



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

March 2013 Updates and Upcoming UN Days

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To: UPF Regional Chairs and UPF Regional Secretaries General
From: UPF International
Re: March 2013 Updates and Upcoming UN Days
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Greetings from UPF International.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to expand and develop the work of UPF worldwide. True Mother is surely encouraged by your great accomplishments, knowing that UPF can make a great contribution to the success of the 2020 providence.

Please note the following:

Personnel Announcement: I am very pleased to announce that **Mr. John Paul Hong** has recently joined the staff of UPF International in the position of **Vice President for Regional Affairs**. In his capacity as VP for Regional Affairs he will be in regular communication with Regional Headquarters as well as with the Special Envoys for 23 providential nations. Please give your support to Mr. Hong as he takes up his new set of responsibilities with UPF International.

International Day of Families: May 15 marks the annual International Day of Families, providing a good opportunity for UPF Chapters to organize programs that underscore the significance of traditional marriage and family as a foundation for social stability, prosperity and peace. The UN theme for this year's International Day of Families is "Social Integration and Inter-generational Cooperation." UPF chapters can offer principled perspectives on this theme. Please note that there is an opportunity to apply for a micro-grant for IDF programs. However, we ask that any applications for micro-grants be submitted to UPF International through the Regional Headquarters, along with a simple description of the planned program and the proposed budget. Please do not submit proposals one by one, but combine them all together. Within a few days webpages will be available at the following links:

<http://www.upf.org/idf> (web page)

<http://www.upf.org/idf/resources> (resource page)

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Global Day of Parents: The General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution last year calling for the annual celebration of "Global Day of Parents" on June 1. This year, 2013, will be the first year in which the world, and UN member states, are encouraged to honor the "Global Day of Parents." As you recall, True Father made a proposal for just such a day when he spoke at the United Nations in 2000. Therefore, we also encourage our chapters to consider organizing a program in honor of Global Day of Parents, on or around the time of June 1. Once again, micro-grant applications will be considered when submitted to UPF International through the Regional Headquarters to UPF International. Please include a simple program concept and a budget. Once again, the proposals from the region should be submitted all together and not one by one. The Global Day of Parents webpages will be up and running by the end of next week at: <http://www.upf.org/parents> (web page)
<http://www.upf.org/parents/resources> (resource page)

Religious Youth Service (RYS): National Chapters planning an RYS project in 2013 should submit their project proposal and budget proposal as soon as possible to Dr. Frank LaGrotteria. As a project of UPF, RYS programs offer a unique opportunity to engage youth in programs that combine interfaith cooperation, education and humanitarian service. Please be sure to consult the RYS website at <http://upf.org/service/religious-youth-service>, and <http://upf.org/service/service-partners>. On the site you will find reports, project announcements and resources to assist you in planning and running your project. Although some regions have already submitted budget proposals for RYS projects in 2013, it is still necessary for those Regions to also submit a project proposal.

International Women's Day Reports: Nine UPF Chapters organized UPF programs on International Women's Day. Link:
<http://www.upf.org/component/content/article/4994-international-womens-day-events>

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2013: Please see the following link that features programs by UPF Chapters around the world that celebrated the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2013:
<http://www.upf.org/interfaithweek>

Follow-Up on the World Summit 2013: The General Report on the World Summit 2013 will soon be available for use in your outreach on behalf of UPF and especially in order to begin preparations for World Summit 2015. Throughout 2013, we hope to have substantial follow-up programs in those nations whose head of state attended the World Summit 2013. Most of the speech texts from the Summit are now available on our program page at:
<http://worldsummit2013.org/program/schedule>
See also our PowerPoint overview of the Summit with quotes by speakers:
<http://www.slideshare.net/UPFInternational/upf-world-summit-2013-speakers>
Additional Galleries can be found here:
<http://www.worldsummit2013.org/2-uncategorised/18-more-galleries>

UPF-UK: As a good example of a National Chapter's activities and communications, please see the following link that features the e-newsletter of UPF-UK:
<http://www.upf.org/images/stories2/newsletter/2013/upfuk-newsletter-march2013-1.pdf>

Once again, thank you for your great accomplishments for UPF. Let us make 2013 a great victory for God's providence, leading up to 2020.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas G. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'W'.

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