

The Global Charter of Conscience

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At a time when religious freedom is the most contested and embattled of the human rights, and worldwide religious restrictions are growing, the Global Charter has some simple objectives:

1) To reaffirm the foundational importance of religious freedom, 2) to launch a new discussion on the significance of building a new civil public square in each of our nations, and 3) to encourage Christians to reposition themselves in public life, and overcome the prejudices raised by past or present Christian positions.

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