

Ambassadors for Peace



If we are to survive in this world we simply have to **break down all the barriers that divide us and look for common denominators, look for solutions that bring us together rather than divide us.** And I truly, truly believe that the Ambassadors for Peace program can help bring that about.

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to Honduras
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Ambassadors for Peace are a global network of leaders representing the religious, racial, and ethnic diversity of the human family, as well as all disciplines of human endeavor. They stand on the common ground of shared principles, committed to the path of promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peace. The Ambassadors of Peace Initiative is a project of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), a global alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to cooperation, and co-prosperity.

FIVE UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE

1. THERE IS ONE GOD WHO IS THE CREATOR OF ALL AND THE PARENT OF HUMANKIND

The way to rise above the pursuit of self-interest is to recognize our common humanity, given to us by our Creator. Just as a parent can intercede in the disputes of the children, it is the parental heart originating from the Creator which can help us resolve the differences that exist between the world's nations, cultures, and religions.

2. HUMAN BEINGS ARE ESSENTIALLY SPIRITUAL IN NATURE

Human beings long for truth, beauty, and goodness. Life's deepest meaning and purpose can be found through the pursuit of these essential yet intangible attributes. Each person has an eternal spirit that transcends this physical life. Spiritual principles are to be practiced in this life so that we are prepared for the eternal world.

3. THE FAMILY IS THE "SCHOOL OF LOVE" AND CORNERSTONE FOR WORLD PEACE

The family is the cornerstone for peace, and the root of our character and culture. It is in the family that we experience love and interdependence. In the family, the most basic personal and public virtues are learned. Understanding the family as the "school of love" helps us to recognize that "family" is the most essential human institution. The foundation for a healthy family is a faithful, committed marriage.



4. THE HIGHEST STANDARD FOR HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS IS TO "LIVE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS"

By practicing living for the sake of others, we become "other-centered" rather than "self-centered." The essence of good character is true love expressed through unselfish actions. "Living for others" is a common principle of the world's religions.



5. INTER-RELIGIOUS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ARE ESSENTIAL TO WORLD PEACE

Lasting peace cannot be achieved through political compromise alone, but requires addressing the root cause of conflict. Transcending racial, religious, and ethnic barriers is an imperative of our time. It is faith that can give people the power to forgive, and the love to overcome even generations of hatred, resentment, and violence.

The strength of the Ambassadors for Peace Initiative is to bring reconciliation where there was hatred and form heart-to-heart relationships between former enemies. This ability is due to the focus on the "common ground" of these five universal principles. For more information, visit peacefederation.org or the Ambassadors for Peace USA website at www.ambassadors4peace.org.

The Universal Peace Federation and the Ambassadors for Peace Initiative originate from the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. IIFWP was founded in 1999 by Rev Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon to promote greater cooperation among governments, religions, and NGOs in addressing critical global problems.