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# The Fruit of True Parents' Blood, Sweat and Tears

By Thomas G. Walsh



UPF was inaugurated on September 12, 2005 at Lincoln Center in New York City. It emerged on a foundation prepared over the course of decades, as our True Parents moved the providence forward from the earliest days in Korea. In his inaugural address, True Father spoke of UPF as "God's cherished hope" and as "the fruit of True Parents' blood, sweat and tears." The seriousness of these words, which he asked us to engrave in our hearts, was evidenced over the course of the next twelve months. In that time, an unprecedented series of four consecutive global tours began, beginning with a 120-nation tour by True Parents from October through December 2005. True Parents' UPF inaugural address was presented as UPF was inaugurated in each country. A second 120-nation tour followed, starting in 2006, led by True Mother, with the true children, each of whom accompanied True Mother at various points along the tour, and with True Mother, co-officiated Blessings Ceremonies in each country after the UPF program. True children and true grandchildren carried out a third world tour, and ambassadors for peace carried out a final world tour. This secured the foundation for UPF's development.

UPF did not emerge out of thin air but out of a long history of organizations and initiatives, including the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, the World Association of NGOs, the International Federation for World Peace, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Professors World Peace Academy, the International Religious Foundation, the Summit Council, the New Ecumenical Research Association, and others.

The immediate predecessor of UPF, established in 1999, was the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, a kind of marriage of the spiritual and the political, the realms of the sacred and the secular. True Parents articulated the concept at the United Nations in August 2000, the year of the United Nations Millennium General Assembly. Father's speech called upon the UN to develop within its system an interfaith council of religious and spiritual leaders, to complement the diplomatic corps that represented nation states. It called for the creation of peace zones throughout the world and for a day on the UN calendar when parents, and specifically the ideal of True Parents, were honored. A little over a year after that speech, the attack on the World Trade Towers took place, thus showing not only the reality of the historical enmity that still exists between peoples of diverse religious, cultural and civilizational spheres, but also the need for precisely what True Parents had proposed.

After True Father's passing in 2012, and through the initial period of mourning, UPF did not pause in its work. In fact, in 2011 True Parents began the series of Legacy of Peace programs aimed at honoring world leaders who had passed away after having served humanity with absolute dedication. True Father had founded the Legacy of Peace series, which was preparation for his own Ascension Ceremony.

Upon True Father's passing, True Mother intensified UPF's work in the Cheoneuiwon era. She upgraded and expanded the World Summit series and the International Leadership Conference series. She established a fleet of associations under the UPF umbrella, including ISCP, IAPP, IAPD, IAAP, IMAF, IAED, IAACP and, as a part of ISCP, the IAFLP. She toured the world, convening summits in Albania, Brazil, Cambodia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa, and the USA, always in partnership with the heads of state and government, transforming nations and regions.

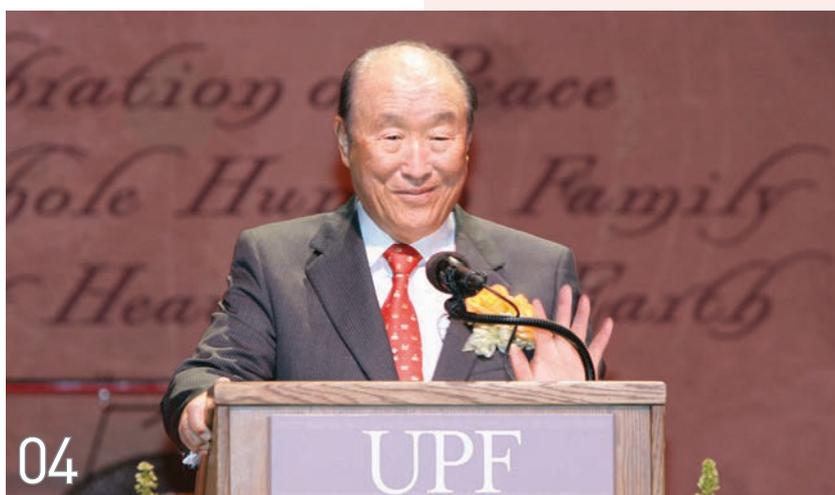
She hosted World Summit 2020, which was the first of its kind and which succeeded beyond all expectations. Moreover, as the Covid-19 pandemic arose, she adapted quickly to a virtual and hybrid format for conferencing, creating the Rally of Hope series, Think Tank 2022, the Think Tank 2022 Forums and the Interfaith Prayer Rally series. As of the time of this publication, UPF is asked to convene World Summit 2022, in partnership with the government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and under the co-chairmanship of Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen. UPF has exclusively focused over the past year on the promotion of reconciliation, peace and development on the Korean Peninsula. World Summit 2022 will carry that objective one step forward.

UPF has been a significant part of the providence centered on True Parents, promoting interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values globally. Gratitude and appreciation are due to True Parents and to many others who worked to open the path to the kingdom of God, the holy community, Cheon Il Guk and everlasting peace. *🙏*

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# The Universal Peace Federation

**O**n August 18, 2000, True Father spoke at the UN headquarters in New York City during an assembly of the International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IIFWP). There he proposed that, for the realization of world peace, the UN should be reorganized into an upper house and a lower house. He also proposed the establishment of peace zones at the world's the most sensitive borders, including the Demilitarized Zone on the Korean Peninsula.

On September 12, 2005, he inaugurated the Universal Peace Foundation (UPF), a new world peace organization that is intended to work with the current UN. At the keynote

speech, True Father stated, "UPF will fulfill the mission of the Abel UN in front of the current UN in the position of Cain." He also emphasized, "This new organization will perform the role of stopping strife and conflicts throughout the world by promoting religious and spiritual awakening, thereby going beyond the UN's inherent limitations."

Immediately after the inauguration of UPF, True Parents embarked on a world speaking tour to 120 nations, which they completed on December 23, 2005. During that tour, many world leaders, including the current heads of state of Burundi, Tanzania, Albania, Palau, and the Solomon Islands, served in the role of ambassadors for peace. True Parents had

meetings with top leaders of many nations, who agreed to actively pursue the world peace movement. Those leaders included the presidents of the Philippines, Uruguay, the prime minister of Albania, and the crown prince of Cambodia.

I plan to establish an Abel UN. It will be similar to the United Nations. I plan to establish an international peace federation with the word "universal" in the name. Its name will be the Universal Peace Federation. This organization will lead us into the one world of Cheon Il Guk, where both heaven and earth are united around peace. That is why the word "universal" will be in it. I will make an official proclamation that the Abel UN will be formed centering on this concept.

God seeks peace and unity, whereas Satan seeks conflict and division. The world is at a crossroads, where one path leads to prosperity and the other to destruction. As God and Satan can no longer remain on the same course, evil will disappear and only goodness will remain. This is the path of the Universal Peace Federation. Once Satan completely disappears from the earth, the world will be embraced in the bosom of peace and prosperity. We must establish the Universal Peace

Federation, and through its activities we will accomplish the goal of restoring God's fatherland. This has to be our life's goal.

The word "universal," meaning "of the cosmos" (*cheonju*), signifies the house of this universe. All within this house are one great family. The Universal Peace Federation is the organization that will bring peace to this large family. The peace among the members of this large family will naturally lead to the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. Its center is God.

Since the center of the huge cosmos is God, it is not True Parents who take responsibility for it, but it is God who takes responsibility. It is not True Parents who are the central beings; we should entrust the cosmos to God's hands. If we entrust this task to the spirit world, as long we are aligned to the way God in heaven is leading us, God's Will can be fulfilled naturally.

Wherever you are, you should pay attention to the Universal Peace Federation. In order to take even one step closer to the heavenly world, you should entrust everything to God. If you entrust everything to God, since God will be the center, there is nothing that cannot be realized. Since there is no indemnity and



True Parents inaugurated UPF in the presence of 376 UN delegates from 157 nations in New York City at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall.



True Parents lighting candles onstage at beginning of the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005

no opposition from Satan, God can do whatever He needs to do. Such a time has come. Since God can perform the role of the Owner, acting as He wills, you should live with the idea that He is carrying you on His back. Then when you advance, you can surmount any kind of persecution. That is the important significance of the establishment of UPF.

The Universal Peace Federation is the Abel UN. I already proclaimed its authority as the Abel sovereignty. As the Universal Peace Federation is the Abel UN, having the Abel sovereignty, it will support its UN older brother from the position of Abel, cooperating with its brother instead of killing him. They will establish the tradition of working together in harmony to solve world problems.

Once True Parents can be involved, North and South Korea, Russia and China, and Russia and America will not be able to fight each other. Problems will be solved without needing to fight. Once True Parents are allowed to be involved, the communists will recognize them as their parents, and the democratic world will also recognize them as their parents. Then neither side will be able to

oppose True Parents. Then and there, they will have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to the True Parents, and heaven and earth will be totally united. Then the age of the federation of peace uniting heaven and earth (UPF) will advance to the age of the Abel UN, and when all Cain and Abel relationships are resolved, we will enter the age of the sovereignty of the King of Cosmic Peace.

While upholding the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, I am willing to accept the risk of being cursed and beaten. I am the kind of person who wants to have a good end before I pass on to the next world. As I began with pain and suffering, I am willing to end with pain and suffering. I should not have any selfish desires. It is my wish that such things will never happen again, not only in my children's and grandchildren's generations but also for many generations to come. That is why I will hold on to this mission for ten years, even for 1,000 years if I have to.

Right after we held the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation in the United States, I began a 120-nation speaking tour. I



This view of the back of the hall shows it was fully packed with people interested in the founding of the Universal Peace Federation.

planted in those 120 nations the victories that we achieved during our entire life of indemnity. You people of the Unification Church face opposition, but I insist that you march forward without even a hint of fear. Members of the Unification Church in 120 nations have always wondered, “When will Father come to our nation?” This time I went to each and every one of those 120 nations. It was the task of planting our victories. That is why no one could oppose me. Not one among the 120 nations opposed my visit. There was no opposition in any nation, from island nations to peninsula nations to even continental nations. Then I passed on my victory to Mother. As I passed it on to her, I asked her to unite Cain and Abel. So Mother toured and spoke in 180 nations. Even though it was Mother who stepped forward for this task, she did not go alone. We were together, centering on God.

True Parents set out on a worldwide speaking tour through 120 nations on September 12, 2005. Its purpose was to establish the lineage that Jesus was not able to establish — to change humankind’s fallen lineage to God’s. While I was traveling with Mother, I

opened the path for her. Eve, by her Fall, defiled the human lineage, and I had to rectify that. However, to rectify Cain’s murder of Abel all people have to unite with Mother. As her sons and daughters, they have to take the path that True Parents have set out for them.

Jesus in his lifetime, together with his wife who was to become True Mother, should have toured 120 nations and infused the ideal of true family, but he was not able to. Thus, while Mother traveled to 180 nations for this second UPF world tour, she had to bring together Cain and Abel who were divided. She had to bind together individuals, families, tribes and peoples who were all divided from one another. For this, I first had to sever Satan’s lineage from humankind, and then Mother, who inherited my foundation, had to resolve the Cain–Abel children’s problem worldwide. *☞*

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*This is an excerpt from Cham Bumo Gyeong Book 8, Chapter 3, Section 4.*



# Regarding True Mother's Authority

*This was True Mother's speech at Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's January 7-8 National Assembly of FFWPU Pastors at the Cheonwon Church. Mother spoke on the second day.*

**T**he eventful (lunar calendar) year of the cow is not over yet. In almost twenty days, we will enter the new year of the tiger. The black tiger! In 1962 (also the year of the tiger), True Parents gave birth to Hyo-jin nim. Early members and other people receiving revelations had declared, "Rejoice! A prince is born." So we had held a special celebration.

However, with twenty days to go before the celebration of the new year of the tiger, it cannot be said that the history of the Unification Church has

gone as planned. True Parents have the responsibility of realizing Heavenly Parent's dream on earth. The birth of True Parents was to take place under the protection and on the foundation Christianity prepared for over two thousand years.

Jesus promised to return to hold the marriage feast of the Lamb, because two thousand years ago, when he came as the only Begotten Son to celebrate this wedding, he had been unable to find the only begotten daughter. Therefore, he promised to return to celebrate the marriage feast

of the Lamb. This means that he had to become the True Parent. Thus, Christianity had to first find where the only begotten daughter had been born.

God has blessed the Unification Church. He wanted to reveal his authority through us. Thus, God brought forth his only daughter whom only we can have and of whom we can be proud. So, why haven't you been able to face situations with confidence? How is it that, although you have power from God with you, you did not boldly step forward and teach others?

This new year of the black tiger (2022) is the year in which we have to reveal God's authority and power. Yesterday I received a letter from a Japanese leader, saying that the Chinese character "im" designating this new year symbolizes a pregnant woman. It is said that the year of the black tiger symbolizes a woman. Who could it be? It is the only begotten daughter.

Just as True Mother's authority manifested sixty years ago, so too in twenty days, when we welcome the lunar year, should it or shouldn't it manifest itself again? Truly I tell you, you must now teach about it openly. Why the need for hesitation? We have so much to proud of.

In this regard, I wish that all of you who are preparing to welcome this new year of the tiger, can become leaders who are preparing for a year in which you spread widely the life-giving blessings of Heaven. [Applause] I've said this before: The reality is that you are experiencing the golden age by living and breath-

ing in the same era as I do.

You are in a blessed position in which you can boast to Heaven of the fruits of your efforts. It is truly a pity for a good shepherd who cannot harvest during the harvest season. You must harvest numerous fruits. That's the way to ensure the future. Therefore, in this era of establishing Cheon Il Guk, I believe that you are not entitled to retirement. I wish you all—men, women, young and old—to bear great fruit in this golden age of your lives.

