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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends,

Did you have a good and enjoyable Mother's Day? Grandmother's Day? Stepmother's Day? Foster Mother's Day?

As we continue to uplift, celebrate, honor, and thank our mothers, we would like to take the opportunity in this Logic of Love News first May edition to highlight the heart of our WFWP Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, whom we also call 'Mother of Peace'...

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## AN INCOMPARABLE INNER BEAUTY: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO THE MOTHER OF PEACE!

As we take the time this month to express our love and gratitude to the mothers and mother figures in our lives, we at WFWP would like to take a moment to thank the woman who has made such an impact in our lives and those of countless others around the globe.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has come to be known as the 'Mother of Peace' with the messages of peace that she shares wherever she goes. It is not just her words, but also her actions that convey her deeply caring mother's heart, and to offer a glimpse into the kind of woman she is, we invite you to read the excerpt below written by her husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon and published in 2010 in his autobiography "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen"...

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## "EVEN THE SMALLEST CANDLE CAN ILLUMINATE THE DARKEST CORNER": REMEMBRANCE GATHERING IN COLORADO

The National Day of Prayer, which falls on the first Thursday of May each year, is an annual observance that brings people of all faiths together. A local chapter of WFWP in Colorado, which is already known for organizing an ongoing series of interreligious gatherings, participated in a special interfaith prayer on May 2nd, 2019 - this year's National Day of Prayer.

**Four religious leaders and three faith representatives gathered to honor, comfort and pray for the mostly Christian victims of the Sri Lanka massacre that occurred on Easter Sunday.** Pastor Patrick Lewis of the Fruita United Methodist Church in Colorado graciously hosted this small, but beautiful event...

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## THISTLE FARMS: "IF YOU WANT TO HEAL A VILLAGE, HEAL THE WOMEN"

*As members of WFWP, we are always looking to support and partner up with like-minded women's organizations that do incredible work, especially as we launch the Global Women's Peace Network around the country. Read the article below to find out how two WFWP members were inspired to connect to Thistle Farms, a nonprofit social enterprise.*

After hearing Becca Stevens, author, speaker, Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur, founder, and president of Thistle Farms speak at a spirituality conference in Atlanta, GA, I knew that I had to visit the place in Nashville, Tennessee. Inspired by the model of **Thistle Farms, a nonprofit social enterprise that is dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from prostitution, trafficking and addiction**, Celeste Koshida (WFWP member and former chairwoman in Georgia) and I decided to go on a WFWP field trip and attend a one day seminar on April 30th, 2019...

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## THE ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

Although you might think that Mother's Day was initiated by Hallmark, it was not motivated by commercialism but instead inspired by women's peace groups. In 1868, Ann Jarvis (pictured left) created a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day." The purpose was to reunite families that had been divided during the American Civil War. When the Civil War broke out, Ann Jarvis called together women to pledge that friendship and good will would not be a casualty of the war.

In a remarkable display of courage and compassion, the women nursed soldiers from both sides and saved many lives from both sides. Ann – who had previously organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak – wanted to expand this into an annual memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the celebration became popular...

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## Upcoming WFWP Events: Global and Local

Check out the calendar for exciting upcoming events!

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