Women's Federation for World Peace USA Celebrates Black History Month

Fannie M. Smith January 30, 2024 Women's Interception for Peace on Earth 2024



Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) has traditionally and continues to honor Black History month as acknowledged in February each year. Celebrating Black History for a month, was not easily achieved however; it required several proclamations for it to become a national holiday in 1976. Black History Month is now celebrated in Canada, Ireland and the United Nations as well.

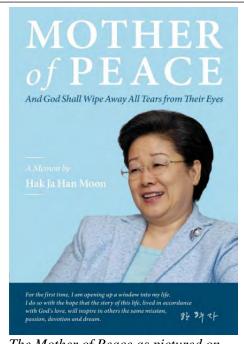
First of all, I would like to honor one of the world's most influential civil rights leaders, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife Mrs. Coretta Scott King. This year Dr. King would have turned 95 years of age. Unfortunately, his son Dexter Scott King, the youngest son of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King died recently at age 62. As fate would have it, Yolanda Renee King, Dr. King's only grandchild appears to accept the baton to also carry the civil rights freedom quest for the King family.

There are many Black men and women who can be mentioned as strong leaders or influencers from the past and present. African Americans have gained prestige and accolades in medicine, astronomy, technology, sports, education, movie/stage, philanthropist, entrepreneurs, clergy to name a few. To show the support of WFWP and our many chapters, our founder and leader, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, aka "The Mother of Peace " has and continues to rally strongly around the world. Her sincere voice is encouraging, challenging us as humankind to strive for world peace especially in these times around the world. Since 1992, WFWP has supported 10 schools in 9 countries in Africa with tuition, construction, technology, teachers, wells, uniforms and land for expansion.

A quote from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: "History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today's problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. Our present problems can only be

solved by the logic of love". Our motto "Living for the Sake of Others" are not only words but they are expressed in our actions to all humankind regardless of skin color, culture, religious beliefs or political status. We must share this planet and all its resources for anyone to survive.

As women we have the opportunity, obligation and desire by virtue of our feminine physical, biological, and spiritual attributes to produce, sustain, and maintain the very essence of our being here on earth.



The Mother of Peace as pictured on the cover of her autobiography

Racial upheavals among humanity are alive and thriving, communities in every culture are being threatened by those who refuse to see comradery as a peace making virtue. As members of WFWP, our friends, followers and supporters we must revive, restore, and revitalize the premise we stand for to rekindle the flame of Freedom for all people. We can use P.E.A.C.E as the following:

P: participation in WFWP current peace efforts

E: evolve, elevate, embrace more fervently inclusivity with other cultures

A: announce anger for the lack of humanity and justice for all

C: celebrate your ability to make changes on behalf of your family members

E: experience the fulfillment of being a Drum Major for justice

My prayer is that as women, we have and take the audacity to "intercept" the current destruction and lack of consideration for others living on this planet. By nature of being humankind, we have more in common than differences regardless of ethnicity or culture. Our spouses, children, parents, communities, and world neighbors at this very hour are being exposed to internal and external acts of hatred, death, and separation of families. With the efforts of Women's Federation for World Peace, our founder Dr. Hak Ja Hak Moon, leaders around the nation and supporters, let us carry the works of Dr. King into this new year of 2024, in hopes of securing PEACE for our future. We must connect in Faith knowing that unity and participation can accomplish our dream toward world peace,

May God bless you, Love more in 2024!!!

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