Kol Alum 2018

Judicaé Mamédio dos Santos

Santo Amaro das Brotas, Sergipe

BRASIL

A lay member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion, residing in Santos Amaro das Brotas/SE, Brazil. A civil servant, married with three children. Assists in parish activities as a Baptism Catechist and mentors a youth group in the village of Aldeia

Gisèle Maynard

Saint-Malo

CANADA

Participated in Bat Kol Institute studying scripture in its Jewish contexts

Kevin McDonnell

Boondall, Queensland

AUSTRALIA

Bat Kol alumnus and supporter of Bat Kol since 2003

Lee McNaughton

Brighton, Ontario

CANADA

Long time connection to Israel lived on a kibutz in 1983-84 and 1989

Marie André Mitchell

Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA

I have been a member of Bat Kol for many years and spent a year in Jerusalem and followed many Bat Kol courses. I am involved in Jewish Christian relations

Vincent Moeketsi

Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA

Vincent became interested in Jewish-Christian relations stems from his time at Batkol Institute where he came to deeply appreciate the Jewish roots of Christianity and the influence of Judaism on Christian faith. Christianity cannot be fully understood apart from Judaism. His involvement is rooted in fostering mutual respect, understanding, and dialogue, while honoring our shared heritage.

Ruth Mulligan

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

CANADA

Inspired by my childhood friend, who first got me interested in the Jewish faith

Thomas Novak

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

A pastoral worker in Winnipeg, ministering in an Indigenous Catholic Church, focusing on dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people

Jean Pawlus

Battleford, Saskatoon

CANADA

I am a retired elementary teacher, a former Sister of Our Lady of Sion, still very close to Sion and its Mission

Mary Ann Payne

Melbourne, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Studied at Bat Kol 2007, 2011, 2015. Member of the Bat Kol International Leadership team since 2016, Member of the Council of Christians and Jews, Victoria

Juliana Pedroso

Curitiba

BRASIL

A member of Sion, Colégio Nossa Senhora de Sion in Curitiba, which has Jewish roots

Maria Cecilia Piccoli

Curitiba

BRASIL

Bat Kol aluma. Member of the Bat Kol International Leadership Team

Teresa Pirola

Sydney, New South Wales

AUSTRALIA

Bat Kol alumna. Member Bat Kol International Leadership Team. I am a freelance writer and faith educator with a special interest in Catholic-Jewish relations. Author of "Catholic-Jewish Relations: Twelve Key Themes for Teaching and Preaching" (Paulist Press, 2023). I offer weekly Torah reflections and other resources at my Light of Torah website, LightofTorah.net

Janet Postle

Saskatoon

CANADA

Kristin Rau

Grand Junction, Colorado

USA

A Bat Kol alumna, still striving to be a true daughter of the Word. Thank you for your mission!

David Regan

Stoke-on-Trent

United Kingdom

I am a practising Catholic from the North Staffordshire Deanery in the Archdiocese of Birmingham England

Cinthia Renaux

Curitiba

BRASIL

Greg Reynolds

Caulfield North, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Roman Catholic. Believes interreligious dialogue is essential for world peace

Carol Rittner RSM

UNITED STATES

I am a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a retired Distinguished Professor of Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Stockton University, New Jersey, USA

Christian M. Rutishauser

Zürich

SCHWEIZ

Professor for Jewish Studies and Theology, Director of the Institut for Jewish-Christian Research

Marjan Saenen

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

Long time active member of Bat Kol. Ori-yah Bat Kol group

Maria Santos

Aracaju

BRASIL

Sister of Sion. I believe in Jewish-Christian good relations

Kathleen Sauber

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

I am a member of Ori Yah Bat Kol study group

Rose Rocha Lima Silva

São Paulo

BRASIL

Friend of Sisters of Sion. Secretary of the Jewish-Christian Fraternity of São Paulo, Higienópolis. Originally from Aracaju, Sergipe. Prays for a better world, peace among all, and in Jewish-Christian dialogue

Nancy Pia Sison

Quezon City

PHILIPPINES

Bat Kol alumna

Annette St-Amour

Monroe, Michigan

UNITED STATES

Teaches about our Christian-Judeo heritage. Desires to live in the spirit of her faith and wants to encourage others to live and work for good relations with all our brothers and sisters throughout the world

Lorraine St-Hilaire

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CANADA

Bat Kol alumna. My four months at the Bat Kol Institute in the early 2000 was rich in Scripture study, in observance of the Sabbath especially with an artist and a musicologist

Joyce Shepherd-Thorn

St Paul's Bay

MALTA

As a child I heard about the history of the Holocaust ... then in the 1960 briefly met the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion ... they sparked my interest ... Jewish friends when I lived in the UK too. Six years ago, I took up the study of Jewish-Christian relations with the Sisters of our Lady of Sion on zoom

Jill Schneider Smith

Salisbury NC

UNITED STATES

As a United Methodist Pastor my studies continually bring me to the Jewish teachings because Jesus was a Jew

Joe Stone

Perth, Western Australia

AUSTRALIA

A Catholic who stands in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters

Mark Walsh

Kingsville, (Bunurong) Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Chair, Australian Council of Christians and Jews; Notre Dame de Sion Jewish Christian Relations Team; Director Formation & Mission, Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, Australia; Bat Kol Alum 2001, 2002, 2004, 2013. Pilgrim, walker, musician and spiritual accompanier. A supporter of Bat Kol since attending the Genesis/Bereshit program in 2001

Kim Wasik

Caro, Michigan

UNITED STATES

Patricia Watson

Melbourne, Victoria

AUSTRALIA

Sister of Our Lady of Sion, Bat Kol alumna '01, '05

Guy Wilkinson

Bristol

UNITED KINGDOM

A Christian who has long been committed to positive relationships and a better understanding of our history. I am a member of the Council of Christians and Jews and have attended ICCJ conferences. I work with Jewish communities in my home city of Bristol UK

Eva Winiarski

Stockholm

Sverige

I am a board member of CCJ Sweden - Samarbetsrådet för Judar och Kristna - since many years.

Sally Wood

Delford, Michigan

UNITED STATES

I am a member of Ori Yah

Elizabeth Young

Granton, Tasmania

AUSTRALIA

Bat Kol alumna. Vice Chair Bat Kol International Leadership Team. Principal, Etz Hayim—"Tree of Life" - www.etz-hayim.com