

Continental International Leadership Conference (ILC)

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



The International Leadership Conference (hereinafter ILC) was held online and offline from late July to early August under the theme of "Unification of the Korean Peninsula and World Peace" in five continents as part of a special 40-day global effort for the victory of the 10th anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension.

The Asia-Pacific region ILC was held from July 30 to 31 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manila, the Philippines, under the theme of "Towards Peaceful Unification on the Korean Peninsula: Creating a Culture of Global Peace."

As a follow-up to the World Summit in Seoul from February 10- 13, 2022, the meeting was held live, with more than 180 members of the country, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar ambassadors, and other senior Asian Pacific leaders.

Four VVIPs sent video messages: the first vice president of Nepal, Parmanand Jha, H.E. Johnson Toribiong, former President of Palau, former *Prime Minister* Yousuf *Raza Gilani*, former President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Yapa Sirisena, and H.E. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo a Member of the Philippine House of Representatives. Dr. Thomas Walsh, chairman of UPF International, introduced the Seoul Declaration for Unification outline using the paradigm of "Korean Peninsula, Korean Culture, and Korean People."

UPF Asia Pacific Chair Hon Ek Nath Dhakal ended the event with a closing address after the keynote speeches by UPF Myanmar president, who was awarded a certificate by the Philippine Pangasinan, 4th District, a Leader and Ambassador for Peace award.

The North American Continental ILC was held on July 20 with the Washington Times' 40th-anniversary celebration. The event was organized as a special session to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Washington Times' publication. It was held to share the history and vision of the Washington Times, with more than 40 U.S. Representatives in attendance.

In addition, from the 28th to the 29th, the North American Continental ILC was divided into six sessions under the theme of "Analysis and strategies for peace on the Korean Peninsula," with 3,854 people attending.

(1 session: 120; 2 session: 830; 3 session: 458; 4 session: 742; 5 session: 783; 6 session: 921) The ILC in the African region was held from August 2 to 3 under the theme of "Analysis and Strategy for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and its Relevance to the African Region" and explored the possibility of application to the African region, with a session highlighting the outcomes of 2022 World Summit and the Seoul Declaration.

Following the welcoming remarks by Kathy Rigney, President of the Universal Peace Federation, and Goodluck Jonathan, President of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP-Africa), several experts participated in the conference to discuss peace on the Korean peninsula and in Africa.

Goodluck Jonathan, former president of Nigeria, expressed that we all must work towards achieving a peaceful world."

The European ILC held a conference as part of the Peace Road Berlin competition. In Berlin on July 26, more than 200 leaders, including former Swiss lawmaker Claude Begle, president of the National Coalition for Inter-Korean Unification, German journalist Klaus Bednarz, and peace education Prof. Dr. Angela Mickley at the University of Potsdam, reviewed the prospects for peace on the Korean Peninsula.



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On August 4, the London ILC was held at UPF HQ under the theme of "Towards the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula: creating an international culture of peace," it attracted over 100 participants in person and online. Journalist, author, and commentator Humphrey Huxley moderated the first session, while several experts participated in three sessions to lead discussions for peace.

Dr. Michael Balcomb introduced a practical UPF youth service project regarding building a peace garden in an ecological park in Birmingham, organized by Dr. 30 True Peace David and Patricia Earle, and discussed its value.

The Latin American ILC was divided into four sessions from August 3 (I, II) to 4th (III, IV) and held under various themes. South American UPF hosted the two-day event with the help of South American UPF Chair Shin Dong-mo, heavenly South American Continental Chair Kim Dong-woo, and Rev. Pastor Rodney Shiloh Patterson of New Testament of God Ministries.

Session I was conducted by six panelists. Yang Chang-sik, Chairman of heavenly South American Council, Hon. Edwin Rosas Urzagaste, Former Governor General of Saint Lucia, Dame Calliopa Pearlette Louisy, and a Parliament member of Paraguay.

Session II was conducted with the participation of 5-panel members with personalities including **José Alberto Alfaro Jiménez**, former president of the National Assembly of Costa Rican National Congress, and **Dr. Fernando Valverde Camán** from Brazil).

Session III was rich with amazing panelists, including Kim Sang-seok, Chairman of Central America's Caribbean region, Pastor **Juan Carlos** Hasbun, from the Kemuel Church in **El Salvador**, Rev. **Pastor** Kemuel from Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ, Pastor Dr. **Charles W. Schultz**, Founding Vice President, Confederation of **Religious** Liberty, Colombia, Bishop Luis Moreno bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador, an Imam from the Panama City and surrounding communities, Pastor Jonas Florêncio, founder of the Christ Volta Church.

Session IV was conducted with the participation of five panelists, including Walter D. Echevarria, Director General, Current Vision magazine, Nicaragua University of Commerce and Sciences president, and a prosecutor from Dispute resolution in the Dominican Republic, among others.

The closing ceremony was followed by speeches by Shin Dongmo, chairman of the South American UPF, Yang Chang-Sik, Cheon Eui Won chair of South America, and Pablo Estigarribia Pastor Pablo Estigarribia, chaplain of the Armed Forces, founder of the Open Bible Church and representative of the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development IAPD of Paraguay.