

## Higher Purpose Forum: Thomas Walsh - Quest for Justice - Zoom Meeting 2/13

James B. Edgerly  
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### Presentation & Discussion Series

**CORRECTED TIME**

**Tomorrow, February 13 @ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM**

*(Registration Required)*

Co-Hosted with

HJ International Graduate School (formerly UTS)



**HJ International**

GRADUATE SCHOOL for  
PEACE and PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

**Presenter - Dr. Thomas Walsh**

President, HJ International Graduate School

**"The Quest for Justice"**

**Introduction - James B. Edgerly**

Director, Higher Purpose Forum

**"A Simple Context for New Ideas in Justice &  
Economic Democracy"**

[ZOOM Registration Link \(New\)](#)

Dear Gary

We welcome you to join our meeting tomorrow Tuesday (Feb 13), co-hosted with the HJ International Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership (HJI). Our speaker will be **Dr.**

**Thomas Walsh**, President of HJI.

This session is being presented in the context of the Higher Purpose Forum series on “**Economic Democracy**”, led by Alan Jessen. Alan led two sessions on Economic Democracy during 2023. This topic will be featured at the HJI Conference on Peace & Public Leadership on April 11 to 13.

“Justice” is often used as a term with gravitas. However, its meaning is not always well understood or agreed upon. Philosophers from Aristotle to John Rawls have sought to clarify the meaning of justice as a basis for building a good or just society. Still, concepts such as “economic justice” or “social justice” remain highly complex and, therefore, topics of robust disagreement. Often communities form around particular theories of justice, standing in contrast with other communities. In some respects, the Cold Wars, I and II, have roots in contrasting theories of justice; likewise, our polarized political parties.

In this program, we will discuss the concept of justice, seeking at least to arrive at some advanced clarity about the complexity of the concept and its application to economic, political, and social contexts.



## Presenter

### Thomas Walsh, PhD

President of HJI Graduate School of Peace & Justice Studies; Professor of Religion and Peace

A 1979 graduate of HJI, Dr. Walsh earned his Ph.D. in 1986 at Vanderbilt University’s School of Religion where he specialized in the study of Religion and Ethics. Dr. Walsh has taught courses in religion, philosophy and ethics at a number of colleges and universities, including at HJI.

Dr. Walsh has worked closely with HJI Co-Founders, Rev Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in the establishment and in the leadership of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). Most recently he served as the International Chair of UPF, which holds General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and which has active chapters in more than 120 countries.

## **NEW** Registration Link for this Meeting:

[zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtcu6urTgtG9eYTUGKbszyxwo-BdyMGPak](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEtcu6urTgtG9eYTUGKbszyxwo-BdyMGPak)

## Upcoming HPF Meetings

**Sat. March 2**

**The Implications of God as our “Heavenly Parent”**

Pastor Barbara Robertson, Pastor Justin Okamoto, and Kaeleigh Moffitt (WFWP)

**Tues. March 12** (Co-hosted with HJI)

**The Unity Between Science & Religion: Past, Present and Future**

Henry Christopher, HJI Staff

**Tues. March 26** (Co-hosted with HJI)

**The Principle’s Perspective on Science according to Wollf Wonbon**

Dr. Andrew Wilson, HJI Professor of Scriptural Studies

**Tues. April 9**

**Building a Racially Integrated Culture: A Unificationist Perspective, Part I**

Jeffrey Kingsley & Christine Edwards

**Thurs. April 11 – Sat. April 13**

**1st HJI Conference on Peace and Public Leadership**

“Addressing Challenges of our Time”

Session IV: Friday, April 12 8:00 – 9:30 PM EST

HPF Session on Economic Democracy

Alan Jessen, IADP; Professor Robert Ashford, Syracuse University; Dawn Brohawn, Center of Economic and Social Justice

Sincerely,

James Edgerly

Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)



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