



# International Day of Peace

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**O**n the International Day of Peace, the French chapters of UPF and WFPW organized an evening program on the theme given by the United Nations “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All”, in the Paris Education Center “Espace Barrault”.

The moderator, Brigitte WADA, president of WFPW-France, gave some remarks on the meaning of Together for peace and reminded the audience that without unity based on universal values and an unselfish life, peace will not be able to come. She quoted a famous sentence from Dr Hak Jan Han Moon, founder of WFPW International: **“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot**

**be solved by the logic of power... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of Love”.**

Ms. Wada introduced the first speaker, Ms. Lama AL ATASSI, Franco-Syrian, consultant in intercultural relations and a human rights activist. She shared in a very touching and moving way about her own life experience, when at the age of nine, she and her family had to flee the Syrian regime to settle in Algeria and then in France. She mentioned that in Western countries like France, refugees can find security by having access to social support, but lose their dignity at the same time.

After this first presentation, Mrs. WADA opened the floor for a question and answer session, comments or sharing experience. Among the participants there were Women leaders, two religious leaders

including Cheikh Abdelkader ACHOUR, imam of the Omar Mosque in Paris’ 11th district and Father Michel ANGLARES, a Catholic theologian and Mr. Edmond JOUVE, a professor and expert in political science. Mr JOUVE is one of the rare French Academics to have until today relationships with North Korea. In fact, he went several times to North Korea. He explained the actual situation of North Korea and peace security.

After Mr. Alain RAULOT sang the song: Make me a channel of your peace. We concluded the program with Mr. Jean François MOULINET, president of Unification Movement in France who introduced a short video about the project of Peace Road, initiated by Rev Moon.

