

## **Interfaith Harmony Week in Moldova**

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Unification Church of Moldova came up with the initiative to organize events dedicated to the World Interfaith Harmony Week proclaimed by UN in 2010.

With the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UC Moldova organized a series of visits to religious communities and a interreligious round table in strong cooperation with Youth Platform for Interethnic Solidarity and the Center for Religious Freedom.

During a week visits were organized to various religious communities in the country. First visit was in the Unification Church, where youth learned about True Parents and Unification Church in Moldova and around the world. Youth also received Divine Principle and True Father's autobiography books as a gift.

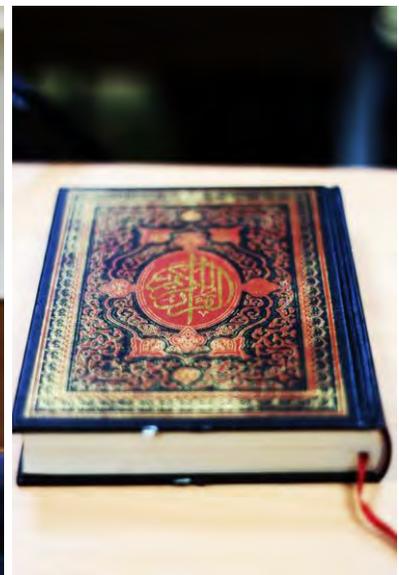


Next visits were to Muslims, Christian Orthodox Church and Jewish community, where besides other youth, a few young members of UC learned more about religious diversity in Moldova. Religious communities were encouraged to receive visitors as well as to encourage their youth members to visit other communities. The goal was to introduce a new way of dialogue among the religions of Moldova: instead of debating to strive to learn about each other more.



The week ended with a roundtable, where Unification Church representative had a speech, making it an international, interreligious and interethnic event. At the roundtable

representatives of religious communities agreed that religions need to work together more closely to solve common problems and achieve a common goal - peace.



Olesea Perean, Director of Programs of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights attended the Round table as well as religious leaders representing Islam and Christian Orthodox church. All these outstanding activists expressed their joy and readiness to support interreligious dialogue and to create a sustainable platform for strengthening interreligious support.

The same day President of UC Moldova together with coordinator of Youth Platform for interethnic Solidarity were invited to tell about this beautiful project on national TV and radio.

