The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems

GLOBAL VIOLENCE CRISIS AND HOPE

ASSEMBLY 2001
October 19–22, 2001
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INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE
Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO) it is my pleasure to welcome you to Assembly 2001, which has been convened in response to the current crisis spawned by acts of terrorism in New York and Washington. We have come together as part of the IIFWP’s ongoing commitment to the “search for solutions to critical global problems.” In particular, with this conference, we will address the theme, “Global Violence: Crisis and Hope.”

As the twenty-first century began, at a time when the Cold War had ended, there was great hope that humanity might see a new millennium of greater peace, prosperity and happiness. However, recent events reveal the existence of many unresolved and unrestored problems, indicating that in this new century we face challenges as serious as in the past. We have gathered here to address these challenges.

While focused on the theme of violence, it is the IIFWP’s basic view that violence is an outward manifestation of deeper internal problems. In particular, the IIFWP has always underscored the centrality of interreligious harmony and cooperation. In certain respects, the current crisis is a result of religions or religious leaders failing to fully encourage and practice greater interreligious respect and cooperation. Furthermore, the massive social problems—crime, poverty, disease, illiteracy, etc.—that afflict many societies, and which can stimulate unrest, are often rooted in family breakdown. Family breakdown, in turn, is related to a moral and spiritual crisis.

Assembly 2001 will offer a forum for taking a serious look at our current situation. The program features a wide range of speakers with diverse opinions and perspectives, but committed to the goal of establishing greater understanding and cooperation among peoples throughout the world.

It is my privilege to serve as the Chair of Assembly 2001. The Honorable Rodrigo Carazo serves as the Co-Chair. We join in welcoming you to Assembly 2001, and extending our sincere wishes that your time here will be productive, enlightening, and enriching. Let us work together for peace.

Sincerely,

Chung Hwan Kwak
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Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace
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Assembly 2001: An Introduction

Assembly 2001, in keeping with the IIFWP’s ongoing series, “The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems,” explores the theme of “Global Violence: Crisis and Hope.” Assembly 2001, which is co-sponsored by the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, emerged in response to the dramatic and shocking events which took place on September 11, 2001 in New York City and Washington, D.C., events the repercussions of which are still being felt, and which are likely to be felt for some time.

The IIFWP seeks ever to be vigilant in responding constructively to the issues and crises which affect the peoples of the world. As such, this gathering of world leaders from nations, cultures and religions around the world is designed to provide a forum for serious and focused deliberations on the current crisis in order that the IIFWP can better contribute to the search for solutions.

While a wide range of topics will be considered in the course of Assembly 2001, certain core principles that underlie the IIFWP vision will be emphasized. Foremost in the hierarchy of principles is the need for greater dialogue, understanding, respect and cooperative activism between and among religions, religious leaders and believers. Religion plays a critical role, almost universally, in the formation of national, ethnic, and cultural identities, and it cannot be fully separated out from political realities. Secondly, Assembly 2001 will underscore the fundamental importance of the family, both as the bedrock of society and as the institution which provides the foundation for social, political and economic ethics. If either or both interreligious relations or the strength of family life deteriorate, societies and nations destabilize, thereby providing a fertile soil for ideologies and practices that have destructive power.

In addition to the many world leaders and distinguished speakers in attendance at Assembly 2001, the majority of participants are members of the IIFWP’s global team of Ambassadors for Peace, men and women committed to practices of peace, and representing the fields of politics, religion, the media, education and civil society. Through Assembly 2001 these IIFWP activists will be informed, enriched and empowered in a way that allows them to serve in their respective roles with greater wisdom, insight and courage. In this respect, Assembly 2001 functions as part of the IIFWP’s ongoing leadership training program for its core leaders, its staff and its friends around the world.

The IIFWP has a contribution to make in addressing the current crisis, with a perspective that not only deserves, but needs to be heard. We are at a critical juncture in these early years of the new millennium. At once we are sobered and shaken by the heavy weight of humanity’s capacity for inhumanity, and yet we are challenged to rise to this occasion, hopefully in a way that can utilize the wisdom of the ages in forging solutions that break new ground and prevent patterns of ongoing violence and suffering.
The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), founded by the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon in 1999, was established to build a global network of world leaders dedicated to working together cooperatively for world peace. Through its many initiatives worldwide, the IIFWP promotes a wide range of peace efforts that involve political leaders, religious leaders, academics, the media, NGO leaders, and others.