This new year is the year of the black tiger, a brave, powerful, wise tiger who rules in the animal kingdom. Nevertheless, it cannot stand against the human being. Therefore, be confident while True Mother, the only begotten daughter, is still on earth. I wish that during this time, in this season and throughout the year, you and this blessed people of God will actively participate in the realization of our ultimate goal, which is to create a heavenly unified Korea and heavenly unified world. 



- ① Dr. Young-ho Yun presented the strategy of the FFWPU International Headquarters for the upcoming Korean Peninsula Peace Summit and for a victorious 2022.
- ② Wonju Jeong McDevitt led hoondokhae.
- ③ Jin-tae Joo president of Korea's subregion 1 offered the representative prayer.
- ④ True Mother cut a cake with appreciation for the new year
- ⑤ True Mother's daughters-in-law, Yeon-ah Moon and Hoon Sook Moon presented flowers to True Mother.
- ⑥ The presidents of the Korean subregions presented gifts to True Mother.



# The Golden Age Blessed by Heaven

*True Mother delivered this address at the Second Prayer Rally for the Salvation of the Homeland on January 9, at the Cheongshim World Peace Center.*



**D**istinguished religious leaders gathered here today and in all other parts of the world as well!

My earnest wish is to see a truly peaceful world. As 2021 draws to its end, we have learned of Heaven's profound and mysterious wisdom. All religions have reached the end of the line, yet we need to realize the world of peace Heaven is looking forward to and all humankind longs for.

Consider all that took place in the world this year. We not only had the coronavirus pandemic, but in many parts of the world, climate change also caused heavy rain and wildfires. Recently, there was a massive wildfire in Colorado and tornadoes in the central United States. Of course, these caused astronomical property damage. Human casualties seem to be happening one after another.

Therefore, we must unite, be of one heart. Global changes make us realize once again that human effort has limits. The only way for us to become one is to become children of the Creator God, who is the owner of the universe. However, human beings have the problem of having the responsibility of following the Principle of Creation despite the desires of their hearts.

Because God could not abandon fallen people, he has been carrying out his providence of salvation. God has carried out his providential work through his chosen people. Though they may be the chosen people, they still need to fulfill their responsibilities in order to receive Heaven's blessings.

After four thousand years of preparation, the providence to save and restore through indemnity the people of Israel began when Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, was sent to earth. At the time, Israel was a vassal state of the great Roman Empire. At a time when it was said that all roads led to Rome, Heaven's providence carried out through the people of Israel was begun with much urgency.

The Roman Empire at the time was in a situation in which its very future was unpredictable, with many broken families and young people in chaos. In contrast, the families of the people of Israel stood firm and

strong with God at their center; the Roman Empire wished to follow that example. However, those who should have helped him, such as Mary, Zechariah's family, Judaism and the people of Israel, all failed in fulfilling their responsibilities.

God had toiled for four thousand long years to send his only begotten son, and yet, the people of Israel, who should have formed a protective environment in which he could carry out his mission, sent him to the cross. Jesus had no place to stand. On the path to the cross, he said that he would come again. He said he would hold the Feast of the Lamb upon his return. He meant that he would seek out his bride.

### **The Korean people must serve God**

Since then, the history of Christianity has continued for two thousand years. The truth is, however, that Christians have not known Jesus' true nature or God the Creator's true nature. In light of that, even though Christianity put love first, the great powers in the world prioritized their own interests before all else. In their egoism, they did not practice Jesus' love, and this brought about the end of the age of the Atlantic Civilization.

The Creator, however, exists forever. He created everything in the world with eternity in mind. Only the True Parents, who were born among fallen humankind with the condition of not having fallen, can save humankind. The only begotten son was born two thousand years ago. And yet, the only begotten daughter could not appear because the people of Israel were unable to fulfill their responsibilities.

Heaven then selected the Korean people as his chosen people and raised them in preparation for the birth of the only begotten daughter. That is why the Korean people need to advance to the position where they can serve God directly. To do that, they need to meet True Parents, be reborn and be resurrected. In other words, only through True Parents' Blessing can they become Heavenly Parent's children. Heaven's providence, oriented toward goodness, permitted different religions that best suited their localities to blossom. Nevertheless, the final

destination of those religions and their leaders is the place where they can receive True Parents' Blessing. Only then can the entire world truly serve our Heavenly Parent. And the realization of a heavenly unified Korea and heavenly unified world can occur only when those on the Korean Peninsula, which should become Heavenly Parent's homeland, fulfill their responsibilities.

### **Bring in the new year well**

I would like to ask the politicians to please listen carefully. I have said before that there are limits to human effort. The Korean people, who should uphold Heaven's providence, need to follow the path of practicing True Parents' teachings, for it is only then that Korea, the Korean Peninsula blessed by Heaven, can become a heavenly unified Korea and ultimately realize a heavenly unified world of true freedom, peace, equality and happiness under our Heavenly Parent.

Only twenty or so days remain until the [heavenly calendar] New Year. Not only those of you gathered here today, but all religious believers in the world, need to join their hearts in fervent prayer and devotion in order to reveal to the world Heaven's authority by which our Heavenly Parent can be substantially manifested on earth in order to govern it. The Korean people need to fulfill their responsibility to create such an environment, and we all need to work together to realize a world of true peace and happiness. You are now living in the golden age blessed by Heaven, which can only come once in your lives as well as once in history.

Therefore, you need to work hard so that the record of honor will read: "You have fulfilled your responsibilities. Heaven's blessings and grace are overflowing in your families, your nations and the world. You are Heavenly Parent's true children, who made this possible." Please know that the moment when this is recorded will be an unforgettable moment of eternal blessing for all of you. As long as God is with us, we will certainly usher in a new year filled with hope and life. Let us endeavor to make that a reality. Thank you. ☞

# A HOPEFUL NEW START FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED KOREA

The Ten Biggest News Items of 2021





## 1. Annual events in True Parents' Lives

Cheon Il Guk's ninth year included what would have been True Father's 101st birthday and True Mother's seventy-eighth birthday, sixty-first anniversary of their Holy Wedding and the ninth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension.



## 2. The Completion of the Structure of Cheon Won Gung

This is an excerpt of True Mother's prayer at the Ceremony marking this milestone. "The reunification of Korea, so longed for by the people will only be possible when the serve and honor you. Therefore, they must know the completion of this temple marks the moment of which you dream, when you finally establish yourself on earth with True Parents."

## 3. Grand Cheonbo Festival 2021

In a historic ceremony held on the foundation of Cheon Il Guk's settlement, 5,404 blessed couples that had fulfilled their tribal messiah mission were inducted as cheonbo. These couples had completed the blessing of 430 couples on the vertical and horizontal levels and underwent a rigorous evaluation process at the national, continental and global levels before True Mother finally recognized them as cheonbo couples.

True Mother told them, "True Parents sincerely desire and pray that you become the most precious cheonbo families of this Cheon Il Guk era who will receive Heavenly Parents' immense love and will shine eternally, like beautiful cheonbo flowers."

True Mother awarded these blessed couples the cheonbo recognition plaque, which confers cheonbo family status and cheonbo shawls, symbolizing that they had fulfilled God's and True Parents' will. She expressed her desire to see all humanity becomes cheonbo families that shine forever.



#### 4. Sunday Service Innovation: Peace Festivals, Pyeonghwa Nuri (Peaceful World) Worship Services

True Mother has introduced many worship innovations and has established a witnessing environment. These worship services, which usher in a new Sunday service culture, have, so far, been held in churches in Korea's and Japan's subregions. These were also models for the Pyeonghwa Nuri worship services for children. The FFWPU International Headquarters organized peace festivals for new members. Through Sunday services open to all, peace festivals and Pyeonghwa Nuri Worship Service (for children) Mother has established a new worship culture that allows anyone to praise Heavenly Parent with joy.



#### 6. Promotion of Hyojeong Culture for Children—Hyojeong Nuri Worship Services

We are developing material that helps instill hyojeong culture in children. Various experts are leading the development of these programs for each age group. True Mother presided over the first Hyojeong Nuri Worship Service, which emphasized the value of filial piety. Families from three generations could worship in a joyful atmosphere. The Youth Department of the Cheonwon Church at the FFWPU International Headquarters organizes the Cheonwon Youth Church Service. They include a meditation session, a live concert and a time for sharing testimonies. These lively services convey positive emotions to the participants.



#### 5. Most recent innovations in the Korean church

True Mother elevated Korea as a special continent, divided it into five subregions, whose five leaders are co-presidents. This restructuring extended to the seven regions, the Cheonuiwon directors constituting the first generation, the continental presidents constituting the second generation and the continental vice-presidents and IAYSP presidents constituting the third generation. Working in perfect harmony to create the framework to achieve their goal.



#### 7. Rallies of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea and World

Rallies of Hope are like peace festivals that create a buzz around the world. At these events, the message of a heavenly unified Korea and an ideal world of peace based on interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values brought millions of people together and provided them with a glimmer of hope.



## 8. Peace Forums

Peace Forums on a heavenly, unified Korea are part of peace seminars to train peace-loving citizens. Their purpose is to guide the crisis-torn Republic of Korea to become a heavenly, unified Korea, full of hope. Centered on Professor Sung-bae Jin, director of the Hyojeong Academic Institute, the theory of a heavenly, unified Korea has developed. Local and foreign leaders speak at conferences to educate the general public on the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. These peace forums are truly inspirational and include entertainment thereby providing a moving intellectual and

emotional experience.

The Think Tank 2022 Forum brought together intellectuals from around the world to engage in in-depth discussions and to propose solutions that may lead to peace on the Korean Peninsula and to the wellbeing of humanity. Based on the agenda set by Think Tank 2022, measures tailored to Korea's five regions and specific policy discussions and action plans for peace and shared prosperity on the Korean Peninsula were presented to Korean citizens.



## 9. Think Tank 2022

With the launch of Think Tank 2022, a group of intellectuals from around the world work together for lasting peace and permanent prosperity on the Korean Peninsula. A new chapter in the pursuit of lasting peace is beginning. On this basis, Think Tank 2022 Rally of Hope was held during an event, in which the Organizing Committee for the Korean Peninsula Peace Summit made its debut. This was a significant event to realize the creation of the Asia Pacific Union, which True Mother advocated and to realize a common desire of a heavenly, unified Korea. Mother said, "Today, the prospects for peace on the Korean Peninsula are excellent. The culture of peace of the Asia-Pacific civilization, which began on the Korean Peninsula, is spreading throughout the world from Asia."

## 10. Prayer Rally for the Salvation of the Homeland and the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea

The Republic of Korea is one of the world's few remaining divided countries. For this rally, on December 5, 2021, eighty religious heads, leaders from 157 countries, and members of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community from 194 countries gathered their hearts and offered jeongseong for a heavenly unified Korea. We believe that their earnest hearts and sincere offerings of devotion will reach Heaven and bear fruit. One person's prayer is one person's wish, but one million people's prayer is a vision that will be substantialized.

# Paula White-Cain Speaks from the Heart

*Paula White-Cain is a prolific writer, a preacher and televangelist and she was the chair of the evangelical advisory board in the Trump administration.*

**I heard you will participate in the Prayer Rally for a Heavenly Unified Korea. What does this rally mean to you and what message will you share?**

**F**irst it is such an honor to be with Mother Moon, to gather people for the reunification of North and South Korea to beseech God for peace. I believe that as religious leaders, as we come before God with humble hearts in repentance for the past and hope for the future, we will see the dream that we have all been longing for, that is, for Korea to reunify.

**FFWPU and UPF are convening Think Tank 2022 Forum now with experts from all sectors of society, from religion to politics, to the arts and the economy. They are sharing their wisdom on how to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. What are your thoughts on this forum and if you were invited to speak at this forum, what message would you give?**

**I** believe it is unprecedented to bring together heads of state and parliament and the media and religious leaders, whom I believe will carry the people's heart and God's heart to all sectors of society regarding the vital importance to world peace of the reunification of North and South Korea. I believe what we have experienced globally these past few years with the pandemic is a beacon or a call—a beckoning for us to unite together for the



Pastor White-Cain speaking at a Think Tank 2022 Interfaith Forum in the Cheongshim World Peace Center on December 18 during the Peace Dialogue session

good of all humanity.

**How do you think religious leaders and Christians generally can contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula?**

**I** think religious leaders and Christians have a great responsibility for peace on the Korean Peninsula. First, by humbling ourselves, turning from our wicked ways and calling out to God in prayer and fasting and knowing that according to the Bible, "He will hear our cries and he will answer them." So through humility, repentance, prayer and fasting, we must then possess courage, as Mother Moon does, to lead the way. As spiritual leaders, we must be at the

forefront. I think about the tribe of Judah. Judah had a penetrating force. It says, in the Book of Judges, "Who shall we send forth first?" It continues, "Send Judah." Because Judah would penetrate. It says that there was a tribe that praised God and spoke for God, so it is important that we, who are God's representatives, carrying his truth on earth, lead the way for peace and reconciliation. It will require the great virtue of courage.

**Throughout history we see religious conflicts. Religious dogma sometimes causes strife. For a long time, Father and Mother Moon have worked toward interfaith cooperation. What do you**

### think of their interfaith work?

**I** think it's exceptional. And it's necessary to understand and appreciate all of our differences, but also our likenesses. Mother and Father Moon have done that tremendously. We will get nowhere by continuing to bring divisions, focusing on what is wrong and what our differences are. When you boil it down, you find that you get so much more accomplished by being unified, respectful and empathetic. To understand one another and pray together is vitally important. Much of my work around the world and specifically for the last four years in the White House was to bring people of all faiths together, as we did at the State Department with our unprecedented ministerial alliance to advance religious liberties. Without understanding and cooperation, we will never advance to peace. I commend Mother and Father Moon for being forerunners with their great vision and heart from God.

### The world has changed dramatically during the pandemic. How do you see the changes in the religious sphere during this time and do you foresee other changes in religion in the future?

