



Women's Federation for World Peace

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From the National Office

This past month has been such a busy time for me personally because of report writing and marking student's assessment tasks at school. Now that report writing is over, I can catch my breath and focus on our WFWP activities. All I feel is gratitude to my 'sisters' who so warmly volunteer their time to make all our activities and service projects possible.



Through our website, Mr. Dickinson (from Brisbane) contacted us about the sewing machines he repairs for the purpose of supporting the women of the Pacific. Collectively, the WFWP Australia Chapters have been able to support the realisation of Mr. Dickson's vision with both the finance and the organisation within the Pacific Islands through our WFWP Pacific Island chapter activities. Two crates of used and repaired sewing machines are on their way to the Solomon Island New Hope Academy Kindergarten. This will assist the Kindergarten financially by opening a Sewing Centre to raise funds to support the development of the school; a requirement for schools within the Solomon Islands. Another two crates are ready to be sent to Fiji for the purpose of opening a Sewing Centre there as well. Funds raised in Victoria in March for the 'Support our Pacific Island Neighbours' annual walk-a-thon have purchased portable solar lights worth \$4,000 for remote villages on Tanna Island, Vanuatu. These are now on their way to Lamnutu.

Some food for thought from the words of Mahatma Gandhi:

"Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviour. Keep your behaviour positive because your behaviour becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny."

Her Story -

Reflective Piece for Women Federation for World Peace

My name is Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts. I am the National Patron for the WFF in Australia. Since taking on this role over 12 months ago, it's been a pleasure working with my "sister" Mrs. Anne Bellavance the National President, Mrs. Arai and many others. The work that Anne does with fellow women, and of course with the support of their husbands and families, is inspiring.

In the last six months for example, we had numerous activities but my two favorites were the Walk-a-thon, our Women's Day activity to raise funds for our Pacific and Islander Friends; the other was travelling to Shepparton in rural Victoria Australia to donate sewing machines to a women's group, mainly humanitarian entrants to Australia.

Such activities do not only bring joy to the recipients but also to the donors. In the course of raising

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*Please keep healthy this winter and for us for live in the south, keep warm.
God Bless.*

Anne Bellavance
President WFWP, Australia

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The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers



“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. ... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love.”

Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon
Founder, WFWP International

Overview of WFWP activities in Oceania

W^F**W**^P chapters adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion can create healthy families and resolve the complex problems of our societies and the world.

The philosophy behind WFWP is:

Shine & stand up

Action; starting in the family

Transformation through teaching

Impact with love

Nurture self & others

Since the inauguration of WFWP International in 1992, WFWP is now active in 122 nations worldwide. As an NGO, WFWP obtained the prestigious General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations after only three years of international humanitarian service. Go to our Australian chapter website to see where and how you can get involved. www.wfwpaustralia.org WFWP Australia supports projects within the Island nations of the Oceania region. These include Books for the Islands, the New Hope Academy Kindergarten (Solomon Islands), the Vanuatu Women’s Centre, the Island Lights Project, marriage, family and wellness education, character education and reconciliation through the Bridge of Peace ceremonies.

Join us in our efforts to promote a culture of peace through fostering dialogue, developing projects that nurture reconciliation and conflict resolution, supporting projects that serve the community and ones that overcome racial boundaries. They all centre on the inherent feminine characteristics of care, empathy, support, nurturance and cooperation. Connect with other likeminded people around the world who are dedicated to a more harmonious and peaceful world. WFWP contact details can be found on the back page of this newsletter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Aims & Activities



WFWP Chapters adhere to the principle that women, working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families, are resolving the complex problems of our societies and world.

Ultimately “solutions” come as true partnerships between men and women are established in all levels of society. The beginning point is within society’s most elemental level - the family. Therefore, WFWP works to provide women worldwide with: the knowledge, tools and support needed to create peace at home, peace in our communities and our nation.

Victoria

Support our Pacific Island Neighbours WALK-A-THON



support the Women's Sewing Centres and Character Education programs for youth. At present, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu have active WFWP chapters within their nations.

"A very nice event with friendly people, good food and music. I was happy to get sponsored to support the cause in Vanuatu," wrote Beth Treacy from Belgrave Heights.

