

Let Us Be Guided by True Parents' Vision

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Before reading True Mother's speech inaugurating the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace



Distinguished parliamentarians and leaders from throughout America and the world, it is an honor to stand before you today. I am delighted to be here in Washington and to welcome such a very distinguished group of leaders gathered here today. UPF's series of International Leadership Conferences, featuring the launch of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), has been received enthusiastically throughout the world. This ILC in Washington DC concludes the 2016 series of programs.

I want to thank the Washington Times Foundation for joining with UPF to co-sponsor this global ILC event. As I witness the enthusiastic response that is coming from every corner of the world in response to the IAPP, I truly feel that my beloved late father, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, must be very pleased. I know that my mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, is proud of all the amazing work that is being done -- the global networking, and the building of a true sense of brotherly and sisterly love. I believe we are coming together as one family under God.

Here we witness the victory of love over enmity, harmony over division. Even though we come from many diverse backgrounds, at this ILC we are working together beyond any difference or barrier. Most importantly, we recognize there is a common ground that binds us together. For this reason, we can learn from one another and we can dialogue together cooperatively as we search for solutions to today's much divided and suffering world.

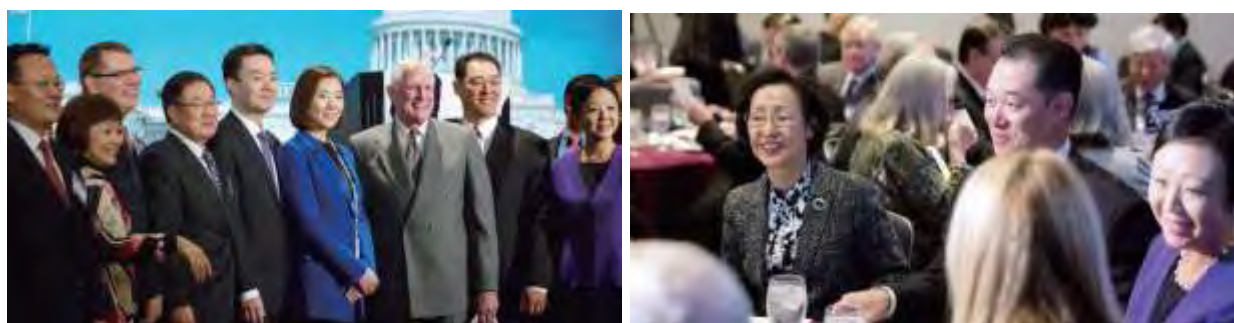
Dire times

Our contemporary world, now more than ever, needs good governance and a global peace-loving worldview that affirms the oneness of our human family and all life on earth. As a US citizen, I have serious concerns about the future direction of my nation. I hope that the new administration here in America, along with the US Congress, will stand up for universal values and the well-being of all people, the world over.

We live in an interdependent world. We are all connected. What effects one country, good or bad, affects

the world. Even in my home country, Korea, the news media are flooded with reports about a scandal related to government corruption in Korea and about the protests by the people against such abuses of power. This is a crisis that will, no doubt, have wider repercussions through East Asia.

All around us, the world seems to be unraveling as fear, anger and division fuel domestic and global crises. Many nations seem to be turning inward in a self-interested way, and protectionism is on the rise. This is very unfortunate at a time when, throughout the world, there is catastrophic human suffering due to extreme poverty, violent conflict and terrorism, leading to unprecedented numbers of refugees and displaced persons. In addition, climate change is threatening the wellbeing of us all; changing weather patterns are leading to drought, flooding, super-storms, oceans rising and temperature fluctuations that threaten the conditions for farming, and food security in many parts of the world. These global realities affect us all.



In search of unity

My parents always worked to overcome division, hostility, discord and suffering and spent their entire lives calling for world peace, true love and living for the sake of others. A vision of one family under God guided them. It is with this in mind that my mother has worked urgently, building on the UPF foundation, to establish the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. It is her fervent hope that through the IAPP, parliamentarians will work together collaboratively -- even going beyond divisions of political party and political ideology -- practicing good governance. In that way, we can bring about lasting change in our world.

In order to succeed we need the wisdom, commitment and strength of all of you. Only in this way can we hope to bring about global change that yields prosperity, peace and harmony for everyone. Each one of you -- statesmen and stateswomen, leaders, educators and faith-based leaders from throughout the world - - working together based on mutual respect, practicing true love toward humanity and all creation, offers hope to our troubled world.

My parents have a very deep love and appreciation for America. Both my mother and my father worked tirelessly over many decades in this nation. UPF and the *Washington Times*, founded in this nation, are the fruits of their labors. They believed that when people are brought together and guided by their vision, the road to peace can be paved and we can transform this world. But as we know, nothing can be accomplished without our taking responsibility, taking action guided by core principles.



The bases of success

My Father coined the phrase "head-wing" philosophy during the cold war era. He wanted to overcome the opposition and the polemics between the right wing and left wing. He wanted to lead us beyond these two warring sides, offering head-wing thought to create an environment of peace, cooperation and mutual prosperity. At a time when we experience once again in many places the intense rhetoric of both right wing and left wing worldviews, I believe it shows that we are out of balance. It is therefore very important, during such divided times to consider embracing head wing consciousness.

Head wing thought is not simply a political philosophy. My parents always taught that we need to be grounded in universal spiritual and moral principles. Thus my parents also encouraged us to embrace "Godism;" that is, to always seek to see the world and all things from a God-centered point of view, the most universal or cosmic point of view. Such a worldview can bring together all divisions, just as parents seek to bring their children into harmony. I believe this is the basis of the successful work of UPF and of the many other organizations that my parents founded.

I believe their teachings can bring about a unification of the political philosophies and even of the ideals of all the world's religions. The essential point is that we must overcome self-centeredness and learn to live for the sake of others. If we apply this principle, we can initiate a great awakening and bring all people together as one family under God.

As you know, my dear father, passed away four years ago. He had lived for only one purpose, to unite the world as one family under God, going beyond barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, gender and ideology. I hope you can study his life and gain insight and wisdom from his teachings.

At this time, after his passing, my amazing mother is carrying this torch of world peace and one family under God.

