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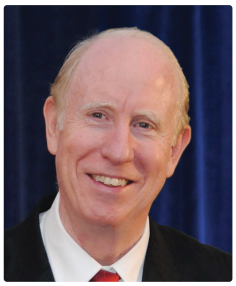


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This issue of UPF Today offers an overview of highlights of UPF's primary associations and core programs in 2020, particularly the World Summit 2020, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, the International Leadership Conference 2020, and the "Peace Talks" Webinar Series. While we cannot include all the various programs, we have tried to provide a good sampling of the tremendous accomplishments that were achieved during a year disrupted profoundly by the Covid-19 pandemic.

World Summit 2020 was convened just as the pandemic was beginning to spread and, almost miraculously, no one was infected during the Summit. The UPF Webinars and the Rally of Hope series brought hope and encouragement to millions while also strengthening UPF's brand and global profiles in ways we never imagined, especially due to mastery of a variety of digital platforms. In this year of the centenary of UPF Co-Founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, we also celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the founding of UPF. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as she guides the forward progress of UPF throughout the world for the sake of building a world of lasting peace, one universal family under God.

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UPF Convenes Spectacular World Summit 2020

Seoul, Korea | February 3-8, 2020

The World Summit 2020 Assembly, which was sponsored by Universal Peace Federation was aimed at addressing critical challenges facing humanity, from climate change to poverty and conflict, bringing together a wide range of experts and stakeholders to deliberate collaboratively, offering insights and recommendations that contribute to building a world of lasting peace.

The three core values or principles that guided discussions were interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. We live in an interconnected world; what happens in one part of the world impacts the rest of the world, and, as such, cooperation and mutual respect are essential. All the world benefits when we improve the lives of everyone, moving toward equitable and mutual prosperity. And, finally, despite our wide diversity in terms of religion, nationality, culture, ideology, and ethnicity, there are common ethical values, universally shared ideals and aspirations that bind us together as human beings, members of one family.

More than 6,000 delegates representing 170 countries attended the opening session, including former and current heads of state and government, former and current lawmakers, ministers, religious leaders, journalists, businesspeople, women leaders, youth leaders, Nobel laureates and scholars.

Prominent national and international leaders addressed the theme "Realizing World Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values," including H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General (2007-2016), United Nations, H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, Hon. Henry Van Thio, Vice President of Myanmar, Hon. Maria Leonor Robredo, Vice President of the Philippines, Hon. Dick Cheney, Vice President (2001-2009), United States (video message), Hon. Newt Gingrich, Speaker (1995-1999), House of Representatives, United States, H.E. Jonathan Goodluck, President (2010-2015), Nigeria, and Hon. Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul.

The assembly culminated in the adoption of the World Summit 2020 Resolution, which affirms "a global community of peace-loving citizens whose tireless efforts in the areas of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values help resolve the conflicts and discords caused by religion, ethnicity or nationality."

The resolution concludes with the following Call to Action: "To support and strengthen the six primary associations of the UPF that have been formed as instruments of peace, and which work as parts of one unified whole, guided by the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, each with unique vocations that contribute to humanity's well-being."

World Summit 2020 featured the inauguration of three new associations—the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED). Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) was also integrated into UPF's family as the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP).

Furthermore, World Summit 2020 included the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony. The Peace Prize was awarded to H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal and Bishop Munib A. Younan, the international honorary president of Religions for Peace. Marking the centenary of the founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a special Founders' Centenary Award was presented to former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.



World Peace Conference Opening Ceremony

World Summit 2020 was held at the Korea International Exhibition Center (KINTEX) near Seoul, South Korea with the theme "Realizing Peace and Unification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Co-Prosperity and Universal Values."

In his welcoming remarks, **Dr. Thomas Walsh**, Chair of UPF International, said, "This summit stands on the foundation of global summits that have been convened in the past year and a half around the world. [UPF co-founder] Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon convened this summit to honor her husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, on the 100th anniversary of his birth and also the 60th anniversary of their wedding."

Congratulatory Remarks by **Amb. Christopher Hill,** Ambassador (2004-2005), to South Korea: "The United States has taken measures to deal with North Korea, but I believe it is not the responsibility of just the United States but of all nations to convince North Korea of the need to put away nuclear weapons. … I hope that the 75th anniversary [of the Korean Peninsula's division] will bring the Korean people together. I look forward to the future of a nuclear-free world."

Opening Addresses: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values

Mr. James Rogers, the president and chair of Rogers Holdings and Beeland Interests Inc., located in Singapore. Mr. Rogers sees huge change coming soon on the Korean Peninsula. "Once North Korea and South Korea stop spending on defense, there will be much money to invest in other things," he said. "Once the 38th Parallel is opened; huge amounts of capital will come to the peninsula. … The single most exciting place in the world will be the Korean Peninsula!"

H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, President (2010-2015), Nigeria and chair for Africa of International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), reported that, in his role as ISCP leader for Africa, he has "pushed for peace throughout the African continent. In some cases we have been asked to intervene in conflicts between political rivals."

H.E. Anote Tong, President (2003-2016), Kiribati and a Sunhak Peace Prize laureate (2015), said: "We are here to deliberate on this elusive objective of peacebuilding. … UPF has gathered such momentum to reach the far corners of the world. Its values can be summarized by living for the sake of others."

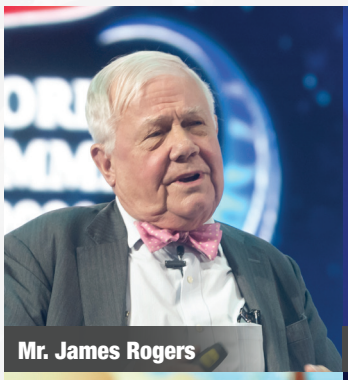
Dr. Mario J. Molina, a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, stated that climate change has an important connection with peace. He cited three myths about climate change—the science of climate change is not well established; we shouldn't worry about climate change, because it is occurring slowly; fossil fuels are extremely important for humankind, so we shouldn't make any changes—and offered a rebuttal to each.

In a video message, **Hon. Dick Cheney**, Vice President (2001-2009), United States, spoke about the current situation on the Korean Peninsula. He underscored the need for denuclearization and implored leaders to stay "absolutely fixed on our security objectives, with every incentive that can help, but no backing down on denuclearization."

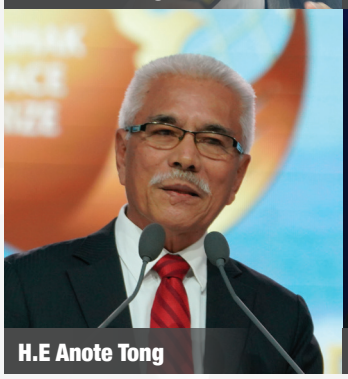

Dr. Walsh & Dr. Yun signing the 2020 Resolution

ISCP medals of honor were presented to 10 distinguished participants, and then two statements of agreement were signed to explore prospects for collaboration on a third Asia Pacific Summit in Myanmar and a sixth Continental Africa Summit.

The opening session concluded with the presentation and signing of the World Summit 2020 Resolution. Dr. Young-ho Yun, secretary general of Dr. Moon's Secretariat, and Prof. Yeon-ah Moon, the chair of UPF-Korea, signed the resolution on behalf of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The resolution was then signed by heads of state and government, religious leaders, and other dignitaries, representing the six organizations affiliated with UPF.


Mr. James Rogers


H.E. Goodluck Jonathan


H.E Anote Tong


Dr. Mario Molina




Hon. Chuichi Date


H.E. Henry Van Thio


H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen


H.E. Brigi Rafini


Hon. Maria Robredo



ISCP Assembly

After an Interfaith Water Ceremony led by religious leaders from a variety of traditions, showing harmony and cooperation among religions centered on universal values, former UN Secretary General **H.E. Ban Ki-moon** gave a Welcoming Address.

H.E. Ban Ki-moon remarked how commendable it was that "present and former national leaders are present in spite of the risk of the coronavirus. Lasting peace and security are goals of the UN, but they remain elusive. Peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula is a special focus of this summit. Populism, disguised as patriotism, hinders cooperation."

Hon. Lee Joo Young, deputy speaker, National Assembly, Korea, thanked UPF and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for convening the conference. "The peace movement of UPF is very meaningful and should be appreciated by the whole world," he said.

Hon. Chuichi Date, president, House of Councilors (2001-2019), Japan, thanked Dr. Moon for her visit last October to the Japan Summit in Nagoya, which was held under the theme of "Pacific Civilization Era – Peace in East Asia and Prospects for Japan-Korea-U.S. Cooperation" and included a festival of Hyojeong Cultural Blessing with 40,000 participants.

Hon. Newt Gingrich, Speaker (1995-1999), House of Representatives, USA, spoke about how communities rise together to respond to crises. "Through modern technology, the entire world has had its attention drawn to Wuhan's coronavirus," he said. "As another example, the wildfires in Australia demonstrate that the problems of one area are common to all the world."

In the Founder's Address, **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon** said the first step towards peace "is to understand God's essence and follow His will." She continued, "The way to solve the world's critical problems is by becoming true filial sons and daughters to God, our heavenly parent."

Keynote Addresses

H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, expressed gratitude to the Korean government and UPF "for this wonderful conference. It is a rare opportunity for governmental and nongovernmental leaders to resolve common challenges in order to maintain peace, stability, and sustainable development."

H.E. Jimmy Morales, President (2010-2016), Guatemala, congratulated the UPF leaders "for their courage to invest their resources in bringing us all together."

H.E. H.D. Deve Gowda, President (1996-1997), India, asserted that our duty is not just to live in our own time but to find lasting solutions for the future. Summits like this are extremely useful as we get an opportunity to interact with colleagues, he said.

Hon. Henry Vian Thio, Vice President of Myanmar, stressed: "We are meeting in a time of rising tensions and diminishing faith in multilateralism. Global challenges require countries to work together. One of the most significant ways to promote a culture of peace is peace education. It is the key to overcome mistrust, decrease racism, eliminate inequality and foster peace."

H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister, Niger, said: "We are in need of courage to establish peace. In our Sahel region, deadly war has been going on for several years. It is a 'faceless war.' Please pray for peace for us."

Hon. Maria Leonor Robredo, Vice President of Philippines, said: "We inhabit an interconnected and globalized world with new threats, which affect all of us, for example, the coronavirus outbreak. We must work together to implement long-term solutions."

H.E. Jose Manuel Barroso, President (2004-2014), European Commission, Prime Minister (2002-2004), Portugal, said: "A universal approach is more realistic than a fragmented approach. All the threats are international by nature, and we must solve problems together. We cannot say, 'Your side of the boat is sinking.' Politics exists to solve the common problems. Problems do not end at the national border."

The World Summit 2020 Resolution, which was presented in Session I, was signed by Dr. Moon, and the session concluded with a ceremonial sounding of the gong.

ISCP Medalist Recipients



Special Banquet Program

On Feb. 4, there was a Special Banquet Program to Inaugurate the Mother Foundation and the Autobiography of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Copies of the newly published autobiography in Korean, Japanese and English languages were presented to Dr. Moon. Congratulatory remarks were given by **H.E. Brigi Rafini,** Prime Minister, Niger, and **Adi Koila Nailatikau**, First Lady (2009-2015), Fiji.


Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony

The 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was grandly held on February 5. Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Sunhak Peace Prize Committee Chair Dr. Hong Il-sik each awarded a medal and a plaque to the laureates.

Chairman Hong Il-sik, in his welcoming address, said that the awardees were selected based on the "founders' peace principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values."

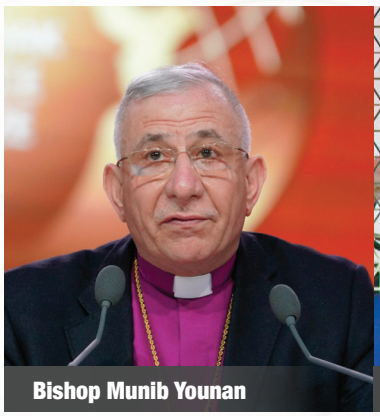
In his acceptance speech, **H.E. Ban Ki-moon** commended UPF for mobilizing so many peacemakers in Seoul, in spite of the coronavirus threat looming. He also thanked the founders for their constant commitment to peace and the unification of the Korean Peninsula. In particular, he applauded Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her vigorous investments into solving environmental problems. "This is exactly in line with the UN Millennium Goals," he said.

H.E. Anote Tong, President (2003-2016), Kiribati, and 2015 Sunhak Peace Prize laureate, attended this year's award ceremony to congratulate the former secretary-general. In his congratulatory address, he emphasized that Ban Ki-moon is a leader who proposed a solution to climate change.