What a fun way to launch the 'Support our Pacific Neighbours WALK-A-THON' by challenging the 1000 Steps Kokoda Trail in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges National Park. The track is nestled in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges situated on the outskirts of Melbourne. Saturday 7 March was our 'walk off.' The walk-a-thon was a whole community, family event in partnership with Family Federation for World Peace Unification (FFWPU), Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP). Considering the hot summer and the rainy nature of Melbourne during all the other seasons, the 1st Saturday of Autumn was chosen as the date for the annual walk-a-thon event.

"Years ago our Australian soldiers walked in the Pacific Islands during a time of war and were supported by our Pacific Island neighbours. Through this walk-a-thon, now Australians walk to support them," said John Bellavance (Vice-President UPF, Australia).

The goal of the walk-a-thon is to raise funds for the WFWP Australia projects within the Oceania Island Nations. WFWP Australia has undertaken practical service projects within the Oceania Island Nations since 2003. These include Books for the Islands, sewing machines sent to

participants registered before the walk-off and assembled behind the starting banner as 11am drew near. The siren sounded and they were off; some participants enjoying the uphill exercise while others challenged the track to make the fastest time. As a family activity, participants came from different cultural backgrounds, walks of life and age groups, including special needs, children, youth, adults and seniors. A big feature was the support of new-found



friends and old friends, as they made their way up the mountain. At the top of the track at One Tree Hill Picnic Ground, participants registered their walk

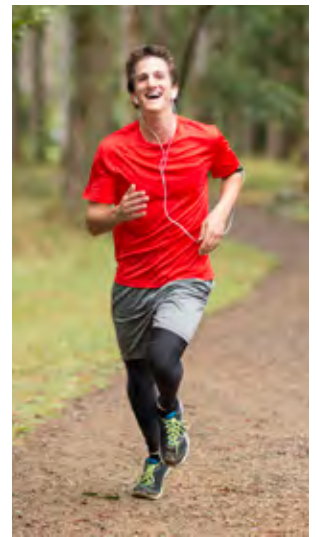


time and enjoyed entertainment and a hearty BBQ lunch. The finale of the afternoon saw first, second and third place winners being presented with their ribbons.

“The event was very exciting and a great experience to promote health factors,” Gai Scrivens from Yea said.

This year funds raised from the walk-a-thon will initiate the Island Lights Project, with the pilot initiative targeting the remote village of Lamnatu on Tanna Island, Vanuatu. How did this project

do homework at night and we can run businesses from home.” Since then, WFWP Australia has been working to raise funds to send high quality solar lighting to support the women of Lamnatu Village. The village is home to 340 people in 43 households and 15 family groups. The Island Lights Project will supply good quality hand held solar lanterns to the women of each family unit towards the middle of this year.



“Loved the challenge and being part of what will benefit the women in the Islands,” Adelaide Ntim-Duo from Mount Evelyn commented.



come about? One of our WFWP Committee members, Dianne Simboro, travelled to Tanna Island as a guest speaker for a health and wellbeing seminar organised for the village women of Tanna Island. Dianne asked the ladies what their needs were and the strong reply was “we need lighting so our children can



Easter morning Peace Breakfast, April 2015

Multi faith community Praying for Humanity

On Easter morning, Sunday 5 April, a dozen Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) members joined an interfaith breakfast hosted by UPF, WFWP and the All Saints Urdu-Hindi Church.

Steven Khan (AFP) welcomed everyone and gave the initial prayer for peace and for the breakfast we shared. His community is largely from the same area of Pakistan where Christians, Sikhs and Muslims share similar culture, food and language. He invited everyone to light a candle for peace.

Over 40 people listened to Catholics and Protestants with a strong respect for the Easter morning. Fr. Herman Roborgh has been attending UPF meetings for some time. John Bellavance shared the philosophy of peace building from the



perspectives of UPF and WFWP.

One of the keynote speakers, Narinderpal Singh, a representative on the National Sikh Council of Australia, felt at home speaking Punjabi in the All Saints Urdu-Hindi Church and eating bread made in the Pakistani tradition.

Randall Apps and Sue Kerr of the Geelong Interfaith Network both added their voices to the dialogue. Randall commented that in Interfaith, it is important to support each other and allow other faiths to be the best they can be, while strengthening own's own faith.

