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The Hope of All Ages, A Unified World of Peace

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I always recall True Parents' words, first delivered on September 12, 2005, at the Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City, and then repeated day after day, without interruption, before audiences all across the globe, as they traveled country by country in 2005, and throughout 2006, convening the national-level Inaugural Assemblies of UPF:

Respected leaders, you are now living in an age of blessing. God's promises are coming to fruition. ... [UPF] represents God's victory, the fruit of True Parents' blood, sweat and tears, and the world's cherished hope. It will carry out the role of the Abel-type United Nations.

UPF did not spring forth *ex nihilo*, but rather emerged on the foundation of the merit of the age and the sacrifices of providential history. Even the course of True Parents can be traced chronologically like a genealogy of institutions building toward some culmination, virtually all of which contain the word "peace" in their mission statement and even in their title. Peace is an ideal that is affirmed by all the world's religions. Indeed, it is the *raison d'être* of all faiths, and the goal of all nations, peoples and governments. It is the original ideal of Heaven.


UPF, according to True Parents, was not given a specific designation or mission related to a particular sector or group. Rather its name, *Cheonju Pyeonghwa Yeonhap*, refers to a universal or cosmic vision that includes the diverse sectors of society, like the parts of our body, brought into collaborative harmony and cooperation. In that sense, UPF offers a cosmic or universal aspiration for unification, building on the aspiration for unity among nations and harmony among religions, both of which are such essential dimensions of the human and heavenly ideal of peace.

True Father directed UPF to utilize all the heavenly assets of True Parents' lifelong ministry, that is, their efforts to collaborate with heads of state and government, religious leaders, academicians and scientists, women and youth, artists and athletes, media professionals, business leaders and parliamentarians. Remember that the immediate predecessor organization of UPF was called the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, indicating a call to bring into harmonious and cooperative collaboration the spheres of both religion and government, areas of True Parents' investment that, prior to IIFWP and UPF, were explored and developed independently.

True Mother has taken UPF to entirely new levels of development and accomplishment, building upon and expanding True Father's vision. Most noteworthy has been True Mother's decision to develop the various associations of UPF, each with a specific focus—heads of state, parliamentarians, religious leaders, women leaders, youth, academicians, business leaders, the media, thought leaders and artists—yet all working together in solidarity as essential parts of one organ system. In that sense, the UPF resembles the United Nations, which also has a wide range of organs, agencies, commissions, programs, units, etc., working together toward its goals as stated in the UN Charter.

This was surely the dream of True Father and True Mother, a dream they shared at the United Nations on August 18, 2000, the year of the Millennium General Assembly. True Mother spoke of a God-centered UN, and True Father spoke of the need for the UN to build within its system an interfaith council to work in cooperation with the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Secretariat and the various agencies that make up the UN system.

The recent World Summits and Rallies of Hope and International Leadership Conferences that True Mother has convened on the platform of UPF have all underscored this vision. Moreover, increasingly we observe that those who participate in these various programs and who meet our True Mother and who come to know True Parents' works, the fruits of their blood, sweat and tears, have a profoundly intuitive experience or realization that UPF represents, as True Parents stated above, "God's cherished hope." Indeed, True Parents offered a motto for UPF translated as: "The hope of all ages is a unified world of peace."

This hope is coming to fruition. It does not mean that we no longer face challenges. As we all know, our world is teetering on a precipice of destruction, with forces of division rattling their sabers all across the planet. At times it seems as though these "powers and principalities" will accomplish their destructive ends. However, we may be sure that the forces of goodness and wisdom are not impotent. Heaven will prevail and emerge victoriously. UPF will continue to serve Heavenly Parent's providence, centered on True Parents' vision, opening the path to peace and the establishing of one universal family under God. 

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America and God's Will

God Bless America Festival to mark the US bicentennial
September 18, 1976 | Washington Monument on the National Mall, Washington, DC, USA



This evening I would like to speak on the subject, "America and God's Will."

God is eternal, unchanging, unique and absolute. If those are the qualities of God, His purpose of creation must also be eternal, unchanging and absolute. In the beginning, God's ideal was to create one world of unity and harmony.

Today, however, our world has no unity or harmony. Instead there is much division, disharmony, confusion and chaos. Individually, our minds are separated from our bodies, and our families, races, nations and world are torn apart. This reality is in total contradiction to God's original intention. Clearly something is fundamentally wrong.

Religion has an explanation. It says that this worldwide division is the result of our first ancestors' rebellion against God, the Fall of Adam and Eve.

In order to save fallen humanity, God sent the Messiah. His purpose was to restore people to their original state before the Fall. Therefore, salvation is the same as restoration.

The human Fall brought about this fallen world. Disobeying God's Word, Adam and Eve rebelled against Him. This put them in the position to be overpowered by Satan's lies. And so, finally Adam and Eve united with Satan, receiving Satan's personality and love instead of God's personality and love.

To be restored as an original person, we must reverse the process of the Fall. This time we must separate ourselves from Satan, reach out to God whom we have lost, and obey His Word. In this way we can receive God's personality and His love.

God is supremely selfless and supremely public-minded. Satan, however, is absolutely self-centered and only out for himself.

God's formula to restore us is for us to become God-like. This means that we must become completely selfless and public-minded. Each of us has to become a person who is able to sacrifice for the sake of others.

Such a selfless and public-minded person will prosper through becoming the image of God. The selfish, self-centered person will decline because such behavior is contrary to God. This is God's rule.

Central nations were unable to realize God's Will

Human history has been a history of struggle, a history of war. It has been almost like a tug-of-war between God and Satan, with humanity as the prize. Good and evil have been struggling to win people to their respective sides.

Because human history started with the Fall, evil got a head start. Therefore, in history the evil side has always taken the aggressive and offensive position. Good has been passive and defensive. Yet God is on the side of good. In the end, the good side always wins the victory. The good side is always the underdog, yet it comes out victorious and expands.

For example, during World War I and World War II, the evil sides attacked first, yet they were the ones to be defeated. Today, there is much talk about World War III. This time evil, represented by the communist nations, is challenging the free world, provoking conflicts and war

everywhere. But again based on God's formula, the ultimate victory will surely be on the side of God.

There is another formula in God's work of restoration. Before God sends the Messiah to restore people, He always prepares a central religion and a chosen nation as the foundation to receive the Messiah.

According to this formula, God established Judaism as the first central religion, and Israel as the first chosen nation. Upon this base, God sent Jesus Christ as the Messiah. God's hope was that the chosen nation and religion would become one with Jesus and establish the kingdom of God on earth and restore the world to God.

Today, America and Christianity together must take up the sacred task of world restoration. America must unite the cultures of the West and the East, as well as the Middle East, and create one great, unified culture, ultimately fulfilling the mission of establishing the kingdom of God on earth.

America should shoulder its providential responsibility

Judaism was God's first central religion, and Christianity was the second. The Unification Church is the third, coming with a new expression of truth that will fulfill the final chapter of God's providence. These central religions must unite in America and reach out to unite the religions of the world.

Judaism, centered on the Old Testament, was the first work of God and is in an eldest brother's position.





God Bless America Festival to mark the US bicentennial, September 18, 1976

Christianity, centered on the New Testament, is in the position of the second brother. The Unification Church, through which God has given a new expression of truth, the Completed Testament, is in the position of the youngest brother.

These three religions are indeed three brothers in the providence of God. Then Israel, the United States and Korea, the nations where these three religions are based, must also be brothers. Because these three nations have a common destiny representing God's side, the communist bloc as Satan's representative is trying to isolate and destroy them at the United Nations.

Therefore, these three brother nations must join hands in a unified effort to restore the United Nations to its original purpose and function. They must contribute internally to the unification of the world's religions and externally to the unification of the world itself.

One World under God is the unchanging, eternal and absolute desire of God. This goal will be realized. Yet, in order to accomplish this goal, the unity of religions is the foremost task. When all people worship one God as their Father, accept one Messiah and uphold Godism, an absolutely God-centered way of life, then the dwelling of God will be with humanity. It will be only a matter of time to see the kingdom of God here on earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, at this crossroads of human history, we must listen to the call of God. God prepared


America for two hundred years. This is the time for awakening. America must accept its global responsibility. Armed with Godism, America has to free the communist world, and at last build the kingdom of God here on earth. God has chosen America as the flag bearer. America must rise up today. Tomorrow may be too late.

I not only respect America but I also truly love this nation. I respect and love the United States as a great nation, as a godly nation and as the central nation in God's providence. America is now at the threshold of its third century. America must not disappoint God. Today let us pledge to God Almighty that we shall do His Will. We shall never let Him down. Never!

Today in this holy place, let us together lay the cornerstone of the kingdom of God on earth. Let us all join together as the coworkers of God. Let us be the pioneers of His kingdom.

My dear brothers and sisters who long for unity; this is the place of commitment, the moment of decision. If you are willing to give your sweat, your blood and your very lives to the call of God, then in this sacred moment before heaven and earth and before all the people of the world, let us shout it out. We know we can build the kingdom of God here on earth, in His power and with our own hands.

May God bless you and your homes, and forevermore may God bless America.

Thank you very much. 

The True Love Movement Bringing Salvation to Asia and the World

*Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, Japan Convention
September 17, 1991 | Tokyo Bay NK Hall, Chiba, Japan*





Leaders of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia! The world is now on the brink of a great historic transition period. The wartime policies of communism caused bloodshed ravaging millions of human beings. In the seventy years since the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, communism came to rule more than half of the world, plunging all humanity into the pits of fear and anguish. New leaders finally have lowered that red flag, and we are watching it disappear into the mists of history.

This shows that the worldview based on atheism, with state policies that deny God, has come to ruin. The philosophy of conflict, struggle and hatred has revealed its limits, and the one-party dictatorial structure of communism is now faced with its own demise. However, this event leads to an important realization: The downfall of communism does not mean the victory of the free democratic world. Just as communism,

which went forth asserting economic equality, was brought to its end by the collapse of its own economy, the free democratic world, which is

crying out for the ideal of freedom, also is nearing a breakdown of society through the severe confusion of values. Corruption, sexual immorality, violence and addiction are multiplying under the shadow of so-called freedom. They are causing the dissolution of that free society.

