

**2025 International Interfaith Prayer Meeting - 800 Global Religious Leaders Pray for Peace and Harmony**

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On April 12, 2025, the International Interfaith Prayer Meeting was held with the participation of more than 800 religious leaders from around the world at the Cheonshim Cultural Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-do, Korea.

Representatives from the Family Federation Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Druze religion, Japanese Shintoism, Korean Daejonggyo, and Cheondogyo, among others, were present.

This event took place on the day before the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony and brought together religious leaders from around the world to commemorate the "fulfillment of the heavenly providence, the consummation of human history, and a new beginning." It was an occasion of interfaith harmony to reflect on the providential significance of this moment and pray for religious unity and world peace.

On that day, through a symbolic ceremony of uniting blessed waters and prayers for world peace, religious leaders reaffirmed their commitment to breaking down barriers between religions and moving forward together to see a peaceful world.



*Representatives of the International Interfaith Prayer Meeting Performing the Water Ceremony*

**A Crucial Step for Religious Freedom and Peace**

In her welcome address, the co-chair of the Organizing Committee for the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony, Moon Yeon-ah, emphasized that "the Entrance into the Cheonil Sanctum represents a majestic beginning to realize the dream of one human family under Heavenly Parent," and expressed her gratitude by warmly welcoming the leaders present.

The interfaith prayer was conducted by Lee Hyun-young, president of the Korean Council of Religions,

and featured presentations by three speakers on the themes: "Religious Freedom," "Religious Peace," and "The Blessing, the Cheon Won Gung, and the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea."



① Co-Chairperson Moon Yeon-ah Giving a Welcome Address ② Bishop Munib Younan Giving a Presentation ③ Prophet Samuel Radebe Giving Congratulatory Address

Bishop Munib Younan, recipient of the 4th Sunhak Peace Prize and former president of the Lutheran World Federation, in his presentation titled "The Role of Religious Leaders for Peace in the Middle East," emphasized that interfaith dialogue and cooperation are fundamental to promoting peace, and urged religious leaders to play an active role in reconciliation in the Middle East region.

Next, Dr. Kim Ki-hoon, president of the World Clergy Leadership Conference (WCLC), recalled the sacred significance of the process that led to the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony, and highlighted the work and global contributions of President Hak Ja Han Moon in promoting religious harmony and peace, emphasizing the providential importance of this ceremony.

Rev. Hwangbo Guk, National President of FFWPU-Heavenly Korea, emphasized that "the essence of religions is the same" and offered a prayer saying: "Today we must pray and act so that all people, even in North Korea and throughout the world, can freely practice their faith. Unite our hearts and give us strength," expressing his yearning for freedom of faith in the Korean peninsula and the entire world.



Finally, Katrina Lantos Swett, co-chair of the International Religious Freedom Alliance (IRF), in a video presentation emphasized the universal value of religious freedom, stating that it is an indispensable condition for peace and human coexistence. Additionally, she shared news about the International Summit for Religious Freedom held in February in Washington, USA, promoting an international consensus on its importance. At the end of the video, a segment of a speech by U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance was included, reaffirming the firm American commitment to religious freedom.

In particular, Pastor Paula White-Cain, Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office, reflected on how the Trump administration considered religious freedom an absolute priority in its national policies. She expressed her deep respect for President Hak Ja Han Moon's remarkable achievements and leadership in advancing world peace and religious harmony. Pastor White shared her hope that the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony would further foster interfaith understanding and cooperation, and that the day's interfaith prayer would represent an important step toward world peace.

Likewise, religious leaders such as Prophet Samuel Radebe of the Revelation Spiritual Home Church of South Africa and Monk Dohwi, representative of Korean Buddhism, also offered congratulatory messages, celebrating the Entrance to the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum and highlighting the significance of religious harmony.

The International Interfaith Prayer Meeting heightened expectations that humanity can unite transcending religions, nations, and cultures, and emphasized the importance of international solidarity in the realization of world peace.