**W**e're in transition times for sure. And you must be a transitional leader during this time. I think of Joshua. How Moses had died and they were not yet in the Promised Land. It took a leader who understood the past but had a vision for the future to take God's people to where his destined place was. There have been challenges unprecedented in places like the United States. We've had to fight up to the Supreme Court for our religious liberties and the right to worship God freely. That was new for most of us, people of our generation in America.

People around the world have experienced unprecedented times due to the pandemic. While we must keep people safe, we must learn how to work out that balance of always honoring God and his word. This takes great wisdom, strength, courage and an understanding of what new wine looks like. What I mean by that is that you cannot pour

new wine into old wineskins—old structures. We cannot lose the foundations of our faith, but we must understand how to move into this time by ministering effectively to the people in this new world.

### Father and Mother Moon emphasize family values and emphasized worshipping at home. What do you think of that in relation to the pandemic and will it have an effect into the future?

**A**bsolutely. Father and Mother Moon are forerunners. Having the insight, obviously from God, of the importance of family and home. Little did they know that the world would face a global pandemic, that we all, at some time or another, would have home church. I personally believe the two sacred institutions created by God are our family and his church. It's vitally important to worship God both in our home and as much as we can in a public assembly.

### The pandemic has lasted two years. Throughout society we see a lot of suffering and division, strife and conflict and much political hostility. Do you have a message of hope and cooperation for people?

**B**e compassionate and understanding when people are facing unprecedented times, many having lost their jobs, facing health crises, adjustments to their family, work, schedules. Fears arise that we have never faced individually or as nations. It's going to take great patience and wisdom, and we must walk in the love of God. This is an opportunity never before presented in our lifetime to minister effectively for Jesus Christ in the sense that people are hurting and looking for hope. We have those answers. Becoming the ministers God has called us to be is now vitally important.

### Donald Trump [US president 2017–2021] participated in two of our events. In his speech, he mentioned that one of his proudest achievements as president was his pioneering work to bring a brighter future to the two

### Koreas. Have you had discussion with him about Korean reunification?

**A**bsolutely, it was one of his proudest moments. He still often talks of that. I've been his pastor for twenty-two years. I served with him as an adviser to the president over the Faith Initiative and Opportunity. There were many moments inside and outside the White House when spoke about the incredible strides that were made and his hope that peace will continue to move forward.

### This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the meeting between Father Moon and Mother Moon with Kim Il-sung in North Korea, when the Cold War was just about to end. The agreements made between Father Moon and Mother Moon and Kim Il-sung continue to this day. What is your view of that meeting and what do you think we can learn from it?

**F**irst, it was groundbreaking, unprecedented. How and why Father and Mother Moon achieved this, boils down to one word, "love," which includes forgiveness, healing, restoration and compassion. They are two people who walk in the love and light of God, in action. They chose God's path instead of being broken and bitter.

### Many readers of Segye Ilbo are excited that you have come to Korea. What message would you give to Segye Ilbo's readers?

**L**et us lay aside our differences and walk in God's love and be the light to the world that he has called us to be. For the world will look at us and know that we are his disciples by the love we have one for another. We are all created in God's image. Let us bear that image and be fruitful in all that we put our hands to by representing God on earth. 

*Sang-bae Seo, senior staff reporter for the Segye Ilbo, conducted this interview on December 3. This translation of the interview has been edited for length.*

# Glimpsing the Future of a Heavenly Unified Korea

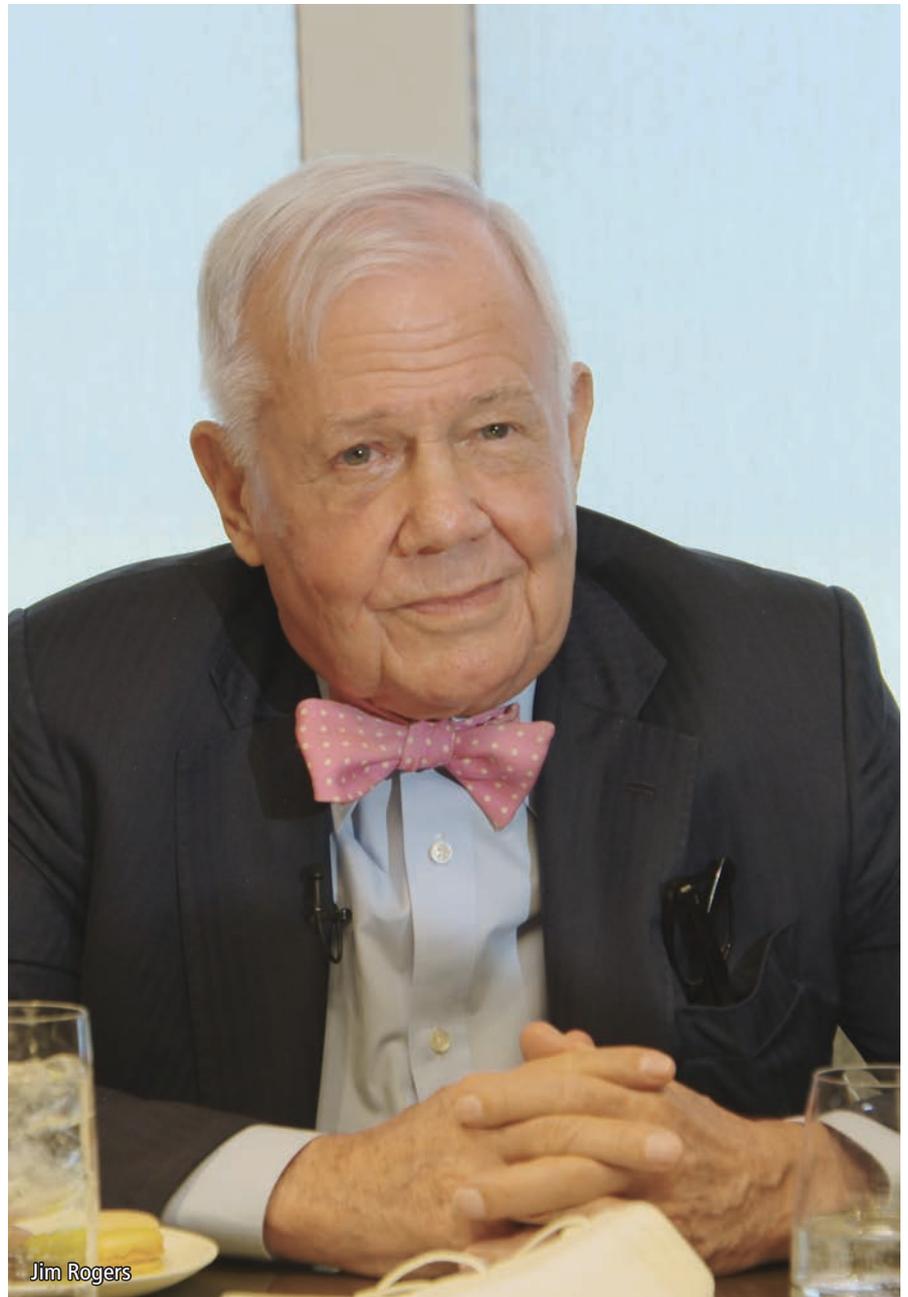
*Jim Rogers is an American investor, a financial commentator and a firm supporter of Korean reunification.*

Last Saturday, you caused quite a stir in Korea by participating in the Think Tank 2022 Forum, which UPF hosted. What was your impression of the forum?

I will say to you what I have said to others. The group has been doing things, more things than most people for a long time. It was just confirmation to me that they do have foresight and that they are sincere about trying to do something. Many people talk. This group is more serious, if you ask me. Their actions speak louder than words.

Could you share with us what your interest is in North Korea and South Korea?

I have been around the world twice. I've seen a lot of the world from close to the ground, which is the best way to see the world. I will tell you that once the DMZ (demilitarized zone) is open, the Korean Peninsula is going to be the most exciting place in the world for probably ten, twenty or twenty-five years because everything is here. When you put it together—manufacturing ability, natural resources, disciplined labor—everything is here, on the Chinese border. So, it will be exciting. There are other exciting places in the world but the Korean Peninsula will be the best for ten or twenty years. You're at the right place at the right time.



Jim Rogers

**In February, the Universal Peace Federation and Think Tank 2022 will invite heads of state from various nations to convene a summit to discuss opening the border, the DMZ. What do you think about that?**

**T**he more people you can get on board, the more people you can educate about the situation, the more likely we can end this absurdity. More people will understand that we must do something about this. It would be good for Korea. It would be good for Asia and it would be good for the world.

**If the DMZ were opened, how would you value one unified Korea?**

**Y**ou'll have a country of eighty or ninety million people on the Chinese border. They have very productive, disciplined labor in the North, lots of natural resources in the North. In the South you have manufacturing ability and capital-raising ability. You put these together and it is simple economics; it's simple history. Then, you will have a very dynamic, peaceful economy. Some people wonder how you will pay for it. You will have huge amounts of money that you will save by not spending money on tanks, not spending money on guns in the South and the North. So, the capital is there.

Many companies around the world, including in Korea are studying how to invest in the Korean Peninsula once there's peace, so you will have Hyundai, Samsung... many people investing a lot of money in the North and in the South once there is peace and a huge new market. Everything comes together at that time.

Plus, in the South you have a shortage of females. You can get females from the North. They have some extra females. So some of the social tensions will ease. Whenever a new frontier opens, there are great opportunities. There used to be a railroad up the east coast and the west coast [of Korea before it was divided]. They'll rebuild those railroads, and this will become a transportation hub. Many things that Koreans have forgotten about or

are not aware of will change once everything is finished and you don't have to worry about killing one another anymore.

**In Think Tank 2022 Forum, one of the main topics was opening up the DMZ. One vision for that is "one Korea under God." What would you say about that?**

**I**'m not Korean, so I can't tell you how to live, but I do know that if you open that border and people can come and go, they can trade, they can sing and dance, they can do whatever they want—everything will change dramatically. You don't need an outsider, an American or anyone else, to tell you how to live. Once people can come and go again and there is one nation or one [undivided] peninsula if you will; it doesn't necessarily have to have one government; you could have a confederation. Then, you'll solve the problems.

You don't need me or anybody else to tell you what to do. You'll know how to do it. Usually when there's peace people become more spiritual. They realize there are other things besides themselves. But I cannot tell Koreans how to live or how to think. That's up to you. You've had enough foreigners on this peninsula for the last one hundred years or so.

**You spoke about the railroad on Korea's East and West Coasts and I know you are tremendously interested in the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel, which has tremendous potential in economic terms and in bringing the two Koreas together. If you had the chance what would you say to Japanese and Korean politicians about the undersea tunnel?**

**T**he more you can open countries, societies and nations, the more interchange there is, people have fun; they realize they don't have to be afraid of each other. If you open the tunnel, there will be a lot more travel, tourism, trade between Korea and Japan, which will be good for Korea and Japan—you know the history as well as I do. The technology is there; apparently the capital is there. What do you have against it? You saw what hap-

pened when they opened up the tunnel between Europe and England. Any tunnel... Look all over the world. Whenever you open up communication or travel, things have gotten better. So this will be just another way to make the Japanese and the Koreans friendlier instead of antagonistic to each other.

**During the Think Tank 2022 Forum which you participated in, a resolution was produced that invited businesspeople from around the world to support the initiative of opening the thirty-eighth parallel, which will help to secure lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.**

**O**f course! Yes. I would shout it from the rooftops: Open the thirty-eighth parallel; demolish the DMZ. Let's have a big party. Let's let people come and go. Let them pray, do whatever they want, sing, dance. Let's do it!

**Could you say a few words about the founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and also about the chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Yun?**

**T**his group, Rev. Moon and his successors has been doing probably more (at least effectively and efficiently) than anybody else, certainly more than American politicians and certainly more than Korean politicians. We don't have peace yet, but if anybody has been a driven, dynamic force, it has been Rev. Moon and his descendants; they keep doing it. They opened a car [manufacturing] company in North Korea. Who could have thought of that thirty years ago? The idea of the tunnel? Who could have thought of that and then actually have gotten it started? Whether people agree with them or not, they have done a lot of things, which other people have not been able to do. Thank goodness, they keep pushing! I hope the whole world will push with them. Let's get this problem solved! 

*PeaceTv Department Head Hyeon-gi Hong conducted this interview on November 22, 2021.*

# First Thoughts Regarding the International Artist Association for Culture and Peace

By David Eaton

In 2021, I had the opportunity to offer remarks in several webinars under the auspices of the newly formed International Artists Association for Culture and Peace (IAACP). Because art and culture play significant roles in the process of attaining socio-cultural betterment, the responsibility of artists in that process is an important factor. In my remarks, I alluded to the “beauty” aspect in the beauty, truth and goodness paradigm and its effects in shaping our consciousness in ways that could be beneficial individually and collectively. In music we refer to this as psycho-acoustics—how music affects our mood and character.

The ancient cultures of China and Greece understood the impact of art in general, and music in particular, in the process of creating a moral and ethical society. In *The Republic*, Plato

wrote, “The ways of poetry and music are not changed anywhere without change in the most important laws of a city.” The Chinese politician Le Bu Wei (291–235, BCE) wrote in his *Spring and Autumn Annals*, “The will of people living in an area can be known by examining the customs prevailing there. And their virtues can be known by examining their will. Whether a state will become prosperous or face its downfall, whether its sovereign is sensible or unworthy, and whether a person is honorable or base, can all be known by the music they enjoy.”

The cultures of antiquity were well aware of the moral power of the arts and understood that art, especially music, had the power to either ennoble or corrupt individuals and societies. With this understanding, art and music were not viewed merely as entertainment, but as vehicles by

which society could be uplifted or debased.