The Cold War era that lasted for more than forty years after the Second World War is drawing to a close. It was a game with losers on both sides and no victor. It makes us realize that now is the time for a new salvation to reach both the communist world and the free democratic world.

Most respected women leaders!

There is an old saying to the effect, "When one's family is harmonious, all goes well." What this means is that the family is the basis of peace. And the most important factor in forming

such a family is true love. The word "love" has various meanings. However, I'm speaking here about true love, which refers to the absolute love centered on God. In other words, true love is to love even someone who seems impossible to love, and thus, in true love you have no choice except to love even your enemies. Furthermore, true love is the sacrificial love of even giving one's own life for others. Therefore, in true love the antagonisms and conflicts among individuals and among societies or nations are completely transcended and dispersed. With true love we can achieve true peace.

True love is the motive and power behind creation, reproduction and development. To put it another way, physical energy, once it is invested, is consumed and finished. In the case of true love, however, the more you invest, the greater it grows, and it comes back to you with even more than you gave. Only in true love can the idea of eternal life become a reality. Families and societies that practice true love never come to ruin; they continue to grow.



Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, Japan Convention, September 17, 1991

In this regard, the teaching of my husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, to "live for the sake of others" is the basic guiding principle in the construction of a peaceful world.

Distinguished leaders of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia! The coming era is to be neither the age of conflict, defined by two nations, the United States and the Soviet Union, nor the age of the confusion of many nations. Instead, it must be the age of God's world, centered on God's love. This era of dominating the world based on the survival of the fittest in terms of economic power or military power must pass; now we need to realize one world based on Godism. Godism teaches us about the true love of God, through which the East and West, North and South, and all cultures, races and philosophies can be melted into one.

Godism has to start in Asia and construct the realm of the Asian-Pacific civilization. Such things as antagonism, conflict or struggle will disappear from Asia when it is centered on Godism. Asians need to set

an example of how to achieve world peace through practicing true love by living more for the sake of the whole than for oneself.

Because Japan has received the blessing of riches from the world, it ought to follow a path, based on the spirit of true love, of living for the world. By regarding the pain of the world as their own pain and the problems of the world as their own problems, the Japanese people will live for the world in self-sacrifice and service, and they will become leading figures in establishing world peace.


The fact of the matter is that the League of Nations and the United Nations, which were formed to resolve the problems that arose after the First and Second World Wars, have been inadequate. There remain many serious problems that have not been addressed in the past forty years of the era of the Cold War, which can be said to have been the Third World War.

Matters such as the resolution of racial and cultural conflicts, closing the severe gap between the rich and the poor, conservation of nature, and establishment of true ethical values

are the challenges that need to be newly tackled and resolved by modern humanity on a global scale.

Most esteemed women representatives of Japan, now the time has come for you to be the people who practice true love by giving for the sake of Asia and the world. Today we are ushering in a great, historic transition. It will emerge as an important opportunity for Japan and Asia to play an active role in the world.

I hope that you will broaden your consciousness and way of life so that Japan will stand clearly as the mother of Asia and the mother of the world, and thereby stand at the forefront of constructing a new Asia and a new world. This is the destined mission that history has placed in your hands to fulfill today.

When Asia embraces the true love of God, the future of Asia is boundlessly bright. Furthermore, this world promises a future of hope in which the eternal order of peace can be firmly established. I pray that you will devote yourselves earnestly for peace in the new Asia and for the future of the world. Thank you. 

True Father's Benediction on the Occasion of the Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth

The True Parents have devoted their lives to liberating Heavenly Parent—who has been surrounded by hell in the spiritual world as well as on earth since the fall of the first ancestors—as well to liberating all living beings, spirits, and all creation. During his final prayer, True Father made the providential proclamation of victory: “I have accomplished everything,” and then ascended into the spiritual realm.

On the foundation of having brought True Father's firm settlement in the Kingdom of Heaven to completion at the 10th anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, True Mother made the heavenly decree that as of now, the Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth will be celebrated with a Cheon Il Guk Gyeongbae Ceremony. In addition, she reminded all FFWPU members that as leaders of the liberated world, and in attendance of True Father in heaven and True Mother on earth, they must practice and realize the original ideal of creation in their lives.

Beloved Father! Today, on September 18, on the occasion of Chuseok Day [Korean Harvest Festival], a time of harvest in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, we have come together to celebrate the Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth as representatives of both heaven and earth, in the name of the True Parents and the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

With the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) on September 12, the victorious realm of the Abel UN, Heaven's global peace UN, which represents the nations and countries rooted in the foundation of Cheon Il Guk, we celebrate the day Your love and sovereignty can be witnessed on earth—love and sovereignty that are representative of Your all-transcendent, all-immanent, all-authoritative, and all-powerful works. Today, September 18, we are able to celebrate the Chuseok Day of Liberation of Heaven and Earth. Heaven, please grant us your blessings today as we dedicate this occasion to You in attendance of the Parents of Heaven and Earth along with all the Blessed families in heaven and on earth.

Today, the light of a new morning shines upon heaven and earth. Father, we dedicate to You once again the bright world that has dawned with the new Chuseok on September 18. As we move beyond the hill of liberation, with a new moon, new sun, a new sea, a new air, and a new land, please be with us at this time, when we can finally advance toward an eternal reign of peace, a liberated world wherein the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven is completely free and liberated, centered on Your victorious, overarching sovereignty. Father, thank You for allowing us to once again restore an era in which we can govern all of creation as owners of love, who stand at the apex of the full authority of Your ideal of creation.

As of today, we celebrate being able to proclaim to all nations and to the entire universe the realm of complete freedom and liberation, the eradication of the root of the Fall, and the fundamental liberation and complete freedom of all created things. I open the door to the era wherein all spirits that have ascended to the spiritual world—spirits from Adam's family and all spirits of this age—can continue the standard of the original, unfallen lineage that Adam and Eve had at the age of sixteen on the foundation of the victorious dominion centered on the liberation of God's homeland, and can




visit and unite representing God's homeland in heaven and on earth. Father, please grant us Your blessings.

Centered on the authority of the supreme victory of True Parents' love, all good spirits and even the evil spiritual realms can stand on the realm of complete freedom and liberation from the Fall; heaven and earth will become completely one, and what had been reversed between the era before the coming of heaven and the era after the coming of heaven will be righted; heaven will be able to depend on earth, the victorious dominion on earth will be endowed with the dominion of heaven; we thank you for allowing us to celebrate this day of complete freedom of liberation wherein the Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, as the supreme owner of the love of the first born, can finally be attended as the king and queen among all monarchs, representing all nations.

Standing on the Kingdom of Peace of Cheon Il Guk, the overarching victory, it is with the authority of all principles, the authority of the owner that we are heading toward a world of complete freedom and liberation, one homeland and fatherland in which Cheon Il Guk is completely one, and where You will be able to lead and govern everything with autonomous authority. As saints and sages representing the owner of the homeland and fatherland who can freely move back and forth, I dedicate and register all saints and sages of the spiritual world and physical world as Cheon Il Guk citizens. As of today, this day has become a day wherein the glory of the final victory can be praised. O Father, we pray that You may accept this day.

Please allow and bless Korea, Japan, and the United States, as well as the representatives of the six major philosophies [teachings], and all people congratulating this occasion today, to stand as a victorious lineage centered on True Parents' direct family on earth, representing all people. Enable all nations and the entire universe to inherit and continue the lineage of the royal family of the Kingdom of Heaven, that they may stand on the foundation of the lineage of the realm of complete freedom and liberation, and thus be able to freely work and move back and forth between heaven and earth.

On this commemorative day we are celebrating Chuseok, and I declare all this about heaven and earth. I sincerely wish and pray that You will accept it with joy. It is with utmost sincerity that I report and proclaim all this in True Parents' name. Amen! Amen! Amen! 

September 18, 2005



Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth

September 10th, 2022. It started at 9 am, with the Cheonshimwon Gyeongbae Ceremony in the presence of True Parents and a special dinner at 5 pm, and ended with the viewing of the full moon, which began at around 8 pm.

Commemorative Pledge Service: Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth in the 10th Year of Cheon Il Guk

The Gyeongbae ceremony marking the Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth of Cheon Il Guk's 10th year was held in Cheonshimwon with 2nd, 3rd, 4th generations of True Children, Wonju Jeong McDevitt, Chief of Staff, True Mother's Secretariat, Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, representatives of Cheon Il Guk leaders from the five continents and core members in attendance.

Cho Seong-tae was MC for this event, in which Moon Yeon-ah, Moon Shin-chul, Moon Shin-heung, representatives of the True Family, proceeded to light the holy candles. Rev. Lee Ki-seong, the director of Cheonshimwon, then performed the representative prayer on the occasion of Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth in the 10th Year of Cheon Il Guk. In his prayer, he called every blessed family in both the spiritual and physical realm to become one with True Mother's heart to achieve victory.

The participants then had a moment of deep meditation, and then Ms. Jeon Wonju McDevitt read a Hoondok hae on The Embodiments of God The vertical Parent and horizontal Parents, from Chapter 1, Section 4. of Chambumogyeong. Dr. Yun Youn-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, then took a moment to explain the significance of the day's event which was renamed as "Commemorative Pledge Service: Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth in the 10th Year of Cheon Il Guk."



Lighting of Candles



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HJ천주천보수원원 천성원



(From left) Wonju Jeong McDevitt, Chief of Staff, True Mother's Secretariat, reading HDH
Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, giving True Mother's special instructions
Director of Cheonshimwon, Rev. Lee Ki-seong, praying
Cho Man-woong, chair of the National Federation Senior Pastors' association of Heavenly Unified Korea, giving cheers of Oeg mansei.