Rev Esura's daughters gave a show stopping song. The morning concluded with participants retiring to the garden to form a circle and share in silent prayer as a group.





Peace Building Seminar 30 May 2015

Friends and guests of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) gathered at Monash University in Melbourne for a seminar on the 'Principles of Peace Building.' This introductory seminar was the first in a series of five seminars that aim to explore the principles of peace building. Also in attendance, were some of the members of the UPF Victorian Peace Council, a Council that was recently established and which met for the first time earlier in the year. Some participants remarked that the peace building principles has the potential to provide the necessary shared, universal values that are needed to bring people to the table when they harbour opposing, extreme points of view. The principles can also offer an alternative for young people who may be seeking extreme options due to their heightened frustration with the current political system. Five people received their Ambassador for Peace awards and joined the international club of Ambassadors for Peace under UPF.



WFWP Vic. Anniversary Dinner

Good music, mocktails, balloons, Indian food, friends and family combined to make a warm, friendly and happy evening to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) International. WFWP International was inaugurated at the Olympic Stadium in South Korea by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in April 1992. WFWP Victoria has grown too large to run the anniversary dinner at a restaurant and we have since moved to the Mount Waverly Community Centre to facilitate our evening festivities.

We want to acknowledge the City of Monash for their generous support in providing the great venue. We would also like to thank all our business supporters who donated towards our fantastic raffle selection, many of whom are listed on our website. Councillor Rebecca Paterson from the City of Monash opened the evening by welcoming us to her Mount Waverley Ward. We had the pleasure of Hon. Hong Lim, state MP for Clarinda, share dinner with us. Although, Hon. Lim is extremely busy (he had eight functions to attend during the day), he is an advocate for our peace building initiatives and has participated in many of our other activities.

Highlights of the evening were: the door prizes and raffles that sparked everyone's interest in winning one of the great assortments on offer; a-cappella singing by Ajak Mabilia who had us tapping with her soul moving voice; Certificates of Appreciation presented to our WFWP volunteers who have volunteered throughout the past year, and the chance to test out the dance floor towards the end of the evening.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the evening memorable.



2015 Africa Day Australia Family and Youth Forum

African Australian Leadership within the fields of culture, social development, law, business and politics and youth entrepreneurship presented at a day long forum at RMIT University in the city. The 16 May Family and Youth Forum kicked off the week-long celebration of Africa Day Australia activities. For more information visit www.africadayaaustralia.org

The day was actually two forums combined. The morning session focused on the family, with the theme, 'Empowering African Australian Families: Sharing Success



and Challenges.' The afternoon session was youth-focused, with the theme, 'Changing face of the African Australian Youth in Australia.' The Forum is part of the week long celebrations centered on the UN recognised Africa Day. Speakers inspired all the attendees to feel empowered to change their own lives and the lives of others.

Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity, known as the Africa Union and comprises 53 African nations. Each year, Africa Day is an opportunity to celebrate the continent's achievements and to reflect on its challenges (e.g. armed conflict, climate change, and poverty). The African Union is now in its 53rd year.

The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) is a partner of Africa Day Australia (ADA). Anne Bellavance (WFWP National President) is one of the founding ADA Committee members in Melbourne, and WFWP Victoria supports the day by providing a beautiful morning tea spread of sweet and savory delights. The Forum Committee members were extremely grateful to the WFWP ladies who supported the Forum by providing homemade biscuits and cakes. WFWP members also were active at the registration table and the setup of the day.

From left: Adam Bandt federal member for Melbourne, Dr Appollo Nsubuga-Kyobe La Trobe University and Africa Day Australia (ADA) committee member, Anne Bellavance President Women's Federation for World Peace and ADA committee member, Fred Alale ADA committee member, Hon. Robin Scott MP Minister for Multicultural Affairs Victoria, Theresa Sengaagaa Ssali ADA committee member, Stephen Sibanda President Africa Day Australia, Ross Alatsas Chairperson for the Victorian Multicultural Commission and John Bellavance Vice-President ADA and Universal Peace Federation.



New South Wales

WFWP Annual National Meeting

Sydney, April 3 - 5 Written by Aila Willitts

The Annual Meeting started with reports and brainstorming about the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) 2015 activities, with a focus on synergy as a national chapter and building cooperative efforts with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Universal Peace Federation. The meetings were conducted over two days.