The recipient of the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize **H.E. Macky Sall,** who couldn't personally attend the award ceremony, gave his acceptance speech through a video presentation and was represented by Senegal's minister for foreign affairs.

President Macky Sall apologetically stated in his video message that "due to the emergency health issue that had made the whole world in a state of emergency, I suddenly canceled my visit to Seoul." He said that he accepts the prize "as an incentive to persevere in the culture of peace and human brotherhood." He said, "This prize is therefore a tribute to the Senegalese people, and I dedicate this prize to the people of Senegal."

In his acceptance speech, **Bishop Munib A. Younan** emphasized that "peace is dependent upon respect for the dignity of the other, regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religious or political affiliation. All of us are made in the image of God and are children of God. All of us are one family of God."


Bishop Munib Younan


H.E. Macky Sall


H.E. Ban Ki-moon


H.E. Anote Tong gives congratulatory address



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon sounds the gong

Concurrent Sessions

There were 11 concurrent sessions representing UPF's organizational structure and the core sectors of society, namely, (1) ISCP – heads of state/government; (2) IAPP – parliamentarians; (3) IAPD – religious leaders; (4) IAED – business leaders; (5) IAAP – academicians; (6) WCLC – clergy; (7) Balkans Initiative Consultation; (8) IMAP – media (Feb. 2); (9) IAFLP - first ladies; (10) IAYSP - students and youth; (11) Central Asia Forum.

Conference Summation

World Summit 2020 was an extraordinary event. More than 6,000 delegates, representing 170 countries, attended the opening session. The succeeding sessions and breakouts comprised more than 2,500 attendees, including more than 300 presenters and respondents. The logistics of mobilizing, transporting, and caring for such an illustrious and diverse group of international delegates required an enormous effort and the coordination of more than 500 volunteers. The World Summit 2020 successfully fulfilled its objectives.

Distinguished leaders from around the world responded to the invitation of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and UPF International. UPF would like to express its deep appreciation to all the speakers, attendees and so many who contributed to this great endeavor, including the Secretariat of Dr. Moon, the regional group chairs, the UPF regional chairs, and countless others.

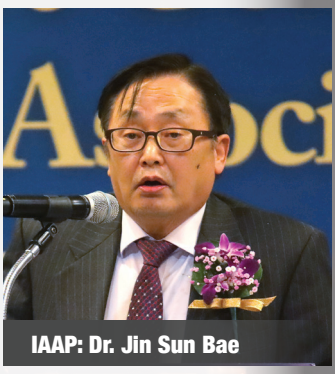
In this era of the Pacific civilization (the Asia-Pacific Union), the work of UPF has prospered throughout the world. It is not due merely to some administrative or communications strategy, even though we try our best. At its core, UPF is guided and driven by a spiritual vision as articulated in UPF's five principles of peace. ❖

To read more about this summit, please visit UPF.org/article/8769


ISCP: Medalists


Dr. Michael Jenkins


IAPP: Hon. David Clarke


IAAP: Dr. Jin Sun Bae



H.E. Ban Ki-moon



IAYSP Assembly


IAPD Candle Ceremony


IAFLP Resolution



IAED Inauguration



IMAP Inauguration



IAAP Inauguration


WCLC Prayer



First "Rally of Hope" Inspires Millions of Internet & TV Viewers

Seoul, Korea | August 9, 2020

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) recently concluded the Rally of Hope, the latest in a series of summits, real and virtual, held over the past two years. It brought thousands of world leaders together in search of a shared culture of "interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values." Five more world-level events are planned for this year.

This rally, however, was "Beyond Live." It was a dazzling display of digital technology from the land of K-pop, where a live internet audience of more than one million people from 194 nations were held spellbound for two-and-a-half hours on August 9, 2020. Another 90+ million people watched via as many as 70 live TV broadcasts and on various social media apps.

A special address was given by **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, co-founder of UPF. She stood side-by-side with her late husband of 52 years, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, and together built a world peace movement unparalleled in the lifetime of any founder. Upon his passing in 2012, she continued their shared vision. It has now expanded into a global peace movement bringing new hope and vision to millions upon millions.



At the outset. she greeted all the dignitaries, whom she had met personally at national, regional or world summits over the last few years. She also welcomed the virtual guests, saying that she has waited for a long time to see everyone. "Human history," Dr. Moon began, "has been a history of continuous struggle, which has caused both the suffering of human beings, as well as the suffering of God, our Creator and Loving Parent."

The animal world lives automatically by the laws of creation, she explained, giving the example of the migrating monarch butterfly flying thousands of miles from Canada to Mexico. Human beings, however, fell at the beginning of human history and lost their relationship with God and His principles. Because of this, history has been a long and arduous path of restoration.

In her unscripted remarks, Dr. Moon paid special attention to the importance of the institutions of marriage and family. She also mentioned that our limited life on Earth is preparation for an eternal life in the spiritual world. The way forward, she narrated, is to understand and live by God's principles of creation while on earth.

Dr. Moon ended her address by acknowledging that the continued division of Korea is a major obstacle to peace. Known lovingly as Mother Moon, she called on the Korean audience to be models of filial children who attend God in their daily lives


H.E. Ban Ki-moon


H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen

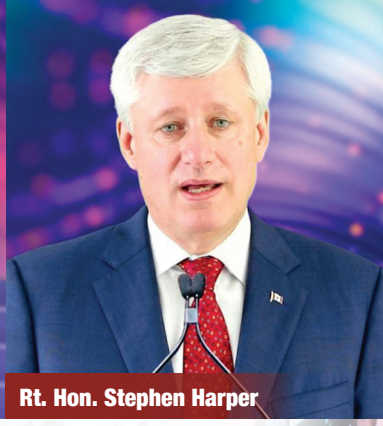

H.E. Brigi Rafini


H.E. Macky Sall


Hon. Newt Gingrich


Hon. Date Chuichi


Pastor Paula White


Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper

and work to realize His providence in their homeland and throughout the world.

The Sunday event hosted a set of stellar speakers from East and West, North and South. They spoke in unanimity on the importance of nations working collaboratively to overcome the aftermath of Covid-19, on the need for universal moral and spiritual values to be incorporated into our cultures, and for UPF to play a key role in moving these agendas forward.

H.E. Ban Ki-moon, the eighth secretary-general of the United Nations and chairman of the National Council of Climate and Air Quality, highlighted four areas of global concern: (1) tension between the United States and China, (2) the rise of protectionism, (3) the threat of climate change, and (4) a crisis in values, ethics and social capital. Although he said that we were in "a new Cold War in the Covid-19 era," he also believed that UPF "will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world."

H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sun, Prime Minister of Cambodia, emphasized that "maintaining peace and security in the world is an indispensable foundation for development… and should be [given] the highest priority." The socioeconomic recovery from Covid-19 cannot be solved at the national level, he said. "It requires deepening and broadening international cooperation in all fields." He called any upcoming Covid-19 vaccine to be a "global public good."

H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister of Niger since 2011, saw the Rally of Hope as transmitting messages of peace, along with a new moral, ethical and spiritual vision. He recognized that "living for others and for the public interest is the basis of development in an interdependent world." Finally, he described interfaith dialogue and cooperation beyond race, ethnicity, religion or ideology as "universal values that everyone affirms."

H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal, began by honoring the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who would be 100 year old this year. In order for the "post-Covid-19 world to be a better place for all," the Senegalese president said, we need "faith, confidence in science, and determination to act together… working in solidarity and human fraternity, as UPF has always done," allowing us to "overcome our common vulnerabilities."

Hon. Newt Gingrich, Speaker (1995-1999), House of Representatives, United States, is an optimist. He appreciated that the Rally of Hope is an important positive step forward at a time when the world is very troubled. He recognized that seeking peace, understanding and working together were keys to a successful future. The speaker also noted that "what Mother Moon is doing, in carrying on her husband's work… is truly a historic mission."

Hon. Date Chuichi, President (2016-2019), House of Councillors, Diet, Japan, recognized that the "spirit of "interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values," which is taught by Reverend Moon and Dr. Han, is desperately needed." In closing and referring to Mother Moon, he said, "The world now needs someone who can be like a mother to all humanity who reconciles siblings."

Pastor Paula White, spiritual advisor to President Donald J. Trump, began by pointing out that the family is the cornerstone of world peace. Then, woman to woman, she said, "Mother Moon, I respect and honor you for your perseverance, for being a forerunner nationally and globally, for dedicating your life to establishing international peace and goodwill and for being a true lover of humanity." Rev. White ended with a prayer for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister (2006-2015), Canada, warned that the Covid-19 pandemic cannot be compared to the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. "This [crisis] is without precedent and we do not yet know the full outcomes." He concluded by saying, "But if there is any organization capable of convening a truly global network of people committed to genuinely shared efforts, then it is this one, the Universal Peace Federation."

H.E. Jimmy Morales, President (2016-2020), Guatemala, likened the current pandemic to smallpox in the second century CE and acknowledged Mother Moon's efforts to "promote peace, family and integration of the world" during this grim time. Finally, he called for the reunification of Korea, which he saw as the beginning of peace in Northeast Asia and throughout the world.

H.E. Alfred Moisiu, President (2002-2007), Republic of Albania, and current chairman of the Balkans chapter of the International Summit Council for Peace, appreciated the work of UPF and said, "It is a time for world leaders to reflect deeply and build together a world strategy how to move forward as a world family." He also spoke of the Balkans Peninsula as the bridge between East and West.

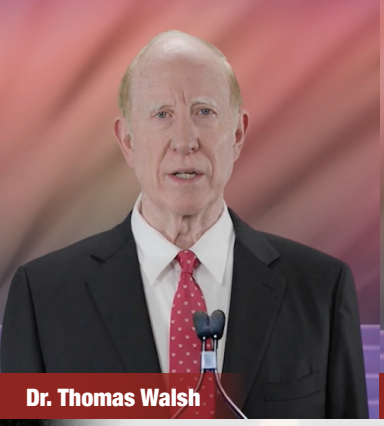
Moving forward, these rallies will be conducted monthly throughout the remainder of this year bringing hope and inspiration to the world. ❖

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International President of Youth and Students for Peace

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H.E. Jimmy Morales


H.E. Alfred Moisiu


Dr. Thomas Walsh


H.E. Goodluck Jonathan


Hon. Dan Burton


Hon. Jose de Venecia

The Second "Rally of Hope" Inspires the World

Seoul, Korea | September 27, 2020

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) concluded its second Rally of Hope on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020. The 3-hour event hosted 12 distinguished world leaders, along with first-class entertainment. According to the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Yun Young-ho, two million people from 194 nations were given tickets to watch online, while as many as a hundred million viewers observed the Rally via various broadcast providers and internet platforms.

The theme focused on realizing a world of peace through interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. The gathering served as a wake-up call to national and world leaders that the well-being of humankind and the destiny our planet rests in the hands of responsible leaders.

Peace messages and prayers were given by **Bishop Munib Younan**, Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and **Cardinal Kelvin Felix**, Roman Catholic Archbishop emeritus of Castries. Welcome remarks were delivered by **Dr. Thomas G. Walsh**, Chair, UPF International, and **H.E. Goodluck Jonathan**, President (2010-2015), Nigeria. Congratulatory remarks were offered by the Co-Chairs of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, **Hon. Dan Burton,** U.S. Congressman (1983-2013), and **Hon. Jose de Venecia**, Speaker (2001-2008), Philippines.

Summary of remarks by keynote speakers:

H.E. Jose Manuel Barroso, President (2004-2014), European Commission, was the first of the keynote speakers. Conflicts and global environmental and economic problems continue to present themselves in the 21st Century. This is why it is so important to commit to international cooperation and multilateralism. Climate change, trade issues, and global pandemics all require an international response. The vocabulary we use to talk about these issues—calling them "threats" that have the potential to cause "extinction" —is unnecessarily pessimistic. It is necessary to convince the world that these problems can be solved and that cooperation can be productive and reliable. We must convince the world that hope is stronger than fear.

Hon. Dick Cheney, Vice President (2001-2009), United States, was the next keynote speaker. He congratulated the Universal Peace Federation for its illustrious collection of speakers. COVID-19 has constituted a great test of global leadership and cooperation. While the rules-based system of good-faith dealing is vital, it is also necessary to recognize that not every regime will operate in good faith and follow the rules of international order. Credibility is one of a country's most vital resources; to participate in good faith, countries must follow through on their commitments and stated ideals.