"Chuseok holiday is a day to offer gratitude to our ancestors for the year's harvest. In particular, on September 12, 2000, True Parents proclaimed this day Total Liberation Chuseok, and declared that the standardization in the spirit world was realized. Then, on May 18, 2005, at East Garden in the U.S., it was named the "Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth." True Parents said it was a day of great blessing in the spirit world and have dedicated this day of sincere devotion to Heavenly Parent, our root ancestor. Heavenly Parent is the true ancestors and vertical True Parent of humankind, eagerly awaiting the day He can embrace His children in the eternal homeland. All this is a blessing, love, and a gift from True Parents for the creation of the heavenly tribe, heavenly nation, heavenly world, and heavenly universe, where Heavenly Parent can settle substantially.

True Parents are completely united with Heavenly Parent. In Busan region this past July 3, on the 10th year of True Father having entered and completely settled in the palace in heaven, True Mother directly hosted the launching of the 40 days of sincere devotion. Now on the victorious foundation of having brought joy and victory to Heavenly Parent and True Parents during the 10 days of special events commemorating the 10th anniversary of the holy ascension of True Father, which was held at 26 churches, True Mother has bestowed the name Cheon Il Guk Kyeongbae Ceremony on this Chuseok day. Since Chuseok is a day to offer gratitude to our ancestors for the year's harvest, this Cheon Il Guk Kyeongbae Ceremony is a time to offer to our true ancestors, Heavenly Parent, and True Parents, the fruit of this past year and our determination for a new beginning. True Mother said she allowed this Cheon Il Guk Kyeongbae Ceremony so it would become an occasion for us to be victorious in the 60-month course, not only for a heavenly unified Korea but for a heavenly unified world. Let us offer a great round of applause to True Parents who have given us this precious new tradition which goes beyond the original Chuseok tradition."

To conclude the ceremony, Cho Man-woong, chairman of the National Council of Elders for a Heavenly Unified Korea, guided the cheers of Oeg Mansei, through and all participants pledged to fulfill their roles in this fruitful time of providence. Also, under the guidance of Joo Jin-tae Church leaders and core members of Korea's sub-region 1 held a memorial service at Paju Wonjon on the occasion of "Chuseok" in the 10th year of Cheon Il Guk.



Gyeongbae at Paju Wonjon for the Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth



1. True Mother's giving a Message
2~3. Offering of Flowers (True Family, 2nd and 3rd Generations)

"Chuseok" of the liberation of heaven and earth of the 10th year of Cheon Il Guk - Special banquet

"The 10th Year of CIG Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth Special Dinner hosted by True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind" was held from 5 pm at the Banquet Hall of Cheon Jeong Gung.

Before the dinner, True Parents expressed joy with words of blessing, saying, "Like this Chuseok holiday with the biggest round moon in a hundred years, the practical future Cheon Il Guk will continue to be bright without shadows."

Director General Yun Young-ho moderated the special dinner. It took place in the order of opening announcement, kyeongbae, presentation of flowers, cake cutting, presentation of gifts, True Parent's words, commemorative dinner for victors, special performances, and awards.

Celebrating the Chuseok holiday, a total of seven teams, including UPA, IAYSP, Cheon Jeong Gung International Headquarters, and HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center, participated in the "Hyojeong Talent Show," featuring rap, Okinawa folk songs, samulnori, dance, gospel, trot, and comedy. The Universal Peace Academy (UPA) was awarded the grand prize of honor, which True Mother presented gave in person, making Chuseok an even brighter evening. The special dinner concluded with cheers of eok-mansei by the presidents of IAYSP.





- 1~2. Offering of Gifts (5 Co-chairs of Heavenly Korea, and representative of 30,000 couples)
3. Commemorative photo of UPA, winners of the grand prize of Hyojeong's talent show
4. Chuseok Day of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth, Commemorative Banquet

Full Moon-viewing

After the special dinner, True Parents hosted a Chuseok moon-viewing event.

As members of the True Family and leaders sat attending True Parents, singing songs that True Parents loved, the most prominent and roundest full moon in a hundred years appeared over Cheonseongsan Mountain.

The leaders who participated in the Full moon-viewing with True Parents on this Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth looked at the round moon next to Cheonseongsanang Jaraksan Mountain and made wishes together with True Parents. 



UPF Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference – Realizing the Peaceful Reunification of Korea

Dr. Michael Jenkins President of UPF International
Regional Chair of UPF North America

Distinguished leaders and blessed families, I would like to congratulate our co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on the resounding success of the Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference, and the beautiful memorial program on the 10th anniversary of the passing of her husband and our co-founder the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

The Summit had several key components: 1) the focus on the development of African unity 2) Asian unity and development 3) focus on the reunification of Korea through the UPF/ Washington Times fact finders, and 4) A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of The Washington Times. These all were culminating in the FFWPU memorial service honoring Father Moon and Mother Moon in August of this year.

Dr. Young Ho Yun, Director General of UPF Korea and Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chairman of UPF International, convened the conference with the support of all affiliated leaders on every continent, with special thanks to our North American UPF leaders. Though every continent has profound testimonies, I will only share some of the affirmations of support that came from the North American delegation.

Pastor Paula White, spiritual advisor to former President Donald Trump, said, “Rev. Moon suffered in a death camp in North Korea for two years and eight months, and yet he came out of that suffering with a heart of love to heal the North. Mother Moon came to the south as a five-year-old girl with her devout Mother and Grandmother following the call of Jesus. She has kept that dream and call of bringing her homeland back together again. Mother Moon, we all came here to this Summit in 2022 because we want you to know that you are succeeding and the peaceful reunification of Korea is sure to come.”

Other North American speakers included former U.S House Speaker Newt Gingrich, The Right Honorable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada (2006-15), The UPF / Washington Times fact finding delegation and Archbishop Stallings and the ACLC leadership.






Former U.S. Secretary of State Secretary Mike Pompeo gave a tribute to Father Moon's life that will never be forgotten. As the former director of the CIA (2017-18) and U.S. Secretary of State (2018-21), his reflections on the life of Rev. Moon are certain to be taken earnestly by all nations involved with Northeast Asia, especially the ROK and the DPRK. Secretary Pompeo conveyed one of the most clear summaries of the path that Father and Mother Moon walked as Christians. The following paraphrases what he shared:

Rev. Moon was sent to Heung Nam Death Camp along with other Christian pastors. It was in that camp that he was forced to study the communist ideology and he learned two things: 1) to have absolute faith in God, and 2) that communism must be stopped because it denies the existence of God. Due to Gen. MacArthur's troops liberating Heung Nam Prison Father Moon escaped to the south along with two others. He formed the Holy Spirit Association and worked to fight communism in Japan and Korea, and came to America to do the same work. To fight communism globally, Rev. and Dr. Moon founded The Washington Times. Chairman Kim Il Sung sent assassins to kill them, however they survived and, following Jesus teaching, they went back to North Korea to love their enemy. They told Chairman Kim's close advisors that the Juche Ideology will not work because it denies God. They thought they might be arrested but instead, a miracle occurred. Chairman Kim invited them to break bread together and they became like family. Following Rev. Moon's passing, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has continued the great work she and her husband spent their lives engaged in. She embraces all leaders, from Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas as well as China, Russia and North Korea. We've seen it over the last few days of this Summit 2022. Leaders everywhere are joining her in her efforts to bring North and South Korea together peacefully. She has done a magnificent work in expanding what she and her husband started. Bless you, madam. I can say with all my heart that I can see that North and South Korea will come together peacefully.

On this memorial day my wife Susan and I would like to thank Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han for their work toward peace, and we pray for Dr. Moon's success in bringing North and South Korea together.

The audience was deeply moved and this historic day will never be forgotten. We sincerely thank Secretary Pompeo for his great message.

Mother Moon has always shared with these prestigious leaders, "Only when nations attend and honor God can they work together for peace." At the post conference celebration, she said "I promise you that we will successfully establish Heaven on earth as it is in Heaven (Cheon Il Guk), complete the creation of the environment (for peace) and without fail celebrate our day of victory in 2027." This is the day when the Korean Peninsula will be restored as one nation in peace and the world will be a world of hope for all mankind." 

HEAVENLY PARENT'S HOLY COMMUNITY: UPF EXPANDS ITS SCOPE

UPF



Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

The Universal Peace Federation is an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations, established on September 12, 2005 at Lincoln Center in New York by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, which is an NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

To pursue its goal of creating a world of peace, free from war, conflict, and antagonism, so that all mankind can become one family and live together in harmony UPF is working in 194 countries around the world. To find a path to lasting peace, UPF brings together former and current leaders, leaders and experts from many fields, including religion, government, economics, the arts, academia and the media to discuss interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary global issues. UPF emphasizes the restoration of spiritual values, ethical principles, responsible leadership and good governance.

In order to substantialize the vision of its co-founders for a peaceful world built on a philosophy of interdependence, mutual prosperity and shared values UPF works closely with the International Summit Council for Peace, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, the International Association of Academicians for Peace, the International Media Association for Peace, the International Association for Peace and Economic Development, the International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace, co-sponsoring World Summits and International Leadership Conferences each year.

One central project of UPF is the Sunhak Peace Prize, awarded biannually to distinguished individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to good governance, in the areas of peace and human development, and restoring balance to the relationship between humanity and the natural environment.



History of WORLD SUMMITS

NO	SUMMIT	Date	Location
1	World Summit 2006	10–13 Jun 2006	Seoul, Korea
2	World Summit 2007	21–25 Feb 2007	Seoul, Korea
3	World Summit 2008	31 Jan–3 Feb 2009	New York, USA
4	World Summit 2013	22–25 Feb 2013	Seoul, Korea
5	World Summit 2014	9–13 Aug 2014	Seoul, Korea
6	World Summit 2015	27–31 Aug 2015	Seoul, Korea
7	World Summit 2017	1–5 Feb 2017	Seoul, Korea
8	World Summit 2019	8–11 Feb 2019	Seoul, Korea
9	World Summit 2020	8–11 Feb 2020	Kintex, Ilsan, Korea
10	World Summit 2022	11–14 Feb 2022	HJ Global Arts Center & Online
11	World Summit 2022	11–15 Aug 2022	Seoul, Korea

*Since 2018, in addition to World Summits, UPF has also held dozens of Regional Summits in Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Asia Pacific region to discuss issues related to the realization of world peace and the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, the only divided nation in the world.