Women's Federation NSW met on Sunday 5 April in the Mercure Hotel, Sydney CBD. It was attended by the Australian President of WFWP, Anne Bellavance, (who is also the Oceania Vice-President of WFWP International) and representatives from the Melbourne and Queensland Chapters as well as the NSW Board members and WFWP members supporting the Sydney Chapter.

The meeting started with welcoming members, including those from interstate. Anne was acknowledged and thanked for her consistent leadership and care for the Australian chapters and for connecting us to our Island sisters in the Pacific. We had an opportunity to talk warmly about our personal experiences and learn more about each other.

We discussed how to make use of the resources available on our WFWP website, Google Drive and the videos on our YouTube channel. It was decided to support the Vanuatu relief this year through the proceeds raised through our Support our Pacific Island Neighbours Walk-a-thon. The NSW Chapter will organise luncheons, the walkathon in July and empowering women round table meetings.

During the meeting, WFWP NSW committed to conduct a series of workshops for Board members by studying the founding ideas of the WFWP and reaching out to other women's peace organisations.

This is in preparation for the launching of the national level Global Women's Peace Network in Sydney, NSW, in September 2015 during the week of the International Day of Peace.

I would like to thank all the ladies for attending. I would also like to thank Anne Bellavance, who is working hard to lift up and professionalise

WFWP Australia so we have more power to support our local and Pacific Island's friends.

The following are forward going directions for WFWP Australia that came through discussion with the WFWP national team; Anne Bellavance, Mamiko Rattley (Qld. Chairperson) and Aila Willitts (NSW Chairperson). Mamiko and Aila are also Vice-Presidents for our WFWP Australia chapters.

1. The WFWP Island Project bank account registered in Victoria will be used to hold money raised from Queensland, NSW and Victoria to support WFWP projects in the Islands and each year we will decide collectively which service project to support within the Pacific Island nations. This fund will also support WFWP Solomon Islands to have a regular internet access to communicate with WFWP regional and International. Once the WFWP Solomon Islands Chapter has regular communication with the regional headquarters, then if our members in Australia and New Zealand agree, the WFWP newsletter can be renamed as the WFWP Oceania Newsletter. Felicity Cairns from New Zealand also supports this concept.

2. An annual calendar of activities for each WFWP chapter is now uploaded onto the WFWP website under 'upcoming events'. A contact e-mail on the contact page of the website is also included for Queensland and NSW.

3. Through partnership with a gentleman in Brisbane, who restores 2nd hand sewing machines, 30 perfectly restored sewing machines will be sent to the Solomon Islands within the next couple of months. The WFWP Solomon Islands Chapter will use this to set up a sewing centre with a business component. This will help the New Hope Academy Kindergarten achieve accreditation. Having a business attached to the school is one of the requirements for accreditation. This sewing

machine project will be looked after by WFWP Queensland with support from national headquarters in Melbourne. As WFWP rolls out this project, Island nations who would like to receive the sewing machines via Brisbane, will have to cover their own shipping cost and submit a proposal on



WFWP 23rd Anniversary Luncheon and Fundraiser for Vanuatu

11 April 2015

On 11 April, 45 women representing many different cultures and organisations, gathered at the Pron Prohm Thai Restaurant for the 23rd WFWP Anniversary and fundraising luncheon for Vanuatu.

The restaurant was packed and had a wonderful atmosphere. Aila Willits, the President of WFWP NSW, welcomed everyone with a warm and sisterly heart.

Jynene Helland, the former International Vice-President, gave a talk on the history of the Women's Federation. Her message exemplified the spirit of women.

Other leaders of the community were also recognised, especially leaders of the South Pacific Island Foundation who had just returned from Vanuatu. They shared with us information about the devastating cyclone that have left many homeless.

There was also a raffle, and because of the generosity of the guests, WFWP was able to raise money for Vanuatu.

The afternoon concluded with the song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and as the women filtered out the door to return to their families, many expressed their thanks and gratitude to have attended the wonderful luncheon. All agreed that the event was a great success, and many participants expressed their interest in coming to another forthcoming event.