Between 2003 and 2012, I traveled to Israel on ten occasions to participate in concerts and conferences sponsored by the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI). In 2008, I met Kitty Cohen, director of *The Folklore of the Other Institute*, an interfaith organization in Israel that seeks to create conditions for understanding and respect for people of various faith traditions. Kitty has been working on this effort for over twenty years. She explained that in her early experiences of doing interfaith work, she produced seminars and conferences but quickly realized that these types of events had little effect in ameliorating historical antagonisms.

The polarizing aspects of religious and political convictions were far too ingrained to be resolved through dialogue. As Miss Cohen explained,



dialogue often led to greater misunderstandings and created deeper divisions. She changed her focus to social action, service projects, music, art and sports. This change of focus toward project-based initiatives demonstrated that when people work together for a common cause, the barriers of religion, ethnicity and race disappear more rapidly and become subsidiary concerns. Music and dance were especially effective in bringing people of varying backgrounds and beliefs together in the spirit of harmony and goodwill.

In my career as a composer, conductor and producer I've had the good fortune to work with musicians in Europe, Asia, Israel, Russia and Central America and South America. The power of music, or more precisely, the power of beauty to bring people together in a harmonious fashion testifies to the human desire to experience beauty and to be uplifted by it. In his study of Emanuel Kant, the British philosopher, Roger Scruton observed that Kant situated the aesthetic experience next to the religious experience and for Kant, the aesthetic experience was "the archetype of revelation." When we experience beauty, whether it's the beauty of nature or the beauty of art, our consciousness changes and we can have epiphanies that effect our lives in profound ways.

American composer and conductor, Leonard Bernstein asserted, "Art cannot change events. But it can change people. It can affect people so that they are changed. Because people are changed by art—enriched, ennobled, encouraged—they can act in a way that may affect the course of

events by the way they vote, they behave, the way they think." This, of course, is in accord with what Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon states in her memoirs, that it's not politics that moves the world, but rather it is art and culture that moves the world. As she notes, "It is affection, not reason, that strikes people in their innermost being. When hearts become receptive and are able to receive new things, ideologies and social regimes can change." Because aesthetic beauty has such a powerful effect on our psyche, artists have to understand that their art has a certain moral power, and they must use that power with a sense of moral responsibility.

I've often been asked if my music is affected by life experiences, or if I use my music as a way to affect change. It's actually both; a "reciprocity of influence," as musicologist Richard Taruskin so nicely put it. Artists don't create in a vacuum. What we create and put before the public has consequences. As such, artists ought to be aware of their influence on society.

In her keynote address at the Rally of Hope on November 22, 2020, Dr. Hak Jan Moon announced her intention to establish the International Artists Association for Culture and Peace (IAACP). She also shared her view that the artistic expressions of Europe and its classical tradition were the progeny of Christian culture, and that this tradition could be a model for art in the hyojeong cultural experience. She alluded to how the European artistic culture was a glorious expression based on the expectation of the return of Christ and the dawning of Heavenly Parent's ideal world, saying:

The idea of "one family under God" has been the aim of many religious movements throughout history. Yet achieving that ideal remains elusive. Overcoming the problems of tribalism, jealousy, envy, greed, immorality, racism and materialism requires new ways of thinking. The beauty of art can open our hearts to these new ways of thinking and change our consciousness. Art that is created with the motivation and intention of elevating humankind to a higher consciousness in the pursuit of peace and mutual prosperity can be said to be art that is godly. In this respect, IAACP is calling on artists of all disciplines to examine their creative endeavors in the hope of establishing a culture of peace, the hope of all ages. 

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- ① The Little Angels performing a modern dance
- ② The iconic image of the Little Angels in Korean hanbok
- ③ A Youth and Students for Peace team, Young Sounds of Peace, performed "The Tiger is Coming Down."
- ④ The North Korean Baektu Halla Arts Troupe wants to highlight North Korea's arts and culture and support Korean reunification. They offered a full bow to True Mother after their performance.





## 2021 UPF ACTIVITY REPORTS by Heavenly Korea's Special Regions

# Heavenly Korea's Special Regions

### The Seoul and Incheon District



Rev. Jin-tae Joo is president of subregion one, the heavenly nation of Gyeong-in.

UPF activities in the Seoul and Incheon region in 2021 can be summarized in two main ways. One is the through the launch of the Hyojeong Leader Forum, and the other is through the various activities leading to the creation of the World Family Organization.

We launched the Hyojeong Leader Forum in July 2021 in the thirty-six municipalities in the Seoul and Incheon Districts. The leader forum included fifty leaders and experts in the fields of politics, economy, religion, academia, media and culture and the arts from each region. The total number of members in thirty-six cities, counties and districts was 1,875 people. In the future, through the Hyojeong Leader Forum, we plan to share the vision of and the agenda for a heavenly unified Korea presented by Think Tank 2022 and then strive to expand it throughout the local communities.

The efforts put into establishing the World Family Organization are also considered important 2021 activities, having judged that the World Family Organization is an international organization essential to realizing the era of a heavenly unified Korea. As such, Subregion One selected it as their project and thus our members created it in Seoul. After holding a seminar at the end of 2021, we examined the need for the establishment of the World Family Organization, and we are now planning various activities for the coming year.



## The Gyeonggi-Gangwon District Plans a Dream-Making Zone World Peace Park



The banner reads: The DMZ Contains the Vision of a New Unified Korea

In the face of climate crises and the COVID-19 pandemic that humanity is going through today, the gap between rich and poor and the gap between generations, rampant gender division and conflict and uncertainty that sustainable peace will ever come to be on the Korean Peninsula, the Universal Peace Federation in the Gyeonggi-Gangwon District created a strategy for a new era of peace by presenting two national schemes for a Peace and Neutrality Zone Project on the Korean Peninsula.

Establishing parks in the DMZ would be an important step toward North-South reunification. Currently, North Korea and South Korea are locked in a complex and intense confrontation. These parks should highlight Korea's world-class cultural heritage and should encourage tourism, educate people and highlight Korea's history, culture and art, with strong foci on ecology and on peace.

A second proposal is the designation of a Peace and Neutrality Zone, based on theory of limited peace. The expected effect of the Peace and Neutrality Zone Project on the Korean Peninsula is that it will build trust between the two Koreas as they work to resolve conflicts and eliminate confrontations. A Peace and Neutrality Zone will serve as a starting point for a lasting peace agreement on the Korean Peninsula through cooperation with the international community. We hope that this will be a stepping stone toward peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, centered on the concepts of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.



## Daejeon, Chungcheong District, Opinion Leader Group

In order to restore heavenly Chungcheong, we established the Eight-Pillar Opinion Leader Group with the focus on Think Tank 2022 World Summit and the Heavenly Reunification Theory. We expanded organizations of peace loving citizens, focusing on the Chungcheong members to restore the community.

### The Think Tank 2022 Forum and education spread through the Peace Forum for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea

With the focus on the Think Tank 2022 Forum and the Peace Forum for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea, we were able to draw active support from Seung-jo Yang, governor of Chungnam Province, and Shi-jong Lee, governor of Chungbuk Province. In line with the non-face-to-face era caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, education and promotion of opinion leaders and peace petitioners expanded through various online forums.

### Seminars to promote the Chungcheong Projects and Nurture Future Leaders

We continually seek to expand UPF's foundation in each province and city through online and off-line training with our focus on seminars to initiate new ambassadors for peace and engage opinion leaders in UPF's eight primary associations. Young adults, members of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace and students from Sun Moon University (Cheon Il Guk National University) will work together to formulate various policies for the development of future leaders. As such, the heavenly nation of Chungcheong will usher in a new era of reunification.



## Honam and Jeju Districts conduct activities to secure 160,000 members

In the Honam and Jeju Districts, the Universal Peace Federation successfully launched six pillar organizations, which touch on areas including politics, economy, academia, media, religion, and KCLC and on this basis, Think Tank 2022, which we also launched. In order to build a foundation to cater to and prepare an upper-level movement, leaders from each field centered on the six pillar organizations took part in a Divine Principle seminar, through which they connected to the Peace Forum for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea and Think Tank 2022 Forums.

We educated 71,129 local residents of heavenly Jeolla Province on the theory of unification, and we have trained new ambassadors for peace to recruit 1,054 new ambassadors for peace and to increase the number of incumbent politicians working as ambassadors for peace. We have recruited 56,414 peace-loving citizens as well. Through our YouTube channel, we are creating an online environment through which we provide lectures and other material on various topics to educate peace loving citizens on the theory of a heavenly unified Korea.

In addition, we launched the Hyojeong Peace Volunteer Corps throughout forty-two municipalities and districts. The volunteers conduct activities locally, building trust through work cooperatively, and signing MOUs with various NGOs and volunteer organizations as a means to connect with locals. On this foundation, we successfully held a Honam-Jeju Korean Peninsula Peace Summit for a Heavenly Unification Korea in November 2021.



## The Yongnam District Promotes the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel



The banner reads, "A symposium on the settlement of a heavenly, unified Korea and the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel "

For the sake of peace and prosperity, the Yongnam District UPF conducts projects in support of the Korean-Japan undersea tunnel, which connects to Eurasia. To promote the construction of the tunnel, FFWPU, the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) and the WFWP have been working closely with Japan to improve relations between Korea and Japan and to actively conduct research on the tunnel.

We held regional competitions, academic presentations, symposiums and forums to analyze the necessity and plausible effects of the tunnel. We provide a venue for cooperation and through surveys with the participation of experts in related fields, we were able to raise public awareness and explain the importance of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values in relation to the tunnel. In addition, as exchanges between the two countries in relation to the tunnel are actively taking place, we held three International Leadership Conferences online to emphasize the need to create a forum for peace for the Northeast Asia economic community centered on the tunnel. At the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel Symposium in October 2021, a group of chairmen on the Tunnel Promotion Committee gathered personnel and launched activities in seventy-two cities and counties across Korea's Yeongnam District (North Gyeongsang Province, South Gyeongsang Province and the self-governing cities of Busan, Daegu and Ulsan). They had resolved to gain public support and to participate in more practical and well-defined activities. Finally, in December 2021, the Korean Peninsula Peace Summit Launching Ceremony for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea through the Promotion of the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel was successfully held in seventy-two cities, counties and districts. 



# Heavenly Japan



At a meeting of UPF-Japan's board of directors all members of the board expressed optimism regarding 2022.

Like other UPF chapters around the world, the central theme of UPF for Japan 2021 was “Safe Settlement of a Heavenly Unified Korea.” For people around the world to receive the Mother of Peace as the Mother of Unification, we need to create a solid foundation for North–South peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula, which is the center of the providence, before the upcoming South Korean presidential elections on March 9, 2022. With that resolution, UPF-Japan has conducted extensive activities to support the establishment of a heavenly unified Korea under the strong leadership of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

The International Leadership Conference (ILC) online webinar, which we first held on February 24 last year, aired the viewpoints of Japanese intellectuals on “The Situation on the Korean Peninsula and its Future Prospects—and Russia’s Perspective.” Dr. Igor Tolstocrakov expressed Russia’s point of view.

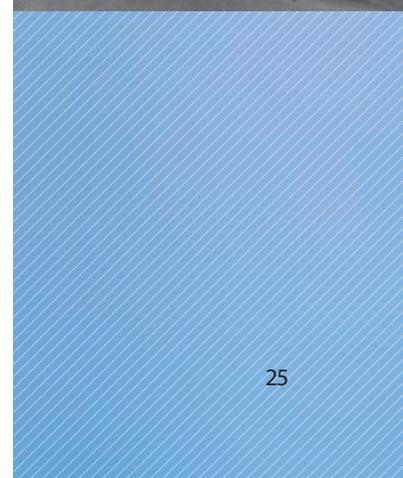
On March 18, the Peace Ambassadors Council in Japan’s Kanto Region held an ILC on the theme “The Korean War and Japan.” For around seventy years after the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, Japan has had a rear-support military bases for US and UN forces. Various information was presented that showed Japan’s involvement in the Korean War, much of which, up to now, had never been revealed, such as the transportation of reinforcements and materials by Japanese cargo ships to Korea. This meeting was an excellent opportunity for the peace-loving people of South Korea and Japan to think about the future of their friendship.

Starting in late April, before the sixth Rally of Hope, UPF-Japan organized eight projects under UPF’s primary associations holding ILCs that brought religious leaders together. On April 19, we held an IAPD session, and we prayed for North–South reunification as we held a session under the theme “Praying for Peace, Reunification on the Korean Peninsula and Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region.”

The IAAP session (April 20) brought together scholars and journalists who discussed Korean politics and Japan–Korea relations based on the Seoul and Busan mayoral elections. At the ISCP session, we welcomed the former vice-president of Taiwan, Lu Hsiu-lien (2000–2008) as a guest. In her keynote address, she said, “We can realize peace and soft power success in Northeast Asia by strengthening the solidarity between Japan and Taiwan.”

## Looking from a new perspective

The Korean Peninsula issue is often addressed politically, militarily and ideologically. As an IAFLP event, we planned a session centered on woman leaders who are ethnic Korean citizens of Japan. We called the session, “The National Identity of Koreans in Japan and the Future on the Korean Peninsula.” During this session, young women spoke of the 38th Parallel



and the future of the Korean Peninsula as they see it. We have around 480,000 Korean residents in Japan.

The IAED held a session with the theme the Korea–Japan Undersea Tunnel at the International Highway Foundation and the HJ Magnolia Foundation. In the IAPP, incumbent lawmakers met as a group, and the IMAP was discussed by media officials and political critics from the U.S. UK and Albania, centering on the *Segye Ilbo* of Japan.

Following these sessions, the participants, experts and intellectuals from all walks of life, signed UPF's ILC2021 resolution, expressing Japan's support for peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula and commemorating the sixth Rally of Hope to launch Think Tank 2022, a wonderful event which took place on May 9.

From June to August, we held three ILCs "For the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula," with a total of twenty-five sessions with the central theme, "Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."