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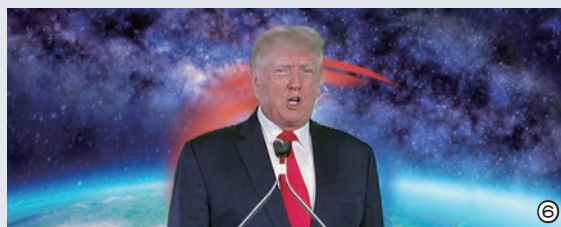
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1. True Mother's Speech at the 2022 World Summit
2. Keynote Speech by Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia at the 2022 World Summit
3. True Mother signing the resolution at the 2019 World Summit
4. True Mother speaking at the World Summit 2020
5. Jim Rogers Keynote Address at the 2020 World Summit
6. Keynote Speech by Former US President Donald Trump at the 2022 Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula
7. 2020 World Summit Commemorative Picture

Regional Summits (to be incorporated into a map)

NO	SUMMIT	Date	Location
1	2018 World Summit Africa	18–19 Jan 2018	Dakar, Senegal
2	2018 Latin America Summit	2–3 Aug 2018	Sao Paulo, Brazil
3	2018 Africa Summit	21–28 Nov 2018	Cape Town, South Africa
4	2018 Asia-Pacific Summit	30 Nov–3 Dec 2018	Kathmandu, Nepal
5	2019 Africa Summits	7–8 Jun 2019 3–5 Sep 2019	Johannesburg, South Africa São Tomé and Príncipe
6	2019 Japan Summit	4–6 Oct 2019	Nagoya, Japan
7	2019 Southeast Europe Summit	25–27 Oct 2019	Tirana, Albania
8	2019 Asia-Pacific Summit	18–21 Nov 2019	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
9	2019 African Summits	11–27 Nov–7 Dec 2019	Niger (27–29 Nov) Tanzania (30 Nov) South Africa (7 Dec)
10	2019 Latin American Caribbean Summit	14–15 Dec 2019	Santiago, Dominican Republic
11	2019 Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit	9–12 Dec 2019	Koror, Palau



1. 2019 African Summit, São Tomé and Príncipe
2. 2019 Asia Pacific Summit, Cambodia
3. 2019 Africa Summit, Johannesburg, South Africa
4. 2019 Latin American Caribbean Summit, Santiago, Dominican Republic

International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP)

"The true owner of the world is God and until we attend God as the true owner, we cannot realize lasting peace. When all of you eminent people here return home, please become messiahs for your nations! The higher priority for this nation of Korea is to attend our Heavenly Parent, and I ask you to join me in building a peaceful world of one human family attending our Heavenly Parent." [8 Feb 2019 (1.4 HC)]

The International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) is an international network of current and former heads of state and government, who, through dialogue and collaboration, explore solutions and offer recommendations to address the world's critical problems, including climate change and environmental issues, religious conflicts, poverty, war, corruption and family breakdown.

Launched on February 9, 2019 (HC 1.4) at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul, with 1200 participants from 110 nations, including 40 current and former heads of state and government attending, under the theme, "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."

Other initiatives hosted by the International Summit Council for Peace and its related organizations seek to bring about a world of lasting peace, a world in which people of all nationalities, ethnicities, races, cultures, and worldviews may live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation as one family under God. These initiatives reach out across various sectors of society, including government, civil society, faith-based organizations, academia and the private sector, and include International Leadership Conferences, Interreligious Leadership Conferences, various interreligious peacebuilding meetings, the Middle East Peace initiative Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, the Balkans Peace Initiative, among others.



1. 2019 ISCP Launched
2. 2020 ISCP True Mother, giving the Special Address at the General Assembly

3. 2020 ISCP Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon giving a welcome speech at the General Assembly
4. 2020 ISCP General Assembly

International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP)

"All civilizations will culminate in the Pacific Civilization centered on Korea. This is the command of Heaven. Unlike the 'Atlantic Civilization' which finds its roots in Christianity, but was reduced to an egoistic civilization that took and conquered, it is imperative we develop and establish a Pacific Civilization realm, an 'altruistic civilization' rooted in the culture of filial love [hyojeong] that is based on the true love of Heavenly Parent who continuously give. The Pacific civilization should therefore be capable of uniting and harmonizing the legacy of human history. The civilization should be able to connect continental and maritime civilizations, eastern and western civilizations, as well as spiritual and material civilizations as one. The next step is to create the model of an ideal world of peace in which the ideal of one big family under God is realized. This model is based on interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values." December 10, 2019 (11.14 in the 7th year of Cheon Il Guk)

The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) brings together current and former First Ladies from throughout the world, drawing upon their experience and wisdom as women leaders and as role models who serve their countries and their societies in very essential and significant ways. An initial meeting of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace was convened on December 10, 2019 in the Republic of Palau, hosted by the First Lady of Palau, Madam Debbie Remengesau with over 300 people from 36 countries in attendance. The theme of this high-level meeting of First Ladies in Palau was "Building a World of Lasting Peace: Towards a First Ladies Initiative".

The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) held a successful inaugural world assembly on the important and unique role that first ladies and women leaders play in peacebuilding. The assembly, which was part of World Summit 2020, was held at the KINTEX Centre outside Seoul on February 5, 2020. The IAFLP, which is a project of the International Summit Council for Peace, was co-hosted with Palau first lady Debbie Remengesau and the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), and was attended by 90 female leaders from 32 countries, including former first ladies from 18 countries around the world.

IAFLP is an association that affirms the unique and essential role women leaders have in bringing about a world of lasting peace. As part of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), and with the support of the WFWP, the IAFLP recognizes the significant role that First Ladies have in their countries and within society, as leaders, visionaries, and role models. IAFLP aims to bring together women leaders from all national, racial and religious backgrounds and all sectors of society to unite in solidarity and respond to today's challenges.



1. Founder's Medal award: Inauguration ceremony of the IAFLP in Asia Pacific, 2019
2. Julia Moon, International President of the Women's Federation for World Peace, reads the founder's keynote speech at the inauguration of IAFLP in Asia Pacific, 2019

3. First Lady of Palau Madam Debbie Remengesau giving the opening remarks at the inauguration of IAFLP in Asia Pacific, 2019
4. 2020 A view of the IAFLP inauguration ceremony

Assembly of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)

"We are now experiencing indescribable tragic incidents throughout the world, which cannot be resolved by human force alone at this time. That is why lawmakers in every country, as representatives of their citizens, carry enormous responsibilities. During this new providential era, a parliamentary intermediary who represents his or her people is even more valuable than a single leader." November 30, 2016 (8.7 in the 4th year of Cheon Il Guk)

The International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) has been launched as a worldwide association of parliamentarians which provides a forum to bring their experience and wisdom to bear in the search for solutions to some of the critical issues that we face on the local, national, regional and global levels, from climate change to the rise of extremist ideologies to humanitarian disasters and conflict. IAPP was launched on February 15, 2016 at a ceremony held at the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

Following the initial inauguration ceremony in Korea, an Asia Pacific regional IAPP inaugural even was held in July, 2016, in Kathmandu, Nepal, with 500 dignitaries from 29 countries attending. This was followed by inaugurations in West Africa (August, 2016, 24 countries, 500 people), London – for Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East and North Africa (September, 2016, 450 people from 40 nations), Central and South America (October, 30 countries 550 people), and East Africa (November, 18 countries, 350 people). The final regional inauguration, for IAPP North America, was held in the United States, in Washington DC on November 30, 2016 in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building (54 nations, 300 leaders) to complete the worldwide IAPP network.

On this foundation IAPP's Inaugural World Assembly was held on February 4, 2017, attended by 450 incumbent lawmakers from 120 countries. The assembly addressed issues related to overcoming the crises in Northeast Asia and moving toward peace on the Korean Peninsula. While strongly opposing North Korea's nuclear armaments, they discussed a proposal for joint hosting of the 2023 Olympic games by North and South Korea, and a peace park in the DMZ, and closed with the adoption of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace Seoul Declaration. 세계평화국회의원 연합(IAPP) On January 18 and 19, 2018, an Africa Summit was organized and sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), in cooperation with the government of Senegal under the presidency of H.E. Macky Sall and the National Assembly of Senegal.

Approximately 1,200 participants, including 15 heads of state (current or former), 12 vice-presidents, 6 presidents of National Assembly, 35 ministers and heads of government, 150 religious leaders were among the participants from more than 60 countries. The theme of this first summit was "New Africa: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values," and was held at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Center (CICAD).



1. 2016: Founding Ceremony of IAPP North America
2. 2016: Founding Ceremony of IAPP in Central America; and Caribbean Region

3. 2022: Washington Times-Invited Korea-US Congressional Meeting (Headquarters of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea)

With Africa's unique cultural heritage and rich human and natural resources, the summit's goal was to discuss the crucial issues of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, and to search for solutions to common issues facing the continent's 1.7 billion inhabitants and 54 nations.

During the summit, the Peace Road Project was discussed, with a vision to connect railroads and roads from the southernmost tip of Africa through Europe and Asia to the Korean Peninsula.

On Feb. 4, 2020 (1.11 in the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk), despite the increasing threat of COVID-19, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) hosted the IAPP International Assembly, addressing a variety of topics such as "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Natural Disasters," "Resolving Conflicts between Countries," "Resolving the North Korean Nuclear Issue," etc. The assembly was conducted online and broadcast live over the internet. As a result, lawmakers from around the world were able to discuss ways to reduce conflict and war and bring about peace.