Queensland

23rd Anniversary Celebration

29 April 2015, Sunnybank Hill Library

The 23rd WFWP Anniversary was celebrated by members and close contacts of WFWP Queensland.

The program started with an 'Acknowledgment of Country' by Aunty Peggy Tidyman, President of Logan Elders and an honorary WFWP member.

The MC of the program was Sharon Orapeleng who is the immediate past President of the Queensland African Communities Council (QACC) and the Project Advisor for WFWP. She expressed her gratitude to be a part of this important organisation, and recognised several key participants who are well known in the community service sector.

Mamiko Rattley, President of WFWP Queensland, welcomed participants and thanked those who brought food for supper. She reported on 2014 activities as well as our relief efforts in Vanuatu. She announced that WFWP is now officially registered in Queensland, and she listed WFWP's Calendar of Events for the rest of 2015.

The MC invited Mr Robert Dickinson to come forward and receive WFWP's Certificate of Appreciation for his generous donation of used sewing machines for Pacific Island women's groups. Mr Dickinson spoke about the beginnings of his efforts to refurbish sewing machines hoping to support women in Pacific Island nations.

Before supper, the MC had all the participants introduce themselves. We then socialised while enjoying delicious plates of foods from various

cultures. Finally, WFWP Board members cut an anniversary cake.

Each raffle prize donor was recognised, and then Aunty Peggy picked out tickets for six lucky prize winners.

To conclude, Mamiko thanked all participants for their continuous support of WFWP, and also encouraged everyone to renew their membership. It was a happy and inspiring evening for everyone.

Report prepared by Mamiko Rattley, President WFWP Queensland



Sewing machines and books for the Solomon Islands

We sent 31 used sewing machines and sundries, and 70 kindergarten children's books to the WFWP Solomon Islands Chapter.

The 31 sewing machines were donated generously by a retired engineer, Mr Dickinson, and he requested that we also send accessories. Sundries prepared were bobbins, needles, oil brushes and fabric. All key members worked hard to prepare them one way or another.

It was a good experience for us to go through the process of preparing everything, packing and finally bringing the goods to the depot.

We are grateful to WFWP Australia for paying for sundries and WFWP NSW for referring us to a good shipping company in Brisbane.

We hope these machines can make a difference for the WFWP activities in the Solomon Islands.



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funds and collecting goods together, walking together, climbing the 1000 steps together, the participants (donors) formed bonds, and new friendships were formed, with existing friendships strengthened. For the recipients, they felt they had friends and supporters who valued them, were interested in their lives and wellbeing but importantly these women saw their own potential; the possibility of becoming financially independent was so real to many of them.

It's always a pleasure seeing a bright smile on the faces of people who receive something from complete strangers but the smile is even brighter on the faces of the donors. I will encourage other women who want to make a contribution to those less fortunate (not by their own fault), who want to see positive changes in the lives of some of the members of our society and who want to see the direct benefits that their contributions can make in the lives of others, to consider joining WFWP.

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how the machines will be used to empower the local women and support WFWP activities in their nation.

4. WFWP Solomon Island members managing the New Hope Academy Kindergarten plan to extend the kindergarten into a full primary school with grades from 1-6 starting from 2016. Some of the Solomon Island WFWP members will be visiting Australia this year to raise awareness for this project and WFWP Melbourne; the national headquarters will host these women and take care of them during their stay.



Sincerely,
Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts

Regional

Women's Federation for World Peace NZ

International Women's Day Celebration Report

14 March 2015, Auckland

Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity, Picture It!



On the 14 March 2015, the Women's Federation for World Peace NZ (WFWPNZ) hosted the International Women's Day in cooperation with UN Women NZ. The day was marked with a "Walk for Women" from Orakei Doman to Mission Bay. The total distance was 4.8km and the time set to complete the walk was 1 hour.



Seventy people attended the event. Thirty-one women participated in the walk. Others came to support and fulfill a variety of responsibilities.

Registration was at 10.30am and we started to walk at 11.15am. Everyone was very excited and enthusiastic about achieving the goal to complete the set distance and time. The weather was fantastic, beautiful and perfect.

Participants were divided into six groups. Each group had a leader who held up a poster displaying an inspirational message.

