

24th National Assembly Highlights

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COMPASSIONATE
SUSTAINABLE **LEADERSHIP**

WOMEN MAKING AN IMPACT

As leaders of **heart**, let's make a sustainable impact through reconciliation, compassion, love and service.



WFWP Assembly 2016 Recap Video

Dear friend,

This year's Assembly was a tremendous success and we wanted to share this recap video, as well as a few written highlights below.

Under the theme of "Compassionate, Sustainable Leadership: Women Making an Impact", over 220 guests gathered on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 to be empowered, educated, uplifted and inspired by a paradigm of leadership based on "reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice."



The Friday evening banquet and Bridge of Peace Ceremony opened with an awards ceremony in honor of our nation's veterans. Fourteen veterans from various wars, as far back as WWII, were honored that evening with special awards from WFWP USA and profound appreciation from the audience. After a deeply moving testimony of forgiveness from a mother and the beautifully healing voice of renowned soprano, Seiko Lee, the Bridge of Peace commenced. Women and men representing conflicting backgrounds-Caucasian and African American, Veteran and Government Official, and Christian and Muslim, to name a few-crossed the bridge in the name of healing and forgiveness. In an unexpected and spontaneous moment, many audience members also came forward to cross the bridge and share in taking a step toward reconciliation.



The Saturday morning program was jam packed with education, knowledge, and insights from experts in their fields who spoke on the Global Women Peace Network Panel or presented in the hands-on breakout sessions. Through the panel discussion, four powerful women leaders spoke on such topics as how to lead with compassion, women and mothers as leaders in the family, and how to combat real issues plaguing society such as pornography. Many deep questions came from the audience in response during the panel Q&A. Many also commented this was the best GWPN panel they have seen yet at an Assembly. After a delicious lunch, participants chose from five breakout sessions where they could delve deeper into learning how to use their own gifts and talents to bring peace in their families and communities.



The day's event culminated with the first ever national Schools of Africa and Other WFWP Projects Benefit Gala. There was much celebration and vibrancy in the air as participants enjoyed several moving performances and testimonies. Some of the highlights of the evening included a testimony from one

Japanese women who helped start the WFWP school in Rwanda, a beautifully melodic performance by a world renowned koto player, an African drumming group which inspired many to jump up and dance, and an overview of WFWP's service projects abroad and in the US. Throughout the evening, participants showed a generous heart to supporting the Schools of Africa project as well as disaster relief in Haiti. The weekend's events culminated in the Marriage Blessing Celebration at Clifton Family Church on Sunday, November 13. Four couples rededicated their marriage to God and renewed their commitment to each other. It was a beautiful ceremony in which even the audience felt hope and inspiration for strengthening families in America.



Though this gives only a brief snapshot of the Assembly, we hope you will also visit our website, www.wfwp.us, where we will be posting more stories, photos, and participant reflections over the next few weeks.

Warm Regards,

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