At the September 12 Think Tank2022 Rally of Hope, which featured a heated discussion, former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and former U.S. President Trump sent a message expressing their support for the efforts to reunify North Korea and South Korea peacefully, centered on Think Tank 2022. They expressed their support for True Parents' vision of peace.

At the ThinkTank2022 forums, which we held after the September event, we had a three-way broadcast between the United States and Japan, with high-level experts from the world, including (first) former U.S. secretary of state Mike Pompeo, (second) former vice-president Mike Pence, and (third) global investor Jim Rogers. Japan also brought VIPs attending as keynote speakers. Some of whom spoke of the need for solidarity between the South Korea and Japan in the creation of the undersea tunnel.

As such, UPF Japan has been actively promoting support for the establishment of a heavenly unified Korea as directed by the FFWPU International Headquarters, while also conducting a wide range of activities for the foundation of peace ambassadors in our country. We also promoted the launch of IAPP Japan, centered on legislators, to hold the World Peace Council. In the future, concrete projects will connect countries worldwide, and UPF will arrange dialogues between important public figures and incumbent politicians. First, on July 21, the U.S.-Japan Assembly Conference was held to discuss areas of common interest with Taiwan.

In UPF Japan, we organized the Peace Ambassador Council nationwide as a network of ambassadors for peace, conducting the National Security Movement, the Korea–Japan Tunnel Construction Promotion, and the People's Movement to Restore Families.

In the security field, an executive at the "National Forum for Peace and Security in Asia and Japan" conducted seventy-six activities across the country with land and sea experts from the Self-Defense Forces and former self-defense officers.

In the Korean Tunnel Promotion National Movement, a general meeting of executives met for the first time in four years. While commemorating forty years since the announcement of True Father's "Korean–Japan Tunnel plan," UPF hold forty-one conferences, lectures, and development activities nationwide, expressing True Parent's ideas on "interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values."

The People's Movement to Make People, Make Families and Make the Country was a national movement to restore families. Members conducted various enlightenment activities on the value of families and marriage through a total of fifty-nine lectures and Family Vision Seminars.

In addition, UPF carried out Peace Road activities to promote peace-building and harmony between Korea and Japan, and peace-unification between the two Koreas through the Korea–Japan Tunnel project. Despite the COVID-19 situation, UPF carried out these activities nationwide in forty-three provinces, prefectures, and regions. The dynamic appearance of young people stirred positive emotions, and this has been extensively reported via around forty-eight broadcasting outlets, newspapers and the Internet. 

## Heavenly North America

# On the Front Line for Korean Reunification and Family Values

By Michael Jenkins



From left: Dr. Alexandre Mansourov, a North Korean expert; Ambassador Joseph DeTrani, former U.S. special envoy to the Six-Party Talks; Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Thomas McDevitt, chairman of The Washington Times

**U**niversal Peace Federation-North America includes the work of UPF in the United States and Canada. Our overall mission is to pursue peace on all fronts, to mitigate disagreement and conflict between people. We place special emphasis on the equal partnership of women and men and on raising the next generation of leaders.

Universal Peace Federation conducts activities and promotes dialogue to provide national and grassroots leadership in promoting education, peace and community service initiatives affecting family and community renewal. We frequently engage in co-sponsorships with altruistic-minded NGOs and non-profit organizations internationally to maximize outreach with the goal of engaging and involving one-third of the world within the next five years. We advance our work through numerous projects, activities and interactions in public meetings, through think tank development, providing education on peace and public-mindedness and on communication skills development in marriage and family as well as interfaith prayer and dialogue.

UPF USA advances this mission by co-hosting and participating in conferences such as Rally of Hope events, Think Tank 2022, and the Washington Brief webcast, which is a monthly forum of experts assessing risks and opportunities on the Korean Peninsula, which I will describe in more detail below.

We hold International Leadership Conferences, National Parents' Day and Parents of the Year recognition, interfaith dialogues, Peace Road, Middle East Peace Initiative and we appoint ambassadors for peace. We also participated in observing United Nations observance days, carrying out events locally in the U.S. and Canada.

True Mother's direction to Universal Peace Federation North America has been consistent on two fronts: first, to end hostilities and create unity between the two Koreas, and second, in partnership with clergy members, to support family values and interfaith relations. In both of these areas there has been an added across-the-board emphasis on raising members of the younger generation to the point where they can assume top leadership positions. That was our focus during 2021.

It is essential to point out that Universal Peace Federation-North America has made all its

accomplishments in collaboration with every other organization founded by Father and Mother—organizations serving the needs of the clergy, women’s interests, youth, as well as every other sphere in the partnership between God and man. Sometimes UPF’s partners did the heaviest lifting for us, and always we aided the efforts of one another. Always we operated with the support and guidance of the Universal Peace Federation International and its world-wide affiliates. We worked alongside one another month in and month out, seven days a week, in our common struggle and desire to serve True Parents and God’s providence. During this process magical things happened.

### **The Rally of Hope and Think Tank 2022**

The Rally of Hope series was born out of True Mother’s wisdom and leadership. Her appointment of Dan Burton, a former US congressman and Jose DeVenecia, a former Philippine House Speaker, to serve as international co-chairmen of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) was groundbreaking. It changed everything in our global outreach.

Over a thirty-year career in Congress, much of it spent as chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, Dan Burton, although a political conservative, has established cordial working relations with political leaders around the world, and has won the trust of members on both sides of the aisle in the US Congress.

So when Dick Cheney, a former US vice president and Newt Gingrich, a former House Speaker came to World Summit 2020 in February of that year, they felt comfortable and very much at home because Dan Burton was there. That experience of meeting True Mother in Korea and being impressed with the scope of our conference and discussions, led both of them to give an enthusiastic “yes” to recording videos for our Rally of Hope and Think Tank 2022 events and other programs since then.

A huge spiritual breakthrough happened at the beginning of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic was going global. This wave of blessings that coincided with the virus outbreak and has lasted through today, saw the cooperation and participation of world-renowned leaders such as Bishop Noel Jones of the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles, and David Beasley, a former South Carolina governor who heads the Nobel Peace Prize-winning United Nations World Food Program.

### **Korea-focused webinars and the Washington Brief**

UPF-North America has been conducting a professional quality television-style program on North Korea and South Korea reunification called the Washington Brief. Christopher Hill, a former ambassador, helped us create it. Mrs. Kaeleigh Moffitt, congressional liaison for UPF, and Ms. Sunhwa Reiner produce it. It has run every Tuesday for more than a year. More than 150 Korea experts from the leading think tanks, policy institutes and universities worldwide have participated in webinars that have covered diplomacy, denuclearization, humanitarian aid (food and medical), scholarly views, religious leaders’ input and culture and the arts. Every webinar brings new experts forward. The Washington Times Foundation and UPF sponsor it. The Washington Times is highly respected in US geopolitical circles, and this enables us to attract Korea and Northeast Asia experts who are the most in demand.

Each edition of the Washington Brief features a special guest, surrounded by a “host panel” of three distinguished experts who are the same each time. In addition to Christopher Hill, a



The Washington Brief is a monthly forum hosted by the Washington Times Foundation

former US ambassador to Korea and former leader of the US delegation to the Six-Party Talks, we have Joseph Detrani, also a former special envoy to the Six-Party Talks and a former CIA director for Asia. Our third host panelist was Dr. Alexandre Mansourov, originally from Russia. He attended graduate school at Kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang and today is a professor at the Center for Strategic Studies at Georgetown University and a consultant to the US Defense Department and US State Department. The Washington Brief is increasingly attracting the interest of the US State Department, White House and Pentagon. The Washington Times has covered it along with Yonhap News Agency, KBS (Korea), *Segye Ilbo*, MSN-Korea and others.

Special guests on the Washington Brief have included Mr. Guy Taylor, national security team leader at the *Washington Times*; Mr. Markus Garlauskas, senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security; Newt Gingrich former US Speaker of the House; Kathleen Stephens, former US ambassador to Korea and Mr. Syd Seiler, the national intelligence officer for North Korea in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, who is the highest US official directly responsible for intelligence on North Korea. He reports directly to the US president.

### **IAPD peace forums on people-to-people engagement on the Korea Peninsula**

In 2021, the virtual Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Peace Forum was part of a larger UPF effort to understand the challenges and present the hopes for and opportunities for creating peace and unity where there is strife and adversaries in the world. Interfaith leaders, through a total of twelve sessions of the IAPD Peace Forum, presented their insight and wisdom regarding peacemaking as it applies to healing the suffering and corrosive division caused by the separation of the peoples of North Korea and South Korea.

The inspirational focus of these monthly sessions was "An Approach through People-to-People Engagement toward Peace and Re-unification on the Korean Peninsula." This was to encourage faith-based organizations to work together in recognition that we are all members of one family under God. This principle applies in awakening concern even for a people and country we may not necessarily directly know, which opens a path to resolving significant problems in our world.

The November 1991 meeting of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founders of the UPF, with North Korea's Great Leader, Kim Il Sung, was shown as an example of how substantial and meaningful reconciliation between long standing enemies can be achieved.

IAPD is UPF North America's longest-running continual program, with nearly a hundred weekly presentations. Tomiko Duggan, senior vice-president of UPF-USA, Mrs. Yuriko Kitagawa and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. have been vigilant in bringing together three members of the clergy each week—Christian, Jewish or Muslim. The program has created many breakthroughs in the hearts of the US clergy members. Most notable has been the increase in Jewish rabbis who have become involved.

### **Black and White tribes bridging the gap between the separated brothers**

"Beyond Politics: Black Leaders Taking a Principled Stance; Crossing the Aisle and Why." This is a discussion created by Rev. Zagery Oliver, a UPF executive director, born out of his passion to bridge the gap between the Black Tribe and the White Tribe in America.

We are in a time of great turmoil in the US. The elimination of the divide between black and white is in progress. As a black brother raised in America, Rev. Oliver knows this separation better than most, and he feels called by God to be part of the healing process. He has developed and conducted a series of roundtable discussions, seminars and programs to address how to heal the divide so that America can be in a position to speak to the world about other divisions.

Clarification of the identity and role of black Americans is a central task in finding the path to achieving lasting racial harmony in our country. Black Africans, who came to North America initially as slaves, have been in this country from its beginning. They are no less fundamental to the identity and history of the United States than are white European immigrants.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave guidance to black America, saying, "If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in the future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, there lived a great people, a black people who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization. This is a challenge and our overwhelming responsibility." 

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*Dr. Jenkins is president of UPF International.*

# Heavenly Asia Pacific

By Ek Nath Dhakal



Cambodian staff members pose for a for a photograph with Dr. Yun and his entourage

**T** rue Parents, co-founders of the Universal Peace Federation, have laid a solid foundation in the Asia Pacific region through their repeated visits and countless investments. The past three successful summits in the Asia Pacific region combined (in Nepal, Cambodia and Palau) attracted forty-two heads of state or former ones, as well as first ladies and government officials. True Mother displayed dignity and honor at the highest level. We will continue to add more bricks to complete the construction of a heavenly unified region under its architect, our True Mother.

The Asia Pacific region is home to sixty percent of the world's population. Some 4.5 billion people live here. The region consists of forty nations; we have 12,245 ambassadors for peace representing diverse Asian societies. UPF-Asia Pacific has eight subregions (South Asia, India, Southeast Asia, Mekong, China, Central Asia, Oceania and the Central Pacific). In each of these subregions, we have assigned directors who oversee UPF's activities.

The vision of UPF Asia-Pacific is to become the leading peace organization in the Asia Pacific, as envisioned by our True Parents. Our activities aim to contribute to peace building, leadership development, national prosperity and good families. Our team's absolute unity with True Mother and the international headquarters provides the needed strength to accomplish our regional goals. UPF- Asia Pacific has already proposed co-chairs and regional coordinators for its eight primary associations (ISCP, IAFLP, IAPP, IAPD, IAAP, IAED, IMAP, IAACP).

During 2021, UPF-Asia Pacific organized four series of International Leadership Conferences (ILCs) focused on peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. These ILCs attracted 13,200 registered online participants from forty-five countries including 208 experts and eighteen heads of state or government or former ones as well as first ladies and over a million Internet viewers.

The April ILC series hosted by UPF's various associations contributed to raising awareness of the need for Korean reunification. It brought experts together and recommended appropriate policies for Korean reunification. The ILC series also empowered non-state actors and civil society to focus on peace and reconciliation. Participants discussed various aspects of Korean unification and submitted counter-proposals based on True Parent's peaceful Head-Wing Ideology.

During the first half of 2021, we organized eight events (four physical, four virtual) in Nepal, India, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania. Sixty experts took part in the eight programs. During the pandemic, UPF also honored health workers in Nepal and India as courageous and sacrificial front-line soldiers in the battle against Covid-19 and presented Ambassador for Peace certificates to them on behalf of True Mother. One of the highlights of our webinars was



featuring experts from the People's Republic of China in addition to speakers from G-20 nations such as Australia, India and Indonesia. Participants were educated about True Parents' contributions to the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

### **Five hundred million viewers**

The best way to create an environment for a heavenly unified Korea is through True Parents' teachings. During 2021, we organized ten Asia Pacific Leadership Conferences (APLC) with five hundred graduates from thirty-seven countries. Peace educators, such as Dr. Robert Kittel and Mrs. Ursula McLackland, were the primary teachers. FFWPU regional presidents, Demian Dunkley and Mashaichi Hori, also contributed.

We have been maintaining dialogue with the DPRK (North Korea) through their diplomatic missions in Nepal and Cambodia. The prime ministers of Cambodia and Sri Lanka and four former heads of state, including ones from India and Pakistan, delivered keynote speeches during the Rally of Hope series. In addition to this, the highest level religious leaders, such as Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of the Art of Living from India, Dr. K. H. Nasaruddin Umar, Grand Imam of the Istiqlal National Mosque in Jakarta, Indonesia; Samdech Dr. Khy Sovanratana, a prominent Buddhist leader from Cambodia were among others who spoke at UPF's Rally of Hope. An estimated five hundred million people viewed the Rally of Hope from Asia Pacific countries through live-broadcast by a dozen television stations.

