## WFWP Canada hosts Principles of Peace - Cornerstone for Peace Webinars

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## Principles of Peace: Session 2, August 5, 2021

Mrs. Stringer began the presentation by considering that the lack of peace in the world today is attributed to the lack of value in people and families. She proclaimed the position of the WFWP is that peaceful families make peaceful communities, extending to a peaceful world. She further offered that there are universal principles that are required in order to achieve peace because everything from architecture to baking operate by core principles.

WFWPI co-founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the late Dr. Rev. Sun Myung Moon revealed two universal principles. The first is personal maturity through learning to live a life of goodness for the sake of others, which is ideally learned within the family.

The second is practicing true love in a relationship with one's spouse. Mrs. Stringer discussed the pair system principle which reveals that all things are created in pairs. From particles to humans, each pair is in a relationship creating unity."We are supposed to complete each other, not compete."

Mrs. Stringer stated that in order to build peaceful relationships, personal maturity acts as the pillar and practicing true love acts as the beam. Just as in architecture, there are pillars and beams required to build a fortified structure.

## Our Purpose and Human Responsibility: Session 3, August 12, 2021

The third session began with examining the current situation of families. There is often an unhealthy balance between caring for oneself and caring for others; as well as between males and females in relationships.

To tackle these issues, Lilly Tadin exposed that all objects in the universe from a ballpoint pen to a human being have a purpose that comes from its creator. A human being's purpose is to be the object of the love

of God, with whom we are in relationship, so that joy may be experienced.

Lilly explained that there is a three step process to fulfilling our purpose. The first is to be fruitful. It is here that she highlighted the WFWP interest in empowering women to value her unique qualities of heart, such as to be nurturing, caring and be sensitive to the needs of others. She encouraged us to share the heart of God by loving all people; allowing us to align with God's purpose and find true fulfillment in our lives.

Lilly stated that our physical growth is automatic and proceeds according to the laws of nature, but our spiritual self, which is the realm of our heart and love, is our individual responsibility. She stated "We are responsible for the development of our heart."

The next step occurs in the married relationship. It is here where a man and a woman practice true love and equality. If they contribute uniquely toward being in a loving relationship with one another, they will be united and create the full image of God which is the best environment for raising children. This would result in the creation of the true family, the basic unit for a healthy community.

The third step is to have dominion over the earth by living in harmony with the laws of nature in order for future generations to enjoy our beautiful environment. Lilly explained that this process of growth and maturing our ability to love was not fully achieved by our first human ancestors. Instead an immature and self-centered love was passed down through the generations.

One step in the process to reverse this mistake is to dedicate our marriage to God. When husband and wife learn to love each other no matter what trials come their way; and can learn to apply that life experience to help heal the world around them; then their marriage becomes the cornerstone for peace and happiness. This was the purpose of the WFWP co-founders initiation of the Marriage Blessing movement that tens of thousands of couples have participated in throughout the world.

## Journey to Restore True Love: Session 4, August 19, 2021

In the final session, Lilly introduced the significance of the marriage blessing and revealed how to obtain it. She began by reminding us that in order to restore the institution of the family, the pillars (our divine purpose) and the beams (our interactions) needed restoration.

Mrs. Tadin began the webinar by having us close our eyes and visualize how we would picture a harmonious marriage and family to some peaceful piano music. After this we shared our visualizations with each other.

After explaining each step in detail, with appropriate images and antidotes, we heard two testimonies from couples who had participated in the process. Mr. and Mrs. Stringer, a couple who went through the process 39 years ago had this to say: "If we forgive each other, we can help each other to become better people. If we want to move forward, we have to make a condition to separate from bad habits and move on. There has been nothing more important in my life than my marriage."

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