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**INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT COUNCIL FOR PEACE**  
**August 9, 2020 - Seoul, Korea**

**Online Rally of Hope for the Realization of  
a Heavenly Unified World**

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The International Summit Council for Peace, a project of the UPF, held the Rally of Hope on August 9th. It represented the latest in a series of summits, real and virtual, held over the past two years (see [www,UPF.org](http://www.UPF.org)). It brought thousands of world leaders together in search of a shared culture of ‘interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.’ Five more world-level events are planned for this year.

The August 9th rally was a dazzling display of digital technology from the land of K-pop where a live internet audience of more than one million people from 194 nations were held spell-bound for two-and-a-half hours on August 9, 2020. Another 90+ million people watched via as many as 70 live TV broadcasts and on various social media apps.

The rally’s theme was “Building a heavenly unified world through interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values,” and hosted a set of stellar speakers from East and West, North and South. They spoke in unanimity on the importance of nations working collaboratively to overcome the aftermath of Covid-19, on the need for universal moral and spiritual values to be inculcated into our cultures, and for UPF to play a key role in moving these agendas forward.



**H.E. Ban Ki Moon**, the 8th UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the National Council of Climate and Air Quality, highlighted four areas of global concern: i) tension between the US and China, ii) the rise of protectionism, iii) the threat of climate change, and iv) a crisis in values, ethics and social capital. Although he called this “a new Cold War in the COVID-19 era,” he also believed that UPF “will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world.”

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**H.E. Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, emphasized that “maintaining peace and security in the world is an indispensable foundation for development... and should be [given] the highest priority.” The socio-economic recovery from Covid-19 cannot be solved at the national level, he said, “It requires deepening and broadening international cooperation in all fields.” He called the Covid-19 vaccine to be a “global public good.”

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**H.E. Macky Sall**, President of the Republic of Senegal, began by honoring the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who would be 100 year old this year. In order for the “post-COVID-19 world to be a better place for all,” the Senegalese President said we needed “faith, confidence in science, and determination to act together... working in solidarity and human fraternity, as UPF has always done,” allowing us to “overcome our common vulnerabilities.”

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A special address was given by **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, the co-founder of UPF. She recognized the Rally’s distinguished guests, coming from the highest places in business, academia, religion and politics. Our strongest desire is to be one family under God; yet human history has seen a sad pattern of conflict and hatred. In this time of pandemic, it is difficult to see any future for humanity. Interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values are the key principles UPF promotes. Due to human ignorance and failure to cooperate, climate change and environmental destruction are ravaging the world. This ongoing catastrophe illustrates humankind’s tragic separation from its Heavenly Parent.

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**H.E. Brigi Rafini**, Prime Minister of Niger since 2011, saw the Rally of Hope as transmitting messages of peace, along with a new moral, ethical and spiritual vision. He recognized that “living for others and for the public interest is the basis of development in an interdependent world.” Finally, he described interfaith dialogue and cooperation beyond race, ethnicity, religion or ideology as “universal values that everyone affirms.”

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**Hon. Newt Gingrich**, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, is an optimist. He appreciated that the Rally of Hope was an important positive step forward at a time when the world was very troubled. He recognized that seeking peace, understanding and working together were keys to a successful future. The Speaker also noted that “what Mother Moon is doing, in carrying on her husband’s work..is truly a historic mission.”

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**Rt. Hon. Date Chuichi**, President of the House of Councilors, Japan (2016-19), recognized that “spirit of ‘interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values,’ which is taught by Rev. Moon and Dr. Han, was desperately needed.” In closing and referring to Mother Moon he said, “the world now needs someone who can be like a mother to all humanity who reconciles siblings.”

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**Pastor Paula White**, Spiritual Advisor to President Donald J. Trump, began by pointing out that the family was the cornerstone of world peace. Then, woman to woman, she said, “Mother Moon, I respect and honor you for your perseverance, for being a forerunner nationally and globally, for dedicating your life to establishing international peace and good will and for being a true lover of humanity.” Rev. White ended with a prayer for the reunification of the Korean peninsula.

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**Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper**, Prime Minister of Canada (2006-15), warned that the Covid-19 pandemic cannot be compared to the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. “This [crisis] is without precedent and we do not yet know the full outcomes...” He concluded by saying, “But if there is any organization capable of convening a truly global network of people committed to genuinely shared efforts then it is this one, UPF.”

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**H.E. Jimmy Morales**, President of Guatemala (2016-20), likened the current pandemic to smallpox in the 2nd century CE and acknowledged Mother Moon’s efforts to “promote peace, family and integration of the world” during this grim time. Finally, he called for the reunification of Korea which he saw as the beginning of peace in Northeast Asia and throughout the world.

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**H.E. Alfred Moisiu**, President of the Republic of Albania (2002 – 2007), and current Chairman of the International Summit Council for Peace, Balkans appreciated the work of UPF and said, “It is a time for world leaders to reflect deeply and build together a world strategy how to move forward as a world family.” He also spoke of the Balkans Peninsula as the bridge between East and West.

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The Rally of Hope was a tremendous success! In addition to the wonderful speakers, excellent entertainment was provided by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet, Mr. Kim Myung Gong and Ms. Park Ai Ri. On the foundation of this event, the next Rally of Hope will be held on **Sep. 6th**.

## Click to view the Rally of Hope video:

### Upcoming Events

AUG 18: [20th Anniversary of Founders Address at UN](#) AUG

19: [UN World Humanitarian Day](#)

SEP 12: [15th Anniversary of UPF's Founding](#)

SEP 21: [UN International Day of Peace](#)

SEP 21: [UPF-UK: Seeking Racial Harmony](#)

OCT 24: [United Nations Day](#)




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