The central aims of the IIFWP include:
- promoting moral education for youth
- strengthening marriages and families
- promoting interreligious dialogue
- supporting the vision of the United Nations
- overcoming barriers that divide peoples; barriers such as race, religion, culture, and nationality
- practicing the ethics of "living for the sake of others"

Since its founding, the IIFWP has put great emphasis on education, and as one of its first undertakings the IIFWP began a series of international educational seminars focused on "Strengthening the Family and Building a Culture of Peace." During the time of IIFWP’s Assembly 2000, which was held in New York at the United Nations on August 17-20, 2000, on the theme, “Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace,” IIFWP’s Founder reaffirmed the importance of international education programs. Centered on these topics, educational programs were held in 185 nations at the end of the year 2000. In programs for the year 2001, the IIFWP has sought to complement other United Nations’ themes, such as “Dialogue among Civilizations,” the “International Day of Families” and the “International Year of Volunteers.”

The IIFWP has chapters throughout the world, each with a core of dedicated volunteers working to establish families, societies and nations of peace. The International Leadership Seminar series, which began in February 2001, offers a program which contributes to the ongoing education of the core leaders and volunteers working around the world in relation to the national chapters of the IIFWP. These individuals are appointed as Ambassadors for Peace, who represent the IIFWP and promote its aims for peace throughout the world.

In all of its programs the IIFWP upholds the core principle of “living for the sake of others.” The IIFWP motto, “the hope of all ages is a unified world of peace,” guides and focuses all our efforts.
The World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, Inc. (WANGO) is an international membership organization uniting NGOs worldwide in the cause of advancing peace and global well-being. WANGO helps to provide the mechanism and support needed for NGOs to connect, partner, share, inspire, and multiply their contributions to solve humanity's basic problems.

Initiated in 2000 by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, WANGO has quickly become one of the premier international bodies for non-governmental organizations that are committed to the ideals of universal peace, justice, and well-being for all humanity. Concerned with universal values shared across the barriers of politics, culture, religion, race and ethnicity, Rev. Moon and the founding international NGOs envisioned an organization that would enable NGOs to work in partnership across those barriers, thereby weaving a selfless social fabric essential to establishing a worldwide culture of peace. By optimizing resources and sharing vital information, WANGO provides a means for NGOs to become more effective in completing their vital tasks.

With its global network of NGOs, as well as affiliates drawn from the ranks of governmental and inter-governmental bodies, businesses, and universities, WANGO has become an international leader in tackling issues of serious global concern. In October of 2000, WANGO joined as a partner in co-sponsoring “The Millennium Declaration of the United Nations: A Response from Civil Society,” a conference which gathered more than 500 representatives from a wide range of NGOs and from more than 100 nations. This conference was in response to the historic Millennium Summit of World Leaders convened at the United Nations—a summit that led to The Millennium Declaration. Subsequently, in partnership with other international organizations, WANGO played a key role in coordinating a world tour in November and January 2000 to share the values and vision of The Millennium Declaration with all sectors of civil society. These programs were structured around the six fundamental values cited by the Declaration and were attended by NGOs, UN bodies, government officials, media, and academics.

In 2001, WANGO has continued its global mission by joining with several governments and with other international NGOs in co-sponsoring a conference at the United Nations titled, “Dialogue and Harmony among Civilizations,” which drew attendees from 138 nations, including 40 former heads of state, as well as the international symposium, “Serving the Nation, Serving the World,” which also took place in New York, and drew representatives of 108 nations. This later event was held in celebration of the United Nations International Year of the Volunteer and International Day of Families.
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*The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems*
Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

1:00 pm
East Promenade

Conference Registration

7:00 pm
Grand Ballroom

Opening Banquet

Dr. Thomas G. Walsh
Secretary General, IIFWP

Invocation: Singh Sahib Bhai Manjit Singh Jathedar, Takhat Sri Kesgarh Sahib, India

Mrs. Karen Judd Smith
Director, Office of UN Relations, IIFWP

Special Remarks:
Hon. Dan Quayle
Former Vice President of the United States

Special Remarks:
H.E. Rodrigo Carazo
Co-Chair and former President of Costa Rica

Keynote Address: Rev. Dr. C.H. Kwak
Chairman, IIFWP
Opening Plenary: *The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems: New Directions for a World in Crisis*

