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Activities

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Webinar: Viewing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) from Within



Webinar organised by UPF Canada and UPF Europe and Middle East. Interpretation into French will be provided.

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Please Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Speakers:

- Mr. Glyn Ford, Director of Track2Asia
- Dr. Han S. Park, Professor Emeritus of International Affairs, University of Georgia
- Mr. Jacques Marion, Co-Chair UPF Europe & Middle East

Moderator:

• Dr. Franco Famularo, President, UPF Canada

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Regional news

Europe-Brazil Dialogue Fosters Cooperation in Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy



Vienna, Austria – UPF-Austria organized a conference on "Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Shared Values – Europe-Brazil Dialogue" on November 8, 2023.

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Balkan Academics Meet in Tirana to Discuss Family Issues in Modern Society



Tirana, Albania – UPF-Albania held its third scientific conference on the family on November 18, 2023, focusing on factors that affect modern families.

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Geneva Concert Honors the Memory of Nelson Mandela



UPF-Switzerland organized a concert on December 8, 2023, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's passing.

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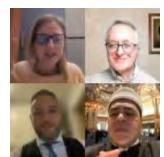
<u>UPF Spain Hosts a Tribute to All Victims in Israel and</u> Gaza



UPF Spain held a conference in tribute to all the victims in Gaza and Israel on 14 December, 2023.

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Religious Leaders Come Together to Discuss the Family



UPF-Italy held an interreligious roundtable on "Ethics, Spirituality and Family Cohesion" on 4^{th} December, 2023.

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Parliamentarians Gather to Discuss Lebanon's Future



Beirut, Lebanon - Lebanese parliamentarians from several different parties held a round table discussion on December 27th at the Palm Beach Hotel.

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UPF Netherlands Commemorates Human Rights Day



UPF–Netherlands held a conference on "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All" to mark the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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Peace Principles Seminar conducted in Albania



UPF Albania held a 3-Day Peace Principles Seminar in Vlora, Albania, from December 15-17, 2023.

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<u>UPF Austria holds pre-Christmas celebration with a look back at 2023</u>



On December 17, 2023, 100 guests followed an invitation from UPF Austria to a pre-Christmas celebration with a look back at 2023.

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UPF Hungary holds event on "The Voices of Peace"



On the 16th of December 2023, UPF Hungary held an inspiring event entitled, "The Voices of Peace", at the Peace Embassy in Budapest.

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UPF Slovakia Commemorates "Human Rights Day"



On December 11, 2023, UPF Slovakia was host to a multi-faceted presentation delivered by representatives from the Scientology Church.

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32nd Francophone Scriptural Reasoning



The 32nd Francophone Scriptural Reasoning was held on 17 December, 2023, on the theme: "Stewardship".

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UPF Czech Republic organizes first lecture on democracy



UPF Czech Republic organized a series of three lectures on democracy focusing on the main pillars of the democratic system.

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Czech Parliamentarian Shares Insights on the Value of Family



Prague, Czech Republic – A fascinating meeting took place at the UPF Peace Embassy in Prague, focusing on the theme "Family in a Democratic Society," on November 20, 2023.

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UPF Berlin celebrates UN Human Rights Day



"Human rights - human dignity: What does our image of God have to do with it?" was the theme of the UPF event in Berlin on December 9, 2023, on the occasion of UN Human Rights Day.

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Interreligious Discussion held by UPF Düsseldorf



"What does it take to build a world of peace?" was the topic of the Interreligious Discussion Group organised by UPF Düsseldorf on 25 November, 2023.

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Ethiopian who studied in East Berlin recounts his extraordinary life



Ethiopian who studied before the Fall of the Berlin Wall recounts his extraordinary life at the International Cafe orgainised by UPF Giessen on November 25, 2023.

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UPF Düsseldorf commemorates the Fall of the Berlin Wall



UPF Düsseldorf commemorated the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the Role of the Churches on November 9, 2023.

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UPF Munich debates the meaning of Heaven and hell



"Heaven and hell - what does that mean for me and for us?" was the theme of the UPF Munich prayer breakfast on Saturday, October 28 2023.

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International Cafe held in Giessen, Germany



Austria was the subject of the International Cafe held in Giessen, Germany, on 28 October 2023.

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<u>UPF Düsseldorf: Interreligious Prayer Circle for Thanksgiving</u>



The significance of Thanksgiving and the Feast of Saint Michael or Michaelmas was the topic of the Interfaith Prayer Circle held on October 23, 2023.

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UPF Switzerland Participates in Week of Religions



As part of the Week of Religions, an Interfaith Day took place on November 10, 2023, at the community hall of St. Nicolas Catholic Church in Biel/Bienne, Switzerland.

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Interfaith Circle Shares Scriptures on Cultivating Hope



Paris, France – The Dialogue & Alliance interfaith circle held its monthly meeting on the theme "Cultivating Hope" on November 19, 2023.

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Nordic Principles of Peace Seminar Draws Diverse Assembly



Helsinki, Finland – UPF-Finland organized a one-day seminar on Principles of Peace, held at the Cultural and Conference Hotel in Helsinki on October 21, 2023.

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