Next to speak was **H.E. Evaristo Carvalho**, President of Sao Tome and Principe. He named climate change, armed conflicts, and COVID-19 as major challenges to nations and international organizations today. He reiterated the importance of learning to live alongside one-another and overcome national and religious conflicts. He emphasized the importance of education in the process of achieving peace, prosperity, and cooperation. This education must affirm the dignity and value of each human being. The family is a key point at which education occurs. Through our interactions with our family, we learn how to interact with our community and the world. Peace, prosperity and happiness will be a reality in the near future if we can achieve positive cooperation.

Following a musical presentation, **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, Founder of Universal Peace Federation, delivered her address. She recognized the Korean Thanksgiving holiday, Chuseok, coming later this week. The COVID-19 crisis shows humanity's fundamental frailty, both our physical vulnerability and the vulnerability caused by our failure to cooperate with and tolerate one-another. We are dependent on our environment, yet through


H.E. Jose Manuel Barroso


Hon. Dick Cheney


H.E. Evaristo Carvalho



Dr. Yun introduces the Rally of Hope

pollution and exploitation we are destroying it. We must let go of self-centeredness and greed and resist the temptation to divide ourselves from our fellow humans. She addressed the government and people of China, expressing hope that modern technology might someday transform the Gobi Desert into a verdant forest, proving it possible to reverse desertification. If the resources that countries pour into weapons were instead used for social, environmental, and technological investments, much could be accomplished. A nation's blessings are not for the enjoyment of that nation alone. Due to climate change, the livable parts of the earth are shrinking. Dr. Moon called on us all to let go of selfishness, embrace our status as children of God, and begin efforts to repair the damage our species has caused to the environment.

Hon. Dan Quayle, Vice President (1989-1993), United States, spoke next. He praised The Washington Times for its continuing commitment to truthful, values-oriented journalism. He praised the UPF commitment to universal values. The message that we are One Family Under God is key to understanding how to move towards peace. The Cold War ended, during H.E. Quayle's tenure as Vice President, due to an international commitment to freedom and a peaceful resolution to the problem. Similarly, the ongoing division on the Korean Peninsula can be resolved peacefully for the security and prosperity of all. He called on the audience to build a new movement for peace, aligned with the ideals of our Creator.

Hon. Heng Samrin, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia, was the next keynote speaker. He commended Dr. Moon for providing this forum for politicians, religious leaders, and civil society members to discuss solutions to global challenges. Cambodia has responded effectively to the COVID-19 crisis and managed to control the disease without a single death. The role of parliaments is increased in times of crisis, and the present crisis is no exception. Parliaments need to plan for the arduous recovery process, recognizing many possibilities for how this recovery will play out, and for the re-ignition of global trade and travel. He concluded by wishing for all present a blessing of prosperity and health.

The last keynote address came from **H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani**, Prime Minister (2008-2014), Pakistan. This is a critical point in history, and the lessons we take from this experience will shape the coming century. H.E. Gilani is a survivor of the novel coronavirus and called his battle with the disease, a battle which so many have lost, a humbling experience. The crisis presents the opportunity for us to realize the common bonds of our humanity. He spoke with pride of Pakistan's response to the health and economic crisis, and of the bravery and sacrifice of his country's doctors and nurses. He called for debt restructuring for small countries that have needed to take loans for pandemic response. He urged that the COVID-19 vaccine, when available, be provided for free.

Moving forward, these rallies will be conducted monthly throughout the remainder of this year. Each event will focus on a specific group of leaders: parliamentarians, academicians, entrepreneurs, media persons and religious leaders.

UPF plans to continue organizing the "Rally of Hope" world-level virtual events, which bring thousands of world leaders and concerned citizens from around the globe together in search for the "Realization of a Heavenly Unified World." ❖

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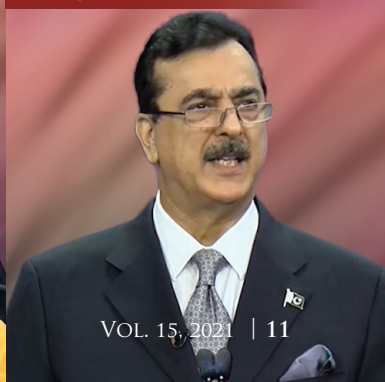
Hon. Dan Quayle



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H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani



Third "Rally of Hope" Honors Korean War Veterans

Seoul, Korea | November 22, 2020

Millions of viewers from 194 countries tuned into hundreds of broadcast stations and gathered online to call for peace among and between nations at an event sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Korea on Sunday, November 22. Keynote addresses, prayers, testimonies, flower tributes and world-class entertainment were all hallmarks of the celebration, which made it more real than virtual. The theme was "Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."

Held in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Korean War while calling for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, this third rally in the Rally of Hope series ensured that the power of hope echoed around the world. Previous Rallies were held in August and September 2020. This event showed that the key to realizing this vision of lasting peace is a world that is an interdependent one, with mutual prosperity centered on the universal values of one global family of God.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF and keynote speaker in all three Rallies of Hope, outlined two new projects. First, she said, Korean War memorials should be set up in all 63 nations that gave troops, military supplies, medical support or humanitarian aid to Korea at the time of the conflict 70 years ago. (Many of these nations have memorials, but not all.) Moreover, Dr. Moon said, an online memorial has been set up and will include a registry of all those brave young heroes who served or sacrificed in any way to support Korea during its darkest hour. This project will be launched in 2021, in commemoration of Father and Mother Moon's visit to North Korea 30 years ago, when they directly engaged North Korea's leader Kim Il Sung to explore a comprehensive roadmap for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

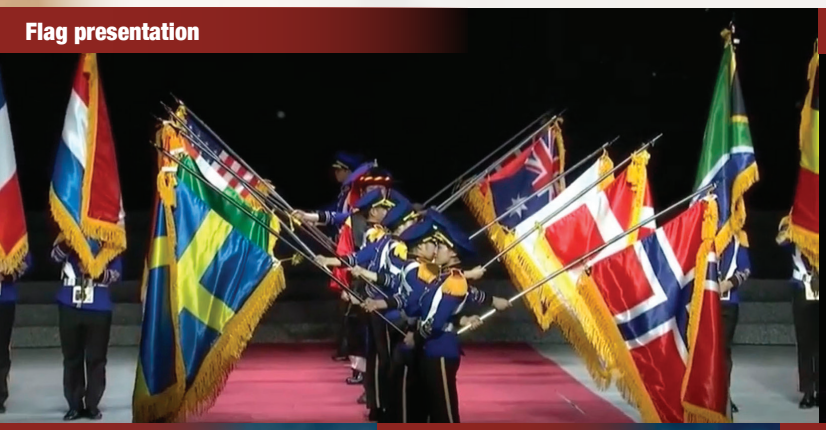
Second, Dr. Moon announced the establishment of an international association of artists for world peace. This new association will seek to create a culture of gratitude, peace and harmony, beginning with raising sons and daughters of filial piety who live for the sake of others.

The online rally viewed around the world treated the audience to a dazzling display of musical and dance performances by **The Little Angels**, the highly acclaimed children's Korean folk ballet company, as well as remarks by world leaders from a dozen countries. The highlight was a touching tribute in ballet, song and evocative poetry dedicated to the veterans of the Korean War.

"I was wounded, left for dead, yet survived," said **Hon. Charles Rangel**, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1971 to 2017 and a Korean War veteran. Honorable Rangel said, "I want to thank Mother



Flower offering in honor of the Korean War veterans



Flag presentation



The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea



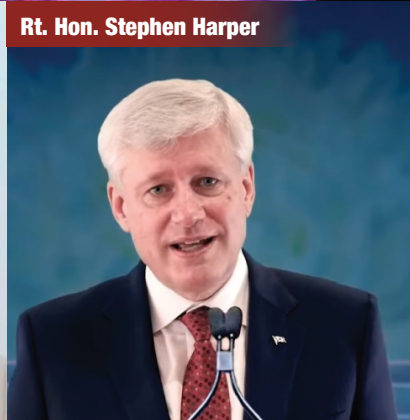
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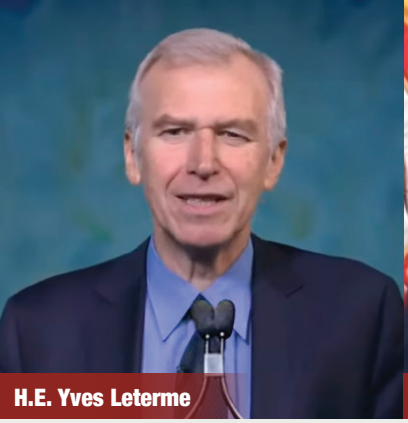
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Moon for the sacrifices she has made in order to create this organization for world peace."

"To be sure, diplomacy has to play an important role, but I think every person has a role to play in trying to bridge divisions," said **Amb. Christopher Hill**, who has served as U.S. ambassador to Iraq and South Korea. "I especially want to thank Dr. Moon for her absolutely tireless efforts in raising these issues and for founding UPF, which has done so much to raise the consciousness of the world. She knows better than any of us the tragedy of this war," he said.

Ethiopia was one of 16 countries who responded to the call from the United Nations to help South Korea repel the North Korean invasion in 1950, said **H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde**, President of Ethiopia. The unforgettable bravery and sacrifice of these men and women who fought in that conflict "is a testament to Ethiopia's unwavering commitment to the principle of collective security enshrined in the United Nations Charter," Ms. Zewde said.

Canada was also part of the 16-nation UN force—and today, the average of Korean War veterans is 88 years old, said **Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper**, Prime Minister (2006-2015), Canada**.** "So, let use whatever opportunities remain to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for what they accomplished."

Colombia was the only Latin American country to join the UN forces, "and this important action has forged an eternal link with the history of South Korea," said **Hon. Dr. German Alcides Blanco Alvarez**, President of Colombia's House of Representatives. "The denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is fundamental," he said, as it "guarantees a stable and lasting peace, not only for that region of the world, but for the whole world."

Additional calls for peace were shared by other speakers, including **H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit**, President of South Sudan, **Hon. Mario Ponce**, President of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of El Salvador, **H.E. Yves Leterme**, Prime Minister (2008-2011), Belgium, **Dr. KH Nasaruddin Umar**, Grand Imam of Istiqlal National Mosque of Indonesia, and **H.E. Dr. George Mannah Weah**, President of the Republic of Liberia. ❖

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Dr. Bo Hi Pak and the Little Angels of Korea place a flower wreath at the Korean War Memorial in the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France.





Fourth "Rally of Hope": Toward Interfaith Harmony

Las Vegas, United States | December 5, 2020

UPF International, together with the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC), co-sponsored the fourth online Rally of Hope with featured speakers who addressed an interfaith audience of hundreds of thousands around the world.

The rally was the concluding event in the two-day WCLC Convocation of December 4 and 5, with which WCLC celebrated the first anniversary of its founding.

The convocation was held in conjunction with the North American branch of Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), one of UPF's constituent associations.

Some of the sessions were held concurrently in different regions of the world and hosted by local IAPD regional chapters with local speakers.

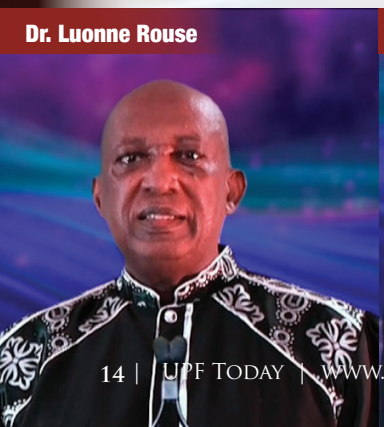
In addition to more than 2,000 Christian pastors from the United States and 3,000 clerics from throughout the world, more than a million believers from over 170 nations took part in the Rally of Hope via the Internet.


Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

In her keynote message from the International Peace Education Center in Las Vegas, **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon** said that, despite all obstacles, "God's hope and humanity's hope is to see a unified world … one big family under Heavenly Parent, a world of peace wherein all people live in unity as one family of humankind."

The emcee of the Rally of Hope was **Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr.**, the chairman of IAPD-North America and the national co-chairman emeritus of ACLC (USA), who also moderated the final session of the convocation.

The theme of the two-day event was "Calling All Believers to Unite and Heal America: In a Time of Great Division, the People of God Must Take a Stand." The rally's speakers, well-known faith leaders from the United States and other nations, called for interfaith collaboration


Dr. Luonne Rouse


Pastor T.L. Barrett


Pastor Paula White


Bishop Noel Jones


Bishop Don Meares


Cardinal Kelvin Felix


Dr. Ki-hoon Kim


Archbishop Chrysostomos Celi

to resolve problems in the family, society, the environment and between nations—including the reunification of North and South Korea.