The end of the Cold War offered a brief period of respite from the threat of major, global conflicts. The start of a New Millennium contributed to a sense of optimism as well, evidenced in the significant gathering of heads of state and government for the United Nations Millennium General Assembly in September of the year 2000. Emphasizing the ideals of establishing a “Culture of Peace” and “Dialogue Among Civilizations,” both the United Nations and the IIFWP have worked to make the twenty-first century a century of peace. Recent events, however, demonstrate that the state of peace remains fragile and vulnerable. In this Opening Plenary, as the Session Two that follows, the IIFWP has brought together a group of the world’s distinguished leaders, representing a wide range of perspectives, to offer their reflection, insight and recommendations to a world in crisis, in hopes of charting a course that can make this century, and those that follow, distinctive in its ability to avoid the disastrous conflicts and wars that have afflicted humanity in previous eras.

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Chair: Dr. Neil Albert Salonen

*President, University of Bridgeport*

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

*Founder, IIFWP*

Hon. Dan Quayle

*Former Vice President of the United States*

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

*Co-Founder, IIFWP*

Rev. Dr. C.H. Kwak

*Chairman, IIFWP*

H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid

*Former President, Indonesia*

Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr.

*Speaker of the House, Philippines*

Rt. Hon. Lloyd E. Sandiford

*Former Prime Minister, Barbados*
Program

Session Two: *The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems: New Directions for a World in Crisis*

Chair: Rt. Hon. Hamilton Green  
*Former Prime Minister, Guyana*

Hon. Richard C. Holbrooke  
*Former US Ambassador to the United Nations*

Mr. Arnaud De Borchgrave  
*Editor-at-Large, The Washington Times and UPI*

Sir Nicholas N. Kittrie, KtSJ  
*Chair, The Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace*

H.E. Ramiro De Leon  
*Former President, Guatemala*

Lunch and Program

Introduction:  
Rev. Michael Jenkins  
*President, FFWPU-North America*

Hon. Minister Louis Farrakhan  
*Nation of Islam*
Program

Session Three: New Demands for Interfaith: Religion Must Take Greater Responsibility

One hundred years of interfaith activity has yielded mixed results. Interfaith love and understanding, so recently limited to a professional elite, has become old hat to believers from all traditions. Interfaith prayer and worship is commonplace from church basements in Mississippi to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Simple believers appreciate and understand each others’ traditions.

On the other hand, horrific conflict proliferates in our world, most of it with religious overtones. Furthermore, religious leaders and institutions often trail their own laity, still secretly fighting fierce and labyrinthine battles against one another resulting in human suffering.

This session asks if the major religious bodies and leaders can take the next step in interfaith in which official religion takes responsibility and becomes a recognizable contributor to lasting peace and the resolution of dehumanizing conflict.

Chair: Dr. Frank Kaufmann
Director, World Peace Institute, IIFWP

Dr. Andrew Wilson
Academic Dean
Unification Theological Seminary

Dr. Shireen T. Hunter
Director, Islam Program
Center for Strategic & International Studies

Rev. Junsei Terasawa
Buddhist Monk, Nipponzan Myohoji of Russia and Ukraine

Rt. Hon. Marich Man Singh Shrestha
Former Prime Minister, Nepal

Dr. Mahmood A. Ghazi
Federal Minister for Religious Affairs, Pakistan

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**Session Four: The Current Crisis and Protecting Our Future**

During the twentieth century, we witnessed many remarkable achievements, including the development of air and space travel, computers, global communication, the Internet, and the United Nations. However, we also witnessed unnecessary death and suffering, caused by two world wars, disease, poverty and malnutrition. Optimism that the 21st century would follow a different path was dimmed by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

We recognise that we want to bequeath better to our children. During the past decade, we witnessed real and significant progress in many areas related to children. Regrettfully, however, the challenges remain extensive: an estimated 100 million children are not in school, many millions of children die each year from preventable causes, and 13 million children have lost one or both parents to the exploding AIDS pandemic. There is hazardous child labor, chronic poverty, the sale and trafficking of children, youths involved in armed conflict, child prostitution, and in general abuse, discrimination, exploitation and violence toward children.

This session will deal with protecting our children and youth and specifically with the fundamental issue of providing a proper education for our children. Any lasting solution to the current crisis will necessarily include a comprehensive approach involving the youth of the world.

