

Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) General Assembly

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10th Anniversary Of The Holy Ascension Of Sun Myung Moon, True Parent Of Heaven, Earth, And Humankind



The "Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development (hereinafter referred to as IAPD) General Assembly," hosted by UPF, the Universal Peace Federation, was held for two days from August 12-13 with the participation of domestic and international leaders representing the religious community.

The IAPD General Assembly, which took place on the afternoon of the first day at the Jamsil Lotte Hotel Ruby Hall, was an IAPD-Africa conference held under the theme of "Restoration of Universal Spirituality," with over 40 religious leaders participating representing 54 African Union countries.

This IAPD General Assembly was moderated by Dr. Bakary Camara, co-chair of Cheon Eui Won Africa, and started with an opening invocation, followed by welcoming remarks from Imboni Prophet Radebe, founder of the Revelation Spiritual Home in South Africa, congratulatory remarks by Bishop Don Mears.

We then listened to keynote addresses by 1: Daniel Oko, president of the Christian Association of Nigeria 2. Minister of Religious Practices in Burkina Faso 3. Rev. Dr. Nevers Sekwila Mumba, Founder and President of Zambia's leading evangelical organization, Victory Ministries, International. 4. The president of the African Council of Religious Leaders and the adoption of the declaration presided by Imboni Prophet Radebe, IAPDAfrica Chair, ended with a closing announcement.

On the second day, the IAPD General Assembly was held live at Cheon Won Gung Cheonsung Church in Yongsan, with Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families from all continents participating online and in person.

This event was designed to provide an opportunity for religious leaders representing the Republic of Korea and the entire world. It comprised more than 40 heads of African religious orders and 20 religious leaders of the ACLC representing the United States. They convened together to discuss the themes of

"Religious Freedom," "Restoration of Spirituality," and "The Role of Religious People in Creating World Peace." They concluded that restoring spirituality through the teachings of each religion will lead to the realization of world peace.

True Mother said, "Together, let's do what we can to restore the environment to its original state of creation, and let's build a hopeful future for our children with our hands, so they do not need to worry."

President Michael Jenkins of UPF-International moderated this event. Below is the order of events: True Mother's Words, welcoming addresses by Stephan Kim, national co-chair of KCLC, and Tageldin Hamad, IAPD international coordinator, a presentation on specific topics by Pastor Park Young-kyu, a keynote address by Father Louison Emerick Bissila Mbila of the Chaplin of the African Union Commission, a peace performance by Acapella Voiture, and presentations on specific topics by Imboni Prophet Radebe and President Michael Jenkins of UPF-International. This was followed by another peace performance by vocalist Kim Jeongjin, presentations by different religious groups (representative of the religious order and representative of FFWPU), and case presentations by Norishige Kondo, director of FFWPU-Japan Legal Affairs Office, Toru Goto, president of the Japanese Victims' Association Against Religious Kidnapping and Forced Conversion, and four others. The session ended with the adoption of a Resolution and a closing announcement.

Dr. Yun Young-ho, Director- General, UPF International, said, "I believe today's speeches by world leaders from all walks of life representing politics, religion, and the media, are important and created sympathy for religious freedom and human rights as universal values for mankind."

The IAPD General Assembly held during these two days provided an opportunity for over 500 national and international religious leaders to share the hardships they experienced concerning religious freedom and, through their statements regarding the human rights of religious people, comforted those who have walked a path of sacrifice and service. During the IAPD session, religious leaders adopted a resolution to restore humanity's original spirituality and fulfill the role of religious people in creating world peace.