

## Universal Peace Federation's (UPF) 18th Anniversary Ceremony at Headquarters

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Founded in 2005 at New York's Lincoln Center, UPF has worked tirelessly to end global conflicts and foster a peaceful world. The federation has held special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and was elevated to general consultative status on July 24, 2018 -- a privileged status enjoyed by only 150 of over 5,000 non-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs) registered with the UN.



In his commemorative speech, the Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International and UPF-Korea, articulated the federation's strides under the guidance of founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The central mission, he noted, is the unification of the Korean peninsula -- the last divided region on Earth. He also announced the recent relocation of UPF's international headquarters from New York to Korea, affirming Korea as the hub for future global operations. He emphasized UPF's pivotal role in fostering supra-national, supra-religious, and supra-cultural activities, aiming to become a beacon of national integration.