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World Conference on Religions for Peace - Japan

- Founded in 1972
- Membership is multi-faith
- Four goals for 21st Century Japan:
  1. Bring faiths together to engage in dialogue about inclusionary practices and tolerance
  2. Facilitate multi-religious collaboration in peace initiatives
  3. Work with peace groups internationally to address global issues
  4. Implement religiously based peace education and awareness activities
World Conference on Religions for Peace - Japan

- Initiatives undertaken by WCRP - Japan
  - Network Building
    - Roundtable discussions with South Korea and China
    - Youth Peace Conferences between Korea and Japan
  - Advocacy
    - Nuclear Non-Proliferation
    - Environmental Stewardship
  - Peace Education
    - Facilitator Workshops
    - Humanitarian Assistance
    - Earthquake and Disaster Recovery
WCRP – Japan Training
- February 2018

- Fourth of Eight Trainings for Facilitators
- Trainings are designed to equip faith and community leaders with knowledge of peacebuilding and conflict transformation through dialogue and non-violent means
- “Welcoming the Other”
  - Seminar centered around conflict mediation
Japanese Methods on Peacemaking

- Common methods and themes in Japanese Peacemaking
  - Hearing out all disputants
  - Communicating all points of view to all sides
  - Evoking empathy
    - "My Minority Complex"
  - Using the natural world as a model for peace
    - Meiji Jingu Peace Shrine
“My Minority Complex” – Peace Theory in Practice
My minority complex
My minority Complex

組織 心
数学

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押し付け合い

他者の“ちが…”
を認められな
不完全なダメ

世の中には平
たる果感

女であるから
信頼されな

任事に関しても
確にあると
思いなう

支援というお手伝いで
逃げる感

より良くしようと
新しい意見行動
発展するとと

行動仕込み
Meiji Jingu Peace Shrine – A Monument to Peace
Conclusions on Japanese Peacemaking

- Peacemaking in Japan is:
  - Centered around mediation through empathy and understanding for self and the other
  - Grounded in nature’s example of harmony and self-reflective power