A meeting held between the Cambodian prime minister and Dr. Young-ho Yun resulted in many activities in the Mekong Region for the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. UPF Asia Pacific also focused on expanding the Think Tank 2022 network by signing MOUs and forging partnerships with various like-minded highly regarded think tanks. We coordinated the signing of an MOU with the Asian Vision Institute, based in Cambodia as well as with the Indian Institute of Public Policy (IIPP) in Chennai. We are currently discussing a partnership with the G7+ secretariat and possibly an MOU to further advance the work of Think Tank 2022 to contribute to the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula and world peace. We are in contact with ten other think tanks in various countries including Australia, China, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines. We hope to break through in fostering partnerships with them in 2022.

UPF-Asia Pacific organized a virtual program called "Honoring the Legacy of Peace" to honor and remember exemplary ambassadors for peace who have passed away. Governments and civil society organizations in the Asia Pacific region are increasingly recognizing UPF. Last year UPF-IAPP was invited to attend the Asia-Europe Parliamentary Cooperation meeting. UPF was also invited by the India Foundation (India's premier think tank) and Nalanda University (the world's second oldest university) to address their important forums. We are in the forefront, reaching out to the most eminent figures to introduce True Mother's latest activities such as Think Tank 2022.

UPF's Central Asia Forum coordinated an important intergovernmental meeting between Kyrgyzstan's minister of the environment and a member of the Japanese Diet. In addition to this, UPF Central Asia hosted an online conference with the theme "Eurasian Security—The Path to Mutual Understanding and Shared Prosperity."

### **Hot spots**

UPF Philippines is one of the most active chapters in the region and has successfully conducted diverse peace activities in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the major UPF activities in the Philippines in 2021 were the Philippine One Million Rally of Hope, an Interfaith Dialogue Event, the Professors World Peace Academy National Convention, a webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Among Filipinos, a PWPA Collaborative Research Colloquium, a Barangay Councilors Conference and a Llanera Leadership Conference for Peace, among others. In Myanmar, UPF works with the International Buddhist Education Center (IBEC) to provide humanitarian support. UPF Malaysia organized interfaith programs and a Married Couples' Festival to promote healthy families.

UPF has been increasingly present in India, the world's largest democracy. UPF's Think Tank 2022 Indian series was launched in partnership with the Indian Institute of Public Policy (IIPP). Three exemplary government ministers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet were presented with the UPF's Ambassador for Peace certificates.

Fifty participants took part in third of a series of three Values Education Summits sponsored by UPF Australia and IAAP Oceania. UPF New Zealand hosted four series of Peace and Family Blessing Seminars. In the Central Pacific, UPF is collaborating with the biggest Hindu organization in Fiji and conducted a number of outreach activities among diplomatic communities. Island nations such as the Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Papua



Dr. Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, meeting with Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia in the Peace Palace.

New Guinea conducted programs with local ambassadors for peace. UPF works with the office of the vice president of the Republic of Palau to promote character education.

UPF-Hong Kong and China continued to build good relationships with politicians and key religious leaders. We involved them in our major events such as Rallies of Hope and International Leadership Conferences as speakers. We invited Chinese scholars to present their views in various conferences on unification as one Korea.

UPF Asia Pacific will work ceaselessly to create a peaceful environment in the region through Track II diplomacy and soft power approaches to peace. We will also continue Asia Pacific Leadership Conferences to educate VIPs according to True Parents' peace ideology. We will select potential countries to host continental-level Blessing Ceremonies and regional summits in partnership with the government. In addition to this, we wish to host the Ambassadors for Peace General Assembly 2022. This way, a solid environment will be laid for establishing a heavenly unified Asia Pacific.

### **How we operate**

UPF Asia Pacific achieved its goals through education, persuasion and service. Our approach is top down. We educate a significant number of important people as model ambassadors for peace. We persuade all heads of state and government reach for a greater dream. We serve our communities following True Parents' example of living for others. By following this way, we are creating an appropriate environment in the region for renewal and restoration.

True Mother declared the establishment of the Asia Pacific Union (APU). This can be a venue to share the best practices of nations, encourage economic growth, promote tourism and impart to nations and regions a renewed hope for a unified world of peace. The APU can prepare this region to lead the 21st century. We have been continuously promoting this far-sighted vision among nation states and civil society.

We will explore ways to forge partnerships with G20 nations by inviting heads of state or government to join UPF's Summit series, Rallies of Hope and Think Tank 2022 Forums and connect them with True Mother to strengthen her efforts in building a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

Strategies and projects for regional renewal include further strengthening of UPF's associations and initiatives, building partnerships, online education programs and utilizing information technology for our database. Major projects of UPF Asia Pacific are the Asia Pacific Union, Think Tank 2022, the Asia Pacific Summit, Rallies of Hope, NEAPI, APLC, SAPI, Central Asia Forums, Ambassador for Peace Forums, ACLC, Peace Road, WANGO, RYS and VIP Peace Club among others.

In conclusion, UPF Asia Pacific will strategically mobilize all of its primary associations, work with its partners and contribute to realizing a heavenly unified world centering on our co-founders' lofty ideals. There is much hope as we move ahead. *☪*

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# Heavenly Europe and the Middle East Region (EUME)

## International Leadership Conferences

In April, June, July and August 2021, UPF and its constituent associations hosted a series of virtual conferences on peace and reunification of the Korean Peninsula, each addressing the theme from a different perspective. UPF Europe & Middle East hosted a total of thirty-four webinars, attended by thousands of participants.

The ILC in April focused on “The Foundation for a Unified World.” One of the eight webinars was organized by the International Summit Council for Peace and questioned “The Implications for Europe”. It was moderated by Dr. Werner Fasslabend, former Austrian minister of defense, and hosted as keynote speakers Kjell Magne Bondevik, former PM of Norway, Yves Leterme, former PM of Belgium, Dr. Karin Kneissl, former foreign minister of Austria, and Dr. Alexander Zhebin, Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

The first of seven webinars that took place during the June ILC focusing on “Peace and Security”, had as the keynote speaker Major General Patrick Gauchat, head of the Swiss delegation to the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), who spoke of their peacekeeping mission and the role of neutral nations.

The July ILC on “Best Practices in Track II Diplomacy” consisted of eight webinars, out of which one was organized by WFWP and IAFLP, focusing on “The Emerging Power of Women’s Diplomacy,” and had as major speakers Nayla Moawad, former first lady and former minister of Social Affairs of Lebanon, and Neziha Labidi, former minister for Women, Family, Children and Senior Citizens from Tunisia. Another session hosted by IAYSP EUME questioned the role of young people in contributing to peace in Korea.

The August ILC on “Economic Development and Worldviews,” had one webinar co-hosted by UPF North America, on the topic of “Competing Worldviews Concerning Korean Reunification,” with researchers and journalists as speakers. Another session focused on the “Korea–Japan undersea tunnel” and had as one of the main speakers Prof. Jin-hee Park, from the Korean Maritime and Oceanic University in South Korea.



## Balkans Leadership Conference, November 20–21, Tirana, Albania

During the November 20–21 Balkans Leadership Conference in Tirana, UPF-EUME and the Podgorica Club, an organization founded in 2019 by former presidents of the governments and states of the Southeast European region signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. Six former heads of state or government and 120 Peace Ambassadors from the Balkans Region attended the conference as did UPF representatives from 25 nations, who also attended the inauguration of the Balkans Peace Embassy.

## Abraham Accords

UPF held a series of webinars on the Abraham Accords with a distinguished panel of world leaders. This recent U.S.-brokered agreement between Israel, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, later joined by Sudan and Morocco, signifies a historic moment of hope in the Middle East.

The first webinar took place on January 14, 2021, with former heads of state from the Middle East, the United States, and Europe. The second webinar on February 25, 2021, was convened with parliamentarians to include the perspectives of all major stakeholders in the Abraham Accords. The third webinar on April 15, 2021, convened by the Europe and Middle East branches of UPF and its International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), brought together experts from Morocco, Israel, the United States and Europe to discuss the Morocco Tripartite Agreement. The fourth webinar held on July 8, 2021, on the theme, “The Role of Religious Leaders in Track Two Peace Processes”, was organized jointly by the Europe-Middle East and North American branches of UPF and its Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD). 

# Heavenly Central America and the Caribbean

By Chang-shik Yang

## Our morning devotion

Every day, presidents, directors, national leaders, blessed families, other members and special guests from our region meet at 5:00 am via zoom for our morning hoondokhae devotion. More than three hundred members study, share testimonies and activities reports and make plans for the region and each nation to be victorious in our mission of offering victory to True Parents. We have read True Mother's autobiography twice and have started reading Father's autobiography.

## Dominican Republic

### Meeting with former president Hipolito Mejia

Last August 31, we had a private meeting with former president Hipolito Mejia Dominguez (2000–2004). He knows our work very well and agreed to support our work in raising family values. He even volunteered to record a message of peace about the family. We are waiting for a good opportunity to use that message well. Mr. Mejia received us at his private residence near the capital, Santo Domingo.

### International Day of Peace celebration

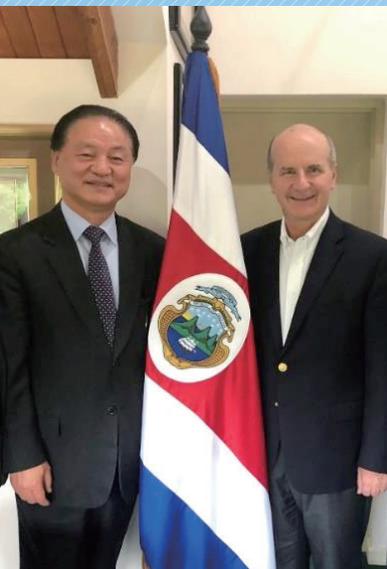
On September 29, we celebrated the International Day of Peace with thirty ambassadors for peace, who thanked Mother Moon for her efforts to unite the two Koreas and to establish world peace. Cesar Regalado, our UPF secretary general, led the event, which was attended by General Ivan Candelier, his wife and several youth ambassadors for peace.

### A leadership and good character seminar

This seminar was held at the Armonia y Paz [Harmony and Peace] Farm in Bonao, November 5–7, with the participation of seventy young people and the special presence of Rev. Sang-suek Kim and Dr. Chang-shik Yang. Through this seminar we are preparing the future leaders of our region.

### Peace Road 2021

Last November 7, in the towns of Juan Adrian and Piedra Blanca, Bonao, we held Peace Road, with the participation of eighty cyclists, who rode two hundred kilometers for peace, supported by the mayors, Mr. Eduardo Cruz of Juan Adrian and Mr. Radhames Contreras of Piedra Blanca, Rev. Sang-suek Kim, from our region and Dr. Chang-shik Yang from the Latin America continental headquarters. Riders were escorted by the fire department, the national police, the municipal police and other community institutions through surrounding towns. Medals of appreciation were presented to outstanding participants.



## Life in CARP for seven days

This training course was held from September 3–10 at both the Santo Domingo headquarters and the central office in Santiago. It is a program through which young people who have studied the Divine Principle in depth come to live with us to learn to practice a life of service to others and spiritual devotion to heaven.

## Cuba

### Monthly garage sales (Fundraising)

At the Cuba headquarters center in Miami, Florida, we are holding garage sales. We raise funds to send medicine and food to the neediest residents in the Cuban villages. Members in Miami meet every two weeks to collect clothes, household goods and saleable items, which are then offered at the garage sale, thus raising funds. While fundraising in this way, members try to witness as well.

## Haiti

### International Literacy Day

In Haiti, every September 8, we celebrate “International Literacy Day” with a program that serves to teach reading and writing to adults who did not have the opportunity to go to school in their youth. The program is also a means to enroll young people in a language institute sponsored by WFPW as a way to prevent these young people from becoming illiterate adults. Twenty ambassadors for peace participated in the event.

## Trinidad and Tobago

### A cheonbo seminar

In spite of the difficulties faced by this country, the church held a cheonbo seminar for seven families on September 5. The blessed families who participated were grateful for the opportunity to bless their ancestors and thus contribute to the betterment of their country.

## Mexico

### Meeting government officials

September 1 was Federal Government Report Day. We visited newly elected politicians of the leftist party—congressmen and congresswomen from the Municipality of Tlalpan in Mexico City. Our Family Federation national leader, Juan Deara, presented a summary of activities that we developed within the Universal Peace Federation and offered his time to work together on future activities with families and youth with the support of government authorities and society.

### A television interview

October 7, in Mexico City, Rev. Dae-hee Hong, Victor Castillo, our UPF secretary general, and Juan Deara, Mexico’s national leader, were interviewed on television. They talked about True Parents’ vision, which is the path to world peace. Rev. Hong highlighted True Parents’ efforts to bring about the unification of North Korea and South Korea.

### Taking care of an ambassador for peace

Jorge Dominguez was appointed six months ago as an ambassador for peace. He set up a law office and invited the Universal Peace Federation to the opening. One of our members represented us and delivered a basket of flowers.





## Nicaragua

### International Leadership Conferences 2021

On August 16, our region held an ILS on “The Influence of the Peaceful Reunification of the Koreas on World Peace and Security, Diplomacy and Economic Development. On behalf of Nicaragua, Dr. José Antonio Alvarado, former Minister of Education, Culture and Sports of Nicaragua, participated.

### UPF webinars

In collaboration of UPF’s regional office we inaugurated the International Association of Academics for Peace (IAAP) on October 26. Other providential organizations gave us their timely support, greatly enhancing the event. The zoom meeting was attended by a hundred guests and another twenty people watched in person.

