

FFWPU USA: Peace Road 2022 Concludes In Major Cities Around The US

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Multiple [Peace Road](#) events recently concluded in major cities around the U.S. since the 2022 campaign, "A Safer Community, A Safer World," kicked off in late July. UPF Coordinator Ray Lipowcan shared Peace Road highlights from various regions in a presentation for FFWPU USA leaders on Aug. 9.

Peace Road [commenced](#) in the nation's capital on July 27, as well as in nearby Baltimore on July 30. As Lipowcan recapped the program in different cities, he noted how each community addressed this year's theme [tackling gun violence](#) in America. "True Mother asked that we focus on this gun violence issue," said Lipowcan, which led many Peace Road organizers to partner with city law enforcement.



In New Jersey, Rev. Barry Geller hosted a Peace Road program July 28 at Lincoln Park in Jersey City. Guest speakers included government and civic leaders, with entertainment by the Elizabeth Family Church children's choir. Bicyclists and other participants then circled the one-mile parameter of the park

in solidarity.

On Aug. 2, Lipowcan organized his local Peace Road event in downtown Pittsburgh, Penn., at the city's Korean War Veterans Memorial. He shared with guests about True Parents' vision of building an international peace highway to bridge cultures, thus contributing to building a more peaceful world. "I read a little bit about the history of Peace Road and True Parents' peace work," said Lipowcan. "We gathered at the memorial, which is in a very nice setting along the riverbanks of the city."



In Chicago, Rev. Jeff Schmidt organized a Peace Road event alongside [ACLC](#) members that featured law enforcement officers, civic, and faith leaders. Speakers gave remarks on the correlation between more peaceful communities and a harmonious world. "They exchanged Peace Road and Back the Blue T-shirts in support of each other's projects," said Lipowcan. "There was a very nice turnout and exchange among everyone."



In Indiana, Peace Road organizer William Stoner organized an event Aug. 6 at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in downtown Indianapolis. Religious leaders spoke about how America can heal from within and how to stop community violence and unite people of different backgrounds. "This event was in conjunction with the ACLC, and about six or seven ministers came, as well as a former UTS professor," said Lipowcan. "They shared their wisdom and experiences with the participants."

A concurrent Peace Road event also took place at a Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark., where

organizers Miri Kamar and Bruce Biggins presented a "Safer Communities, Safer World" eagle award to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and the North Little Rock Police Department. A representative from the public defender's office then shared a message emphasizing the need for the community to be involved in helping the police. "There was this similar theme, working with law enforcement officers to really improve our communities," said Lipowcan.



Out West in Las Vegas, more Peace Riders gathered as they partnered with the [Shine City Project](#) and [Harrison House](#) for a multi-event, 15-mile bike ride. The route began at Police Memorial Park and continued through the city's downtown area toward the historic Westside district and Las Vegas Community Healing Garden. "Eric Richardson put together a very nice program in Las Vegas," said Lipowcan. "One stop was the Harrison House, where back in the 1950s and 60s a lot of Black entertainers would stay there while performing in Las Vegas, because they weren't allowed to stay at the hotels on the Strip. This residence on the outskirts of town has now become a landmark."

Peace Road continued with a program in Anchorage, Alaska, featuring a private screening of "The Strait Guys," a documentary about the mission to connect the U.S. and Russia with a 62-mile train tunnel beneath the Bering Strait. The event, organized by Eugene Harnett at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center, included guest speakers such as Charlie Hurt, the opinion editor of The Washington Times.

In Hawaii, the Peace Road 2022 campaign concluded Aug. 7 with a prayer rally at the Punchbowl Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. Participants prayed for the more than 53,000 military casualties of World Wars I and II, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. "More than 20 people joined this event organized by Jeff Nakama," said Lipowcan. "They walked around the memorial premises, and shared about the Peace Road initiative and the importance of building world peace."

You can learn more about the history of Peace Road [here](#).





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A SAFER COMMUNITY, A SAFER WORLD



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- Father Moon, UPF Inauguration, 2005

One Unified World

"The vision is for a high-speed transportation artery linking the entire globe. On the day of its completion, much of our world will become one village linked by one road." - Mother Moon



Paving the Path

"In these [Peace Road] events,



people of all ages and nationalities, wearing t-shirts and carrying a Peace Road flag, ride bicycles or walk to show their support for peace.” - Mother Moon

Taking a Stand

“Teams of participants walk, cycle or drive along designated routes representing the International peace highway. Their path ends at local government centers where local officials, social and



for the initiative and stimulate publicity in local media.” - Mother Moon



“To tell this story to the world, from the streets to the senate buildings, I had already created an affiliated project, “Peace Road.”

- Mother Moon, Mother of Peace

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Peace Road 2022 Kicks Off Across America



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The 2022 [Peace Road USA](#) campaign, “A Safer Community, A Safer World,” kicked off on July 27 in the nation’s capital. The local Peace Road team gathered at the National Wall of Remembrance dedication ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC.