The following messages were displayed:

- Peaceful families, peaceful world
- Establish a culture of heart in the family
- Strengthen the family, stop violence against women
- Empowering women, empowering humanity: Picture it!!
- End violence against women
- When you help one woman, you help ten
- Women's Federation for World Peace logo
- International Women's Day logo.



Thank you to Barry Noel and Kenji Watanabe for participating in the walk and for taking the photos. Thank-you to Matapa Shelly for designing the posters in cooperation with Felicity Cairns. Thank you to Candace Robertson for organising the WFWP t-shirts.



The event ended at 12.30pm with a BBQ lunch at the meeting point at Orakei Domain.

A big thank you to all the ladies who participated, WFWP NZ Executive Committee members who coordinated the event, the Brothers who provided support and prepared the BBQ lunch, and the youth who also offered support and who created a youthful and vibrant atmosphere.

Report compiled by Felicity Cairns and Matapa Shelley

International

“What Beijing+20 Must Accomplish”

Dr. Gertrude Mongella

CSW 59, Consultation Day

March 8, 2015 | Apollo Theater, Harlem, New York

... The last ones – I like the word “the last”. Thinking of the last, we had very committed senior citizens. I think when Esther Hymer passed on she was already over a hundred. A woman who used to live, I think, in New Jersey, and missed no meeting across to the rooms of the United Nations. I enjoyed Beijing, not because I have so much capability, I’m just a humble short rural woman who walked barefooted for years before I could put on a pair of shoes. But I became great and taller, because of Beijing. The women who worked tirelessly made Beijing – you owned Beijing. Beijing does not belong to anybody except the women and men who worked to organized Beijing, and I want to humbly thank all of you as we celebrate the twenty years that I was honored to be part of this movement.

I would like to assure you women, maybe this time I came with just one idea, twenty years back I looked more beautiful and younger than today, and as a politicians I have learned that if you still have your teeth you can campaign effectively. And now I’m starting to see that sooner or later I’ll be having less and less teeth. It’s an indication that I must move off the stage. So the message to this meeting is in twenty years to come let us see the women who were not born in Beijing taking the center stage.



Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella (Mama Mongella) is a Tanzanian educator, politician, diplomat and activist. She was the first president of the Pan-African Parliament, and the former Under-Secretary-General, UN Fourth World Conference on Women.

So I appeal to the young women of the world to keep the kind of value. I’ve met many of you; you have the energy; you have the advantage of the technology, the information technology; you name it. You are going to make it better than ourselves, because in Beijing I concluded the conference by saying “the revolution has begun, there’s no going back.” And this is the revolution, a revolution – take the agricultural revolution, have we come to the end of it? No. The industrial revolution, have come to the end of it? No. So every revolution continues, because things change. Today you are growing maize by using the handhold; within a very short time the handhold becomes obsolete. It’s the same with

revolution of women. As long as it's a revolution of humanity, of human beings, because when we are looking for the equality it's not going to end today; there's no deadline.

And sometimes I say we better redefine equality. Who do I want to be equal to? Sometimes I look in my own community, the men are equally miserable [laughter]. Am I struggling to be equal to those men? So that's why I said the revolution continues. And for some people who have heard me say it a hundred times I want to repeat it, the revolution of equality comes as follows: I know most of you drive. When you drive, and there is a person in front of you driving, but at a low speed, you have to watch and see whether the road ahead of you is clear, speed up, overtake, don't knock, and then you wave and smile. This is the revolution of the political empowerment! Let the women pass by the drivers in front of us, and as I speak here I've seen so many slow drivers in our governments. All this mismanagement – mismanagement of the economy, political mismanagement, mismanagement of peace and security, is done by those drivers we put in the driving seats; we have to overtake them. And this is one of the homeworks we have to do. We should stop talking about supporting the right men, and say supporting the right women. We don't hate the men, they are our daddies, they are everything; they're our sons. But I think the world needs change. We cannot keep on saying we need a government to put the same place; we need a government that will be friendly to women; we need a government that will realize the maternal complications; we need the women to be on the driving seat! I'm not ashamed of saying that.

