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"Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis"

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UPF International has launched a new webinar series, named **Peace Talks**, offering a wide range of content related to the concerns and traditional conference themes of UPF, highlighting values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

The **Peace Talks** series, which will appear weekly, will include programs that feature expert speakers on a variety of topics; programs that highlight the work of UPF's associations: International Summit Council for Peace, International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, International Media Association for Peace, International Association for Peace and Economic Development, International Associations of Academicians for Peace, and International Association of First Ladies for Peace; programs that focus on various regions, such as Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East; programs that feature a wide range of partners such as inter-governmental organizations, interfaith organizations, and other NGOs; and, finally, programs that are aimed at capacity-building in areas such as fundraising, strategic planning, and membership management.

The first program of **Peace Talks**, held April 17, was entitled, "Circle of Light: Moving Through and Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis" and included presentations from **Dr. Thomas Walsh**, Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation; **Bishop Munib**

Younan, International Honorary President of Religions for Peace, who lives in Jerusalem, **Imam Shamsi Ali**, who is the Director of the Jamaica Muslim Center in Jamaica, Queens, New York, and **Rabbi Kevin DeCarli**, an Interfaith Advisor to the Swiss Armed Forces in Switzerland.

Each spoke of the current crisis and offered their insightful reflections, largely from a moral and spiritual perspective, on the current crisis and our way forward. The video recording is attached and we hope you will take time to review the video. You will note that Rabbi DeCarli, as he speaks in a very moving way, is himself suffering very intensely and immediately from being infected by the coronavirus, adding further to the urgency and seriousness of the moment.

The inaugural meeting included 268 participants from 64 nations.

The next **Peace Talks** webinar is scheduled for April 24.

Upcoming Events

APR 24: [International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace](#)

MAY 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)




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