

Report on the International Family Day!

May 12th 2016, Tirana – Albania

On May 12th 2016, the Universal Peace Federation, the Family Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace in partnership with the Albanian National Historic Museum organized an event at the "UNESCO" hall of National Historic Museum of Albania on the occasion of the International Family Day.



There were about 200 participants including the former Albanian President H. E. Alfred Moisiu, members of Parliament, Ambassadors for Peace, FFWPU, WFWP, CARP members and guest. We were happy to have with us also the European Chairman of UPF and FFWPU Mr. Jack Corley and the Special Envoy of UPF Founders to Albania and Kosovo Rev. Gi Young Shin.

The theme for this year decided by the UN for the International Family Day was "Families, healthy lives and sustainable future."



Mr. Gani Rroshi, President of FFWPU, opened the event underlining the importance of the International Family Day. The program continued with an artistic program prepared by international students of CARP and the famous Albanian Tenor Kastriot Tusha.



The welcoming address was given by Mrs. Lavdie Ruci, Chairwomen of Tirana Peace Council. Mrs. Ruci emphasized the importance of the family especially at such time of world crisis.

H. E. Alfred Moisiu, former President of Albania gave the congratulatory message. He thanked the organizers and asked for more such activities in order to raise people's awareness about the family. Pres. Moisiu mentioned that *"UPF Founders and Ambassadors for Peace have contributed greatly on the world level for the strengthening of the family. For this reason they have initiated several projects on all levels in order to wake up human consciousness and protect the institution of the family."*



On behalf of the Director of National Historic Museum, Mrs. Etleva Demollari, who is responsible for education activities at the institution, quoted that *"Happiness starts in the family, peace starts there too. Therefore we have to do everything necessary to protect the family"*.

A video presentation on UPF principles was showed followed by the keynote address given by Mr. Jack Corley, the Chairman of UPF Europe and President of FFWPU on European level. Mr. Corley emphasized the importance of having strong families in order to build a strong nation of Albania.

Following, Hon. Gaqo Apostoli, Chairman of UPF Albania, gave closing remarks by thanking all participants and said that this day should be a celebration for the family. He concluded his message by singing the song *"The Power of Love"*.

At the end eight individuals and couples, very prominent figures for our nation, received the Ambassadors for Peace certificate as a reward for their excellent family life and public contribution.





The goal was of the event was to promote universal values, which help family members to bond in love with each other and strengthen it as the first institution of humanity. From there building a prosperous great nation as a key to create peace in the world can take place as *"One Family under One God."*

Special thanks to the National Historic Museum who supported the event by offering the hall & facilities.



In the future we will welcome more individuals and families who embody the Principles of Peace and live a life for the sake of others and make the family of Ambassadors for Peace the biggest in Albania!

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