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Ex-lawyer to talk at world religion meet

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A FORMER lawyer who became the leader of a peace mission at Cooranbong will address an audience of 10,000 at the World Parliament of Religions in Salt Lake City, US, this week.

Kim Fraser, who is now known as Shakti Durga, founded Shanti Mission on Kings Road at Cooranbong, in 2001.

Ms Durga will jointly present a paper with American Christian mystic Clare Watts.

Their topic is "Food for the Soul – The Power of Sacraments and Pujas to Change us and the World".

"By using sacred practices which take us beyond the mind, we access our heart and soul, where the desire to give and serve, live lives of moderation and non-excessiveness are naturally already present," Ms Durga said.

Her collaboration with Ms Watts will demonstrate how two diverse religions – mystical Christianity and Narayani Hinduism – can have a friendship and grow "in peaceful co-existence and respect", she said.



UPLIFTING: Cooranbong's Shakti Durga is a lawyer-turned-bhakti yogi who blends Eastern and Western mysticism in her presentations.

"While we teach from outwardly very different traditions, inwardly we are offering one truth and one powerful message of hope."

The World Parliament of Religions is held every four years. The last gathering was in Melbourne in 2011. This year's event will feature representatives of 50 faiths and 80 nations.