At the invitation of the Washington Times, Korean and United States legislators met in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on August 11, 2022 (7.14 of the 10th year of Cheon Il Guk). Under the theme "Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula: Bringing Reunification through ROK-US Cooperation," six lawmakers from both the ruling and opposition parties in Korea, representatives from the US House of Representatives, experts in the Indo-Pacific region, and executives of the Washington Times discussed and exchanged views on major security issues.

International Media Association for Peace (IMAP)

For the past half-century, media organizations founded by True Parents, such as the World Media Association, the Segye Ilbo in Korea, Sekkai Nippo in Japan, and Washington Times in the United States, and events such as the World Media Conference, Conferences for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and annual media awards, efforts have been ongoing to advocate for a world of justice and peace, the guarantee of free democracy, human rights and religious freedom.

Since 1978, World Media Conferences have been held in major cities around the world, including New York, London, Tokyo, and Moscow. The 11th World Media Conference broke new ground as the first one to be held in Moscow, the capital of the Communist world and included a historic meeting between Rev. and Mrs. Moon and USSR President Mikhail Gorbachev. This meeting has been assessed as a major step leading toward the end of the cold war and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, moving the world closer to a state of peace.

On February 2–3, 2020, an International Media Association for Peace Assembly was held at the Jamsil Lotte World Hotel in Seoul, including talks on The Role and Mission of Journalists for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and other current media issues. The founding declaration for the association stated, "IMAP recognizes the vital role that journalists play in guarding against totalitarianism and supporting the expansion of freedom. IMAP represents a worldwide professional network of journalists who support a socially responsible and moral media to convey accurate content, address the challenges of our time based on the highest principles of ethical journalism, and understanding that universal values are key elements of a world of peace."



Washington Times 40th Anniversary Ceremony (Jamsil Lotte Hotel)

Interreligious Association of Peace and Development (IAPD)

"Many rivers merge into waterfalls and flow into the ocean. The final destination of all religions is the ocean." November 21, 2018

On November 13, 2017 (9.25 in the 5th year of Cheon Il Guk), a convention to promote the resolution to establish the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) was held at the Jamshil Lotte Hotel under the theme, "The Role and Responsibility of Religious Leaders and Faith-Based Organizations." Approximately 500 religious leaders from 20 or more religious groups attended this convention, including the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Christianity, Buddhism, Catholicism, Confucianism, Judaism, Islam, Daejonggyo, Chonrikyo, Chondoism, Sikhism, and Shintoism.

IAPD aims to realize the ideal of a big human family under Heavenly Parent, to promote human well-being, mutual respect, to restore spirituality in religious people, to resolve religious disputes, and to suggest the role religious people must play.

Upon the founding of the organization, inaugural conventions were held in all five subregions of Korea and on six continents around the world. IAPD has also hosted a global assembly, pilgrimages, and seminars for peace. Religious leaders are taking the lead and conducting interfaith and interdenominational activities in an effort to bring about peace. A global assembly of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development was held at the KINTEX Center on February 4, 2020 (1.15 according to the heavenly calendar). About 1,100 leaders from 94 countries participated in this assembly and signed the peace resolution of the 2020 Interreligious Association for Peace and Development.

As part of UPF's Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference, IAPD hosted a variety of sessions at the Jamshil Lotte Hotel from Aug. 12 to 13. This included an IAPD Africa Consultation attended by forty religious leaders from 54 African countries, an IAPD Assembly whose theme was "Revival of Universal Spirituality", as well as a special plenary whose theme was "The Importance of Religious Freedom". Approximately 1,000 leaders attended this special plenary, including head of state representatives from 157 countries with diplomatic ties to the two Koreas as well as leaders in the fields of politics, economics, religion, the media, and academia. There was a signing of the Resolution on Religious Freedom for a Heavenly Unified World. Participants also shared their views on the establishment of an IAPD-Africa advisory council in partnership with the African Union (AU) and the creation of a platform for peace and spiritual revival. A continuation of the special plenary was held at the IAPD Assembly. The assembly was held at Cheon Won Gung Cheonseung Church in Yongsan Seoul. Religious leaders from around the world attended this convention. The assembly addressed the evils of religious oppression, and adopted a resolution on religious freedom for a heavenly unified world.



1. IAPD International Conference and Korean Organizational Convention
2. 2020 IAPD General Assembly

- 3.4. 2022 World Summit IAPD General Assembly, Seoul, Yeongsan, Cheon Won Gung Cheonseung Church

International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED)

"Due to repeated wars and conflicts, mankind's history has no future in sight. In spite of the fact that the United Nations has already been in existence for 70 years, it continues to have difficulty bringing member countries together to pass an agenda. It is due to the fact that they do not know God, the Creator and origin of this universe, and place the interests of their country above all else. It is my sincere hope that all those attending today will take the lead in realizing Heavenly Parent's dream, humanity's wish, and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Kingdom of peace." February 2, 2020 (1.11 in the 8th year of Cheon Il Guk)

The inaugural conference of the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED) was held at the KINTEX International Exhibition Center on February 4 - 5, 2020. The conference was co-sponsored by UPF and the HJ Magnolia Global Foundation. IAED seeks to continue the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who envisioned a world of peace without economic discrimination. Focus is placed on the role of business in creating a world of peace, and the establishment of a global cooperation network among business leaders to spread the values of interdependence and bring about economic standardization.

In spite of sanctions against North Korea, the IAED discussed the topic: Measures of Economic Cooperation for Peace on the Korean Peninsula, examined the economic situation in North Korea, and proposed a course of action for Korean society following the unification of Korea.

The IAED will collaborate closely with UPF partner organizations in order to establish a global network. Through the presentation and sharing of model cases on the social responsibility of businesses, investments in social values, preservation of the environment and nature, a world of peace without economic discrimination, etc. IAED will discuss measures to carry out these activities sustainably. Furthermore, IAED will focus on developing a global business leadership cooperative network based on the principle of interdependence, which emphasizes the value of coexistence.



1. 2020 HJ Magnolia Foundation Conference
2. Establishment of 2020 IAED (KINTEX, Ilsan)

International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)

"The science conference is revived as your efforts are desperately needed in creating one big human family under God - the Kingdom of Heaven on earth wherein all 7.4 billion people can enjoy full health, freedom, unity, and happiness." February 4, 2017 (1.8 in the 5th year of Cheon Il Guk)

IAAP, founded in Seoul on February 5, 2020, is a global interdisciplinary academic initiative aimed at contributing toward the realization of a world of lasting peace. IAAP affirms the belief that academicians, scholars and educators have played and continue to contribute in the intellectual, moral and spiritual development of humanity, and provide an essential role in the building of a good society. IAAP is dedicated to building professional networks for academicians to foster a world of peace based on the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

A foundation for the work of IAAP was created through other initiatives that have brought together scholars, beginning with the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), founded in 1972, founded to create an integrated worldview that could serve as the basis for a peaceful, harmonious future. The two enduring themes of ICUS—Unity of Knowledge and Science and Absolute Values—were raised as a challenge to stimulate the creativity of the world's scientists and scholars. This was followed by the Unification Thought Institute (UTI), World Research Institute for Science and Technology (WRIST), the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the Hyojeong Academic Foundation and the Hyojeong International Foundation for the Unity of the Sciences.

IAAP hosted the International Academic Conference on The Road to Peace and Unification on August 13, 2022 at the Lotte Hotel, Jamsil, Seoul. Building on the vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon for Cheon Il Guk, the country of hyojeong, a place of filial attendance to Heaven melded with a warm affection that embraces all people, scholars from each academic field presented their views on what is needed to achieve a world of peace, under the topics of Vision for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Vision for a Heavenly Unified World, God Conference and Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, The Women's Movement, Family and the Youth Movement, the Unity of Science Movement, the Mission of Media and Economy in the 21st Century and the Role of Character Education and University in the Next 100 Years.




1. International Association of Academicians for Peace to commemorate the 9th anniversary of Sun Myung Moon in 2021, International Conference Room of Seonhak UP Graduate School
2. 2022 International Academic Conference, Jamsil Lotte Hotel

International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP)

"The beautiful arts, which express the love, joy and praise they return to their Parent, will shine forevermore through the revolution of the culture of heart. The arts are a swift path by which the world can become one."
(November 22, 2020)

The establishment of the International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace was announced during the 3rd Rally of Hope held on November 22, 2020, with more than one million people in 194 countries participating on line. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon announced that the new association will seek to create a culture of gratitude, peace and harmony, beginning with raising sons and daughters of filial piety who live for the sake of others.

The International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP) is a global network of leaders in fields related to the arts and culture, including performing arts, literary arts, fine arts, music, film and dance. The IAACP founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have long emphasized the arts as one aspect of moving toward world peace, and have established performing groups such as the Little Angels and Universal Ballet in Korea. Since the 1960's, they have worked to promote the beauty of Korean culture, to establish cultural exchange between North and South Korea, and to lay a foundation for an ideal world of freedom of peace with a vision of "Heavenly Art Creating a World of Beauty."

Artists are known for their creativity, visionary ideas and capacities to inspire others. Artists bring people together and lead our hearts and minds to reflect on the possibilities for a better world. By bringing together leaders from the arts, IAACP taps into a wellspring of talent that can be utilized in building a world of peace, drawing attention not only to the critical challenges that we face as one human family, but also the opportunities for transformation. 



International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (3rd Rally of Hope)

Sunhak Peace Prize

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established in 2014 at the suggestion of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, to continue the legacy left by her husband, the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who dedicated his entire life toward realizing world peace, prosperity and coexistence, where humankind thrives as “One Family Under God.”

The Sunhak Peace Prize is awarded every two years to individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to peace and welfare in order to recognize individuals who willingly sacrificed themselves for peace, and praise them for their works, thereby lighting the beacon of hope that will shine upon each person on earth who yearns for world peace.

