



Report on WFTL Activity Monday, March 23, 2015

The first meeting of the WFTL delegation to the WSF took place at the Hotel Majestic on Avenue de Paris in Tunis. Members walked from the Golden Tulip El Mechtel hotel and began their morning session at 10am. Each member presented the main ideas and motivations for their paper and subsequently engaged questions and discussion on their ideas. Many significant points were discussed and they appeared to revolve around four main themes:

- Understanding religion and violence and their relationships
- Investigating the relationships between religions and politics
- Emphasizing the plurality of religions in both internal and external modes
- Recognizing, acknowledging and assuring the worth and epistemologies of all peoples.

The group then discussed the logistics of the opening march on March 24 and the four sessions we will have in the WSF, *Interfaith/Religious and Ecological Mobilization for Justice and Peace* on March 25, *Indigenous Peoples, Religions and Human Dignity* on March 26 and *Religion, Politics and Liberation* on March 27. The WFTL also met with Baraka and the Network of Liberation Theologians Germany in the afternoon and was able to secure a session for that group on March 26 under the auspices of the WFTL. In addition, a convergence assembly with the Religion and Emancipation group will take place on March 28 and the WFTL coordinator of the methodology team will co-moderate the session. Reports on all these sessions will be made available over the course of the week. The day ended with a welcome dinner for participants courtesy of the WFTL. The day's reflections were substantive and provocative, and set the tone for significant contributions from the WFTL to WSF discourse.