



WOMEN'S FEDERATION  
FOR WORLD PEACE USA

# 2025

## Annual Report

### A Year of Living Light



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# A year of *Living Light*



Dear Friends of WFWP USA,

As I reflect on this past year and look toward the one ahead, I am reminded of the words of our Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han:

**"We must push ahead in the conviction that no matter how wounded and scarred this world is, it can be healed and cleansed by the substantial work of a federation of women united in the vision of God's true love."**

This year, 2025, has truly been A Year of Living Light. There have been moments that have tested our faith, when the world's pain and uncertainty seemed overwhelming. And yet, time and again, I have witnessed the light—the light that shines through the women of WFWP who are giving, leading, and loving in their communities. My heart is continually revived by the example of Mother Han, whose tireless efforts to embrace humanity as a mother bring healing and transformation. Her life is a living beacon, proclaiming that peace is possible. God's dream is possible.

- **Light of Hope:** 40 women leaders joined WFWP USA's first Korea Pilgrimage to celebrate the opening of Cheon Won Gung, experiencing deep sisterhood and unity across different backgrounds, religions, and cultures.
- **Light of Awakening:** 155 women participated in Awaken Retreats nationwide, reconnecting with their inner value and wisdom as women and daughters of Heavenly Parent.
- **Light of Transformation:** WFWP USA led its first service trip to Rwanda's New Hope Technical Institute, witnessing resilience, reconciliation, and the power of education to uplift students and heal communities.

As this Year of Living Light comes to a close, **I invite you to help us carry this light forward into 2026. Your end-of-year gift today keeps this living light burning bright—offering hope to families, strength to communities, and healing to hearts.**

Together, we can continue to push ahead in the conviction that love and faith can heal this world. When hearts give, peace grows—and light never fades.

Thank you for believing in our mission, standing with us, and helping to make a difference. Visit [www.wfwp.us/donate](http://www.wfwp.us/donate) to donate today!

With gratitude and hope,

Katarina Connery  
President, Women's Federation for World Peace USA

**P.S. Gifts made by December 31 are tax-deductible, so please join us to make a meaningful difference in our "Year of Living Light"!**

# | 2025 At-A-Glance

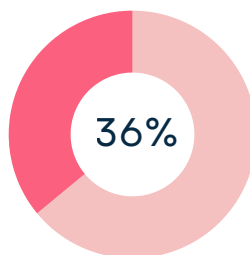
## 219 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

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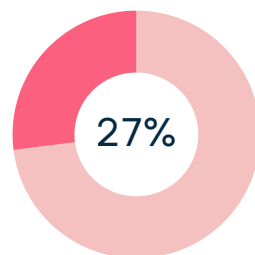
- 101 HerTribe Meetups
- 4 Awaken Retreats
- 118 GWPN Initiatives
- 19 Bridge of Peace programs
- 10 HerStory Award ceremonies
- and much more

## WFWP PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIP EVENTS REACHED

# 5,000+ PEOPLE



of GWPN programs held in partnership with other organizations



of program attendees were new to WFWP

# \$52,000+

## SENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Including Schools of Africa, Cambodia, South America, and more

# \$25,000+

## INVESTED INTO LOCAL CHAPTER GROWTH AND ACTIVITIES

## 2 WFWP USA DELEGATIONS ON GLOBAL MISSIONS



KOREA PILGRIMAGE



SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

# 200

## NEW AND RE-ENGAGED MEMBERS & DONORS

75% DONOR RETENTION RATE



## A Year of Living Light

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## HerTribe Meetups

In 2025, HerTribe blossomed into a vibrant nationwide community where women gathered in warmth and sisterhood. From small intimate groups to gatherings of 20 or more, each gathering was a **sacred space for honest sharing, creative expression, and spiritual reflection.**

For example, in Maryland, women opened up about personal struggles and the importance of being grounded in faith. In Columbus, the group redefined “wealth” through relationships and gifts. The Bay Area celebrated personal growth through a “tree art” activity. In Manassas, VA, a young mom launched the first ever HerTribe in that area and began inviting friends. In Honolulu, a joyful Easter cookie-decorating event brought together families with childcare support, creating a warm, inclusive environment. These gatherings laid “strong roots,” building trust, community, and hope among women from many backgrounds.