"We know that when we pray together, God's Will comes in," said **Dr. Luonne Rouse**, the national co-chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, acknowledging that 2020 was a year of great difficulties, Dr. Rouse urged the audience to "pray without ceasing," quoting the Bible's 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Referring to the theme of taking a stand, **Pastor T.L. Barrett**, senior pastor of Life Center Church of God in Christ, located in Chicago, recalled that in 1955, when Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give up her seat in a public bus to a white passenger, she paved the way for Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to champion the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

Pastor Paula White, spiritual advisor to President Donald Trump, encouraged the pastors to repent and extend God's love to all nations.

Bishop Noel Jones, senior pastor of the City of Refuge in Los Angeles, said Christian leaders should amplify Jesus' truth "that we should love our enemies. … Our calling to true love and peace transcends democracy, monarchy, oligarchy, socialism, communism and autocracy."

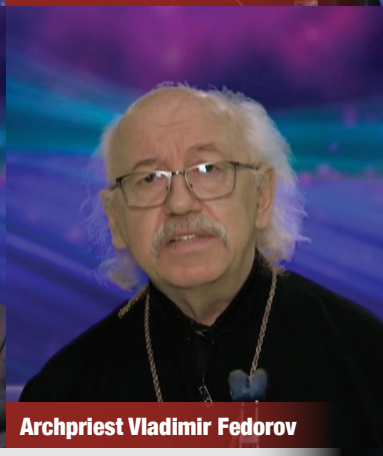
Bishop Don Meares, senior pastor at Evangel Cathedral in the U.S. state of Maryland, urged believers to focus on God, be clear about their faith and forgive others as they build a future of "divine peace."

Cardinal Kelvin Felix, Roman Catholic Archbishop emeritus of Castries in the Caribbean, encouraged believers to "care for each other and to forgive each other at any offense.

Bishop Ki-hoon Kim, chairman of the WCLC Promotion Committee, said the WCLC was launched as a "great initiative for world Christianity to work together … to [realize] a heavenly unified world."

Archbishop Metropolitan Chrysostomos Celi, Orthodox Church in Ecuador, said the family must be strengthened, because the family is "the cornerstone to build a healthy society that cooperates well with church and nation."


Prophet Samuel Radebe


Archpriest Vladimir Fedorov

Prophet Samuel Radebe from South Africa, founder of the Revelation Church of God, recently renamed the Revelation Spiritual Home, said, "May the WCLC become a force to reckon with, and may it be a platform by which spiritual leaders will forge closer cooperation and ties in addressing these critical issues of our times."

Archpriest Vladimir Fedorov, Russian Orthodox Church, said there is renewed interest in a "spiritual culture" in both religious and civil society spheres. The mission of the church will be to "organize politics, culture and education in our society with the idea to help people develop their spiritual intelligence," he said.

Music was provided by the Grammy Award-winning gospel artist and pastor Bishop Hezekiah Walker and the 5,000-voice Peace Starts With Me Choir, along with a joint youth choir singing "The Song of Unity."

The WCLC was launched in December 2019 as part of an ecumenical conference and Rally for Peace held in the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, with more than 1,000 Christian clergy and 20,000 laity in attendance. ❖

– Written by Mr. Joshua Holmes, American Clergy Leadership Conference

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Peace Offering and Water Ceremony



Children of the World: Flower Offering



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ILC2020

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

International Conference 2020 Celebrates UPF's 15th Anniversary

Worldwide | September 11-13, 2020

We regret that the quality of many photos in this section are sub-standard due to the nature of taking images directly from the webinar. At the same time, it does accurately reflect the reality of the webinar platform which has been our primary format during the pandemic of 2020.

Universal Peace Federation held a three-day virtual International Leadership Conference (ILC) from September 11 to 13, 2020, under the theme, "Opportunity and Hope at a Time of Global Crisis: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values." The ILC2020 was designed to be carried out concurrently in three geographic regions: the Asia Pacific, the Americas, and Africa-Europe-Middle East.

The ILC 2020, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Universal Peace Federation, highlighted the work of seven UPF associations: International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED), and International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP).

Speakers included current and former heads of state and government, parliamentarians, religious leaders, first ladies and women leaders, media professionals, business entrepreneurs, and academicians.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon



Rev. Masayoshi Kajikuri



Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal



Dr. Chung-sik Yong

ILC2020 Webinar in the Asia Pacific Region

ILC2020—Asia Pacific had more than 10,000 registered participants from 87 nations. There were 85 speakers from 27 countries.

The keynote speaker at the Opening Session on September 11, Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea, highlighted the importance of creating an Asia Pacific Union. This initiative was proposed by UPF co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in Nagoya, Japan in October 2019, and endorsed by former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the Rally of Hope on August 9, 2020. During the ILC deliberations this idea was referred to by many speakers and recognized in the ILC2020 Resolution.

Prof. Moon noted that the Atlantic civilization prospered because of its Christian foundation but lost this by becoming a culture that "takes from others and conquers." The Pacific civilization, she explained, is more spiritual and altruistic, and less individualistic. Prof. Moon emphasized that "The 'Asia Pacific Union' is based on common cultural values of the Asia-Pacific region: filial piety, family, and faith."

Amb. K.V. Rajan, former member of the Indian Foreign Service and permanent secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, stated, "UPF is possibly the one NGO which has the wish, the will, the vision, the means, and the institutional underpinnings to assist governments and international bodies like the United Nations in confronting the multiple challenges facing the world across the broad spectrum of human activity."

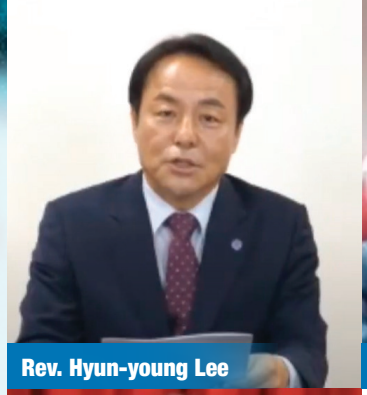
In the Opening Plenary: "Opportunity and Hope at a Time of Global Crisis," speakers highlighted the importance of creating a union of Asian nations. The co-founder of UPF, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, first raised this concept publicly in Japan in October 2019 and referred to it as the Asia Pacific Union (APU). Broadly, the APU would use the cultural, historical and geographical intersection of the Pacific Rim countries to form a common footing for larger multilateral cooperation.

Two other speakers addressed the UPF ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. This was called a "people-centric approach," and the model used to explain this was the ancient Indian philosophical concept, vasudaiva kutumbakam, or "the world is one family" that requires a foundation in values and principles. This concept of universal values inevitably suggests a global ethics, a set of basic moral principles that are shared by virtually all cultures,

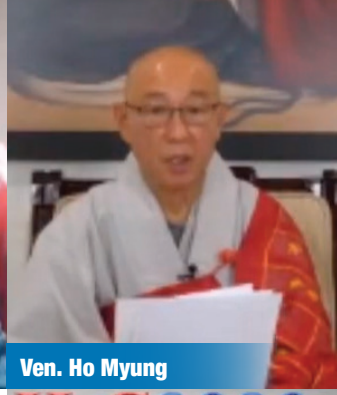
religions and civilizations. Once again it became clear that such values originate in and emerge from family relationships since the family is the most fundamental, ubiquitous social institution in human history.

Session 2 featured the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP). In this time of the pandemic, speakers stressed that a new development model should be built and that social and economic development must go hand in hand.

Session 3 featured the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP). One speaker said that a possible project of IAPP members could be the creation and development of a global pandemic early warning communication system between nations to help one another in times of crisis.

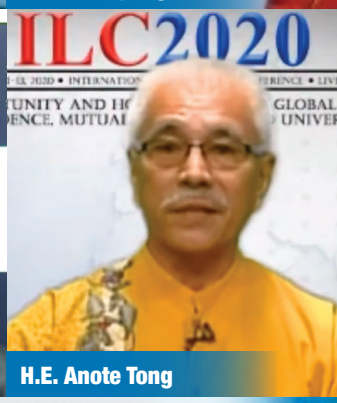

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Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake



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Session 4 featured the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD). The speakers emphasized that religious leaders must work with the authorities, be an example of living for the sake of others by uniting with other religions and proactively speak about interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, despite nationality or religion.

Session 5 was "A Tribute to the Universal Peace Federation for its 15th anniversary." The speakers commended UPF, saying that in the past years this has become evident with the different programs of UPF that advocate the value of public mindedness; stable families and marriages; interreligious, interracial and international dialogues; and mutual prosperity of communities and nations. Thus, UPF can become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world.

Session 6 featured the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP). The speakers reiterated that women can bring peace and harmony using the heart of a mother's unlimited love. One speaker recapitulated that a global consciousness is key to educating the next generation. Moreover, as peace starts from one's heart, it expands to the family, community, nation and world.

Session 7 featured the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP). Speakers highlighted various attributes of a good leader in describing the social role of the media. They also spoke about the qualities of responsible media: building trust, creating connectivity and advocating freedom. One speaker said the role of the media is to inform, educate and enlighten, i.e., to be a good teacher. The presenters highlighted that the media needs to be a watchdog, an educator and a peace-builder, i.e., act in the role of a good parent.

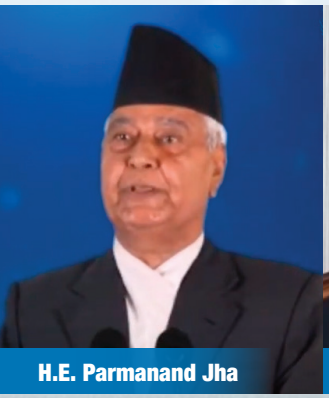
Session 8 featured the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP). One speaker emphasized that academicians are entrusted with the task to promote goodness to all mankind. They also challenged and stimulated the academe community to fulfill their vital role and break down the "walls" of individualism, between professional fields and between nationalities through interdependence in order to make the best contribution to the great work of building a world community of peace.

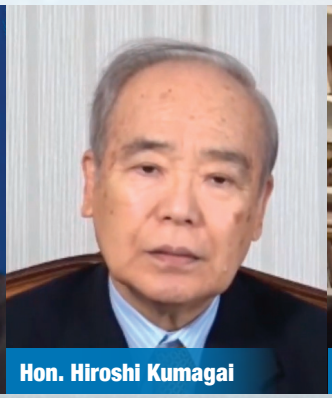
Session 9 featured the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED). Speakers stressed that a new type of leadership is one in which business leaders would never neglect their corporate social responsibility.

Session 10 featured two parts, the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP), and the Closing Session. Speakers gave a call to action for young people that can transcend beyond individualism and nationalism to create hope in this global crisis.

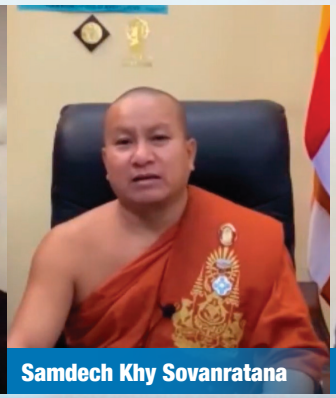
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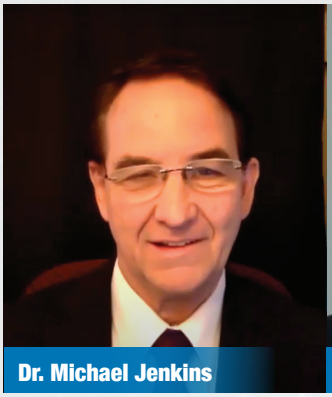

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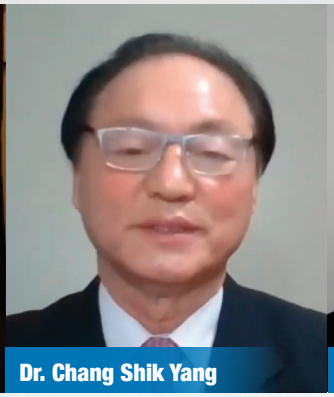

Rev. Jenny Chalmers


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ILC2020 Webinar in the Americas


Dr. Michael Jenkins


Dr. Chang Shik Yang


Dr. Simão Ferabolli

ILC2020—The Americas included 92 speakers and about 1,000 attendees, bringing a wide range of perspectives and experiences representing North America, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America.

