

# UN Peace Day

Lyon, France, 21. September 2014



For the 30th anniversary of the establishment by the United Nations International Day of Peace, some Ambassadors of Peace, representing 8 nationalities gathered to analyze the current situation and how to direct their contribution to peace locally, nationally and internationally.

In a first speech, Michel BREDARD showed some initiatives done by UPF, under the inspiration of its founder Dr. Sun Myung Moon, such as the rapprochement between the two Koreas and the Middle East Peace Initiative. A documentary film explained well the heart of the Peace Ambassador work.

Jean-Paul CHAUDY introduced the theme of the year given by the UN: "The right of peoples to peace"

It was an opportunity to understand that peace is given rather than only acquire. Our conscience is the inner

voice that puts us constantly in front of our responsibility to build peace with the one next to me.

Mr. Eitel Moutome, Ambassador of Peace, President of "The African Case" explained the activities of his association that distributes food to hundreds of needy families weekly.

Two girls, Olive and Diamond, have prepared an excellent meal that twenty guests shared while discussing many current situations related to the war and who needed to consider peaceful solutions that are more effective than bombing.

After the meal, cheese, cake and coffee, the sun was there for a time of sharing in the shade of trees.



The first session in the afternoon, started with a Zairian choir.



Then Mrs KABAMBA gave a testimony of the work done by Ambassadors for Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Mrs Imgard DUMAS gave a testimony on the MEPI, especially on hospitals and schools receiving jewish, christian and muslim people.



Mrs Marie Thérèse explained the importance of sports and culture for the rapprochement of young people from different culture and religions.



Mrs Denise MOUTOME, Ambassador for Peace, explained the need for listening, patience, humility and a spirit of service to be an effective ambassador for peace every day. Her testimony for poor people is very moving. It is not enough to be a volunteer, one must also be wise and even a saint to persevere in this difficult path.



Alain FIMBEL, Ambassador of Peace, writer, philosopher and spiritualist, invited us to reconsider our attitude to the decisions of international politics. He took the examples of the intervention of France in Libya, Mali and in Iraq.