Overall, **2025 was a year in which HerTribe grew not just in numbers – but in depth, heart, and impact.** Through thoughtful themes, diverse activities, and attentive local leadership, HerTribe helped participants rediscover their worth, deepen their faith, foster sisterhood, and affirm their value in family and community.

# 101

**HERTRIBE MEETUPS  
NATIONWIDE**

# 1093

**WOMEN FOSTERED  
SISTERHOOD  
THROUGH HERTRIBE**

**“I felt God’s heart  
and love in our  
HerTribe  
meeting.”**



**“Our Mid-Hudson Sunflower HerTribe Meeting ... is becoming a place where both members and guests feel free to share honestly what is really on their hearts**

# HerTribe

## 2025 National Awaken Retreat

### Rooted in Radiance

Building on the success of last year, the 2025 Awaken Women's Retreat, Rooted in Radiance, gathered women for a long weekend of renewal, sisterhood, and spiritual grounding. Participants explored themes of **divine value, Heavenly Mother's presence, personal confidence, and embracing the unique season of life they are in.** Each day wove together reflective sessions, small-group sharing, movement- and arts-based workshops, and morning "Rise and Thrive" activities that helped women reconnect with their inner wisdom and rediscover the "heavenly diamond" within. Many shared that the retreat felt like sacred ground—an invitation to walk the Heroine's Journey, release old patterns, and emerge renewed. One participant reflected, **"I realized I don't need to strive to be loved—I am already worthy and complete. God is within me."**

The atmosphere of sisterhood was deeply transformative, with women of all ages honoring their stories and supporting one another. Participants spoke of feeling ageless together—"as if we are enough, more than enough"—and **many testified to a renewed connection to Heavenly Mother and to their own divine femininity.** One woman shared, "We will make it through into the next season, and it's even better when sisters are walking with you, laughing with you, holding space with you." The retreat closed with a shared sense of radiance, gratitude, and readiness to carry this light into the year ahead.

# 55

**WOMEN EMPOWERED  
AT NATIONAL  
"ROOTED IN  
RADIANCE" RETREAT**







## One-Day Awaken Retreats

In 2025, WFWP USA deepened its commitment to nurturing women's spiritual growth, identity, and sisterhood – not only through regular HerTribe gatherings but also by offering locally-hosted one-day Awaken Retreats, making empowerment and reflection accessible for more women. **Community-level retreats offered a valuable complement to ongoing HerTribe work.**

The Awaken Retreats carried powerful, transformative content on true womanhood, channeling Heavenly Mother, awakening the divine feminine, and more. Through creative and reflective workshops – poetry, flower-arranging, rock-painting, sacred dance, and more – participants explored self-worth, feminine identity, and spiritual belonging.

One woman shared, “I feel more released, healed, and peaceful... Be more gentle and kind to myself... Just be! Without perfectionism and judgment.” Another said, “I feel empowered, and the best way to incorporate what I’ve learned today is to be who Heavenly Mother wants me to be. ‘Me.’ Just perfect the way He/She created me to be.”

# 101

**WOMEN EMPOWERED  
AT LOCAL AWAKEN  
RETREATS**

# 3

**ONE-DAY AWAKEN  
RETREATS IN LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES**

- Columbus, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Tarrytown, NY



**“I can show up as the best version of me if I tap into this place — being a true woman can transform things around me.”**

# Global Missions of Heart

## Korea Pilgrimage

In April 2025, women leaders from across the United States participated in the WFWP USA Pilgrimage to Korea, marking the **33rd anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace** and the opening of the **International Interfaith Temple "Cheon Won Gung."** The journey offered powerful moments of reflection at the **DMZ Peace Zone**, symbolic unity during an international Bridge of Peace ceremony with women from historically conflicting nations, and deep spiritual encounters at the Interfaith Temple where many described experiencing awakening and healing. Participants shared how the pilgrimage strengthened their sense of sisterhood, courage, and purpose in advancing peace, returning home with renewed commitment to WFWP's mission of reconciliation and global unity.



