

# Assembly of Ambassadors for Peace

## *Lezha City, 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2013*

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On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday afternoon at 05.00 PM at the main hall of the Library of the city was organized the Assembly of Ambassadors for Peace of Lezha region where the elections of the Local Peace Council and new leadership took place.

Lezha Peace Council was established last year on May 23<sup>rd</sup> on the occasion of International Day Families. The Council was led by Dr. Tonin Frani, a devoted Doctor and respected personality in Lezha together with his two vice Chairs Mr. Gjergj Shyti – director of the Library of the city and Mrs. Lulzime Celami – teacher and writer.



The opening address was given by Dr. Tonin Frani, chairman of Lezha Peace Council who after greeting and welcoming everybody, gave the floor to the Chairman of Presiding Council of UPF Albania Mr. Bajram Ibraj for the greeting remarks and explaining to the participants the Vision and Mission of UPF and its founding principles.

Mr. Ibraj expressed his great appreciation for the work done by the short time existing Council in Lezha and all the VIPs of the region who have received the title of Ambassadors for Peace while owning it. He emphasized that it was a wonderful coincidence that the Assembly of Ambassadors for Peace in Lezha was held on the day of Mother Teresa's sanctification, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards Mr. Ibraj gave a general presentation on UPF, its founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and explained 5 core principles of UPF and the areas of working.





The event continued with a presentation of UPF activities during the last 2 years in Albania and Kosovo, while including and emphasizing few main important international events. Activities of UPF were presented by Mr. Gani Rroshi, member of the Presiding Council of UPF and President of FFWPU. Among other events, Mr. Rroshi focused more on the passing of Father Moon last year into the spirit world and Seonghwa Ceremony, UPF Summit this year in February and 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Father Moon's Seonhwa which was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

After presenting the activities of UPF, a video presentation was shown to all participants giving them a fuller picture on the work of UPF and its founders, the initiatives, areas of work and the sense of inclusiveness and practical solutions UPF presents to this world in crisis.



After the video presentation, the floor was given to Mr. Ali Lacej –former Chairman of UPF Albania who after expressing his deep appreciation to the high level of participants in the hall, spoke about the vision of UPF Albania and its organizational consolidation in the years to come. He mentioned that UPF Albania has been receiving great support by the UPF International HQ so far, and now the time has come for UPF Albania to stand on its own feet and become a partner with other organizations. He said that God has given the Albania people the gift to become a nation of 'Ambassadors for Peace' and we should do it.

The event continued with the presentation of new Ambassadors for Peace in Lezha region and 15 new high level VIPs were appointed as AfP who truly reflect the values the title AfP holds. The VIPs who were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace were: Mr. Marash NDOKA, Mr. Gjokë JAKU, Mr. Qazim DUSHKU, Mrs. Linda MAÇI, Mr. Ndrec PEMA, Mr. Salvador KAÇAJ, Mrs. Albina GJINI, Mr. Nikoll NIKOLLA, Mr. Pashko SMAÇI, Mr. Ndrek MHILLAJ, Mrs. Mukadez SHYTI, Mr. Gazmor DERVISHI, Mrs. Myzejen DERVISHI, Mr. Gjin NDOKA and Mr. Rrok Lelçaj.





At the end the assembly elected 7 members of the Local Peace Council who are also members of the National Peace Council. The members of the Lezha Peace Council elected the new Chairman of Peace Council for the next 4 years Mr. Gjergj Shyti who is also the Director of Lezha city Library and two vice Chairs, Mr. Viktor Gjikota and Mrs. Lulzime Celami. We wish them great success in their new mission.



At the closing, all Ambassadors for Peace paid the annual UPF membership fee of 1000 Lek, showing in this way a high sense of ownership toward Universal Peace Federation and the title of Ambassadors for Peace.

