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**December 2-3, 2020  
(All times listed are EST; Add five hours for GMT, subtract 3 for PST)**

**Wednesday, December 2**

**10:00 AM to 10:05 AM – Welcome & Introduction**

Nicholas Miller, Andrews University & Alexis Artaud de La Ferrière, University of Portsmouth

Ambassador John Nay, President of the International Religious Liberty Association

**10:05 AM to 11:35 AM – Panel 1 – Report from Europe - I**

Chair, Alexis Artaud de La Ferrière, University of Portsmouth

Louis-Léon Christians, U.C. Louvain, *“Religion and Covid-10 in Belgian Law”*

Ganoune Diop, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, *“The First Human Right During Time of Pandemic: Exploring the Moral Foundation for Human Solidarity”*

Alejandro González-Varas Ibanez, the University of Zaragoza (Spain) School of Law*, “Law, Religion, and Coronavirus between the United States and the European Union”*

Jean-François Mayer, Institut Religioscope, Fribourg , *“How essential? Meanings and perceptions of religion during the Covid-19 pandemic”*

**12 noon to 1:30 PM – Panel 2 – Report from North America - I**

Chair, Nicholas P. Miller, International Religious Liberty Institute, Andrews University

Kathleen Brady, Emory University, *“COVID-19 and Restrictions on Religious Institutions: Constitutional Implications”*

Caroline Mala Corbin, University of Miami School of Law, *“Religious Liberty in a Pandemic: Constitutional Challenges to Mass Gathering Bans”*

Andrew Lewis & Daniel Bennett, University of Cincinnati & John Brown University, *“Church Closures, Religious Freedom, and the Coronavirus Pandemic: Assessing the Christian Legal Movement’s Response”*

Christopher Lund, Wayne State University Law School, *“Quarantines, Religious Groups, and Questions of Equality”*

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**Thursday, December 3**

**10 AM to 11:30 AM – Panel 1 – Report from Europe - II**

Chair, Rosa Maria Martinez de Codes, University Complutense of Madrid

Ibrahim Salama & Michael Wiener, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Right, *“Responding to pandemics: peer-to-peer learning with the #Faith4Rights toolkit”*

Alessandro Ferrari, University of Insubria, “*Covid-19 & religious freedom in Italy; the resilience of the ‘exceptional right’"*

Blandine Chelini-Pont, Aix-Marseille Université, “*From soft to angry attitudes against the temporary suspensions of public worship in France”*

**12 noon to 1:30 pm – Panel 2 – Report from North America - II**

Chair, Brett Scharffs, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

W Cole Durham Jr., J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, *“Coronavirus, the Compelling State Interest in Health, and Religious Autonomy”*

Jeffrey Hammond & Michael DeBoer, Faulkner University, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, *“Conflicts between Religious liberty and the New Public Health”*

Dwight Newman, University of Saskatchewan, *“When the State Tells You How to Run Your Church Service: Analyzing coronavirus Guidance Documents on Religious Services”*

**1:30 PM to 2:15 PM – Closing Discussion of Future Follow Up Project on Pandemic and Religious Freedom**  
Conference Organizers – Nicholas Miller, Alexis Artaud de La Ferrière, Rosa Maria Martinez de Codes, Brett Scharffs, Cole Durham.

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