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**WOMEN LEADERS ON  
KOREA PILGRIMAGE**

# 7

**WOMEN ATTEND  
SCHOOLS OF AFRICA  
SERVICE TRIP**



## Rwanda Service Trip

In November 2025, seven WFWP USA volunteers traveled to Kigali, Rwanda for the **first Schools of Africa Service Trip**, a transformative journey of connection, learning, and hope. After an emotional visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial, the team spent **meaningful time with students at the New Hope Technical Institute**—sharing in cultural performances, classroom activities, and heartfelt exchanges that highlighted both the resilience and challenges of the community. The warmth and joy of the students deeply moved the volunteers and strengthened their commitment to expand WFWP's support for New Hope and the broader Schools of Africa initiative. Participants returned home inspired and determined to continue building bridges of opportunity and empowerment.





# Global Women's Peace Network

## Bridges of Peace

Bridge of Peace programs continued to strengthen community connections and foster reconciliation through meaningful ceremonial experiences and cultural engagement.

In New Jersey, Passport to Peace offered a vibrant cultural exploration with attendees visiting international tables and engaging in informal Bridge of Peace exchanges that deepened cross-cultural understanding. In Las Vegas, the program broadened its reach through dynamic multimedia and interfaith bridge crossings that brought together diverse pairs—such as Ukrainian and Russian sisters and elders from different traditions—highlighting powerful stories of unity and mutual respect.

A key highlight of the year was the Future Forward Summit in Washington, D.C., where the Bridge of Peace was woven into a high-level leadership and innovation forum. By bringing together policymakers, community leaders, and peacebuilders to cross the symbolic bridge, the program showed how personal connection and reconciliation can shape broader conversations on collaboration and global impact.

# 118

**GWPN COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES  
NATIONWIDE**

# 36%

**OF GWPN PROGRAMS  
WERE HOSTED IN  
PARTNERSHIPS**



**“I was praying for peace, and shortly after, I received an invitation to a women's gathering... I feel that God has been answering my prayers by bringing me to this event.”**

**—Ohio Bridge of Peace attendee**





# Global Women's Peace Network



## A Vibrant Year of Service

WFWP chapters across the country carried out an extraordinary range of GWPN community initiatives in 2025, far too many to name individually. Communities uplifted women through the **HerStory Awards**, honoring leaders who embody heart-centered service and sharing the inspiring stories behind their accomplishments. Many chapters also hosted beautiful **Mother's Day** celebrations, recognizing the tireless investment of mothers in nurturing the next generation. The virtual **Self-Care Isn't Selfish** series continued to expand its reach, offering practical tools to help women—and men—refuel so they can care for their families and communities with renewed strength.

Chapters also marked the **International Day of Women** with creative programs that highlighted Mother Moon's peace philosophy and encouraged women to embrace their unique qualities in partnership with men. The Los Angeles chapter made a splash this year with a vibrant relaunch of its local activities. Our collaboration with **Sacred First Nations for Peace** continued with a meaningful virtual Thanksgiving gathering focused on cultural awareness and honoring Indigenous perspectives. Across the nation, WFWP volunteers brought people together through interfaith dialogues, health fairs, Schools of Africa fundraisers, peace festivals, nonprofit partnerships, and countless other efforts—all contributing to a vibrant, growing culture of peace in local communities.





# Global Women's Peace Network

## Peace Starts with Me



This year saw the launch of the Peace Starts with Me Alliance, a coalition of nonprofit organizations founded by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han, Father Moon and Mother Han: WFWP, UPF, ACLC, and FFWPU. Each have unique focus and activities but all are in the service of peace. Through the Alliance, WFWP is excited to explore new avenues of collaboration and amplifying our impact in local communities.

During the months of October, November, and December, WFWP chapters around the country collaborated with the Peace Starts with Me Alliance programs “Faith. Freedom. Peace.” in solidarity and support of Mother Han and the severe religious persecution she faced in the latter half of 2025 in South Korea. Several chapters also held regular Peace Starts with Me “Teas with Intention” as an intimate gathering for women leaders to connect in heart, discuss and collaborate, and foster dynamic partnerships for peacebuilding.

