

WFWP USA: World Interfaith Harmony Week - Celebrating a Vision of the Heart

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World Interfaith Harmony Week



Dear friends,

As we find ourselves in the midst of the **World Interfaith Harmony Week as initiated by the UN in 2010**, we realize that in spite of so many attempts and talks during interfaith week and the work of many interfaith organizations, there is still much divide among religions, and even within each religion itself!! How could true harmony and oneness among religions can be achieved in substance, is our question?

We feel for that to occur, we all need to challenge ourselves to focus more on the **ESSENCE** of each religion which is spiritual, rather than the external labels, cultures, institutions or ritual differences. We find that there is indeed a way to accomplish that!

As an inspiration and food for thought on this topic, we would like to share with you a recording of our most recent ongoing Interfaith Women's Prayer Circle. This gathering was where women of all backgrounds expressed their insights and wisdom about how religious harmony can be achieved in substance, reflecting on a reading from the book called *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen* by Rev. Sun Myung Moon (see below).

We hope and pray that this recording will be able to stimulate us to look deeper, beyond discussing ABOUT our religions, but rather practicing their ESSENCE which is spiritual and deeply rooted in the heart of the Creator.

Here is to greater unity and harmony among all faith traditions in 2021 and in the years to come!

Amen, Aho, Ashe, Amin, Namaste!

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Interfaith Women's Prayer Circle Recording

A Peace-Loving Global Citizen by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, pp. 291-292:

"...religions that should be bringing people together have instead divided themselves into many factions and are busy fighting each other. They have fallen into a selfish thought process that puts their religion or faction first. It will not be easy to tear down the religious walls that have stood for thousands of years, but these walls must come down if we are to advance into a world of peace. Religions and their factions must stop their meaningless fighting, find a middle ground for their differing opinions, and develop concrete ways to advance the world of peace. It is urgent that the struggles of modern ideologies, cultures, and races be overcome through interreligious understanding and harmony. The ultimate purpose of religion is to bring about the reality of a human community filled with love and peace."

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