### Character education conferences

In collaboration with the rector of the University of Commercial Sciences, Ivania Toruño, we held educational Zoom conferences of a type directed at the students and professors of the university and other guests. We held a conference once a month, starting in May 2021.

### Transmitting the Rally of Hope

The television channel VOS TV broadcast the Rallies of Hope. Prior to each Rally, they interviewed a UPF representative in Nicaragua. The broadcast reached 2,300,120 people. In addition to advertising the rallies through the television channel’s news broadcast, we also did so through Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

### IAYSP Activities Delivery of the “Young Hero” medal.

On September 27, IAYSP Nicaragua presented the Young Hero Medal to Oscar Ruiz, a young man trained in industrial biotechnology who created a bacterium capable of degrading deadly arsenic, which is found in water. Thanks to its creation, thousands or even millions of people in Nicaragua and the world will be able to have access to water that is perfectly suitable for human consumption.

### Peace Designer and S!nergy

After allying with the Polytechnic University of Nicaragua, we held one of the largest and most recognized Peace Designer events on June 4 and 5. It attracted 146 students who developed ten projects. The workshop is a means by which IAYSP motivates young people to actively work to build peace.

## Costa Rica

In March 2021, we began a project called a Community Family Festival, which we held once a month in the FFWPU-Costa Rica Center for more than a hundred participants. Following a lecture about the value of marriage, we gave holy wine to the participating couples. Afterward, we had song and dance presentations and an origami session. Entrepreneurs from the community presented their wares and we had prepared an area where children could play. On October 9, blessed families and members in general participated in a Cheonbo Festival. Thirteen blessed couples registered as cheonbo, heavenly treasures. We held a face-to-face virtual Divine Principle seminar on Sunday, November 21, from the FFWPU-Costa Rica center, which attracted twenty-two participants, nine of whom were attending for the first time. 

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# Heavenly South America

By Dong-mo Shin



Rev. Shin is in the back row wearing a pink tie at the founding of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace in Bolivia, one of many UPF activities his region conducted over the last year.

**A**fter Foundation Day and through the proclamation of the victory of Vision 2020, we began the second seven-year cosmic Canaan course for the safe settlement of Cheon Il Guk. During the Special Gathering to Celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, on May 8, 2020, True Mother proclaimed Vision 2027 and the Era of the Safe Settlement of a Heavenly Unified World within Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Thus, centered on Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, FFWPU and UPF will become one, so humanity can attend our original parent, Heavenly Parent, and as one great human family, realize a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, which is Heavenly Parent's and humanity's dream. She solemnly declared a heavenly path to successfully achieve a heavenly unified world.

With this 2027 vision at its center, UPF of heavenly South America created a peace strategy, so that all the various activities of providential organizations UPF, FFWPU, WFWP, IAYSP, Tongil Moodo, etc. can unite under one great umbrella. Those involved in the six UPF pillars have been working year round to ensure that they are well organized and established at the continental, district and national levels.

In particular, heavenly South America aims to strengthen the core VIP base by educating ambassadors for peace as one of the key elements of our UPF activities. We are teaching them the founders' core ideas. Even though we are living through a pandemic, we strive to advance by connecting them to prepared and righteous VVIPs through the continental summits.

As part of the second seven-year Canaan course for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, in 2021, in cooperation with the FFWPU International Headquarters, we adopted the strategic goal of creating and carrying out activities until early 2022 in connection with building a heavenly unified Korea. To this end, UPF in heavenly South America has been particularly focused on four key agenda items.

First, we continuously held events of all sizes to commemorate and celebrate important UN international days. UPF holds a general consultative status within the UN, and is in the position of a top-tier United Nations NGO. Various UN activities not only solidified our position, but also as the "Heavenly Parent UN," we worked with a mindset of saving the world. Each country in South America continued to expand its good influence and move forward according to Heavenly Parent's will. Argentina is one of the most active countries. In addition, many countries, including Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, who have also conducted UN events online during the COVID-19 Pandemic era, continue to work hard.

Second, we continue to develop concrete community activities, such as social services and environmental projects. Currently we have more than four thousand key ambassadors for peace in twelve South American countries. They have been developing activities, including social services and sharing best practices. They have kept going forward uninterrupted during this COVID-19 pandemic. In many countries, such as Brazil, Paraguay and Peru, they have



been working hard with ambassadors for peace to provide food assistance, medical support and a variety of volunteer activities for the socioeconomically challenged.

Third, we actively use mass media and social media and to connect people with educational programs. In the Corona era, online outreach has been embraced in lieu of face-to-face interaction or group gatherings, and such meetings and educational events are already being actively conducted throughout South America. Some countries in particular make good use of social media such as radio, local television, Facebook and YouTube. Additionally, we actively cooperate with magazines and media companies linked to ambassadors for peace as a means to naturally promote True Parents' teachings, inform others about our activities and to educate the public through the use of video materials.

In particular, the Rallies of Hope and Think Tank Forums that have been held so far have provided tremendous hope for success in media strategies across heavenly South America. Bolivia is a country with a painful history where, until recently, important church leaders were imprisoned with no evidence of guilt, simply as acts of persecution. These days, however, broadcasting stations occasionally air our programs of and events live.

Fourth, we continue to appoint ambassadors for peace through online and off-line channels. Thus, they are connected to the six pillar organizations under the UPF. We are continuously developing online and off-line educational material. In particular, as part of the movement to obtain 100,000 YSP members in each South America country, YSP and WFWP nominated youth ambassadors for peace. They proceeded to educate others both on- and off-line about True Parents' principle-oriented ideology in order to increase righteousness among the people.

In addition to these ongoing activities, from 2021 to 2022, our focus will be on the movement toward peace on the Korean Peninsula, centered on the vision of a heavenly unified Korea. Colombia was one of sixteen (among the twenty South American countries) that participated directly in the Korean War. Suriname also participated in the war as a Dutch colony. With the exception of Guyana, which was a British colony during the Korean War, surprisingly, all countries in South America participated directly or indirectly.

### **Working toward Korean reunification**

On this foundation, in 2021, the movement for peace on the Korean Peninsula focused on the following areas: First, for THINK TANK 2022, we identified and sought to involve 120 South American experts in the areas of peace and unification. In addition, we developed a strategy for VVIPs, current and former leaders, based on each country's situation. This work has steadily progressed. Specifically, in addition we are working to have the VVIPs in South America support the declaration of a heavenly unified Korea. We are also creating strategies to restore one-third of the countries in South America. Over the long term, we are working to connect the VVIPs to the South American continental level summit.

Secondly, with the elected members of THINK TANK 2022, the FFWPU International Headquarters held a Rally of Hope with the top VVIPs on the theme "Peace on the Korean Peninsula". In the first quarter of the year, we also held an online ILC webinar on the theme of a heavenly unified Korea once in February and twice in March. We had invited top VVIPs and ambassadors for peace, who then participated in activities such as the Rallies of Hope and the Think Tank Forums.

Thirdly, from the second quarter of the year, we carried out the Peace Road project on the theme of a heavenly unified Korea. We did as much as possible during the pandemic. As the pandemic is ongoing, we organized virtual on-line Peace Road events to help establish it as an event that connects us to the Korean Peninsula, while updating people on our various activities. Argentina and Paraguay especially have been conducting exemplary activities.

In 2021, which marks the 30th anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea, we conducted focused activities in these three areas to bring about the safe settlement of a heavenly unified Korea. Through this, we will move forward and work hard so the 2022 Korean Peninsula Peace Summit which world leaders would attend can be a great success. We also successfully concluded events such as the THINK TANK 2022 forum, which was organized regionally, as well as events organized under different themes according to the situation in Korea.

Heavenly South America is a place where True Parents invested all their heart and love over a long period of time. With True Parents in our hearts, the many restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are only new challenges and a source of new opportunities that inspire hope. In the era of great providential changes, we will work hard with a heart of filial piety until the day when we fully receive Heaven's wisdom with a humble heart and safely offer the victory of the establishment of the cosmic Cheon Il Guk. 

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# Heavenly Africa

## Expressing True Mother's Love to African Nations

By Paterne Zinsou

I thank our True Mother for the grace and the opportunity to visit two Cheon Il Guk countries which carry the hope and true love of the only begotten daughter of our Heavenly Parent, namely, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe. The heart of our beloved True Mother is deeply rooted in these nations to the point that the vision of the Mother of Peace has given great hope to the leaders of these nations.

### Gabon, March 24–25

The one-day transit to Gabon's capital city, Libreville, allowed me to meet with the vice-president of the National Assembly who was minister of the government of Gabon and minister delegate to the current prime minister who heads the country. An IAPP conference is part of their future plans. The vice president has expressed his full attachment to and his wish participate in Rallies of Hope. He asked me to send him an invitation package for Gabon's current prime minister. This will be good for future rallies.

### São Tomé and Príncipe March 25–28

I met Maria das Neves, two-time prime minister of Sao Tome and Principe on the day I arrived in Sao Tome, before she traveled early the next morning to Principe to hold a parliamentarian seminar centered on the national budget and economy. She was so happy to receive flowers and a gift from True Mother. She was amazed by the consideration and blessing from True Mother. She sends her warmest greetings and love to True Mother, as well as to Dr. Yun.

I also met Dr. Delfim Santiago das Neves, president of the National Assembly of Sao Tome and Principe since 2018. He received the bouquets of flowers and the gift with great gratitude. He thanks True Mother, Dr. Yun and UPF for that. He has renewed his attachment to UPF and is available to support the activities of Mother Moon in Sao Tome. Delfim das Neves brought in a photographer from the National Assembly to take a picture of him receiving the flowers and the gift.

I met the Commander of the Sao Tome Fire Brigade. He invited the leaders of this division of the army to welcome me and participate in discussions. The national commander, Felisberto Bragança Dias, on behalf of the group of firefighters, sincerely thanked True Mother for the donation of a fire truck. The quality and performance of the truck fully met their expectations, he said. Due to the pandemic, Korean engineers were unable to make the trip as desired. The commander said he had done several searches on the Internet to study the functionality of the Korean brand compared to several brands the company has. The truck is working properly.

He promised to write officially to express their thanks and satisfaction. Then, we went to see the fire truck. The commandant is waiting for any period suggested by Korean experts and engineers for the training and further explanations. If it is not possible in person, the training can be held virtually through Zoom. 

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### 1- RALLIES OF HOPE

UPF Activity Results and Support Plan for a Heavenly Unified Korea

Rallies of Hope: We focus on bringing top African leaders to the Rallies of Hope. This brings attention of the population of their nations and also the attention of other Presidents to True Mother's activities. We have invited 12 thus far:



MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2021 WITH THE COMMAND OF THE BRIGADE OF FIRE FIGHTERS IN SAO TOME BY UPF AFRICA REPRESENTATIVE



# Seeds of Love Planted in Niger

By Kathy Rigney

As we prepared to depart from Abuja, Nigeria, for Niamey, Niger, I knew that this would be a return voyage to the historical city and country that hosted God's only begotten daughter in a victorious summit and Blessing Ceremony in November 2019 in the middle of the Sahara Desert. As our airplane approached Niger's airport, memories began flooding into my consciousness of those moments in November of 2019 when True Mother's airplane began its landing in Niamey. I was overwhelmed by all those amazing memories as our plane made its approach. I was excited to come back to Niger and relive those historical moments as the nation prepared to mark the very first transition from a democratically elected president, Mahammadou Issoufou, to a newly democratically elected president, Mohamed Bazoum. The government of Niger prepared a VIP car to meet us and bring us to the Ministerial VIP lounge. From there we went to the Radisson Hotel and quickly changed our clothes to attend, at the invitation of the Niger government, the pre-event dinner offered by President Issoufou. Once again, I remembered the dinner President Issoufou offered upon True Mother's arrival in Niamey in 2019. Twelve heads of state had come for the inauguration. Eight officials came representing heads of state and eighteen former heads of state came.

The next day, we were able to travel rather smoothly in spite of the tremendous crowd because we had a government car and driver. At the entrance to the hall, government workers checked the invitation of each one and guided each delegation to their designated seats. We were being guided to the second floor of the hall with all the other NGOs. Suddenly, someone shouted, "No stop! Please come this way." It was Minister Mohamed Saidil Moctar, special advisor to President Issoufou and the government minister our UPF team worked with on a daily basis to prepare for True Mother's coming to Niger and through the entire summit and Blessing Ceremony. He took us immediately by hand and brought us to the seats he had reserved for the UPF delegation which were seats reserved for former heads of state. Sitting next to me were two-time president Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria and former president Nicéphore Soglo of the Republic of Benin.

I heard that Minister Moctar was key in preparing this inaugural event just as he done for our summit. The government of Niger brought in an events company from France to aid in the preparations. However, Minister Moctar told this events company that the way they were organizing was not correct, that he learned from the best of the best during True Mother's Summit in Niamey. He told them that a crew of Koreans trained by True Mother came and their organization was perfect, therefore this events company should listen to him!

The event began and it was extremely emotional. Not one head of state in Niger had ever willingly given up his position to a newly elected president. President Issoufou had announced at the beginning of his mandate that he would never stay longer than his appointed mission. He was keeping that promise. All of Niger doubted that it was true. However, he was absolutely determined. He wanted Niger to be an example to other African nations of democracy in action, denying dictatorship! All eyes in West Africa were on Niger.

The outgoing president came on stage followed by the incoming president. Mahamadou Issoufou then proceeded with his constitutional duties and went to sit in the audience while the new president was sworn in. Two traditionally dressed religious leaders with a pious and serious attitude, lovingly brought a beautiful copy of the Quran to the podium and placed it there with special care. They then called Mohamed Bazoum to the podium for the swearing in ceremony. When Bazoum stood at the podium, he raised his hand to place it on the Quran and gently put it there. At that moment, with all their hearts, the entire audience of three thousand people cried out "Allah O Ackbar!" God is great! The incoming president then took the constitutional oath. I cried as I felt the presence of our Heavenly Parent in that room as everyone stood professing their loyalty to God!