Chair: Mr. Taj Hamad
*International Executive Director, WANGO*

Dr. Mary Williams
*International Center for Character Education, Univ. of San Diego*

Rt. Hon. Sir James R. Mancham
*Founding President, Seychelles*

Mrs. Donna Rice Hughes
*Author, Kids Online: Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace*

Rt. Hon. Kennedy Simmonds
*Former Prime Minister, St. Kitts and Nevis*
Session Four: B. The Current Crisis and the Role of the Media

The media and particularly TV performed admirably in bringing us the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in vivid, unforgettable detail. That was just the beginning.

Now, in the aftermath, the media faces the challenge of explaining who and where the terrorists are; what motivates them; what action might be taken against them and its likely consequences. It has to inform us of future threats without fomenting fear, and explain peoples, part of the world and a faith that Americans do not know too much about without precipitating prejudice.

Only history will offer definitive judgments, but people are looking for answers now and those the media has to provide. This panel will consider how they should do it.

Chair: Amb. Phillip V. Sanchez
Publisher, Noticias del Mundo and Tiempos del Mundo

Mr. John O'Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief, United Press International

Mr. John Fund
Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

Dr. Adrian Cristobal
Associate Editor, Manila Daily Bulletin

Mr. Tashbih Sayyed
Editor-in-Chief, Pakistan Today and In Review

Dinner and “Bridge of Peace” Program

Regional Meetings
**Program**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

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Rendezvous

9:00 am
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**Interfaith Prayer and Meditation**

**Session Five: A. The Current Crisis and the Significance of the Family**

The family is the foundation of society, and its strength and well-being is essential to the well-being of our social, political, economic and civic institutions. When families fail, nations fail, and the afflictions of the modern world proliferate. In this session we will explore the significance of the family and its relevance the search for solutions to critical social problems. In the family individual minds and hearts are shaped at the most fundamental level. If we do not find ways to strengthen marriages to improve parenting skills, and to infuse into our families a moral vision that empowers and enriches, our nations will suffer, and poverty, crime, poor educational performance, will proliferate.

Chair: Mr. David Caprara  
*President, American Family Coalition*

Mr. David Blankenhorn  
*President, Institute for American Values*

Mrs. Alexa Fish Ward  
*President, Women's Federation for World Peace – USA*

Hon. Mark Boitano  
*Senator, New Mexico State Legislature*

Dr. Tanvir Khan  
*Islamic Circle of North America*
Session Five: B. New Directions in Foreign Policy in the Quest for Global Peace

The current crisis reminds us all of the ongoing need to re-evaluate "business as usual" when it comes to leadership and foreign policy. While peace seems ever to be within our grasp, it remains evasive. In this session we will gather experienced leaders from around the world who have significant experience in addressing critical issues. They will be asked to reflect on ways in which we can re-think current political practices, and identify new directions and new possibilities for thinking about foreign policy, international relations and leadership.

Chair: H.E. Rodrigo Carazo
Co-Chair and former President, Costa Rica

H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich
Former President, Belarus

Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer
Former Governor General, Canada

Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr.
Imam Temple of Washington, DC

Imam Ameer Pasha Salahuddin
Director, Imam, Islamic Center of Passaic, NJ

Dr. Eliezer Glueck-Gal
Chairman, Dr. Y Foerder Liberal Institute & Publications
Session Six: New Initiatives in Leadership and Governance

The world has dramatically changed since the founding of the United Nations in 1945. The end of the cold war era, globalization, ethnic conflict, genocide, and terrorism are all features of the contemporary world not anticipated by the UN Charter. New initiatives in leadership and governance are required to address these issues and others. This panel will discuss issues related to the United Nations, cultural and religious conflict, and proposals for structures of peace and justice required in the 21st century.