The Sunhak Peace Prize advocates the following three objectives aiming to realize a sustainable and peaceful world in the 21st century: “Respect for Human Development,” which seeks to solve the problems of poverty, disease, and ignorance and respect human rights and dignity of every human being; “Conflict Resolution,” which aims to peacefully resolve conflicts between people of differing religions, races, and nationalities; and “Ecological Conservation,” which seeks to find solutions to climate change and the depletion of natural resources to create a sustainable balance between the natural and human worlds.



Past Laureates

The inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee was held on August 28, 2015, the first Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, which was given to individuals and organizations that contributed to the peace and welfare of future generations, was held at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel in Gangnam, Seoul. The first co-laureates of the Sunhak Peace Prize were President Anote Tong of Kiribati (63) and Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta (76) of India.

Former President Anote Tong, who was in office at the time of the award, was recognized for his dedication and passionate leadership that helped to bring about a consensus by the international community concerning climate peace. Dr. Gupta was highly praised for his efforts to develop low-cost aquaculture methods to increase fish production, which created a possible solution that can overcome the food crises due to the anticipated population explosion and impact of climate change.

The award ceremony was attended by more than ten former presidents and prime ministers, 20 African VIPs and business leaders, and more than 1,000 people representing international relations, politics, government, academia, media, and religion.

REMARKS UPON ACCEPTANCE

< Anote Tong, Former President of Kiribati >

This award from an organization outside the formal authority of the United Nations (UN) sends a very positive signal that those in this global community are equally committed to finding a solution to a globally destabilizing threat such as climate change.

< Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta >

The Sunhak Peace Prize gives me added energy to pursue my lifetime goal of contributing to a peaceful society by alleviating hunger and poverty. I am grateful to all those in different parts of the world who helped me in my work.



(From left) President Anote Tong and Dr. Vijay Gupta Modadugu, co-recipients of the first Sunhak Peace Prize, Taking a commemorative photo after the award ceremony.

The second Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was held at Lotte Hotel in Jamsil on 1.7 by the heavenly calendar on the 5th year of CIG (February 3, 2017). The second Sunhak Peace Prize co-laureates were Italian surgeon Gino Strada (68) and Afghan female educator Sakena Yacoobi (66).

Dr. Gino Strada was highly praised for his achievements in saving lives by providing free-of-charge medical treatment to 9 million people in war-torn countries worldwide over the past 28 years.

Dr. Sakena Yacoobi was recognized for her significant contributions to educating 13 million people in war-torn Afghan refugee villages and offering solutions for refugee resettlement.

President Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati, gave the congratulatory address at the award ceremony, which was attended by current and former presidents and vice presidents and more than 800 people representing the political, academic, business, media, and religious fields.

REMARKS UPON ACCEPTANCE

< Dr. Gino Strada >

I am honored to receive the award. On the one hand, I was surprised because I didn't know there was interest and knowledge of what we do in Korea. I think it is significant to give awards for peace. I hope that instead of simply talking about peace, we will strive to put it into practice and put it into action.

< Dr. Sakena Yacoobi >

I am excited and happy to be chosen as a laureate. This year the Sunhak Peace Prize focuses on the global refugee crisis. Globally, if all are educated and have equal opportunities for a holistic educational system, you can overcome poverty and disease. Then, there is no war. We need to look at the situation deeply and remember that we are all humans created equally by God. We must share and collaborate to make this world a better place for everyone.



(From left) Dr. Gino Strada and Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, co-recipients of the 2nd Seonhak Peace Prize, Celebrating the 2nd Sunhak Peace Prize Awards (music director Park Kalin and musical actor Choi Jae-rim)

The third Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was held at the Lotte Hotel Crystal Ballroom in Jamsil on February 9, 2019. And the co-laureates were Dr. Akinwumi Adesina (58) and Waris Dirie (53).

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina has been a leader in African agricultural innovation for over 30 years, significantly improving Africa's food security, and was greatly recognized for establishing agricultural policies with good governance.

Waris Dirie is a pioneering human rights activist who fought to eradicate female genital mutilation (FGM) and was highly credited for helping save hundreds of millions of young girls from FGM, contributing significantly to passing a resolution to ban its practice.

The awards ceremony was attended by many international figures, including ten former and current heads of state, 20 African VIPs and business people, and a total of 1,000 people representing political, academic, business, media, and religious fields.

REMARKS UPON ACCEPTANCE

< Dr. Akinwumi Adesina >

I wish to commend the founder, Dr. Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, for setting up the Sunhak Peace Prize to recognize work to improve the world. The world cannot plow with guns, and beans and rice seeds are needed more than bullets. Seeds give life. Bullets end life. Like the Bible verse from Isaiah, "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares," it is time to start solving hunger by becoming a government with no war.

< Waris Dirie >

I am glad I came to Korea. It is truly a beautiful country. I am grateful to the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee for selecting me as a laureate. I have worked to end violence against women and children, including the ban on female genital mutilation. The purpose and direction of my work are to improve the lives of Africans through education. I am struggling to achieve this, and the foundation I have created is working hard to accomplish this.



(From left) Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, president of the African Development Bank (AfDB), and human rights activist Waris Dirie, co-recipient of the 3rd Sunhak Peace Prize Awards, A commemorative photo of the Little Angels members and the recipients who performed the celebratory performance

The fourth Sunhak Peace Prize Ceremony was held at KINTEX in Ilsan on 1.12 by the heavenly calendar in the 8th year of CIG (February 5, 2020). This time, the Founders' Award was specially established to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founder's birth, and it was presented to Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. President Macky Sall of Senegal and Bishop Munib A. Younan, former chair of the Lutheran World Federation, were selected as co-laureates.

The ceremony was attended by a large international audience, including former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, former and current heads of state, African leaders and entrepreneurs, former and current chairs and members of parliament, and over 5,000 people representing the political, academic, business, media, and religious fields.

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< Bishop Munib A. Younan >

I humbly stand here as a servant of God to accept this Sunhak Peace Prize. I want to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the Sunhak Peace Prize, and your late husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, for your vision of peace as "one family under God." St. Paul has written: "For he is our peace; in his flesh, he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall that is the hostility between us." "In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting the trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation." For this reason, I am called for this ministry or reconciliation, for there can be no peace without justice and no reconciliation without forgiveness. Therefore, I will continue to work for peace based on justice until the last breath of my life.

< President Macky Sall, Former President of Senegal >

The health situation, which has put the international community in a state of emergency, led me to cancel the trip to Seoul I was preparing for. With deep reverence, I salute the memory of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose centenary we celebrate this year. It is with humility that I accept this prize because this award is not an end in itself but an encouragement to persevere in the culture of peace and human kinship. That is why, in agreement with the African Union Commission, I have decided to donate the entire amount of 500,000 USD of the Sunhak Peace Prize to the peace fund of the African Union. I hope for this to promote efforts to realize peace continentally. As a laureate of the Sunhak Peace Prize, this is why I will endeavor to stay faithful to the ideal that unites us.

< Former Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon >

It is a great honor to stand here before you today, and I humbly receive this Fourth Sunhak Peace Prize. The critical efforts by the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation are essential as we collectively strive to expand fundamental understanding, cooperation, and tolerance on the road to world peace and global sustainability. In this connection, I couldn't be more proud to receive this award to further the ideals of such a pioneering individual who firmly believed in the importance of peace, human development, coexistence, and environmental protection. My deepest gratitude goes to the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation members for this special honor and recognition of my modest contribution to world peace and development. Thank you very much again.



(From left) Bishop Munib A. Younan, former chairman of the Lutheran World Federation, co-recipient of the 4th Sunhak Peace Prize Awards, Senegalese President Macky Sall, co-recipient of the 4th Sunhak Peace Prize Awards, Former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon awarded the Founder's Special Award

On 1.1 by the heavenly calendar in the 10th year of CIG (February 12, 2022), the fifth Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was held at the HJ Global Art Center in Gyeonggi Province as an online and an in-person event in compliance with the Covid-19 social distancing quarantine guidelines. The Sunhak Peace Prize provided simultaneous interpretation in 16 languages for overseas participants.

The fifth Sunhak Peace Prize focused on vaccine equality during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The co-laureates were Dr. Dame Sarah Catherine Gilbert (59), professor of vaccinology at Jenner Institute, University of Oxford, and the Gavi Vaccine Alliance, founded in 2000. The Founders' Award went to Prime Minister Hun Sen of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who has especially demonstrated outstanding leadership for the sustainable development of Southeast Asia.

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< Dr. Sarah Gilbert >

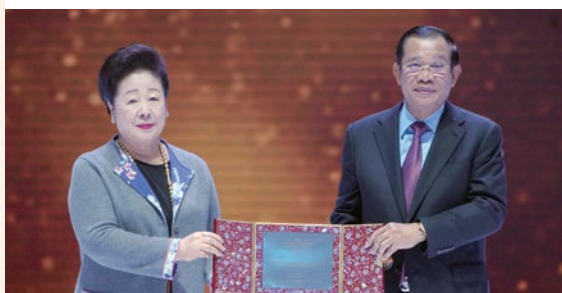
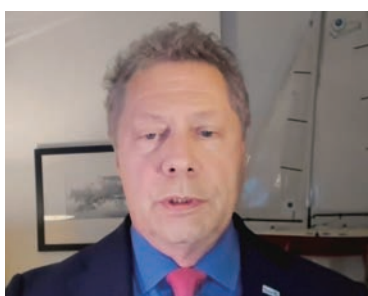
I hope that governments and international organizations will work together to ensure that next time we need to respond to a disease threat, we will be better prepared than we were in 2020.

< Gavi CEO Seth Berkley >

Good health is the bedrock on which prosperity can be built. A child free from diseases is more likely to go to school. Their parents are less likely to take time off work to care for them through illness. A healthier society is wealthier, and from this prosperity comes stability and peace. Gavi has also embodied the spirit embodied by the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation since its creation in 2000. With UNICEF and COVAX, we have set a platform through which the world can ensure fair, equitable access to vaccines for every country and every population to end the pandemic.

< Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia >

For me, this 2022 Sunhak Peace Prize is not something that I did alone. Many others also deserve to share this prize for supporting my effort to build peace in Cambodia. From Cambodia's experiences with wars and peace, I wish to emphasize that "No peace, No hope. No peace, No development. No peace, No respect for human rights and democracy". And I share the same belief as Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon that "peace is concrete action, not a vague dream. 



(From left) Dr. Sarah Gilbert, a professor of vaccine studies at the Jenner Institute at Oxford University in the UK, who developed the new coronavirus infection vaccine, co-recipient of the 5th Sunhak Peace Prize, with Gavi, who has led the fair distribution of vaccines, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen awarded the founder's special award, A commemorative photo of the Co-recipient

Hyojeong World Peace Foundation

On July 17 by the heavenly calendar of 2011, at Cheonhwagung in Las Vegas, Rev. Sun Myung Moon proposed the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund under the theme of “realizing the dream of peace” through enhancement of the ideal and vision of peace, support for training of talented individuals, and practice of service and sharing. Since then, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has supported the scholarship fund’s establishment with the Seonghwa Fund’s capital and the profits from the sale of the helicopter Rev. Moon used in his lifetime.

After Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s Holy Ascension, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon inaugurated the preparatory committee for the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund in September 2012 and held the First Scholarship Award Ceremony by the “Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund” at Cheon Jeong Gung on February 20, 2013. (Cheon Jeong Gung)

During the Inauguration & Scholarship Award Ceremony, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon defined the mission of the scholarship students to “convey the Will of Heavenly Parent and True Parents to all 7 billion human beings” and encouraged them to become humanity’s light of hope.





To carry out the will of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund has held a scholarship and service award ceremony every year. On October 13, 2016, it changed its name to “Hyojeong World Peace Foundation” to expand its bound and represent its vision in many different fields, including scholarship and educational works, religious harmony, various commemoration projects, and social contributions.

“Hyojeong World Peace Foundation” is a non-profit organization established under the vision to “create an environment for the realization of a future world of peace. HJ World Peace Foundation uncovers, teaches, educates, and manages talented individuals from around the world who contribute to building a peaceful world regardless of race, religion, or nationality. The Sunhak Peace Prize is presented to future generations of individuals or groups who have contributed to realizing world peace through its movements for the harmonization of East and West, such as the UN renewal movements, cooperative exchange of culture and arts, and support of academic activities for peace.

Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund

On February 20, 2013, Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund selected and granted scholarships to more than 700 high school and college students worldwide through its Inauguration Ceremony and First Scholarship & Service Award Ceremony held at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum.

< Former Prime Minister, Lee Soo-sung >

The Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund, established under the will of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, shall become a foundation loved and respected in Korea and cornerstone to preserving happiness and peace, not only of the people of Korea but all around the world.

On January 10, by the heavenly calendar of the second year of Cheon Il Guk, Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund held its Second Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum with the participation of 50 overseas scholarship students representing 400 Korean scholarship students and 1,055 foreign scholarship students.

The human resource development program was conducted at Sun Moon University in Asan, South Chungcheong Province. The 1,055 students from overseas (with foreign nationalities) selected as scholarship students by the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund received various learning supports in their country. They were also allowed to visit Korea to learn about Korean culture and develop themselves as talented global citizens. Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund also selected around 40 excellent worldwide personnel in their specialized graduate course to give them active support in their overall learning expenses and living expenses so they could develop themselves as future global leaders.

Furthermore, the Second Wonmo Pyeongae Service Awards were given to five individuals and five groups.

< President of Sun Moon University, Hwang Sun-jo >

You all share the vision of One Human Family beyond nationality, race, religion, and the gap between the rich and poor. Each and one of you are the substance of this dream. Sun Moon University will do its utmost to realize this dream.

On January 10, by the heavenly calendar of the third year of Cheon Il Guk (February 28, 2015), the “Third Scholarship & Service Award Ceremony” was held at the Cheongshim International Youth Center, and more than 2,000 people from 68 nations were awarded. A total of 600 students representing 2,000 or so students from 68 countries received the Scholarship Award, and the Service Award was given to 8 individuals and groups who conducted excellent service activities, including the Chung Buk Multicultural Forum and Cham Sarang Nuri.

Conducting its Scholarship Award Ceremony for the third time, the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund has put meaning in providing the scholarship and especially in developing human resources to realize world peace. The Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund has extended benefits, especially for international students, not to mention Korean students, to select scholarship students from all regions of the world. Therefore, not only high-ranking students but also students with complex family backgrounds or who have worked for social benefits have been selected for the scholarship if they shared the dream of world peace.

< Former member of the National Assembly, Kim Eul-dong >

I am sure the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund will become the hope for Korea and the world.

< Chairman of the Board of Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund, Kim Min-ha >

The Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund shall continue its contribution to peace and unification by overcoming social and national conflict through its commemorative project, scholarship project, social contribution project, etc., including the world scale fund for SunHak Peace Prize.

On January 17, by the heavenly calendar of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk (February 14, 2016), more than 2,000 students from Korea and abroad received the scholarship at the “2016 Scholarship and Service Award Ceremony” held at the Cheongshim International Youth Center in Gapyeong. Five individuals and five voluntary groups, including Sinnae Social Welfare Center and Danjin Multicultural Center, who conducted exemplary voluntary activities last year, shared their pleasure for being awarded at the Service Award Ceremony.



(From left) Inauguration Ceremony of Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation in 2013, Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony 2015, Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship Award and Service Award in 2016

Hyojeong World Peace Foundation

The HJ World Peace Foundation, which was first established as the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund in February 2013, changed its name in October 2016 and expanded its activities to culture and arts, academy, and fund for Sun Hak Peace Prize.

On January 9, by the heavenly calendar of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk (February 5, 2017), the HJ World Peace Foundation held the “2017 HJ World Peace Foundation Scholarship and Service Award Ceremony” at the Cheongshim International Youth Center. More than 2,000 students from Korea and abroad received the scholarship.


On January 9, by the heavenly calendar of the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk (February 24, 2018), the HJ World Peace Foundation held the “2018 Scholarship and Service Award Ceremony” at the Cheongshim International Youth Center with the participation of more than 800 students and granted scholarships to 2444 students from 74 nations. Among the 500 scholarship students from Korea were 80 students representing ten great religious orders, nearly 300 students from multicultural families, and children of North Korean defectors. Furthermore, on January 9, by the heavenly calendar of the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk (February 13, 2019), the HJ World Peace Foundation held the “2019 Sunhak Scholarship and Service Award Ceremony” at the Cheongshim International Youth Center and granted scholarships to more than 3,000 students from nearly 80 nations.

< Chair of the Hyojeong World Peace Foundation, Moon Yeon-ah >

The reason Sunhak was added to the name of the scholarship was that we wanted you to contribute to realizing a peaceful world by enhancing the spirit of true love for the realization of the ideal of One Family Under God. Since you will have the whole world under your feet in the future, it is time for you to do something important for the world and become talented people who can contribute to world peace and prosperity.

< Junior, Busan National University of Education, Jung Seung-min >

Throughout my school days, I used to feel disappointed at the cultural gap between Korea and Japan and the worsening of the national sentiment of the two nations. I entered the University of Education and am continuing my studies to become an elementary school teacher. I don't want to become a teacher who teaches “well.” My dream is to become a teacher who can educate talented youths who live peacefully with others regardless of their difference in nationality or race.

On January 10, by the heavenly calendar of the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk (February 5, 2020), the “Eighth Sunhak Scholarship Award Ceremony” was held at KINTEX Hall 1 with the participation of nearly 2,500 people from 78 nations. Fourteen students consisting of 2 students from 7 continents, received the scholarship as representatives. According to the foundation, 70 students representing 10 great religious orders were included. Furthermore, 300 students from multicultural families and North Korean defectors also received the scholarship. The HJ World Peace Foundation also selected and presented awards to exemplary volunteer workers. 