After the formalities, President Bazoum gave his inaugural address, He testified to the thirty years he had worked hand in hand with President Issoufou fighting to end violence and coup d'états, etc. in the nation to bring peace so that Niger could prosper. During his amazing speech, the enormous screen in the middle of the stage showed President Issoufou as he sat with so much dignity, tears brimming in his eyes the entire time. Every time they showed his image, everyone cheered! It was so moving. He later testified that finally his dream could be fulfilled through this peaceful transition from one head of state to another.

I wish you could have experienced directly, beloved Mother, the love which lives in Niger for you and the blossoming of the seeds that you planted there as the providence moves forward! 



UPF delegation visit H.E Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi  
President of Zanzibar-Tanzania

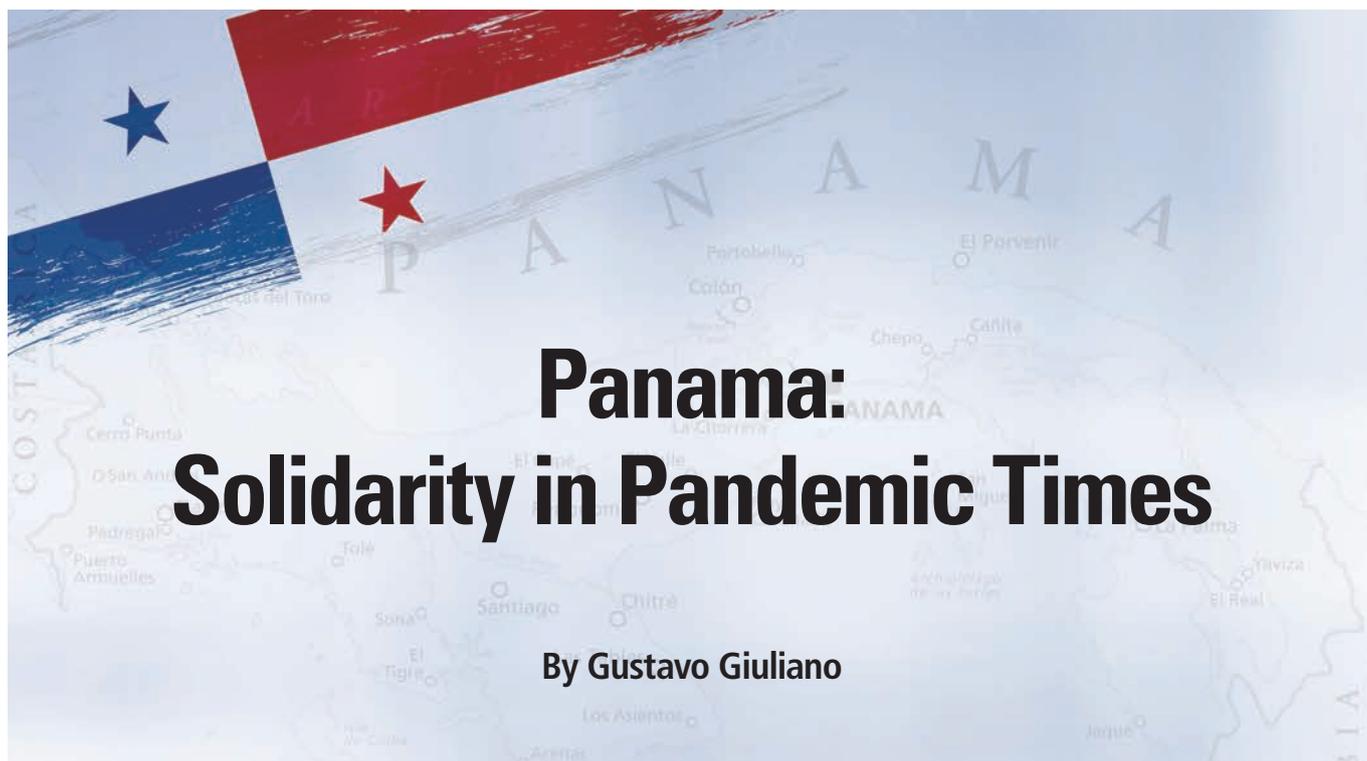


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Dr. Kathleen Rigney  
President UPF Africa  
at the office in Zanzibar





# Panama: Solidarity in Pandemic Times

By Gustavo Giuliano

Since 2006, I have known Grand Master Fabio Pérez, a martial artist who trained thousands of young people in Panama out of faith, love and patriotism. When I taught him the Divine Principle, he was stunned, amazed at the clarity of its content. He quickly got two hundred black belts from his organization to listen to the lectures. Finally, he and fifty couples received True Parents' marriage blessing and completed all the corresponding steps. The Hisao Lee School has fourteen clubs with their respective teachers, one of which is the Tong-Il Moo-Do Club with thirty-three associated black belts. Master Fabio asked me if he could report this recognition to the Korean representatives of Central America and especially to True Mother.

## Objective accomplished

The Panamanian organization of martial arts called the Hisao Lee School is about to turn fifty years old. Soke Fabio Pérez leads the organization, which the president

of Panama, Don Nico Cortizo, recently recognized for their great work of packaging food to ship to the entire country during pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Despite the pandemic, none of the four hundred Hisao Lee volunteers who participated in this task were infected with COVID-19 or any other disease. They kept respecting the protocol, working hard and drinking yerba mate with algae micro chlorella, which kept them in good health.

## A little history



In 2006, Soke Fabio Pérez made contact at a tournament in the Philippines with me, who has been responsible for the Tong-Il Moo-Do style throughout Latin

America since 2001. On that occasion, Soke Pérez deeply studied the Unification philosophy. When he returned to his country, he brought together the eight closest masters to listen to the content. Later it was extended to two hundred black belts and finally fifty families received the marriage blessing and carried out all the corresponding steps.

At an early age, Soke Fabio Pérez met a master of Karate and a master of Kung Fu, who taught him their styles with a peaceful spirit. He received the enlightenment that his school would be made up of men and women of light or warriors of light, called *sung shi da*. Those masters told others that they had to prepare because in the future the other men and women of light would come from the east and that they would have to unite with them for the good of God and humanity.

It should be noted that the Hisao Lee School throughout its history did not allow masters of other arts to teach courses to its students. However, they opened the external and internal doors of



- ① Soke Fabio Pérez receives an award from Don Nito Cortijo, the president of Panama, for the work of Hisao Lee Academy in distributing food throughout the nation in 2020 and 2021.
- ② Hisao Lee Academy members working hard preparing food packets during the pandemic.



their organization for the teaching of Tong-Il Moo-Do.

### Guardians of the country

Hisao Lee Academy is essentially a highly disciplined and spiritual group. All of Panama talks about them. Their 3,500 members are considered guardians of the country. Four hundred of their instructors are part of the National Civil Defense Force, who take action against any disaster that occurs in the country. The group is constantly on the move.

Interestingly, the group is made up of many professionals, young people who in the past did not have a clear future due to poverty or the loss of their families. Soke Fabio invited them to his academy, trained them to focus on values and they became great professionals. The Ministry of Social Development, with the presence of the president of Panama, Don Nito Cortijo, paid tribute to the country's volunteers, highlighting the enormous value of their contributions toward transforming and improving lives. The national government supports and will always support their efforts, because they are committed to strengthening volunteering at the national level.

### The importance of martial arts

What is the Federation of Martial Arts for World Peace and its objectives? True Parents founded the organization in March 1997 in Washington DC in the US. Its first president was Master Sun Myung Duk, the second president was Grandmaster Dr. Joon-ho Seuk and the third and current president is Grandmaster Pyun-rae Moon.

The Martial Arts Federation for World Peace held its Inaugural World Convention in Washington DC March 23-27, 1997, bringing together more than four hundred leading martial artists from eighty-three nations to discuss how their disciplines could cooperate to provide moral leadership and contribute to the establishment of world peace. It has tried to transcend all the differences that exist between people who practice martial arts. The federation respects all martial arts and is dedicated to achieving unity and cooperation for a greater purpose, namely world peace.

To achieve world peace, the federation emphasizes teaching I-Unificationist thinking and strengthening the spirit of martial artists through education. In this regard, Tong-il Moo-Do will actively support the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace and will be at the forefront in providing spiritual education for martial artists through the Tong-Il Moo-Do philosophies. Currently, its headquarters are in Korea, and there are delegations in Japan, the United States and in the other countries where the work of Tong-il Moo-Do is being carried out.

What is Tong-il Moo-Do? The core of it is the unification principles. It is the path of unified martial arts, which when centered on the unification principles, harmonize and systematize circular movements (smooth movements) as the subject, and linear movements (hard movements) as the object, and give them meaning and value. The technical aspects of Tong-il Moo-Do are to harmonize and integrate the very essence of all martial arts techniques, improve all existing

techniques, and also create new techniques. Through Tong-Il Moo-Do training, students can learn the Unification Principle and feel the Principle through their body and implement the Principle in your daily life.

The Divine Principle is the absolute universal values based on the heart, true love and conscience, which unifies spiritual and material values, harmonizes traditional and contemporary values, integrates Eastern and Western values. The central idea of Tong-Il Moo-Do is the idea of "Love heaven, love humanity and love the nation." It is a new principle that can unify mind and body, help create a happy family, and achieve a peaceful world with true love.

The main goal of learning Tong-Il Moo-Do is for all students to achieve mature character, establish a true family, and make a great contribution to the prosperity of society and world peace. The ultimate purpose of Tong-Il Moo-Do training is to build together a world of coexistence, co-prosperity and co-justice, which is the world culture of the heart.

### A brief history of Tong-Il Moo-Do

On January 5, 1979, Dr. Moon instructed Dr. Seuk to teach Tong-Il Moo-Do at the Belvedere Training Center and Unification Theological Seminary in America. Shortly after that, he also told her to teach Tong-Il Moo-Do to all the security guards in East Garden, including four "Kyokushin Karate" black belt holders. On Easter Sunday, April 15, 1979, Dr. Moon visited the gymnasium at Belvedere to see the guards training at Tong-Il Moo-Do. After



watching a short exposition, he wrote a calligraphy with the words “Going boldly with discipline.” This was the official beginning of Tong Il Moo Do.

In 1980, representatives of four martial arts groups—Chongdosul, Kyokushin Karate, Joon Rhee Tae Kwon Do and Tong-Il Moo-Do—gave an exhibition. On January 2, 1983, Dr. Seuk became the leader of CARP-USA and began a tour of American college campuses giving Unification Thought lectures and Tong-Il Moo-Do exhibits. The title of the tour was “Martial Arts and Unificationism.” It began in the winter at Boston University and continued through the University of Texas at Houston, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and the University of California at Berkeley. In those days, these universities were famous strongholds of the left-wing student movement.

During the first martial arts tour, left wing students did their best to oppose the tour. However, most of the students showed interest in the lectures. During the second tour, the power of the leftists was greatly weakened. In 1986, Kensaku Takahashi, one of the best Tong-Il Moo-Do instructors, visited England and Germany and held a European Continental Martial Arts Seminar in the Netherlands.

Michael Kellett established a Tong-Il Moo-Do school in San Francisco, and a Finnish apprentice returned home and established the first branch of Tong-Il Moo-Do in Europe. Soon after, he established a Tong-Il Moo-Do school in Estonia, which at that time was still part of

the Soviet Union. Through the founding of Tong-Il Moo-Do in Estonia, Dr. Seuk and Mr. Takahashi were able to enter Russia even before True Father made his trip to Moscow in April 1990. After that, Mr. Takahashi was sent to Eastern and Western Europe, Argentina, Kenya, the Philippines and Thailand to carry out special Tong-Il Moo-Do training programs, through which during this time many members new ones joined the church. Gerry Servito began teaching Tong-Il Moo-Do in the Philippines. In the 1980s, during its heyday, they produced more than a hundred black belts. Under the instruction of these black belts, thousands of students studied Tong-Il Moo-Do. To teach all these students, a branch was established in Manila and forty new branches were opened in the Philippines. Many of the Filipino instructors traveled to various countries in Southeast Asia, Africa and South America to spread Tong-Il Moo-Do.

In Argentina, when I was the national leader of FFWUP, I introduced Tong-Il Moo-Do in Brazil, Uruguay and some other countries. He once gave an exhibition of Tong-Il Moo-Do in front of 5,000 people at the Luna Park stadium in Buenos Aires. During their heyday in Kenya, instructor Henry Mungai, who graduated top of his class, and Francis Njiru opened 32 Tong-Il Moo-Do clubs with more than 1,000 students as members. They also opened clubs in neighboring Ethiopia and Rwanda. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tong-Il Moo-Do was introduced in

1990 by a Philippine brother named June Flores.

### Remaining active

Despite the pandemic, Tong-Il Moo-Do has not stopped holding seminars, leader’s meetings and online competitions. We recently had a competition organized by the World Mastership Chonju with the practitioners from twenty-one countries and 175 practitioners of just Tong-Il Moo-Do style.

This competition is on its way to be the new “Olympics” for martial arts. It brings together twenty-two styles of traditional martial arts and is promoted by the government of the South Korea’s North Chungcheon Province.

In December, a world tournament organized by the Kenyan Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation will take place in person, led by Master Clarence Mwakio Ingala, with the Kenyan government’s support.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace and co-founder of the Federation of Martial Arts for World Peace and Tong-Il Moo-Do, co-founded, in 2016, with Grand Master Seuk, the Il Won Do style, composed of gentle circular movements similar to Tai-Chi and Wu-shu (Kung Fu). In addition, the Il Won Do style also uses exercises practiced by True Father in Heungnam Prison and aerobic exercises proposed by True Mother. Through this article, it is hoped that readers will take a greater interest in martial arts for the sake of their health but more than anything as a tool for testifying to the work of the Mother of Peace. 



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