Chair: Dr. Neil Albert Salonen
President, University of Bridgeport

Hon. Richard Thornburgh
Former U.S. Attorney General

Hon. Danny K. Davis
U.S. Congressman, Illinois

Rt. Hon. Tsakhia Elbegdorj
Former Prime Minister, Mongolia

Lunch and Program

H.E. Hussein A. Hassouna
Ambassador Permanent Observer, League of Arab States to the UN

Dr. Noel J. Brown
President, Friends of the United Nations

Dr. Gordon L. Anderson
Secretary General, PWPA
Program

Session Seven—Round Table Committee Sessions: *History at the Crossroads: Charting New Directions*

The Committee Sessions are organized grouped by field or area of expertise and profession. Each committee will focus on the general theme of Assembly 2001, namely, “The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems” and, specifically, “Global Violence: Crisis and Hope.” In each case, those gathered are expected to discuss together the ways in which individuals and groups who work within their field can best contribute to the search for solutions to our world’s most serious problems. The guiding questions for these sessions are: 1) In what ways have we fallen short or failed to contribute to the establishment of a peaceful world. 2) What positive steps can and should be taken to correct these weaknesses and to become contributors to the search for solutions. At the Closing Plenary a representative from each Committee will offer a brief summation of their committee’s recommendations.

A. *The Current Crisis and the Role of NGOs*
   Chair: Dr. Noel Brown

B. *The Current Crisis and Religious Leaders*
   Chair: Dr. Frank Kaufmann

C. *The Current Crisis and America’s Response*
   Chair: Mr. David Caprara

D. *The Current Crisis and the UN*
   Chair: Mrs. Karen Judd Smith

E. *The Current Crisis and Media*
   Co-Chairs: Mr. Michael Marshall and Mrs. Tomiko Duggan

F. *The Current Crisis and the Role of Governments*
   Chair: Mr. Antonio Betancourt

Break

Session Eight: Closing Session

Committee Reports

Closing Banquet and Program

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**Publications**

**Serving the Nation, Serving the World: Establishing Peace by Renewing Families, Communities and Nations**

*Serving the Nation, Serving the World* commemorates the International Day of Families (May 15) and the International Year of Volunteers (2001). It contains reflection and advice from leaders in many areas of society around the world on the topics of family, volunteerism, and intercultural cooperation. It is designed to stimulate global thought and UN policy on these topics. *ISBN 1-930549-05-9, Paper, 192 pages, Photos, August 2001, $10.00*

**Dialogue and Harmony among Civilizations: The Family, Universal Values and World Peace**

The year 2001 has been designated by the United Nations as the year of "Dialogue among Civilizations." At the outset of this year, and in support of this focus, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace convened its annual Convocation of World Leaders to deliberate on this theme, linking it to discussions related to family, universal values and world peace. This volume consists of a wide range of essays from world leaders from politics in religion, the arts, media, education, the sciences and civil society. *ISBN 1-930549-04-0, Paper, 430 pages, May 2001, $10.00*

**The Millennium Declaration of the United Nations: A Response from Civil Society**

We stand on the threshold of a dramatic change in the way we perceive and practice global governance. Governance is not only for governments. The institutions of civil society which bridge the gap between individuals and states are needed, and are indispensable as partners, players and participants in the planning and implementing of policies aimed at creating a better world, a culture of peace. Includes a copy of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in the appendix. *ISBN 1-930549-03-2, Paper, 120 pages, January 2001, $10.00*

**Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace**

In anticipation of the historic Millennium Summit and General Assembly of the United Nations convened in September 2000 in New York, the IIFWP sponsored a convocation of world leaders to reflect on the theme of the "renewal of the United Nations," centered on several key themes: economic development, conflict resolution, the environment, the social significance of the family, and recommendations for the renewal of the United Nations. This volume contains a wide range of articles from many of the world's foremost thinkers on the topic of the renewal of the United Nations, and on the critical issues facing humanity in the 21st century. *ISBN 1-930549-01-6, Paper, 250 pages, August 2000, $10.00*

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SATURDAY

Opening Plenary: The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems: A World in Crisis
(9:00 am, Trianon)

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor of Liberty University

Session Three: New Demands for Interfaith: Religion Must Take Greater Responsibility
(2:00 pm, Trianon)

Rabbi David Broadman
Chief Rabbi, City of Salvation

Dr. Khalid Duran
President, Ibnkhaldun Society International

Prof. Nahum Rakover
Founder, Moreshet Institute for Jewish Law

Session Four: A. The Current Crisis and Protecting Our Future
(4:00 pm, Trianon)

Chair: Dr. Noel J. Brown
President, Friends of the United Nations

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Session Five: A. The Current Crisis and the Significance of the Family
(9:00 am, Trianon)

Hon. Larry Pressler
Former U.S. Senator, South Dakota

Lunch and Program
(12:30 pm, Grand Ballroom)

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