“It was amazing to connect with our veterans [at the dedication ceremony] who have defended our freedoms and fought for a better world,” said one local participant. “It was an honor to share with everyone about Peace Road and our mission to unite all people.”

The packed itinerary also included a prayer at the Lincoln Memorial, a trip to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and an afternoon bike ride to the Arlington National Cemetery and U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. The DC program concluded at a nearby pier.

In Baltimore, Peace Road continued on July 30 with a unity walk at the Baltimore Harbor. The local Peace Road team partnered with the city’s Safe Streets program, which advocates bringing peaceful solutions to the surrounding communities. Peace Road participants also enjoyed a BBQ cookout and rally hosted by Safe Streets,

as well as a jazz festival at Curtis Bay Elementary School. “It’s important to work together and continue to build and strengthen our community relations,” said a local Peace Road organizer. “This year’s Peace Road theme is all about cultivating safer communities, which creates a safer world.”



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Initiated in 1981, the Peace Road project is True Parents’ longstanding vision for a high-speed transportation artery linking the entire globe, connecting the world as one village linked by one road. Earlier this year, True Mother asked UPF leaders who sponsor Peace Road to [address](#) the nation’s issue of gun violence. As Baltimore reportedly continues a devastating seven-year [trend](#) of gun violence, Peace Road organizers said this movement for peace is increasingly critical across U.S. cities.

“We’re so grateful for this time with Peace Road launching all over America,” said UPF International President Dr. Michael Jenkins. “The Korean War was a very epic battle between the God-denying forces of Communism and the free, Democratic and God-affirming forces centering on the United Nations ... We pray that the whole world will become free.”

Since 2015, Peace Road has annually held treks in major cities worldwide in promotion of globally connecting and uniting humanity. With some 125 nations involved and promoting a more peaceful world, tens of thousands of people continue to walk, bike, and drive in support of Peace Road every summer.

A local Peace Road program was also held in Jersey City, New Jersey, on July 28, in Chicago on July 30, and in Anchorage, Alaska, on August 2. Peace Road continues in Little Rock, Ark. and Las Vegas on August 6.

Stay tuned for more Peace Road updates. You can learn more about the 2022 campaign [here](#).



Peace Road 2022 Address the Issue of Gun Violence in America



“We’re stretching the vision of Peace Road to also include opportunities to create peace in the community, peace in our nation, and peace in the world,” said Kaeleigh Moffitt of UPF. She unveiled the Peace Road 2022 plan and theme, “A Safer Community, A Safer World,” during a virtual leaders’ meeting July 11.

“Bridging cultures as one is the overarching theme of Peace Road, but we’re also looking at stopping violence in America,” said Moffitt. “This is something that is really on True Mother’s heart, and as we know, this is a really big issue in our nation right now.”

While in Korea, True Mother asked UPF leaders to address the issue of gun violence in America. Peace Road is True Parents’ longstanding vision for a high-speed transportation artery linking the entire globe, connecting the world as one village linked by one road. The Peace Road project, which is sponsored by UPF, is a prime vehicle for tackling one of the top issues facing the U.S.

“We’re looking into the situations that cause [gun violence] and what we can do to contribute to a solution,” said Moffitt. “We want our Peace Road message to be wide enough to include addressing this ... In our local programs we’re really encouraging people to work with police officers, as well as [related] service projects.”

Since 2015, Peace Road has annually held treks in major cities worldwide in promotion of the global initiative. “To tell this story to the world, from the streets to the senate buildings, I had already created ‘Peace Road,’” said True Mother. “It consists of public activism publicizing the international highway and it has turned into a global

movement for peace.”

With some 125 nations involved and promoting a more peaceful world, tens of thousands of people have walked, biked, and driven in support of Peace Road each summer. “The biking is really important, so we definitely encourage that to happen, as well as meeting at important historic areas to share this with our civic leaders,” said Moffitt.

Peace Road continues to work with community leaders, clergy, government officials and police in championing its message of peace among people of all backgrounds. Moffitt said new Peace Road educational webinars are being developed, including one focused on the need for an international highway and Bering Strait bridge. “This webinar would be addressing an international highway between America and Russia, and we will be partnering with Russia on that,” said Moffitt.

Local Peace Road events are also scheduled throughout the summer, including Washington, DC on July 27; Baltimore and Chicago on July 30; Anchorage on Aug. 2; Las Vegas on Aug. 5, as well as Las Vegas and Little Rock, Arkansas, on Aug. 6. “No matter where we are, let’s make an offering for Peace Road,” said Moffitt, “even if it’s a program, small meeting with police, or gathering at a local memorial.”

You can learn more about the Peace Road 2022 campaign and itinerary [here](#).

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