Predominating in almost every presentation were concerns and first-person testimonies of the disruptive impact of the coronavirus: in business, media, politics, religious expression—every sphere. And yet it was often expressed in nearly every session that the pandemic was a dark cloud with a silver lining. People were paying more attention to their families, being more grateful for the small things in their lives, practicing better hygiene, and so forth.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF, received widespread credit from participants. "Nobody anywhere is working harder or has done more than Dr. Moon to bring about peace in our world," U.S. Congressman Burton said.



South and Central America are primarily Catholic and North America is Protestant. As Mother Moon said, the Americas are like the backbone of the world. Unity here means a spiritual foundation has created a breakthrough of unity overcoming all division.

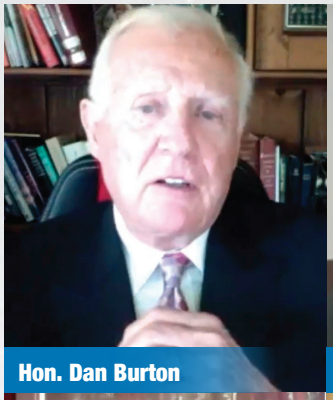
At the closing session, Congressman Burton introduced the ILC 2020 Resolution, which reads in part, "At a time of serious global challenges, and on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation by the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, UPF convened its first virtual International Leadership Conference (ILC) on September 11–13, 2020." The resolution calls on the formation of working committees "for the Asia Pacific, for the Americas and for the Africa-Europe-Middle East to support and cultivate partnerships with multilateral institutions, including the United Nations in honor of its 75th anniversary." The resolution was passed unanimously by all conference participants.

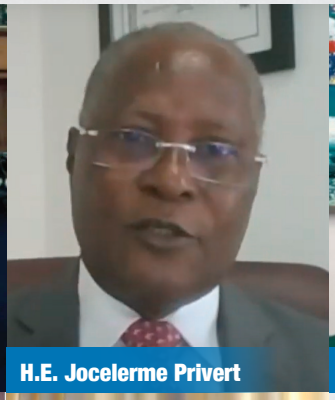
In the Opening Plenary: "Opportunity and Hope at a Time of Global Crisis," speakers pointed out that the foundation of North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean is based on a Christian heritage, and that Islam, Buddhism all faith traditions are embraced. That's the reason why Mother Moon created the World Clergy Leadership Conference. Peace will only be accomplished when all men and women share in God's love and truth and put these into practice. Participants were urged to consider how tragic circumstances can be turned into opportunities to correct some of our collective deformities and disfunctions as humanity—extreme inequality, injustice, failures to take responsibility, corruption, disrespect for each other and for the environment.

In Session 2: Perspectives from Current and Former Heads of State, speakers stated that the United States and Latin America must strive for co-prosperity. Founder Father Moon emphasized many times that the United States was blessed not for itself, but for the purpose of serving the world. Also, education is key to overcoming corruption which is like a cancer in our democracies.

In Session 3: Strengthening Ties in the Americas Through Building New Bridges and Opportunities to Increase Mutual Cooperation, speakers emphasized that we can't expect to have human rights if we do not have peace and sustainable development. We need to build new bridges between all our sectors through dialogue, inclusion, cooperation.

For Session 4: Religious Leadership Addressing the Critical Challenges of Realizing Peace in the Family, Nation, and World, the eminent speakers stated that the pandemic has provided an


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Hon. Rosalía Arteaga Serrano


Hon. John Doolittle


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opportunity to treat people in a respectful way and generate understanding that we are "all in this together and that every life matters."

For Session 5: Women's Leadership in Times of Global Crisis, the speakers agreed that the pandemic has brought humanity together. By putting our heads and hearts together and practicing positivity, much can be accomplished. Speakers found commonality recognizing that women's leadership is absolutely essential, especially to live by the founding vision of UPF and the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

In Session 6: Finding Opportunity and Hope at a Time of Global Crisis: The Role of Media, the speakers spoke passionately and truthfully, laying bare their frustrations with the current state of media. Whether it was issues of the weakened financial model for print media, the slackening of journalistic standards to properly vet and corroborate news, a growing emergence of young journalists entering the profession with the intent to advocate for a particular view, or the threats to free press posed by a dominant government presence, the speakers were in concurrence that there is a dire need for an independent, free, objective and ethical media—in every nation.

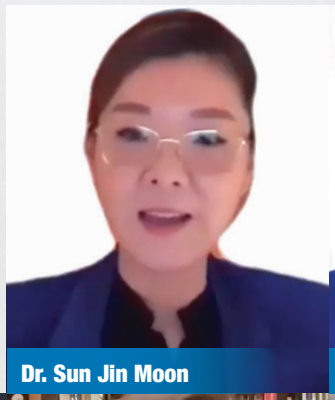
In Session 7: Breaking Down the Walls—Pursuing Interdependence for a Community for Peace was addressed by the International Association of Academicians (IAAP), one speaker expressed: "All academicians can be engaged in peace-building" The walls of separation "between fields and disciplines" has made knowledge fragmented. "We need to work together in the spirit of interdependence for the community of peace." He asserted that "interdependence is a basic fact of life," so "when we look for interdependence, we will find it everywhere."

In Session 8: Perspectives from Business Leaders, moderated by Thomas P. McDevitt, the speakers represented the different sectors of economic life that IAED wishes to draw upon in pursuit of its mission of economic development and peace: (a) economists and thought leaders who provide research on major issues; (b) business leaders and entrepreneurs who are building successful businesses to strengthen local economies; and (c) people in government who are in position to create dynamic public/private partnerships bringing capital into underserved areas and addressing the needs for improved infrastructure in support of business development.

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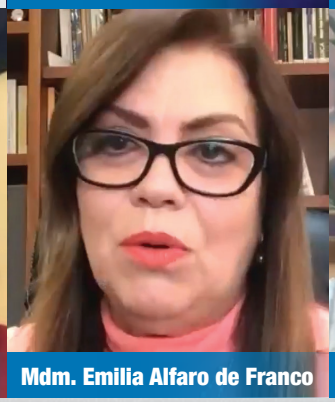
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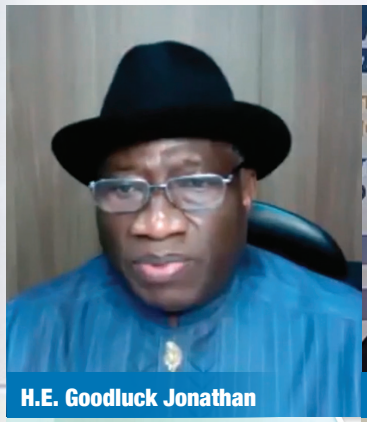

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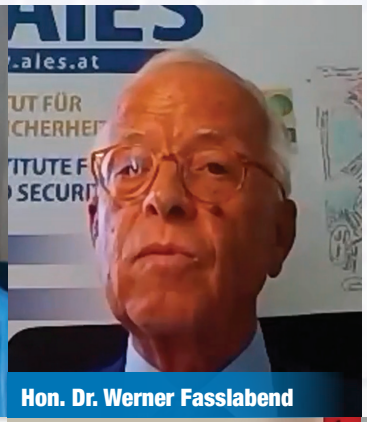
ILC2020 Webinar in Europe, Middle East and Africa Regions

ILC2020—EUME/Africa included thousands of participants from 90 nations. In the context of the dramatic rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is affecting geopolitics, the world economy and all levels of society, the ILC 2020 aimed at bringing forth lessons learned from the crisis and identifying opportunities based on UPF's vision of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, seeking new ways of envisioning our common life together.

Each webinar panel featured prominent speakers from Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, and provided a unique occasion for exchanging views on the need and conditions for interregional cooperation.

In the Opening Session, on the theme "The World in Crisis – New Horizons for Relations Between Africa and Europe," H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, President (2010-2015), Nigeria, outlined some of the values manifested in Africa during this COVID-19 crisis: sacrifice, solidarity, capacity for organizing, creative solutions, identifying opportunities.


H.E. Goodluck Jonathan


Hon. Dr. Werner Fasslabend


H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca


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In Session 2, hosted by the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) on the theme "A New Paradigm for International Relations in the Post-COVID Era," speakers pointed out the need to adopt new ways of public management based on a new framework of international cooperation. They noted the lack of international solidarity shown during the crisis and emphasized the need for Africa and Europe to build a partnership as equals.

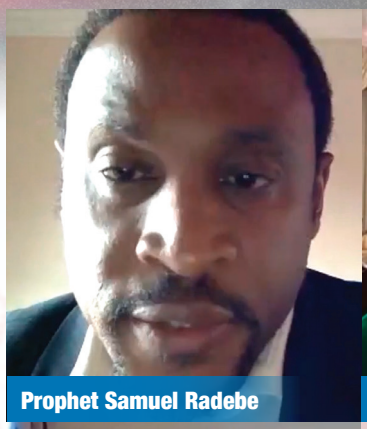
Session 3 was hosted by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) on the theme "Opportunity and Hope at a Time of Global Crisis: Africa, Continent of the Future." It was stressed that Africa should fight for the prosperity of its people while observing democratic and social justice. African countries need to mobilize funding through a form of the Marshall Plan, and parliaments should play their oversight roles to see that resources are used effectively.

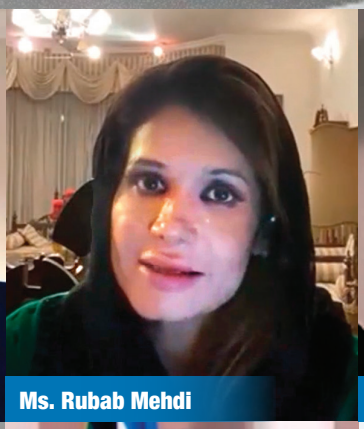
Session 4 was hosted by the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) on the theme "The Spirit of Cooperation, the Way toward Peace." Representing Islam, Christianity and Judaism, the session speakers reaffirmed the role that religious leaders need to play the role of uniting people and empowering them, instead of allowing their beliefs to divide them. They need to help communities embrace the Ubuntu spirit, which in African philosophy means "I am because we are."

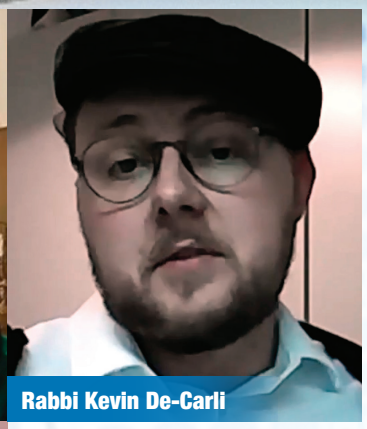
Session 5 was a commemoration of UPF's 15th anniversary with the theme "Our First 15 Years: UPF's Contribution to Building a World of Peace." "The UPF message is probably more needed now than 15 years ago," testified an African Ambassador for Peace. An Albanian Ambassador for Peace described the development of UPF in his country, from the founders' meeting with the president in 2005 to the 2019 Southeast Europe Peace Summit in Tirana.

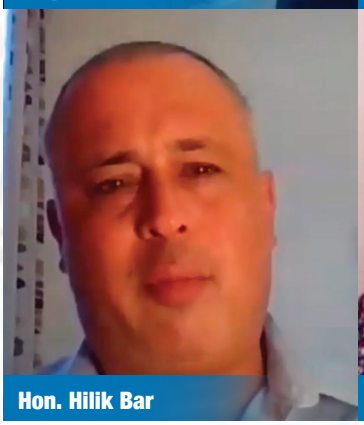
Session 6 was hosted by the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) on the theme "Toward a New Paradigm of Women's Leadership and Cooperation in Response to Global Crises." One former first lady called for change in the way in which women perceive themselves, arguing that traditional stereotypes should be left behind. Women should realize and appreciate their potential, she said, because, given the chance, they will rise to the occasion. She gave the example of how women during the pandemic have taken on the roles of teachers and providers for the community.

Session 7 was hosted by the World Media Association for Peace (IMAP) on the theme "Assessing the Role of the


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News Media in the Global COVID-19 Crisis and Beyond." The need for a new mindset to address current world affairs was emphasized, that is, to hold a comprehensive view beyond politics, economics, or military matters. Research on current media trends was presented, including the migration of readers from print to digital, the dwindling trust in the social media, and the importance of face-to-face journalism versus desktop journalism.

Session 8 was hosted by the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) on the theme "Breaking Down the Walls: Pursuing Interdependence in the Community for Peace." Some speakers focused on the role of education in promoting interdependence: the positive impact of online tools on the lives of Africa's young people, breaking down walls and speeding up mutual prosperity, yet the need for moral education to prevent the Internet's destructive effects. A vision of education was presented, empowering people for development, social integration, qualification, and personal satisfaction.