My dear friends, that's why when I went back to Tanzania, Africa was making a change in its

governance. We were establishing a new parliament – a Pan African Parliament, and then I said, but in Beijing I said everybody must take homework, so what is my homework? I'm good material for politics, why don't I make that my homework? So I ran to be a member of the Pan African Parliament, and I was elected. And when we had the first meeting it was to constitute the office bearers of the Pan African Parliament, there were five important seats: one for the President, four for Vice Presidents. So I told my delegation "I'm putting in my name."

Unfortunately there were four men and me, the only woman, and they said "are you running for Vice President?" – all of them in chorus, I said "I've outgrown that position." "I am aspiring for President," and they all laughed the way you yelled "Ha! President?!" I said "That's what I went to look for in Beijing – homework!" and I was elected.

I don't know how much time I still have, one minute. So I'm saying this to say we have finished 20 years, as we evaluate we should have a new approach. We are not saying "the women", who are those women you are talking about if it's not you? Have you changed your life since we left Beijing 20 years ago? Have you done your homework? Because if all of us here had changed our lives, in economics, in politics, in decision-making, we wouldn't be talking about "the women," we would be talking about us, and it's only when you talk about us that we'll be carrying on the revolution. And we should be networking with the men to help us exit properly. We work with men, because they also want to get out of poverty. And I am sure with this economic recessions, with the terrorism around the world, the men are not safe at all. Just recently, journalists in Paris were slaughtered, so the men are equally threatened like us. So we

should now go back 20 years to come and report, particularly the young people, how much have you taken over from Mama Mongella? Mama Mongella is not going to live forever.

As I stand here, I'm just thinking of my father who was the most gender-sensitive man I saw in this planet. He passed away as I was landing in New York. You have to have that courage, of saying when it comes to dealing with the revolution, you can stand up high, and speak without missing words on the better life of peace, better life of development, better life for equality for both men and women but by choosing which type of man you want to be equal to. And you have to give yourself homeworks every stage of your life.

I'm happy to see the senior women; you still have a very big role to play to make sure that what we have been through in Mexico, Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing continues to be there. We have to build a tradition the way we build the African traditions; it's the elders who pass on the experience. So everybody knows what we want to do, google pages you'll find all the information, the only thing is "make sure you do your homework." Thank you very much.

International President's Remarks CSW 59 Luncheon

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 | United Nations Headquarters, New York

Distinguished women leaders worldwide, gentlemen, NGO colleagues and friends, and especially young women leaders of the future,

On behalf of the founder of Women's Federation for World Peace International, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, I would like to welcome you to our annual luncheon from the bottom of the heart. Before I left Korea, she asked me to send her greetings to you, and her hopes for productive meetings during this Commission on the Status of Women, well aware of the seriousness of some of the issues we are addressing.

I would like to thank Patience Stephens, Special Advisor on Education UN Women, Hazami Barmada from the Office of the Secretary General Envoy on Youth, three members from Executive Committee-NGO CSW NY, Betty Levy, Mary Ann Tarantula, Padmini Murthy and the members of the Organizing Committee of the Women's Federation for World Peace International. Please forgive me if I mis-pronounced your name.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon Speaking

Once again I would like to welcome all of you.

I am very happy to be here at this important gathering at the UN in New York to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Beijing 4th World Conference on Women in 1995. Twenty years ago, almost three hundred WFWP volunteers from around the world went to Beijing.



Carolyn Handschin, Director, UN Office; Alexa Ward, Deputy Director, UN Office; Patience Stephens, Special Advisor on Education, UN Women; Yeon Ah Moon, International President, WFWPI.

Although the organization was only three years old at the time, it was already in the process of establishing almost one hundred and sixty active national chapters.

In 1997 we received General Consultative Status from ECOSOC. You may ask, how did these young chapters have such high expectations? How could such a mobilization of talent and energy, love and sacrifice be organized so quickly? In fact it is the Founders of WFWP that instilled that sense of responsibility to the greater good, as well as the confidence that each person's unique efforts for peace are significant and valuable.

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon had explained that this Era would be the dawning for women's true dignity and leadership capacities to be realized.

The history of injustice and indignity towards women was coming to a close. WFWPI members were encouraged to move forward within that paradigm, even if the signs were not always clear. It wasn't meant to be women repeating men's style of leadership, but putting forward another aspect of leadership that was missing due to the fact that it had been mostly men in those roles. In fact, how could men be expected to do a perfect job without our help?

