

Establishment of Albanian Peace Council in Presheva, South Serbia

26th – 27th of April 2014

Gi Young Shin

On 26th and 27th of April 2014, the Albanian Peace Council which was established by the Universal Peace Federation of Albania and Kosovo last November, organized in the city of Presheva – South Serbia the activity to establish the Presheva Peace Council.



A delegation of over 20 AfP and VIPs, founders of Albanians Peace Council from Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo and Chameria area, headed by the Former President of Albania Alfred Moisiu and the Special Envoy of TP to Albania and Kosovo Rev. Gi Young Shin, traveled long hours to attend the conference under the theme: **Ambassadors for Peace: Living for The Sake of Others.**

On the evening of 26th, the delegation was welcomed officially at his office by the Mayor of Presheva Commune Dr. Sc. Ragmi Mustafa, an Ambassador for Peace since 2012. The delegation was provided the best protocol service and was broadcasted on the media all the time.



Early morning on the 27th, the whole delegation traveled to the nearby city called Bujanoc; a city with the population consisting of Albanian majority. The delegation was welcomed at the Mayor's Office and expressed great consideration and appreciation.



At 10.00 AM the event started at the TV station conference hall in Presheva with an attendance of around 100 local government VIPs and authorities, academicians, teachers, and leaders from civil society.



The moderator of the first session was Mr. Bajram Ibraj, Chairman of the Presiding Council of UPF Albania and the one who invested the most to make this event a great success.

The main message of the first session was given by President of Albania 2002-2007 and member of Global Peace Council of UPF Alfred Moisiu. He expressed his joy and happiness being able for the first time to be among Albanian people of Presheva Valley, see and understand better their situation and also give advices and guidance how to move forward and overcome the challenges they face. He appreciated very much the initiative of UPF and Ambassadors for Peace to establish UPF Peace Council on that area.



Then the Mayor of Presheva gave a clear overview of Presheva Valley situation and the challenges they had to go through during the last 100 years. He emphasized that people of the Valley were and will always be open to peace and face and challenge with peaceful means based on universal principles.



The next speaker was the Mayor of Bujanoc who greeted the conference & gave the message of equality, tolerance & harmony. He concluded with: *“live with honor, don't hurt anybody, and take what's yours”*.

Rev. Gi Young Shin, the Special Envoy of TP for Albania and Kosovo gave a profound talk, pointing out the sad reality of humanity today as it faces so many challenges and emphasized the need for peace and reconciliation by putting God at the center of their lives. He asked everybody to follow Father Moon's example by living for God and humanity. Rev. Shin also mentioned that need to establish a Balkan Peace Council which can help bring reconciliation & peace between Balkan nations who have suffered so much.



After a 10 minutes video presentation about UPF International activities and goals, Mr. Gani Rroshi, national leader of Albania gave a presentation about the 5 UPF's fundamental principles of peace.

The second session was moderated by the Coordinator of the Albanians Peace Council Mr. Ali Lacej who is also one of the founders of UPF in Albania and promoter of True Parents teachings.



Prominent VIPs and members of Albanians Peace Council, such as Former Finance Minister and Chairman of National Peace Council Dr. Arben Malaj, Chairman of Albanian Diplomatic Academy and honorary vice President of Sun Moon University Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, former Minister of Transports and member of Global Peace Council Dr. Gaqo Apostoli, Professor of Tirana University from Chamëria area Prof. Dr. Selman Sheme, the members of Kosovo UPF Presiding Council Mr. Agim Rexhepi, Chairman of Albanian National Peace Council 2011-2013 Mrs. Lavdie Ruci, the famous composer and vice chairman of UPF Prof. Flamur Shehu, Former vice minister of Education and Health and vice Chair of UPF Dr. Saemira Pino, Former champion and Member of Parliament Mrs. Marieta Zaçe, Chairman of Image and Media Forum Dr. Astrit Memia, President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Mr. Gani Rroshi and Albanian UPF Secretary General Mr. Sokol Rexhepi, gave heartfelt talks and conveyed the message of peace, love, reconciliation, encouragement and faith based on divine mission of UPF Founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, True Parents, whose key message is that humanity will be able to live in peace only when people will understand that they are all part of 'ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD'.



At the end of the conference, 7 VIPs were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. In this way the Peace Council of Presheva was established and its chairman was elected Mr. Shukri Ymeri from Presheva, Vice Chairman Mrs. Adelina Hasani from Bujanoci & Secretary of Council Mr. Baftjar Krasniqi from Medvedjia. The whole conference was broadcasted live for 4 hours so that all people of Presheva Valley would see.





We could feel spiritually that the whole event was a great success and all participants were very happy. We hope we could open a window for true peace and reconciliation among Albanians.

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