IN

# 2026

**WFWP IS LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPANDING COLLABORATION WITH THE PEACE STARTS WITH ME ALLIANCE**



**"If religions show love for each other, work together, and support one another—placing peace above doctrines, rituals, or cultural backgrounds—the world will undergo remarkable change."**

**- Dr. Hak Ja Han**



# Giving Forward



## Schools of Africa

# \$28,000

SENT FOR SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

- **Tuition support ensured continued education** for dozens of students who would have otherwise been unable to attend school due to financial hardship.
- **Meal programs were strengthened**, allowing students to focus better in class and improving overall health and attendance.
- **Infrastructure improvements**—including desks, classroom materials, and facility repairs—created a safer, more dignified learning environment.
- **Parent and teacher testimonies emphasized deep gratitude**, noting that the support “opened doors that felt impossible” and “gave our children hope for their future.”
- **Students expressed renewed confidence**, sharing that the assistance “made me feel seen,” “helped me stay in school,” and “gave me the chance to dream again.”



MOZAMBIQUE



KENYA



RWANDA

## Other International Projects

# \$7,360

SENT TO WFWP CAMBODIA FOR  
STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

# \$5,162

SENT TO THE 1% LOVE SHARE PROJECT  
FOR NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS

## Chapter Support

# \$25,000+

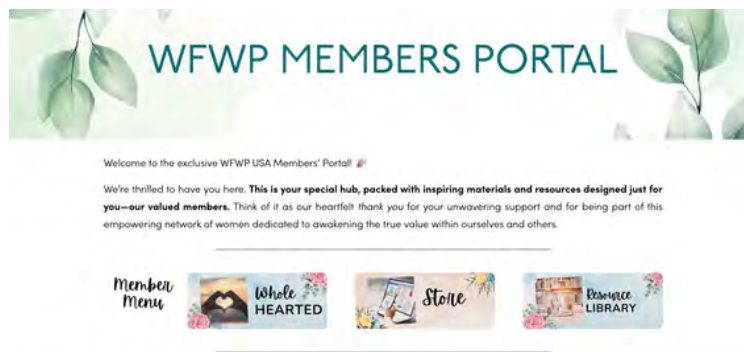
**reinvested into local chapter activities**

That makes a huge impact for WFWP chapters to be able to cover venue fees, decorations, refreshments, and all other elements which go toward successful programming. Funds also went toward sponsorships to defray the cost of attending the national Awaken Retreat.

# Digital Storytelling

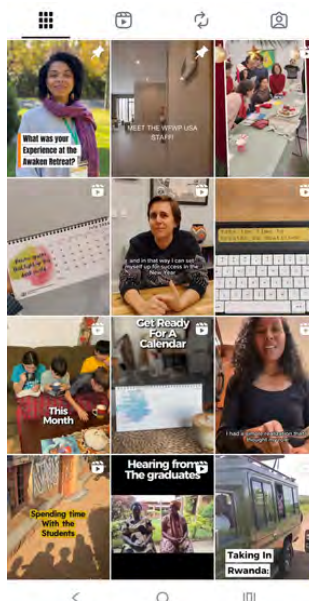
## Thrive Newsletter

This year, we continued to refine and strengthen our outreach through the HerTribe Thrive newsletter, **offering readers uplifting content designed to inspire, encourage, and support their daily lives.** Each issue highlights stories of women overcoming challenges, nurturing self-care, and leading their families and communities with love and intention. Alongside these stories, Thrive provides practical tools—helpful tips, curated recommendations, activities to enjoy with loved ones, and printable resources that support women seeking balance, growth, and well-being. To further enrich the experience, we also expanded members-only offerings, including exclusive content and meaningful discounts on items such as calendars, mugs, keychains, and totes, **adding even greater value to the WFWP membership community.**



## Social Media

Throughout 2025, WFWP USA strengthened its social media presence by shifting from paid advertising to more authentic, trend-based and values-aligned content. This organic approach steadily **increased engagement—especially among young women drawn to messages of empowerment and Mother Han's teachings—and marked clear growth in reach, resonance, and brand identity.** Looking ahead to 2026, an expanded internal guidance series led by President Katarina Connery, paired with continued use of engaging formats, positions WFWP USA for even greater impact and audience growth in the year to come.



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**FUN AND IMPACTFUL  
RESOURCES ADDED**

# 45%

**AVERAGE OPEN RATE  
FOR NEWSLETTER**

# 125,000+

**REACHED THROUGH  
INSTAGRAM AND  
FACEBOOK**

# 12%

**INCREASE IN  
ENGAGEMENT ON  
INSTAGRAM**





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