Just last week at an important event in Korea, the WFWP Founding President said to an audience of thousands, "how can we just watch as people suffer and die?" The real hope of a paradigm shift that sets women together with men in governance and leadership is a culture of heart and vision, likened to a family. Families, bound together by their Creator, are the core, the model and the training ground of World Peace.

peace movement on a whole new level with the providential significance of realizing the ideal world as God envisaged it at the Creation.

During the past twenty years, WFWPI has carried out service projects and education programs based on true motherly love, in all parts of the global village for the firm establishment of families embodying



Prof. Moon receiving a gift from Mrs. Tokuko Sato, Tsugaru Kite Artist from Japan.

Now is the time to work together for our common purpose.

As Rev. Dr. Moon says, "The goal of the Women's Federation was not to be another ordinary women's organization. It does not aim to be an external, political and combative women's rights movement mainly targeting men, which advocates expansion of women's rights, gender equality and the women's labor movement. Rather, it is a global

true love and the elevation of women's status. It has achieved amazing growth and development throughout the world.

In history up to now, we have depended on government organizations centered on men to bring about global peace. Now, however, to surmount the limitations they have demonstrated, I believe that a women's peace movement

centered on a nongovernmental organizations (NGO) should take root as the new system resolving problems that arise in the field. The work for world peace WFWPI has carried out until now should not remain at its current stage (the highest status as an NGO in consultative status under the UN). It should be expanded and developed to the next stage, so that it can work together in solidarity and cooperation with woman leaders and NGOs from all parts of the world and strive to follow the path of the establishment of the ultimate world of peace.

sake of others -- that is, giving based on true love.



Prof. Moon presenting gift to Padmini Murthy, member of the Executive Committee of NGO CSW NY.



Prof. Moon presenting gift to Hazami Barmada, Communications Specialist, Office of UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

War and conflict arise from selfish motives – desiring to take others' land, others' possessions or the like, by force. On the other hand, peace arises from investing oneself for the

Beloved woman leaders! Women are not here merely to help or to be protected by men; rather, they are independent individuals who as representatives of the feminine aspect of God's nature are meant to make men more complete and manly. Centering on true love, women are men's precious love partners. Men and women are absolutely equal in terms of value. Therefore, men and women do not need to confront or contend with each other, because they do not need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions or roles of the other or to covet those things and take them by force. Instead, by giving what they have to the other with true love and completing the other, they can

become united as a greater whole and share in a relationship of joint ownership.

In the twenty-first century, women should play a major role in world history by serving, together with men, as one of the wheels of the engine pulling forward the construction of a peaceful world. Going beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building a century characterized by its loving, peaceful culture, and their role will be more important than ever before.

I sincerely ask you to choose True Mother's path, the path of a true wife, the path of true daughter, and the path of a true woman leader who will build a unified world where freedom, peace, and happiness in its truest sense, overflow."

I want to thank you all for coming here, for your courage and your concern. I hope we can have meaningful meetings that can provide real solutions and move forward together. Thank you.



Group Photo with WFWPI CSW 59 Luncheon Participants.
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Consultative status is granted by ECOSOC upon recommendation of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs, which is comprised of 19 Member States.

There are only 139 NGOs worldwide that hold the general consultative status. The requirements of this level of affiliation include:

- ❖ Applying organisation's activities must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC
 - ❖ The NGO must have been in existence (officially registered) for at least two years in order to apply
 - ❖ The NGO must have a democratic decision making mechanism
 - ❖ The major portion of the organisation's funds should be derived from contributions from national affiliates, individual members, or other non-governmental components
 - ❖ NGOs granted General Consultative Status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations (Quadrennial Report)
- general consultative status is reserved for large international NGOs whose area of work covers most of the issues on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. These tend to be fairly large, established international NGOs with a broad geographical reach.

The benefits of receiving this status include:

- ❖ The NGO may propose new items for consideration by the ECOSOC
- ❖ Organisations granted status are also invited to attend international conferences called by the UN General Assembly special sessions, and other intergovernmental bodies.

WFWP International maintains a UN office in New York City. WFWP International has twenty UN representatives in seven countries: Austria, Chile, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Switzerland, Thailand, and the US.