

## Logic of Love News for August 2020 #2 - Keep the Flame of Hope Alive

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### President's Corner



Dear friends,

Can you imagine 1 million people from around the world gathering together for the sake of hope and peace, sharing and listening to messages from heads of state for a better future?

YES! In fact, it already happened, on August 9 (August 8 in the U.S.), a virtual Rally of Hope, with 1 million people from 194 nations, all initiated by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace (see article)! Outside of the powerful and inspiring messages that were shared and the challenge that was laid down, it was also truly a 21st century technical miracle!

Can you also hear the many other voices of hope and peace, some a bit softer, others louder, that are rising up in our midst...

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### One Million Rally of Hope: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values are key to solving world problems

WFWP USA was honored to support the virtual One Million Rally of Hope, initiated by WFWP Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, which was broadcast live from Korea on August 8th, 2020, at 9:00 PM EDT. Ten WFWP leaders from around the nation had the opportunity to attend the program and be part of the virtual audience that was visible on screen throughout the event.

The Rally of Hope, which was hosted by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), focused on the theme of unifying the world and bringing hope at a time when nations are being challenged by an unprecedented global pandemic and facing economic and social crises. As an inspiring woman leader and mother that seeks to embrace the whole world, Mother Moon brought together current and former heads of state to deliver messages of peace and unity on a global stage...

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### [Peace Road 2020: Northeast Region Living by the Logic of Love](#)

After a very successful kick-off event in Plymouth, Massachusetts on July 29, the National Peace Road tour continued with a wide array of exciting programs in the Northeast region of the United States for the next few days, before moving south. **This article includes some highlights shared by WFWP members who participated in Peace Road events in the states of Maine, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.**

On July 30, **Patsy Onatah and other members of WFWP Maine hosted the national Peace Road USA team on the top of Mount Agamenticus in York, Maine.** The site was chosen both for its historical significance and its sweeping views of all that is beautiful in Maine – the ocean, the forests and the mountains in the distance...

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### [Reflections on the first Global One Million Rally for Hope: Looking in the Mirror!](#)

On Saturday, August 8th I had the opportunity to attend a global virtual rally as an interactive participant (live streamed and telecast from Korea on August 9th, local time) which reached over one million viewers from around the world. It was a singular experience representing the United States and WFWP USA as a virtual audience. Each of our faces were projected on a giant screen set up in front of the stage and we interacted live with the speakers and performers. There were several prominent speakers including the main address from WFWP Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

**Reflecting on Dr. Moon's speech, a few things stood out to me.** She spoke about how human history has been a sad one filled with conflict. Conflict is continuously happening around the world, so it's difficult to see a future filled with hope. **She advocated that the major change that we have to make is to have God, our Heavenly Parent, at the center of all that we do; the self-centeredness which is rampant causes so much suffering...**

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## [It's Time for Africa to Rise and Shine](#)

While the United States is wrestling with multilevel challenges due to Covid-19, racial tensions, political divisions and more, a significant forum and pan-African conference took place that struck a more hopeful note. It put the spotlight on the African continent not only to address the pain of people of African descent here in America, but also to take an encouraging look at the motherland of Africa.

**Mrs. Helina Mekonnen** is the founder of **CHASE THE DREAM: Culture, Art and Beauty** and hostess of this annual conference that brings together people of Africa and African descent to celebrate their common roots and the culture and art of Africa. This year, she did not allow Covid-19 to cancel her gathering but rather was able to expand the event to a global audience via technology...

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## [Peace Road 2020 in the Southeast: "People are hard to hate close up. Move in!"](#)

Visitors to the Lincoln Memorial were met with an unusual sight on a bright and sunny Monday morning in early August. More than 100 people, many of them in identical blue t-shirts and caps, were waving flags and joyfully proclaiming "Peace Starts with Me!" at the foot of the memorial steps, facing the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. This was the opening program of the **Peace Road event in Washington, DC on August 3, 2020.**

After a kick-off event in Jamestown, Virginia on July 28 and several days on the road in the Northeast, the Peace Road national tour was back in the Southeast region to spread a message of hope and reconciliation in the nation's capital. Participants, including those who came on their bikes, made sure to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines as they listened to the inspiring messages in the three-part program...

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## [Peace Road 2020: Native American, African American and White women stand together at Plymouth Rock](#)

*WFWP USA Vice President Katarina Connery offers her reflections and deep insight on the historical significance of the Peace Road 2020 kick-off event in Plymouth, and the impact of women leaders working together.*

Plymouth, Massachusetts is a place steeped in history. **This year of 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims landing on this shore after their 2 month journey across the ocean.** For some, this history represents a glorious beginning of our nation based on overcoming challenges with a spirit of adventure and a faithful desire to worship God in freedom. For others, this time marks the beginning of adversity for their

people, oppression of other races, physical and spiritual slavery, and more. On July 29, 2020, the National Peace Road Tour was launched at Plymouth Rock to honor and learn from the past as well as take steps to reconcile across our divides with a hope to build a better community and world together...

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### [Educational resources for parents and teachers: Learning from home](#)

Dr. Susan Taffer, a global educator and humanitarian, recently spoke at a virtual GWPN Forum on the topic of “Crisis in Education”. The informative presentation highlighted some of the issues that parents and teachers are facing now around the country as schools have adapted to the reality of Covid-19 and many moved to start the school year virtually.

**Wanting to support parents and teachers in this challenging time, Dr. Taffer has shared with WFWP a list of helpful educational resources and websites, which we have listed below...**

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### [Conclusion of the GWPN Forum series: Inner Crisis & Resolution](#)

To empower women and families during this time of crisis and racial unrest, Global Women’s Peace Network USA initiated a three-part Facebook live speaker series, under the theme Reflect, Reset, Rebuild. **The third and concluding forum was held on the topic “Inner Crisis & Resolution” on August 12, 2020.**

The first speaker was **Kim Evans, founder and CEO of Your Wings, an Arizona-based private therapy and coaching practice, and her talk was entitled “Staying Connected to Family, Self, and God.”** Through years of personal experience and coaching clients, Ms. Evans shared practices and activities to incorporate while in isolation when we feel ourselves begin to pull away and shut down...

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### [Pray for Lebanon!](#)

The women of **Women’s Federation for World Peace USA** invite you to **join us in praying for our fellow men, women, and families in Lebanon.** We are all in shock after a devastating explosion in Lebanon’s capital city of Beirut yesterday evening, which left at least 135 people dead and 5,000 wounded so far and a crater the size of Cyprus (CNN). Hundreds are also

still missing as their families search for them. Every hour aid workers are searching for survivors and rushing to provide support to all those impacted. Besides the loss of life and injury, many buildings were destroyed including half of the city's homes, which were made unlivable due to damage. **Read more to find out how you can help...**

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