

# Meeting of UPF Presiding Council & End of the Year Celebration with AfPs, *23 Dec. 2017 – Albania*

After the General Assembly of National Peace Council of Albanian UPF which took place last month on November 25<sup>th</sup>, the first meeting of the newly elected Presiding Council of Albanian UPF was held on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Peace Embassy.



Chairs of Local Peace Councils and other members of Presiding Council gathered to discuss the plan and strategy for the next year 2018.



Most of Local Peace Councils had already sent in their plans for 2018 and the final plan of activities will be completed within January. The main activities where of UPF Albania will focus for 2018 will be as follows:

- Establishing Local Peace Councils in those cities where we do not have yet
- Family Festivals and Rededication Ceremonies in cooperation with FFWPU (Blessing)
- Essay Competition with Father Moon's Autobiography book "As Peace-Loving Global Citizen"
- Events on the main UN Days (Women's Day, International Day of Families, International Peace Day, etc.)
- Peace Road 2018
- Seminars for key Ambassadors for Peace on Unification Principle (twice a year – 70 AfPs)
- Local Level events with specific themes based on the local situation and needs of respective cities

After the Meeting of the Presiding Council, we organized an Evening Celebration for Ambassadors for Peace on the occasion of the End of the Year Holidays (Christmas and New Year Holidays). Since few years already we are organizing such event and this time over 80 Ambassadors for Peace gathered to celebrate together. Everybody pays the fee for the Evening celebration and it goes on for 4 hours.

Besides members of the Presiding Council, many other AfP joined the celebration, including one Former Prime Minister of Albania, 1 Former Government Minister, several top-level artists and so on.



Part of the evening program was also the appointment of several key figures as Ambassadors for Peace.



Among them were Mrs. Justina Aliaj – a national level top artist & singer; Mr. Zhani Zicishti – famous actor; Mr. Dhimiter Orgocka – famous actor and artist director and so on. With this event we close the marathon of activities for 2017 and wish everybody Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018!

**Respectfully, Albanian UPF Secretariat**