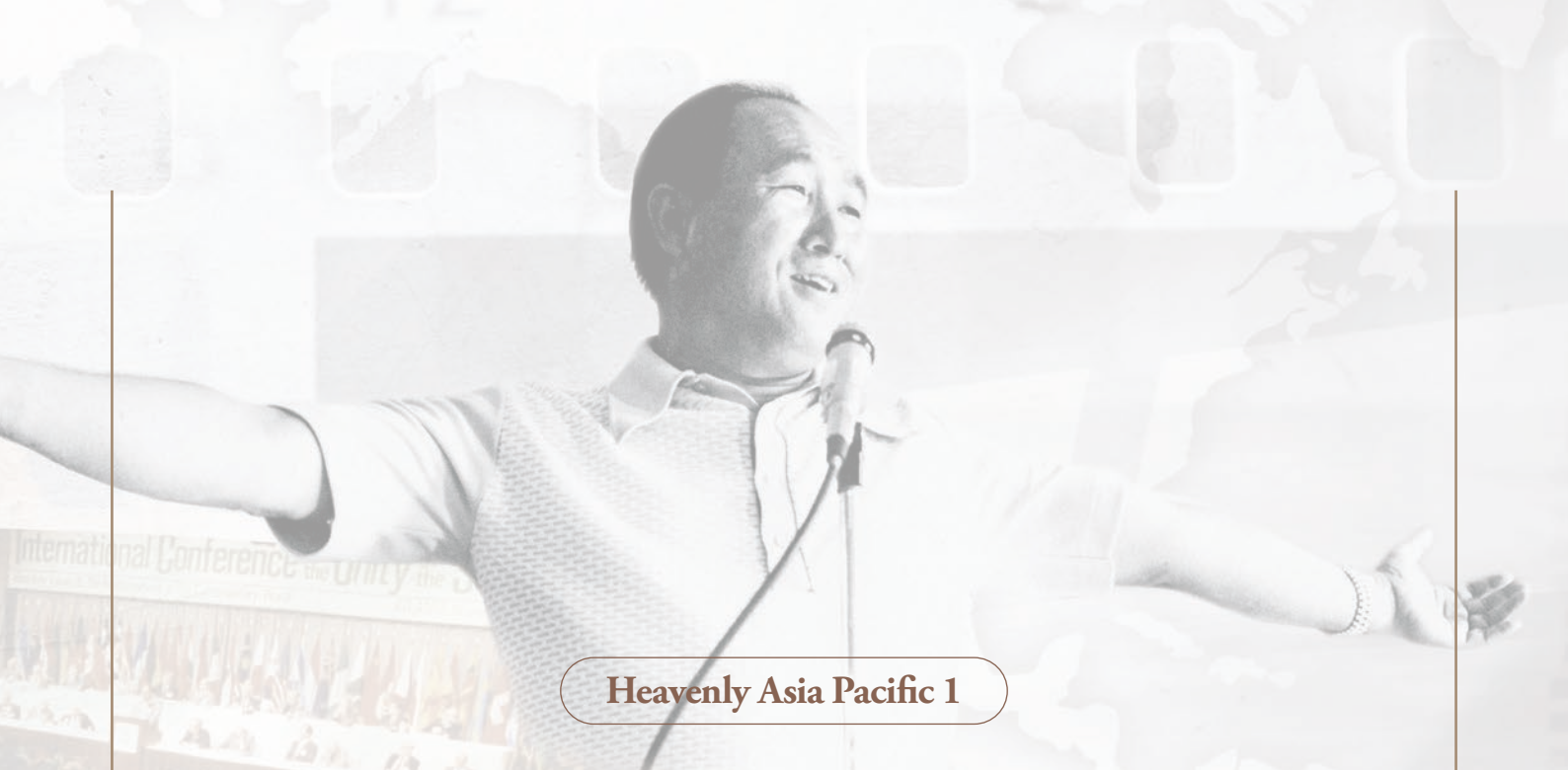
(From left) 2019 Sunhak Scholarship Certificate and Service Award, Commemorative photo, Former President Joslerm Priber of Haiti of Haiti giving congratulatory remarks at the 2019 Sunhak Scholarship Ceremony and Award Ceremony

10th Anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind Let's Meet True Father!

Heavenly Africa

	West Africa, August 20	Zambia, August 14
Country	Lomé, Togo	Lusaka, Zambia
Host organization	FFWPU, UPF, WFWP, IAYSP	FFWPU, UPF, WFWP, IAYSP
No. of participants	Former and Current Parliamentarian, Religious leaders, 51 People	50 People





Heavenly Asia Pacific 1

	Thailand, August 14
Country	Bangkok, Thailand
Host organization	FFWPU
No. of participants	Around 400 People



Heavenly Asia Pacific 2

	Philippines, August 14
Country	Philippine HQ Church, Antipolo Church (Region 4A), San Pablo Church (NLTP), Bauang Church (Region 1), Isabela Church (Region 2), Legazpi & Naga Church, (Region 5), Cebu & Bohol Church (Region 7)
Host organization	FFWPU
No. of participants	Around 400 People



Heavenly Europe

	Europe, August 14
Country	Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, France, Hungary, Italy, Lebanon, Lituna, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Turkey
Host organization	FFWPU
No. of participants	Around 1000 People including religious leaders.



Heavenly America

City, State	Host organization	No. of participants
Washington, D.C.	FFWPU, Capital Family Church	195 People
Atlanta, Georgia	FFWPU, Atlanta Family Church	40 People
Alabama	FFWPU	60 People
Little Rock, Arkansas	FFWPU Arkansas	40 people including 2 Christian Bishops
Salt Lake City, Utah	Salt Lake Family Church	16 People
Los Angeles (Monterey Park), CA	Co hosted by FFWPU / ACLC / UPF of Los Angeles	200 People including, Former Chief of Los Angeles, Sheriff Leroy Baca and Mrs. Baca; Sweet Alice Harris, and an additional 15-20 ACLC Christian Pastors.



Heavenly Latin America

	Latin America, August 14
Country	Ciudad del Este Metropolitan Church, Encarnación Metropolitan Church, each family
Host organization	FFWPU Paraguay
No. of participants	Off and Online through PeaceLink



An aerial photograph showing a rural development project. A wide, light-colored dirt road runs diagonally across the center. To the left of the road, there are several small buildings with red roofs and a larger white building. To the right, there are more buildings, including a large one with a red roof and a swimming pool. Several rectangular ponds are visible, some filled with water and others dry. In the background, there is a dense forest of palm trees. In the foreground, a large body of water is visible. The text "INTERNATIONAL YOUTH VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2022" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters on the bottom right.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2022



The Youth Voluntary Service was held by the Foundation for Sustainable Development in North and South America from August 29 to September 9, this year and saw the participation of a total of 19 people from different countries: Paraguay 5 ladies, Japan 2 ladies and 8 men, from the United States 3 men and from Argentina 1 lady.

The program and activities for the young volunteers were carried out in Puerto Leda and Pto. Esperanza. August 30 and 31, the first and second group of young people arrived in Leda, and took part in a welcoming dinner.

Activities in Puerto Leda

The activities carried out in Puerto Leda, a Providential place, were diverse, and the youth had the opportunity to learn, have fun, and, above all, discover more about the history of Leda. Since September 1, they have been participating in the HDK every morning, in Conferences conducted by Rev. Sano, Rev. Iwasawa, testimonies by Messrs. Peter Paulo, Pablo Chávez, and Mr. Shimada.

They also carried out daily activities where they fed Pacú, Pacú harvest, fishing, song practice, and Agriculture projects. They learned about livestock and Horse Riding (Puerto Canaán) from their older brothers, among many others.

On September 9, a closing ceremony of the International Youth Volunteer Service was held, where each participant received a certificate of recognition for their work.

So we can say that Leda is surrounded by nature, which characterizes her. That place has a significant meaning since True Parents established it.

For that reason, it is said that one must "experience Leda to Feel the heart of True Parents."



1. Heading to Port. Hope
2. Arrival at Port. Hope
3. The children of the community enjoying the Children's Park
4. Delivery of Soccer Balls to the School Director.
5. Rev. Iwasawa gave a few words.



Painting of the Walls of the School

Volunteering in Puerto Esperanza

On Sunday, September 4, a group of participants went in the morning to Puerto Esperanza in the Indigenous Community riding a boat led by Mr. Pablo Chávez. In the afternoon, the other young people embarked on the ship "New Hope AMERICA" with Mr. Peter Paulo.

The following day, on September 5, the volunteer activities began with an opening ceremony with VIPs. The F.D.S.A.N.S. made donations for students and teachers of school materials and donated a playground made of Palo Santo (Main Donation Project for the Institution), curtains for the classrooms, and soccer and volleyball balls.

The volunteers began their activities in the 'Escuela Básica N° 2483 de Puerto Esperanza'; these activities started very early with the HDK, breakfast, and some improvements for the school. Among the upgrades for the educational Institution are:

- *Painting of walls of the Institution*
- *Drawing and painting in the dining room.*
- *Handicraft painting on tires.*
- *Placement of nets in soccer field arches.*
- *Placement of curtains in classrooms.*

- *General cleaning throughout the Institution, among many other things.*

Despite the activities, the young people found time to play and live with the boys and girls of that community, thus demonstrating that despite not speaking the same language with unity and a pure heart, borders can be crossed.

The volunteer service lasted two full days, from September 5 to 6. On September 7, Puerto Esperanza turned 38, and the schools and colleges in that area participated in a Student Parade, presenting cultural acts such as dances and a parade of horse riders. Where the International Youth Voluntary Service 2022 also participated in parading along with the students and teachers of Basic School No. 2483, presenting its representative song of the Singer Diego Torres 'Color Esperanza', giving a message with this that Nothing is Impossible. It is only a question of removing fears and fighting for dreams.

After the Parade, the teacher José Olmedo gave a few words of gratitude to all the volunteers for their work and also a special thanks to the F.D.S.A.N.S for the unconditional support. Rev. Michihito Sano and a Young Volunteer, Akihiro Yamasaki, gave gifts to



Drawing and painting in the dining room,
Crafts in Tires

Professor José Olmedo. That same afternoon all the Volunteers returned to Puerto Leda, where they continued their activities until September 9.

Conclusion of Volunteering

Being in Puerto Esperanza was quite a challenge for all the young people since, in that place, they have many needs that many of the volunteers had not experienced before, such as the lack of electricity and drinking water were essential factors at the time of stay in that place. They say that sometimes you need to be away from your home, your loved ones, and the comforts you have to learn to value what you have in life.

Being in Puerto Esperanza, carrying out this help service for others is a unique experience that leaves much to reflect on. One of them is that we must open our minds and hearts, look beyond ourselves, leave our fallen nature aside, and realize that outside of our cities, outside of our countries, and in the whole World, there are people, animals, and nature itself that need us to wake up and do something.

We already know that it is difficult to want to make essential changes for the World due

to selfishness, but it is better to try than not to do it. Nothing is impossible for those who believe! Remember that everyone here on this earth has a Mission to fulfill. Heavenly Parent and True Parents will give us that strength and that orientation to fight in this World that needs brave people willing to provide that Pure and Sincere Love for the good of humanity.

This reflection comes from the heart urging all the people worldwide to analyze and reflect on their behavior and life and ask themselves: What am I doing for the good of others? What is my Mission? Is what I give to my brothers enough? , Am I grateful enough for the blessings granted to me from Heaven?

Once you leave your heart open for Heavenly Parent to work on it, all your doubts will dissipate. Once Heaven touches your heart, your whole life will change, and you will be an example to others.

Remember: "It is preferable to be different in this world than to be the same as the rest of the world." Your time has come; make a difference.

Become a Global Leader! 

