

UPF International: Human Security through Trust, Not Tests

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On this International Day Against Nuclear Tests, the Universal Peace Federation joins the United Nations and global civil society in reaffirming the urgency of building a future free from nuclear threats. Since the UN General Assembly proclaimed this day in 2009, humanity has been reminded that nuclear tests bring not only devastation to the environment but also long-lasting harm to human dignity, health, and trust among nations. These weapons corrode the fabric of our shared humanity. As people of faith who affirm that all humankind belongs to one human family under God, we reject any doctrine of security founded on fear and destruction.

Lasting peace and human security are achieved not through weapons, but through solidarity, cooperation, and development. In this International Year of Peace and Trust, we encourage the global

community to extend the same spirit of trust-building to nuclear disarmament. Agreements such as the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons embody humanity's collective resolve to end suffering and to safeguard future generations.

The Universal Peace Federation highlights that peacebuilding must include moral and spiritual leadership, the strengthening of families, and interfaith solidarity. Our initiatives such as the Middle East Peace Initiative, Peace Road, and numerous service projects worldwide demonstrate that reconciliation and cooperation are possible even in regions marked by division and mistrust. By promoting dialogue across borders, cultures, and religions, we create pathways away from violence and toward sustainable peace.

We call upon all partners in this effort. Civil society groups, families, and educators are encouraged to expand peace education programs, community service, and intergenerational projects that raise awareness of disarmament and inspire reconciliation. Religious and community leaders are invited to offer prayers, guidance, and moral clarity, affirming the sacred duty to protect life and to transcend historical grievances. At the same time, governments, diplomats, and international organizations are urged to demonstrate courageous leadership by advancing disarmament treaties, reinforcing verification mechanisms, and engaging in sincere dialogue even with former adversaries.

Our message is one of hope and responsibility in the spirit of UPF co-founders Dr. Hak Ja Han and the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, that true peace cannot be achieved by weapons but only through dialogue, reconciliation, and living for the sake of others. Humanity's greatest achievements should be measured not by its arsenals but by its ability to foster a culture of dialogue rooted in mutual respect, compassion, and interdependence. Let this day mark a renewed commitment to a future where security is shared, trust is restored, and nuclear tests are forever relegated to history.