

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Calls for Love and Understanding

Barbara Moseley-Marks and William Selig
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Fairfax, VA—An Interfaith Prayer Breakfast was held on April 14th at the NOVA Family Church. About 35 guests and Ambassadors for Peace gathered at the invitation of the Virginia chapter of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) directed by Mrs. Barbara Moseley-Marks and co-hosted by the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) led by Mrs. Michiko Yokoyama. A welcome prayer and blessing of the food was offered by the host pastor, Rev. Werner Seubert of the NOVA Family Church. After a delicious and hearty breakfast, the guests had a chance to introduce themselves and share their personal ministry. It was immediately apparent that an extraordinary group had gathered representing various cultures and nations, including Nepal, Pakistan, Japan, Germany, Korea, Guyana and that each person had found meaningful ways to make the world a better place.

New information and inspiring thoughts were expressed as we went around the room. The guests from Nepal explained that today (April 14) is celebrated as the New Year and more than 120 languages are spoken in their country. Naila and Yasmeen Durrani, sisters originally from Pakistan shared about Express Care, the non-profit humanitarian organization they founded to train low-income individuals, immigrants, refugees and place them into jobs. UPF International President and UPF-USA Chairman Thomas McDevitt testified about the co-founders of the host organizations, the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and their profound love for America.

Bishop John L. Allen, Sr., founder of The Greater Pentecostal Temple of Christ of Fairfax Virginia, said: “Love must be shared and practiced. It is not something to put on a shelf; we must go out and put love into action.” His wife, Pastor Gloria Oteromartinez-Allen admonished the virtues of love in a secular society. Life can be hard at times, she said, but always strive to put God first and then everything else will fall into place. Even though we were meeting for the first time a common theme seemed to emerge – we are all God’s children and that we must find ways to work together. After the introductions, Dr. William Selig, emcee, introduced a short video about UPF’s activities, including Africa Day, UN International Days of Peace and Family, interfaith consultations, Middle East Peace Initiatives, International Leadership Conferences, and World Assemblies.

Keynote speaker Rev. Randall Francis, ACLC District 1 Director gave an introduction followed by a video presentation about the activities of ACLC, including prayer breakfasts, ACLC Women in Ministry, programs to strengthen marriage and the family, and ACLC’s goal to bless one million couples by the year 2020. After Rev. Francis’ presentation, three Ambassadors for Peace were appointed by Mrs. Barbara Moseley-Marks, Executive Director, UPF-Virginia. The honorees included: Mr. Ram Prasad

Khanal (Nepali community leader), and Ministers Ravi & Shashi Chopra (Hindu priest couple). BRTNepal, the Nepali newsportal carried a [report](#) about the event.



Participants were invited to participate in a Blessing Toast for Marriage & Family. Led by Yuji & Michiko Yokoyama, everyone stood, faced their spouses and with grateful hearts toasted to the sanctity of marriage and the blessings of the Almighty upon our families and nation. The closing prayer was offered by Min. Amar Nath Gupta, head priest of the Hindu Capital Temple, who blew into a sacred conch-shell and called on all the attendees “to lead a peaceful life.”

Group photos were taken with the leadership of the FFWPU Southeast Subregion, Rev. Ernest Patton, director, and Mrs. Jongsook Moon, secretary general. Participants lingered afterwards to keep talking and share about different topics with old and new friends. Organizers and guests agreed that the event successfully fulfilled its objective to bring together representatives from the local community and religious leaders in the spirit of interfaith prayer for the well-being and spiritual happiness of our community.

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वासिङ्टन डिसीमा आयोजित एक विशेष कार्यक्रममा अमेरिकाको प्रसिद्ध पत्रिका The Washington Times का अध्यक्ष एवम् Universal Peace Federation, USA अध्यक्ष थोमस पी मेकडेभिटले खनाललाई Ambassador for Peace प्रमाणपत्र हस्तान्तरण गर्नुभयो । खनाल सँगै भारतीय मूलका रवि चोपरा र शशी चोपरालाई पनि वहाँले शान्तिका लागि राजदूत प्रमाणपत्र हस्तान्तरण गर्नुभयो ।

हिन्दू धर्म गुरु एवम् राजधानी मन्दिरका संस्थापक पूजारी गुरु अमरनाथ देखी, क्रिश्चियन, इस्लाम, बुद्ध धर्म गुरुहरू, समाजका लब्ध प्रतिष्ठित विभिन्न व्यक्तिहरू, विभिन्न देशका प्रतिनिधिहरू उपस्थित समारोहमा संस्था शान्तिका लागि काम गरिरहेको र यसमा संसार भरका सबैखाले व्यक्तित्वहरू समावेश भएको बताइयो । परिवार, समाज, देश र संसार कै लागि शान्तिका लागि काम गर्ने यो संस्थाको कार्यक्रम मा उपस्थित विभिन्न वक्ताले संसारलाई शान्ति चाहिएको बताउनुभयो । हिन्दू धर्म गुरु अमरनाथले शंखध्वनी, बैदिक श्लोक वाचन सहित कार्यक्रम समापन



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डिसी मेट्रो कांमेटीकाका महासाचेव भूपनारायण घातैमगरले नेपालीहरूका तर्फबाट मन्तव्य राख्नभएको थियो । कार्यक्रममा सबै उपस्थित व्यक्तित्वहरूले पनि नेपाली नयाँ वर्षका अवसरमा शुभकामना व्यक्त गर्नुभएको थियो ।



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