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The 14th Annual WFWP Europe Conference: “Youth and the Future of Leadership: The Role of Parents and Family in Shaping Responsible Citizenship”

November 20-22, 2014

(With a Special Event at the European Parliament at 10am on November 20)

Lan Young Moon and Carolyn Handschin

October 25, 2014

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The work of WFWPI In Europe is part of a global effort to promote women's distinctive experience, perspective, skills, and competence in development, peace building, peace education- and very importantly, healing and prevention. Our vision for the future sees a transformation of the leadership paradigm in which feminine qualities of leadership become more predominant and so-called “positive masculinity” can emerge to provide the complementary component, a partnership that is best learned through the parental model in the family.

Women of all ages working together, bound by our heart of concern for their families and communities can be a very powerful force. We all would like to be more effective. The current dilemma in our European landscape seems to be that for many issues, including the importance of family, decision-makers too often try to impose their “politically correct” views, which do not reflect those of the population.

We would like to take this time to build our capacities for “soft power” diplomacy, skills of persuasion (advocacy) and networking so that we can influence the change in our communities and other circles that we would like to see. We are confident that there are many young (and less young) women who just need a little encouragement to take on positions of greater influence. We will be offering a series of mini-workshops in areas related to leadership skills, capacity- building in family advocacy, networking and other practical resources.

During this meeting, there will also be a tribute to the 20 year anniversary of the “WFWP Bridge of Peace Program”. There have been over one hundred events and activities held since 1994 that have contributed to ending cycles of enmity and conflict here in Europe through acts of reconciliation, healing and service. We’d like to invite you to the launching of the report and celebration.

We hope that you will be able to bring in your specific local or global expertise and best practices to broaden our program.

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Very sincerely,

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20:00 Dinner

Welcome Remarks:

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Welcome:

Speakers: Dr. Lan Young Moon, President Emeritus, WFWPI;
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2 more youth speakers

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