

UPF-Canada: Social Engagement & Loyal Citizenship Among Disaffected Youth

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Toronto, Canada -- UPF-Canada's upcoming conference on "Encouraging Social Engagement & Loyal Citizenship Among Disaffected Youth" was the focus of the chapter's monthly meeting in September.

The conference, which UPF is co-organizing with the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), an affiliated organization, will take place on October 27, 2016.

Rev. Mitch Dixon, co-chair of UPF-Canada's Central District, detailed the plan for and encouraged all those in attendance to help with and participate in the conference.

Dr. Hoossen Auckberaullee, also co-chair of UPF-Canada's Central District, suggested the conference, which will feature speakers from government and civil society in Toronto, also have a few members and supporters of UPF-Canada as speakers.

Everyone agreed that UPF and WFWP should share a common approach to developing networks of leaders from all spheres of life and that Ambassadors for Peace should approach eligible individuals to be a part of UPF's initiatives. In addition, "Educating for Peace" will be the main objective of all members and supporters of UPF-Canada's Central District.

Taking the discussion further, Auth. Qamrul Khanson, recording secretary of UPF-Canada's Central District, suggested the chapter form a team with selected speakers from the conference and present topics that were discussed at it on Horizon, an interfaith television program produced by Canadian public-access corporation Rogers TV -- as the chapter did earlier this year. The shows could be done at a minimal cost and could be posted on YouTube, Google and other social networks to reach a larger audience, in particular, those concerned about the rise in the crime rate and illegal sexual habits, as well as the increasing marginalization of religious and cultural communities in Canada.

Rev. Dixon took this idea seriously, and the chapter will hold further talks on it. Rev. Stoyan Tadin and Mrs. Lilly Tadin, president of WFWP-Canada, offered their support for this proposal. Also Mrs. Tadin reminded everyone about as well as invited everyone to participate in the upcoming poetry competition promoting peace.