Session 9 was hosted by the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED) on the theme "Creating Mutual Prosperity—the Essential Role of Private Enterprise and the Rule of Law to Rebuild Economies and Grow Employment." One speaker stressed that public policies in Africa should support women's businesses, which move the national economies, predominantly in the informal sector. It was also emphasized that the post-COVID era will require a new mindset, and that the private sector already has become more conscious of its social responsibility for bringing people together and contributing to better stability and prosperity.

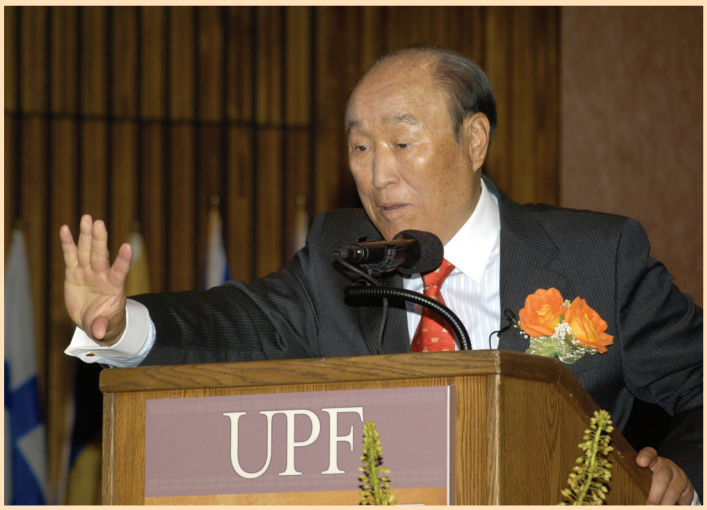
At the Closing and Call to Action, plans to set up interregional working committees to develop each UPF association were introduced. ❖

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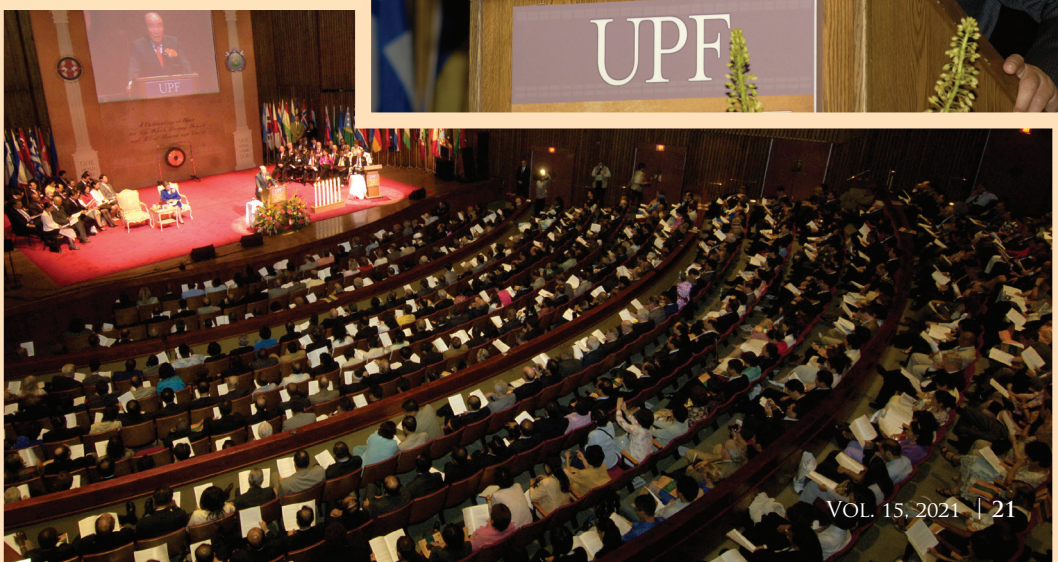
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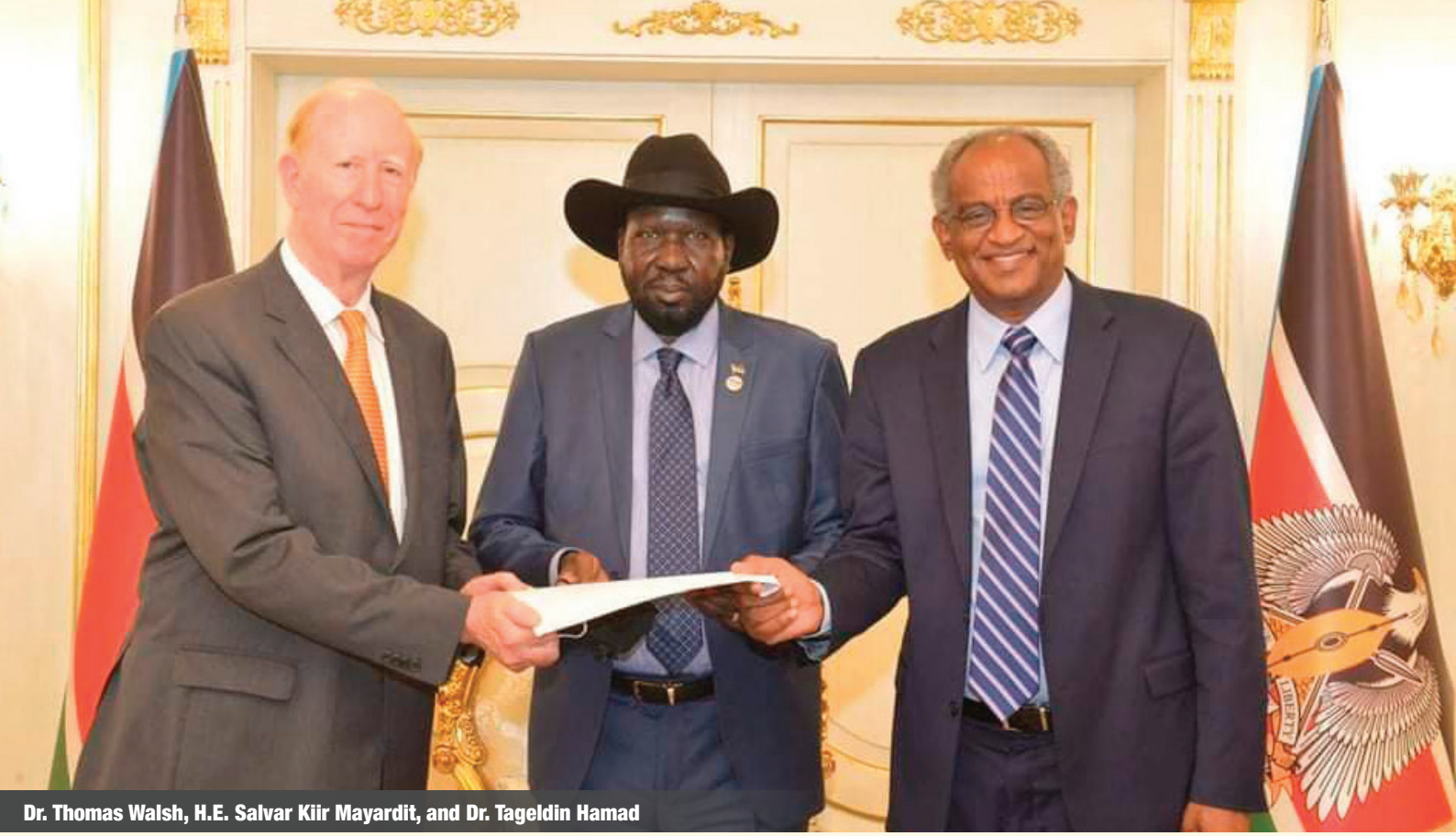
UPF's founding in 2005 was celebrated at the ILC 2020 webinars concurrently held in the Americas, Europe/Middle East/Africa, and Asia Pacific.

On September 12, 2005, Co-founder Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon addressed a standing-room-only house in Lincoln Center's Alice Tully in New York City. After 15 years of important conferences and humanitarian activities around the world, distinguished leaders hailed the organization and its founders for their leadership and vision for a world of peace.









Dr. Thomas Walsh, H.E. Salvar Kiir Mayardit, and Dr. Tageldin Hamad

UPF Supports Sudanese Peace Initiative and Juba Peace Agreement

Juba, South Sudan | October 3, 2020

The Juba Peace Agreement, an historic peace initiative between Sudan's transitional government and several rebel groups, was signed on October 3, 2020, aimed at ending years of war in which hundreds of thousands have died.

The Juba Peace Agreement has been hailed by various world leaders as a plus for regional and global stability. The signing, held at the General Garang Grounds, was witnessed by over 10,000 local residents and guests. Speakers and well-wishers described the event as "historical," "an example for the world to follow," and an "African solution by African leaders."

In attendance were the following dignitaries:

- H.E. Salvar Kiir Mayardit – President of South Sudan
- H.E. Gen. Abdel Fattah – Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council
- H.E. Idriss Déby – President of Chad
- H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde – President of Ethiopia
- H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh – President of Djibouti
- H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed – President of Somalia
- H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat – Chairman, African Union Commission
- Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda – Prime Minister of Uganda
- H.E Mostafa Madbouly – Prime Minister of Egypt
- H.E. Kalonzo Musyoka – Kenya Special Envoy to South Sudan
- H.E Donald Booth – U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan
- Dr. Thomas Walsh – Chairman, Universal Peace Federation International
- Dr. Tageldin Hamad – Vice President, Universal Peace Federation International

Attending the event, in addition to the heads of state, were many officials representing their governments, including high officials of Uganda, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Egypt, the EU, the UN, the African Union. There was a video from United Nation Secretary General Antonio Guterres speaking about the Juba Peace Agreement and its significance.

South Sudan played a very special and central role as the mediator, working to creating a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and the various liberation movements representing major regions within Sudan. In other words, South Sudan was in the role as mediator, and this effort was led by South Sudan's president, H.E. Salva Kiir.

UPF Supports Sudanese Peace Initiative

South Sudan President Kiir invited UPF Chairman Dr. Thomas Walsh, and Vice President Dr. Tageldin Hamad to attend the signing ceremony. Immediately following the signing ceremony, UPF Vice President Hamad was invited to speak and offered a glowing tribute to the government of South Sudan for its role in successfully negotiating the Juba Peace Agreement. Dr. Hamad announced that UPF would present President Kiir UPF's Leadership and Good Governance Award for his wise leadership in the process of bringing peace to the Sudan. He expressed gratitude for Hon. Tut Gatluak, the chairman of the South Sudan Security committee, and Dr. Dhieu Mathok Ding, the secretary of the committee, for their major roles in the negotiation of the agreement. He mentioned that the founders of UPF established many organizations that advocate that peace starts by living for the sake of others in the family, community, society, nation and ultimately in the world.



Ambassador for Peace Presentation to Hon. Tut



Ambassador for Peace Presentation to H.E. Mayardit

Dr. Hamad introduced UPF International Chairman Dr. Thomas Walsh. Dr. Walsh explained UPF's worldwide mission and its core principles. He spoke about the Leadership and Good Governance Award and the vision of UPF, guided by principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values. He articulated UPF's five Principles of Peace as the audience closely followed and joyfully congratulated the Sudanese people for their unity and incredible achievement for peace in the region. Dr. Walsh gave an explanation of the Leadership and Good Governance Award and mentioned other previous awardees. He expressed his gratitude to both the Sudanese and South Sudanese people and urged them to unite to ensure that the pact is properly implemented.

Then Dr. Walsh and Dr. Hamad presented the Leadership and Good Governance Award directly to H.E. Salva Kiir, who received it with great warmth and appreciation. He was sincerely moved and expressed his appreciation very openly. Everyone in the audience applauded. The Ambassador for Peace award was then presented to Hon. Tut and Dr. Dhieu, who brokered the agreement between the two parties. The UPF awards were the only awards presented during the entire program, which lasted more than six hours.

The final speech of the day was offered by H.E. Salva Kiir. The president thanked UPF and described UPF as a leading peace organization of the entire world, working closely with the UN, especially in promoting harmony among religions. He repeated that he was moved and deeply humbled to receive the Leadership and Good Governance Award from UPF.

