

UPF Albania: Peace Principles Seminar conducted in Albania

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For almost 15 years, it has become an annual tradition of UPF Albania to organize special seminars for Ambassadors for Peace to study the Principles of Peace in depth. Such was the 3-day seminar entitled "Love God, Love People, Love the Nation" which was organized in cooperation with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), an affiliated organization. The seminar took place from December 15-17, 2023, in the wonderful premises of the newly opened "Navy Hotel" in Vlora. The seminar brought together about 50 Ambassadors for Peace from 17 cities of Albania, mainly chairs and vice chairs of Local Peace Councils, but also special guests.



Some of the main leaders of UPF Albania also participated in the seminar, moderating the sessions, taking care of guests, and conveying the messages of peace and love. Among them were the Dr. Eva Çipi, Chairwoman of UPF Albania; Mrs. Rajmonda Stefa, president of the National Assembly of UPF; Mr. Ali Laçej, coordinator of the Albanian Peace Council; Dr. Niko Veizaj, vice president of the National Assembly of UPF; Mr. Abdulla Domi, vice Chairman of UPF Albania; Dr. Saemira Pino, chair of the International Association of Academics for Peace (IAAP) in Albania; Mr. Defrim Methasani, chairman of the Tirana Regional Peace Council; Mrs. Donika Hysenaj, chairwoman of the Dibër Regional Peace Council; Mrs. Suzana Numani, chairwoman of the Fier Regional Peace Council; and Mr. Ardian Hasku, chairman of the Durrës Regional Peace Council. The lecturers of the seminar were Mr. Gani Rroshi, Secretary General of UPF Albania; Mrs. Manjola Vasmatics; President of FFWPU Albania; and Mr. Gabor Vasmatics, expert and Ambassador for Peace from Hungary.



The program was combined in a way that participants, besides studying the fundamental principles of peace, had time for discussions, time to explore the beautiful sites God has blessed Vlora city with, such as the Zvrnec monastery and the newly built pedestrian walkway of the city. The seminar also provided impressive surprises for the participants, including an artistic evening where each Ambassador for Peace, representing the city he/she came from, could express their talent through singing, dancing or poetry.



Led by the well-known journalist and moderator, Mr. Defrim Methasani, the artistic evening melted the hearts of the participants, making it feel like the principles of peace had already been embodied in the big family of 50 Ambassadors for Peace, where only kindness, love, respect and gratitude radiated. In such an atmosphere, four respected ladies, wives of Ambassadors for Peace, were honored with the title "Ambassador for Peace".





The conclusions of the seminar were that such activities should be organized more often, so that many more Ambassadors for Peace can become more deeply acquainted with the fundamental Principles of Peace. Likewise, it is important to create opportunities for young people to be educated with such principles, so that they understand that only by having a universal approach and by loving God, loving people, and loving the nation, can personal fulfillment be achieved.

