**2022 Dallas Conference**

The 2022 Yachad BeYeshua International Conference was held June 20-23 on the campus of The King’s University in Southlake, Texas. More than forty Jewish disciples of Yeshua gathered for three days of joyful worship, study, and open-hearted fellowship. Over fifty others joined online for the three main presentations by Ephraim Radner, Etienne Vetö, and Jen Rosner, and another hundred friends from the Dallas area shared in an evening of praise and testimony introducing Yachad BeYeshua.

Each morning began with a Hebrew-Catholic mass at the conference hotel, to which all attendees were invited. The first session each morning at The King’s University involved intense discussion of the crisis in Ukraine and Russia, what it means for Russian-speaking Jewish believers in Yeshua, and what it means for Yachad BeYeshua as a whole. Svetlana Panich (speaking from Lithuania) added her voice to those of Vladimir Pikman, Yuriy Mark, Antoine Levy, and Michael Meerson. These discussions led us to heartfelt prayer for our suffering brothers and sisters in that region.

The second session each morning featured our main presentations. Ephraim, Etienne, and Jen did a marvelous job of describing what Jewish disciples of Yeshua share in common, how we can deepen our fellowship with one another, and why this is all so important for Israel, the Church, and the world.

On Tuesday evening the conference moved from our meeting room at The King's University to their main auditorium, and welcomed friends from the Dallas area who were interested in Yachad BeYeshua. The service was led by Shawn Moir (of Baruch Hashem Messianic Synagogue) and Greg Stone (Gateway Jewish Ministry), both local members of Yachad BeYeshua. An introduction to our fellowship was provided by Mark Kinzer, Lee Spitzer, Amanda Achtman, and Vladimir Pikman.

On the first afternoon of the conference Antoine Levy interviewed Michael Meerson – one of our founding members. Michael is a pioneering Russian-American Orthodox priest who was friends with Fr. Alexander Men, and who over many years has paid close attention to developments not only among Jews in the Orthodox Church but also among Messianic Jews and Jewish Catholics. The witness of Michael’s passionate commitment to the mission of Jewish disciples of Yeshua inspired us all.

On the second afternoon of the conference Ephraim Radner (an Anglican priest and theologian) presided at the celebration of the Meal of the Holy King – a Jewish-Anglican Eucharistic liturgy developed by Paul Levertoff nearly a century ago. This was a deeply moving service, connecting us to Israel, the Church, our Jewish-Christian ancestors, and, most essentially, Israel’s Messiah himself, by the power of the Holy Spirit. This time of worship embodied all that we had heard, said, and done at the conference, and made it concrete and personal.

The conference also featured periods of traditional Jewish davening, common meals, and small group study.

All of those who attended the 2022 conference experienced Yachad BeYeshua as a living reality, and not merely a beautiful idea (though it is also that!). Our hope is that many more may have this experience in the coming years!