

## 2017 Religious Leaders Conference held by the Korea Religious Council

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**Let us Overcome the Barriers Between Religions and Contribute to World Peace**

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The Korea Religious Council (President Kyeung-Seuk Lu; hereafter referred to as the KRC) held the "2017 Religious Leaders Conference" for key religious figures and leaders on the first of the month in the Emerald Hall of the 3rd floor of the Lotte World Hotel in Songpa-gu, Seoul. The primary focus of the conference was to foster religious peace.

Thirty representatives of approximately ten different religious orders and groups attended the conference, including Kyeung-Seuk Lu, President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification-Korea; Songta Sunim, Executive Director of the Precepts Council of the Korean Buddhist Jogye Order; Dojin Sunim, Dean of Academic Affairs of the Korean Buddhist Taego Order; Young-Kil Choi, Chairman of the Korea Muslim Federation; Sun-Hun Lee, Chairman of Tenrikyo-Korea; Soo-Cheol Hong, Head of Academic Affairs of Daejonggyo; Elder Dong-Cheol Bae of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Jeong-Su Ahn, President of the International Christian Mission Federation, etc., and cut ceremonial rice cakes.

FFWPU-Korea President Kyeung-Seuk Lu gave the opening remarks: "The Korea Religious Council will continue to develop various projects throughout this coming year, in order to become an organization that fosters harmony and cooperation between religions and contributes to world peace. More than anything, the Korean Religious Council will focus on developing the areas of a 'movement of religious alliance,' a 'movement of religious peace' and the 'nurturing of future leaders,' in order to accomplish its vision of a 'people's religion' that is loved by all religious groups."

The conference consisted of opening remarks by KRC President Kyeung-Seuk Lu; congratulatory remarks by Songta Sunim, Executive Director of the Precepts Council of the Korean Buddhist Jogye Order and Jong-Seo Kim (Vice-President of Seoul University), President of the Korean Association for New Religions; the reading of a congratulatory poem; the reading of a statement of hope for the New Year by Jeong-Su Ahn, President of the International Christian Mission Federation; the cutting of rice cakes for the New Year; toast by Elder Dong-Cheol Bae of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; a luncheon; greetings by representatives of each religious order and an introduction to KRC's activities for 2017.

Together with the Hyo Jeong World Peace Foundation, the KRC also held the Global Interreligious Scholarship Award Ceremony at 2 pm on the fifth of the month at the Cheong Shim International Youth Training Center's gymnasium in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi. 80 interreligious middle and high school students, who had been recommended from 10 religious groups, were presented with scholarships and medals.

As the first religious consultative group in Korea, the KRC has been involved with a variety of activities under the banner of an interreligious peace movement, in order to promote religious harmony and unity.

Last year, in addition to being selected for the first Global Interreligious Scholarship Award and presented with scholarships, the students participated in the "Global Interreligious Scholarship Students' Trek Up Mt. Baekdu for Unification." From July 30 to August 4, they explored Mt. Baekdu, as they wished for the unification of not only the religious orders, but also of their homeland.

This year's second Global Interreligious Scholarship students will be participating in an overseas trip to Fukuoka, Japan, in early August, as well as introduce the Junior Religious Harmony Movement....

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한국종교협의회가 1일 서울 송파구 롯데호텔월드에서 개최한 '2017 종단 지도자 간담회'에서 국내 주요 종단장 및 종교 지도자 등이 종교계 상생발전을 기원하며 떡을 자르고 있다. 하상윤기자

## “종교의 벽 넘어 국민에 위안과 평화 줘야” 한국종교협의회 간담회 10여개 종단장 한자리

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한국종교협의회(회장 유경석)는 1일 서울 송파구 롯데호텔월드에서 종교계 상생 발전을 위한 종단지도자 간담회를 가졌다. 간담회에서는 국내 종교계 주요 지도자와 학계 인사들이 참석해 '국민의 사랑을 받는 종교의 역할'에 대해 토론했다.

유경석 회장을 비롯해 대한불교 조계종 호계원장 성타스님, 한국불교태고종 교무부장 도진스님, 한국이슬람교 최영길 이사장, 대한천리교 이순훈 교동, 대종교 홍수철 총전교, 예수그

리스도 후기성도교회 배동철 장로, 국제기독교선교연합회 안정수 회장 등 10여개 종단장과 김종서 한국신종교학회 회장(전 서울대부총장)을 비롯한 종교학계 인사 등 30여명이 참석했다.

유 회장은 인사말을 통해 "각 종단은 국민에게 희망을 주고 국민들로부터 사랑을 듬뿍 받는 종교로 다시 태어나야 한다"면서 "종교로부터 멀어졌던 사람들이 다시 종교 안에서 위안과 평화를 얻고 희망을 느낄 수 있도록 해야 한다"고 역설했다. 유 회장은 세계평화통일가정연합 참시자인 문선명·한학자 총재의 탄신 및 기원절 4

주년 기념행사의 내용과 의미를 설명했다.

성타 스님은 축사에서 "종교협의회 운동을 통해 모든 종교가 사람을 위한 종교나 좁은 의미의 종교가 아닌 우주 전체를 포함한 종교가 되기를 바란다"고 말했다. 김종서 회장은 "종협이 중요한 것은 한국종교의 대표자들이 모여 모든 사람들이 공감할 수 있는 종교를 제시할 수 있는 모임이기 때문이다"며 간담회 의미를 강조했다.

국내 최초의 조종교 협의체인 한국종교협의회는 종교 간 화해와 일치를 위한 다양한 활동을 전개하고 있다.