

WFWP Canada's Women of Faith Meeting - Go Home and Love Your Family

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The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Canada hosted its first in-person meeting with multi-faith speakers called Women of Faith Bringing Hope to Our Broken World on Saturday, June 25, 2022. There were people in attendance both virtually and in person.



WFWP Canada president Lilly Tadin opened the event with the initial question "What can you do to promote world peace?" Inspired by Mother Teresa's advice "Go home and love your family." President Tadin encouraged the attendees to become agents of change, healing, and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

The first guest speaker, Jasmine Edwards [Co-founder of Charity Service Faith Mission] commented that the world is broken and it is not crazy to have hope. She encouraged self-reflection with the question "Is

Christ my motivation and hope in life?" She believes that the problems of life abound because we ignore guidance from God. Since God did not discriminate in making us in his image, we must also do the same.

Atiya Ahsan [Director of Zonta, Zonta Club, Mississauga] gave a powerful presentation called "Sweet and Strong" where she highlighted the connections between Christianity and Islam. She asked the audience to self-reflect with the question "What did I do today to create harmony and peace?" Her proposal was to focus on the cooperation of Christians and Muslims as the largest closely related faith groups. Her presentation included many facts about where the Muslim and Christian faiths are intertwined in history and scripture. Highlights included many verses from the Quran that mentioned Jesus and his mother Mary and their significance to the Muslim faith. She also said that Pope Francis visited Saayid Ali Seestani, a Shia Muslim High Scholar, in Najaf, Iraq in March of this year to bring attention to the reception of the Muslim faith by the highest leader of the Catholic Church.



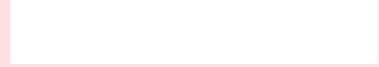
Julia Tarasova [Co-director of the Support Ukrainian Project] implored the audience to go beyond international, religious and racial divides as the solution to world peace. As a German, Russian, and Ukrainian Jew she has concerns for all people involved in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. "I represent all and God who cares for all. Will Jews let me be their representative?" Julia is working toward providing much needed supplies for newcomers to Canada who are being given refuge from the war in Ukraine. She is coordinating a great response to the tremendous suffering that is being experienced by these people. Her words are backed up by her actions. In fact, meeting attendees were asked to donate to the Support Ukraine Project.

At this point, a question period proceeded where one audience member, Jaqueline, commented that Julia's remarks moved her. As a native of Congo, she thinks about the suffering of the people in eastern Congo from the massacres.

A final comment from Atiya Ahsan stated that when we fail to be respectful, we are being unjust.

When asked what was needed to make a change in the world, Jasmin Edward responded that ability and willingness to be a leader are all that are necessary.

Lilly Tadin remarked also that the path to peace is the unification of North and South Korea. Through unification, Korea can become a beacon of freedom, peace, unity and happiness. In addition, President Tadin spoke about the WFWP education program "[Cornerstone for Peace](#)" which educates couples about the importance of blessed marriage established by our founders, Father and Mother Moon. In conclusion, President Tadin encouraged women to take on leadership roles, to find their talent(s) and act on them so that through it they can make the world a better place. "Let's collaborate, not alienate each other as women. Let's continue to dialogue and search for peace jointly."



Cornerstone for Peace



"All creation wants love and needs love. And people are especially filled with happiness when they feel true love and a life based on true love. When they give and receive love, they are vibrant with life. **The perfume of life blossoms with genuine love.**"

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The Cornerstone for Peace seminar is a transformational seminar from WFWP USA especially designed to help married couples find a new vision for marriage and family and start a journey to strengthen or restore true love in their own lives and relationships.

According to the American Psychological Association, "**Healthy marriages are good for couples' mental and physical health. They are also good for children; growing up in a happy home protects children from mental, physical, educational and social problems.**" However, we see many challenges to creating happy and healthy families all around us. There are rising rates of divorce, increase in domestic violence, unhealthy relationships between family members, not enough healthy role models for children, a profound loneliness among individuals, and the oversexualization of our culture - to name a few.



At WFWP, we believe it is in the family where we are all meant to grow and learn about love: learning that I am loved and valued, learning how to respect and care for others, learning about commitment and fidelity, and learning to give and receive unconditional love. Building peaceful families is the key to building peaceful communities, nations, and world. The question is, "How?"



In this seminar, we introduce **a profound vision**



for marriage and family which comes from the life work and peace philosophy of WFWP's Founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. The purpose of this seminar is to awaken a new sense of the importance of marriage and family and to start to improve our

own marriages and families immediately. Or if you are not yet married, prepare yourself for that future. At the heart is the Interfaith Marriage Blessing, a worldwide tradition where couples dedicate, or re-dedicate, their marriage to a greater purpose and God. To get a peek at what the Marriage Blessing is about [CLICK HERE](#).

We invite all currently married couples, couples thinking of marriage, and single women and men to this seminar to learn how we can each **create a new pattern of love** in our most important relationships. **Join us in a movement to revive or enhance love within your couple and family and create a culture of peace through ideal families.**

SESSION OVERVIEW

Session 1: A Movement to Uplift Marriage & Family - takes a look at issues faced in society today, why marriage and family matter, and a new vision for marriage and family based on the life work of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and her husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon



"Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman... Through marriage, a new future is created: societies are formed; nations are built... God's world of peace is realized with married families at the center."

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

Session 2: Principles of Peace - exploring some basic and fundamental principles for relationships and how we can apply them to living for the sake of others and building true love relationships with our spouses

Session 3: Our Purpose & Human Responsibility - discussing our purpose of life connected to our Creator and our families and how self-centered love damages our marriages and families

Session 4: Journey to Restore True Love - finding hope for refreshing, rebuilding and elevating marriage relationships in a real and transformative way through the Interfaith Marriage Blessing movement and process to substantially restore true love

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