



PACIFICA A Statement on our World Today

In Latin or Spanish, the word Pacifica means 'tranquil' or 'able to make peace.' In his sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). If our hearts and minds are centered on God, as is written in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:7, then "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard [us]..."

Sadly, this is missing in our world today.

In her closing speech at the World Summit 2022 (WS-2022), February 11-13, 2022, just 10 days before the war in Ukraine began, Mother Moon emphasized, "... a world of true peace, freedom, equality, unity, and happiness, wherein humankind lives as one family centered on God, is only possible if... nations attend God as their parent."

Also called the Mother of Peace, Dr. Moon founded the Pacific Christian Leadership Conference (PCLC) and with her late husband co-founded the Universal Peace Federation, the organizer and co-host of WS-2022. UPF holds General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the PCLC is affiliated with this peace federation.

The co-chairmen of the Summit were His Excellency Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, the former UN Secretary-General of the United Nations. Over the last two and a half years, despite the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, Mother Moon called for a series of world summits, global prayer rallies, international leadership seminars, and think tank forums. Among our highest level of participants, we were honored to have 85 Heads of State and Government (25 current and 60 former) attend these hybrid programs that were both virtual and in person.

WS-2022 focused on the hope of all ages and our quest for world peace had a special focus on the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. The official co-hosts were the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and UPF. We reached out to 156 nations that have diplomatic relations with North and South Korea. Summit participants endeavored to listen, sought to understand, worked to build trust, and ultimately pursued a way to heal a land divided for more than 70 years and a world fractured since the beginning of human history.

Prime ministers, presidents, speakers, parliamentarians, religious and business leaders, first ladies, and academe participated, coming from East and West, North and South. Truly a Summit of world leaders, it was one of the largest and most diverse constellations of statesmen and women ever assembled by a non-government organization. Importantly, it was centered on God.

Mother Moon called on leaders in all fields, especially religious leaders and most pointedly Christian leaders to be peacemakers. "Jesus died on the cross; yet he promised to come again..." she said. "I would like to ask," Dr. Moon inquired, "whether the Christian environment of today is ready to receive the Messiah that promised to return."

Each of us has our own personal "Ukrainian conflicts." It may be between my mind that delights in the law of God which is at war with the law of sin in my body; it may be sibling rivalry; it may be domestic violence between spouses, or between parents and children. But we know, these unsolved familial wars fester and grow beyond the family. They are the foundation and fuel that turn into social, racial, civil, national, and even world wars.

As we ask for prayers for peace in Ukraine, the PCLC is also calling all Christians to once and for all solve the wars in ourselves and in our families. If we stand together, work together, and pray together we shall overcome.

Let us continue to pray for peace to prevail in Ukraine and the world.

Please join us. And invite others too!

Amen.