UPF Visits South Sudan President

On Monday, October 5, 2020, a UPF delegation paid a visit to President Salva Kiir at his official office in Juba. The four-person delegation comprised of UPF International Chairman Dr. Thomas Walsh, Vice President Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Executive Director of UPF-Kenya Rev. Frederick Wakhisi and former government minister Nyanguek Kuol. They congratulated the premier for receiving the Leadership and Good Governance Award and affirmed UPF's cooperation in promoting and upholding peace within the region and worldwide. ❖

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Juba Peace Agreement Rally



UPF Webinars: Peace Talks & Associations

UPF INTERNATIONAL	
April 17, 2020	A Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis
April 24, 2020	Governance Challenges in the Era of the Coronavirus
May 1, 2020	The Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing the Coronavirus Crisis (IAPP)
May 8, 2020	Prospects and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments
May 15, 2020	The Covid 19 Crisis and its Impact on Families
May 22, 2020	USA, China and International Relations in the Post-Covid Era: Cold War or Rapprochement?
May 29, 2020	Challenges and Prospects for Peace in the Holy Land: A Conversation during the Time of Covid 19
June 3, 2020	Latin America in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities
June 5, 2020	Searching for Peace in our Cities: A Conversation about Race, Justice, Solidarity and Peace (IAFLP)
June 19, 2020	The Leadership of Women in Times of Crisis (IAFLP)
June 27, 2020	Post-Covid Economic Recovery and Development in the Americas (ISCP)
July 4, 2020	ISCP - Rebuilding & Renewing Our Nations' in the Post-Covid-19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values (ISCP)
October 15, 2020	15th Annual Session of Global Forum on Human Settlements: Post-Pandemic Recovery and Transformation: Resilient Cities, Healthy Planet
October 22, 2020	Helping Children and Families in All Circumstances
November 19, 2020	Child Welfare during Covid: Can We Improve How we Help Families?







AFRICA	
May 25, 2020	Creating an Interdependent and Prosperous Africa in a World in Conflict at the Time of the Covid 19 Crisis
June 6, 2020	Global Parents Day 2020 & Launch HP Holy Community
July 4, 2020	ISCP - Rebuilding & Renewing Our Nations' in the Post-Covid-19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values (ISCP)
December 1, 2020	ILC: World Peace and Reconciliation of the Korean Pacific

ASIA PACIFIC	
April 18, 2020	Deep Ecology and the Role of Human in the Entire Universe
April 22, 2020	A Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis
May 2, 2020	Being Self-Aware, Responsible, and Loving

May 8,2020	The Role of Religious Leaders: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis (IAPD)
May 15, 2020	A Vision for World Peace: The Need for Universal Values (IAAP)
May 16, 2020	The UN International Day of Families: Alleviation of Poverty
May 22, 2020	The Role of Youth: Moving Through and Beyond Covid 19 Crisis
May 25, 2020	Tackling Issues Related to the Pandemic and How We Can Bring Different Solutions To This Time
May 28, 2020	Public Awareness and Prevention for the "New Normal" after Covid 19
May 30, 2020	Relationships and Peacebuilding: Digital Technology and Covid 19
May 30, 2020	Rethinking South Asia's Future in a Post Coronavirus World
June 1, 2020	Global Day of Parents: Parental Love is the Key in Combating Covid 19
June 4, 2020	A Vision for World Peace: The Need for Universal Values (IAAP)
June 6, 2020	Covid-19 Pandemic & Its Impact on Education: Finding A Way Forward (IAAP)
June 10,2020	Covid 19: The Role of Faith based Organizations and Religious Leaders (IAPD)
June 11,2020	Challenges in Governance in Our Time of a Global Pandemic: Southeast Asian Perspective
June 12,2020	A Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis (Bangladesh)
June 12,2020	A Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis (Bhutan)
June 13,2020	Attachment Style Influence on Relationships
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June 17,2020	Ready for Change: The Role of Youth and Students Moving Through and Beyond the Global Pandemic
June 20,2020	Moving Through and Beyond the Covid-19 Crisis (IAPD)
June 23, 2020	The World at a Turning Point: The Role of the Media (IMAP)
June 26, 2020	The Situation around Covid-19 in Central Asia: Impact on Life Style and Prognosis for the Post-Pandemic Era (IAPP)
June 27, 2020	The Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing the Coronavirus Crisis (IAPP)
June 27, 2020	Our Responsibility as Peace-Loving Citizens
July 1, 2020	Corona Pandemic and its Impact in Human Life: The Way Forward
July 9, 2020	ISCP - Rebuilding and Renewing our Nations in the Post-Covid 19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values (ISCP, IAFLP)
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August 27, 2020	A Vision for World of Peace: The Need for Universal Values
September 5, 2020	Marking Teachers' Day: Saluting the Role of Teachers in the COVID-19 Era (IAAP)
September 21, 2020	Peace to Non-Violence:12 Day Campaign
September 21, 2020	Universal Values in Our Global Village in celebration of the International Day of Peace
October 1, 2020	Providing Vision and Leadership for Nation Building and Peace
October 17, 2020	Being Self-Aware, Responsible and Loving
November 7, 2020	The Quest for Trustworthy Journalism in an Age of Unchecked Social Media and Fake News (IMAP)
December 12,2020	The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Building a Heavenly Unified World (IAPD)
December 13, 2020	Planning Meeting for a Roadmap for Peacebuilding (IAAP)
December 29,2020	The Role of Religion in Building a Heavenly Unified World (IAPD)



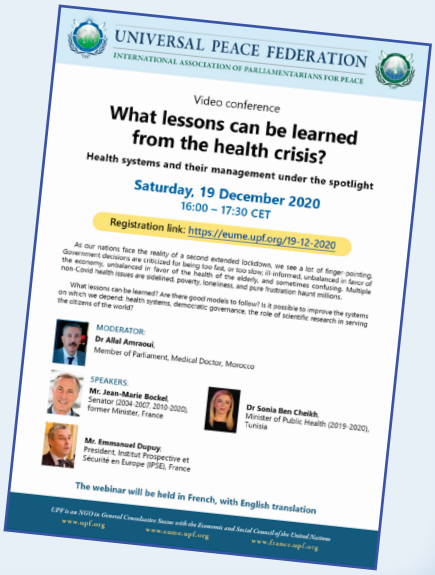


EUROPE, EURASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST	
April 2,2020	Post COVID World: What Chance for Universal Peace Federation's Ideals of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity & Universal Values?
April 8,2020	Passion Week in the Holy Land: Peace, and Covid-19 (IAPD)
April 16,2020	Domestic Violence During Lockdown
April 18,2020	Facing Our Futures - Passing Values on to the Next Generation:
April 20,2020	Spring Week of Goodness 2020 and a New Reality Relief Action during Covid 19 Pandemic
April 26,2020	Jerusalem Forum for Understanding and Cooperation Among Religions - Interfaith Prayer (IAPD)
April 30,2020	The Role of Religion and the Importance of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation (IAPD)
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May 20,2020	The World in a Multiconfessional Society: Utopia or Reality? (IAPD)
May 21,2020	The Role of Faith & Spirituality in the Time of Covid-19 (IAPD)
May 25, 2020	Contribution of the African Diaspora to Peace Here and There
May 25, 2020	Creating an Interdependent and Prosperous Africa in a World in Conflict at the Time of the Covid 19 Crisis
May 26, 2020	Reflecting on 75 Years since World War II: Toward a Vision for Global Peace and Development Post Covid 19 (IAPP)
May 30, 2020	Decoding Parenting: 7 Weeks of the Family as a School of Love
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June 1, 2020	Post Covid - 19: How Can Parliamentarians Improve Global Governance
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June 9, 2020	Assessing the Role of News Media in the Global COVID-19 Crisis (IMAP)
June 14, 2020	International Media Association of Russia Meeting (IMAP)
June 15, 2020	Peace Talks Focuses on European Values
June 17, 2020	Young People Speak Out On Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities
June 18, 2020	Political Cooperation and Good Governance: Essential for Social Cohesion and Recovery (IAPP)
June 18, 2020	Ukrainian Peace School Meetings
June 20, 2020	World Refugee Day: Hope between Borders: Refugees and Migrants

June 26, 2020	The European Union in the Context of an Emerging New Rules based Global World Order (ISCP)
June 29, 2020	World of My Future: My Family, My Russia: Lessons from the Covid Pandemic
July 2, 2020	Interreligious Association for Peace and Development Meeting (IAPD)
July 2, 2020	Interdependence and Shared Prosperity: Crisis and Opportunities for a Fair and Sustainable Economy
July 9, 2020	Peace Talk Focusing on the Media (IMAP)
July 9, 2020	Czech Webinar Honors International Day of Parliamentarianism
July 16, 2020	Peace Values Forum
July 30, 2020	The Western Balkans: Facing up to Historical Challenges and Seizing Looming Opportunities (ISCP)
August 8, 2020	Recognition of Youth Ambassadors for Peace
September 7, 2020	Interreligious Forum: The Universal Identity of God (IAPD)
October 7, 2020	Interfaith Forum: Hope and Meaning in Days of Transience and Uncertainty (IAPD)
October 12, 2020	Meeting of Dept. for Economic Development of the Alliance of the Nations of the World (IAED)
October 13, 2020	Interreligious Forum: God as Father and Mother (IAPD)
November 5, 2020	Young Achievers Engaging with Parliamentarians (IAPP)
November 6, 2020	New Horn of Africa
November 7, 2020	Physical Vacuum: The New Scientific Paradigm of the 21st Century (IAAP)
November 10, 2020	Addressing Recent Attack on Civilians in Vienna
November 10, 2020	Prospects for Peace on the Korean Peninsula
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November 27, 2020	Incentives for a Rapprochement on the Korean Peninsula
November 29, 2020	Looking Back on UPF Activities in 2020
December 3,2020	Africa's Century—Opportunities and Challenges for Europe
December 3,2020	Goodness in Action! - UN International Volunteer Day
December 8,2020	Spiritual Values Are the Basis for the Sustainable Development of Russia (IAPD)
December 9,2020	The Right to Spirituality for Peace and Human Development Inauguration of IAPD Italy (IAPD)
December 10,2020	Lebanon Launches International Association for Peace and Development (IAPD)
December 11,2020	Religion: A Way to Peace or a Cause of Conflict (IAPD)
December 12,2020	Religious Leaders: A Source of Hope and Harmony for People in Times of Crisis (IAPD)
December 14,2020	Universal Values: Faith, Society, and the Way to Harmony
December 19,2020	What Lessons Can Be Learned from the Health Crisis? Health Systems and Their Management in the Spotlight (IAPP)
December 27,2020	Unification of the Korean Peninsula – Historical, National, and Geopolitical Aspects (IAAP)







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March 23, 2020	UPF Principles of Peace: Vision for Peace
April 6, 2020	UPF Principles of Peace: Cause of Human Conflict
April 9, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #1 (IAPD)
April 16, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #2 (IAPD)
April 18, 2020	Peace Forum: Abraham's Table: Bridging the Religious Divide Perspectives on Peace (IAPD)
April 20, 2020	UPF Principles of Peace: Principle of Reconciliation
April 23, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #3 (IAPD)
April 30, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #4 (IAPD)
May 4, 2020	People-To-People
May 7, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #5 (IAPD)
May 14, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #6 (IAPD)
May 18, 2020	Principles of Peace: God the Author of Peace
May 21, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #7 (IAPD)
May 28, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #8 (IAPD)
June 1, 2020	Special Forum on George Floyd: Bridging the Divide in America
June 2, 2020	Role of Parents for Sustainable Development and World Peace
June 4, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #9 (IAPD)
June 11, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and the World #10 (IAPD)
June 15, 2020	Racism, Socialism or Godism: You Choose
June 18, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #11 (IAPD)
June 25, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #12 (IAPD)
June 27, 2020	Post-Covid Economic Recovery and Development in the Americas (ISCP)
July 2, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #13 (IAPD)
July 9, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #14 (IAPD)
July 18, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #15 (IAPD)
July 23, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #16 (IAPD)
July 30, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #17 (IAPD)
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August 27, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #21 (IAPD)
September 3, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #22 (IAPD)
September 10, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #23 (IAPD)
September 17, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #24 (IAPD)
September 24, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #25 (IAPD)
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October 8, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #27 (IAPD)
October 15, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #28 (IAPD)
October 19, 2020	The Role of Interfaith Practitioners in Building Lasting Peace (IAPD)
October 22, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World # 29 (IAPD)
October 29, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World # 30 (IAPD)
November 5, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #31 (IAPD)
November 12, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #32 (IAPD)
November 19, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #33 (IAPD)
November 25, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #34 (IAPD)
December 3, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #35 (IAPD)
December 10, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #36 (IAPD)
December 15, 2020	Interfaith Cooperation in Building a “Culture of Peace” (IAPD)



December 17, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #37 (IAPD)
December 23, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #38 (IAPD)
December 30, 2020	Interfaith Prayer for the Nation and World #39 (IAPD)

SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

April 15, 2020	Ambassadors for Peace Meeting
May 5, 2020	The Role of Parliamentarians in Building a World of Peace (IAPP)
May 18, 2020	Weekly Reflection Session: Science and Ethics
May 26, 2020	The Pandemic and the Consequences for the Future, Peru (IAPP)
June 3, 2020	Latin America in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities
June 4, 2020	UPF Argentina Commemorates International Day of Families
June 10, 2020	Peace with Our Neighbor
June 26, 2020	Peace Values in Times of Crisis (IAPP)
June 27, 2020	Post-Covid Economic Recovery and Development in the Americas (ISCP)
July 11, 2020	The Caribbean in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities
July 16, 2020	Looking Beyond the Pandemic: How Can We Build a Better World?
July 23, 2020	Interreligious People and Sustainable Development (IAPD)
July 25, 2020	The Central America in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Government and Civil Society Leaders
July 30, 2020	Challenges and Opportunities for Faith Communities in aftermath of Covid 19 (IAPD)
August 17, 2020	Love All Creation
August 18, 2020	Leadership and Cooperation
August 28, 2020	Education and Values: Suggestions and Challenges for the Day After (IAPP)
September 2, 2020	Inaugural Assembly of the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP)
September 9, 2020	The Family and the Common Good
September 11, 2020	Strengthening Ties in the Americas Through Building New Bridges and Opportunities to Increase Mutual Cooperation (IAPP)
September 14, 2020	Honoring a Peace Legacy
September 21, 2020	IDP: Shaping Peace Together
September 21, 2020	Forging Peace Together: International Day of Peace
September 21, 2020	International Day of Peace: Let's Realize a World of Sustainable Peace with Mutual Interdependence (IAPP, IAPD, IAAP)
September 23, 2020	International Day of Peace: Poetry Award Ceremony
October 14, 2020	Education and Values
October 15, 2020	Inaugural Assembly for International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)
October 24, 2020	Inauguration of IMAP: The Role of Media in Times of Crisis: How the Media Can Spread Values of Social Transformation (IMAP)
October 26, 2020	Development and Cooperation: Proposals and Challenges for the Day After (IAPP)
October 31, 2020	The Role of Leaders in Promoting Interdependence, Mutual Cooperation and Universal Values
November 7, 2020	Peace Talk with South American Clergy (IAPD)
November 11, 2020	Spirituality and Interreligiosity (IAPD)
November 16, 2020	Environment and Sustainability (IAPP)
November 27, 2020	The Reunification of Korea and World Peace through Interdependence Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values, in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War
December 5, 2020	The Importance of Christian Unity and Cooperation for Peace and Human Development
December 7, 2020	Public Management and Transparency: Proposals and Challenges for the Day After
December 10, 2020	Inauguration of IAPD Peru (IAPD)
December 19, 2020	Creating a Unified and Heavenly World of Peace (IAPD)
December 21, 2020	Christmas and Our Mission



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION
PEACE TALKS Caribbean

Greetings from UPF Central America and the Caribbean HQ

We are pleased to announce a special Caribbean Peace Talks Webinar, scheduled for **Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 19:00 P.M. (Dominican Republic Time)**

The topic for this "Peace Talks" Webinar is: **The Caribbean in the Era of the Covid 19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities**

Backgrounder: The COVID 19 pandemic is bringing widespread difficulties to many parts of the world, East, West, North and South. Governments and citizens are facing enormous challenges, politically, socially and economically, all in addition to the threat that the virus itself brings to each one of us. Governments around the world are doing their best to respond effectively and expeditiously to the pandemic and the disruption and suffering it brings.

Recent "Peace Talks" have focused on Africa, Europe, USA, China, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean. For this webinar, our attention turns to the Caribbean region. We have a very strong group of panelists who share their perspectives on a variety of issues related to the pandemic from political, economic, to social issues. It is our hope that this convention will provide insight into the grim realities faced in the Caribbean region as well as the "best practices" that are emerging.

Panelists

H.E. Dame Pearlette Louisy, was the Governor-General of Saint Lucia from 1997 to 2017. She was the first woman to hold this office. She has contributed significantly to the development of Education in Saint Lucia, having spent most of her professional life in the teaching profession. As Governor General, she tirelessly supported activities and charities promoting arts, culture, sport and youth development.

Dr. Godwin Friday, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History & Political Science – University of Waterloo, Canada; Masters in History – University of Waterloo – Canada; Bachelor of Laws Degree – Queen's University Canada; and a Doctorate in Political Studies – Queen's University Canada. In the 2001 Elections, he was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Northern Grenadines and currently leader of the opposition in St Vincent & the Grenadines

Mrs. Ana Maria Dominguez, is Governor of Santiago, Dominican Republic, she carries out a work focused on disability, the elderly and children at risk. Professional in Social Communication and Business Administration. Is active member of the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD), serving as Provincial Head of Women for several periods.

Mrs. Vicki Ann Assevero, is the Founder and Executive Director of The Green Market, Santa Cruz, Trinidad & Tobago. An International lawyer a graduate of Yale College, Harvard Law school who recently became a fellow at Berkely College at Yale University.

After the presentations, there will be time for Questions /Answers
-Questions may be sent to upfca.peacetalks@gmail.com

We hope you will join us for this important conversation. "Peace Talks" on July 11.
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We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles S. Yang
Chairman,
Central America and Caribbean

Mr. Leonidas Belliard
FFWPU.-Sub Region Director
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Basic Program Schedule

(Bangkok Standard Time)

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11:30 AM	Session Two:	ISCP: Perspectives from Current and Former Heads of State
2:00 PM	Session Three:	IAPP: Perspectives from Current and Former Parliamentarians
4:00 PM	Session Four:	IAPD: Perspectives from Religious and Spiritual Leaders

Saturday, September 12, 2020

10:00 AM	Session Five:	A Tribute to the Universal Peace Federation (2005-2020)
11:30 AM	Session Six:	IAFLP: Perspectives from First Ladies and Women Leaders
2:00 PM	Session Seven:	IMAP: Perspectives from the Media
4:00 PM	Session Eight:	IAAP: Perspectives from Academicians

Sunday, September 13, 2020

2:00 PM	Session Nine:	IAED: Perspectives from Business Leaders
4:00 PM	Session Ten:	Closing Session with IAYSP and Call to Action



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION
Interreligious Association for Peace and Development
PeaceTalks Central America Caribbean

Greetings from UPF Central America and the Caribbean HQ

We are pleased to announce a special Interreligious Association for Peace and Development - AIPD Peace Talks Webinar, scheduled for **Thursday, July 30th, 2020** at **7:00 P.M.** (New York Time)

Backgrounder:

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought widespread difficulties to many parts of the world. Governments are facing enormous challenges, politically, socially and economically and doing their best to respond effectively to the disruption and suffering caused by the pandemic.

UPF affirms that any successful strategy for peace must take into account the spiritual dimension of our human identity, experience and interactions. Based on this worldview, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development will focus this webinar on the challenges and opportunities of the faith communities in this time of recovery and interrogation about the future.

PANELISTS

Moderator
Mr. Remy Tauzier, is the Director of the Universal Peace Federation in St Lucia. He is working to strengthen families as an essential way to deal with poverty, violence and crime in the nation. He has conducted numerous workshops for conflict resolution and character education in schools and youth groups.

Host
Dr. Charles S. Yang, is Vice Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation of Central America and Caribbean. He led the UPF's Middle East Peace Initiative for ten years. He served as Chairman of the Washington Times Foundation and initiated the Northeast Asia Peace activities. He was Father Moon's Special Assistant for 12 years as a Chairman of the USA movement.

Father Ignatius Dominic Savio Céteute, is the Roman Catholic priest of the Soufriere parish in Saint Lucia. He has been priest for 31 years. He has a Master in Professional Counseling and did post graduate studies in Human Ecology and Family Systems. He is a licensed Professional Counsellor.

Rev. Guillermo Osorno, is a pastor of the Assemblies of God. President of a political party named, "Camino Cristiano Nicaraguense" Nicaraguan Christian Way.
He has a M.Sc in Political Science from the "Evangelical University, Martin Luther King" in Nicaragua and a Doctorate in Theology from the Universidad Latina de Theology in Honduras.

Major Darrell Wilkinson, is the director of the Salvation Army in Barbados.
He is also the Chairman of the Christian Council of Barbados. The Salvation Army has always been a champion for taking care of the poor and needy.

Dr. Carlos Heriberto Rivas, Pastor, Bachelor of Psychology and Doctor of Pastoral Theology. Founder of the 7th International Revival Tabernacle. He is part of the Latin American Theological. He is currently the leader of the International Revival Tabernacle (TRI), a church that gathers around 10,000 people Corporation (CCTV).

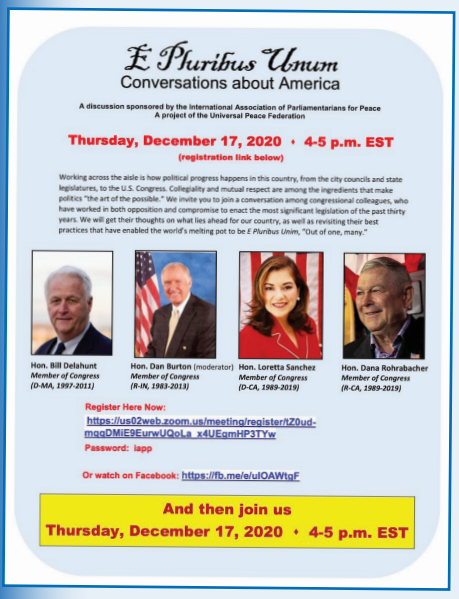
Hon. Francisco Liranzo, is a member of the Parliament of Dominican Republic and part of the Environment Committee. Former Vice Minister of Tourism and President of Lions Club of Santo Domingo Naco. UPF Ambassador for Peace and prominent member of an Evangelical Church.

The topic for this 'Peace Talks" Webinar is:

"Challenges and Opportunities for faith communities in the aftermath of Covid-19"

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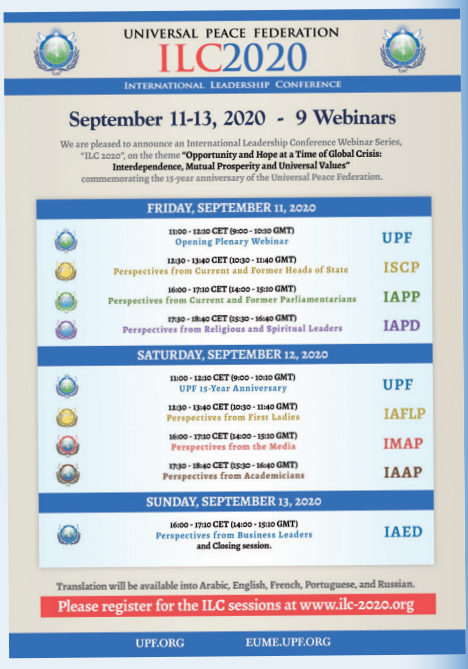
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17:30 - 18:40 CET (15:30 - 16:40 GMT) Perspectives from Religious and Spiritual Leaders	IAPD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

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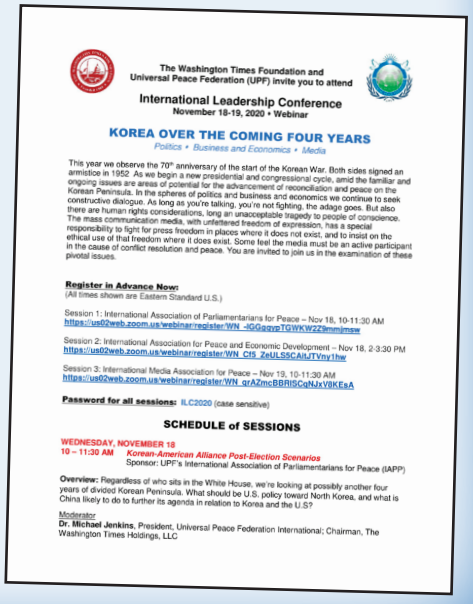
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Session 2: International Association for Peace and Economic Development – Nov 18, 2-3:30 PM
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Session 3: International Media Association for Peace – Nov 19, 10-11:30 AM
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SCHEDULE of SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10 – 11:30 AM *Korean-American Alliance Post-Election Scenarios*
Sponsor: UPF's International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)

Overview: Regardless of who sits in the White House, we're looking at possibly another four years of divided Korean Peninsula. What should be U.S. policy toward North Korea, and what is China likely to do to further its agenda in relation to Korea and the U.S?

Moderator
Dr. Michael Jenkins, President, Universal Peace Federation International; Chairman, The Washington Times Holdings, LLC

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