

## UPF Europe's Two-Day International Leadership Conference in Vienna, Austria

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April 29, 2018



Vienna, Austria -- A two-day International Leadership Conference organized by Universal Peace Federation brought together 250 participants from 45 nations.

"Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: The Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians" was the theme of the conference, held in the historic Parkhotel Schönbrunn on April 28 and 29, 2018.

The participants included members of parliament and political leaders, religious leaders and theologians, scholars and NGO representatives. They came mostly from Europe and the Middle East, with representatives from Asia, Oceania, Africa, and North America.



In the hotel lobby were displays of some of the significant intercultural, interreligious and educational projects initiated by the UPF founders over the years, such as the Unification Theological Seminary, the Bridge of Peace ceremony of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), WFWP-supported schools in Africa, Football for Peace activities, the Mr. and Miss University Pageant, the Sunhak Peace Prize, and the recent Africa Summit for Peace.

The conference focused on two major projects launched by the Universal Peace Federation throughout the world since 2016: the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD). The highlight of the event was the inauguration of the IAPD in Europe and the Middle East, held on the morning of April 29.

Major world religions -- Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, etc. -- were represented in their diversity. The presence of many Christian denominations -- Anglican, Catholic,

Hussite, Lutheran, Maronite, Moravian, Orthodox, Presbyterian, etc. -- recalled both the powerful Christian spirit that has moved throughout Europe in the last 2,000 years and the religious struggles that have plagued European history. It also demonstrated the need to stand on common ground to face the challenges of modern times.



The conference began on the afternoon of April 28 with greetings from UPF and WFPW leaders and a recorded video message addressed to the conference participants by Dr. Jan Figel, the European Union special envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU. Then a presentation was given on the "Vision and Initiatives of the Universal Peace Federation."

The program continued through the evening with two panel sessions on the themes "Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians as Peacemakers" and "The Role and Relevance of Religion in Building Inclusive, Peaceful and Prosperous Societies."

Scholars and theologians from Austria, Denmark, Syria, Italy and Israel, parliamentarians from Portugal and Russia, a former president of Kosovo and a high official from the Ukraine State Religious Department addressed the influence of religion on modern democratic societies as well as the need for cooperation between political and spiritual leaders to deal with challenges as varied as sustainable development goals, family breakdown, and the crises in Syria and the Balkans.

A reception was organized over dinner by IAPP for members of parliament. After welcoming remarks by UPF leaders and parliamentarians from Japan and Denmark, an elder Korean diplomat who had been his nation's ambassador to Russia reviewed and commented on recent events on the Korean Peninsula. The dinner concluded with the transmission of the "Peace Road Flag" from UPF-Korea to UPF Ambassadors for Peace in the Balkans, represented by the former presidents of Albania and Kosovo.

The second day of the conference began with four concurrent panel discussions, addressing current issues of concern in Europe and the Middle East.

The theme of the first panel, co-sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace, was "Values Education and Healthy Families -- Fostering an Environment for Prosperity, Citizenship and Interreligious Harmony." Before a full room, the panel was opened by the WFPW international president, followed by a deputy speaker of the Albanian Parliament, a Czech parliamentarian, a Swiss religious leader and a British specialist on human rights. The session addressed the issue of family ethics as a base for interdependence and mutual prosperity as well as social and interreligious harmony. Dealing with the decline of family values in modern societies, the panel discussion stimulated a lively exchange with the audience.

The second panel, on the theme "Middle East Peace Initiatives: Assessing the Role of Religion," featured Jordanian, Palestinian and Lebanese scholars and political leaders, as well as a prominent Danish church leader involved in the Middle East. Panelists offered their perspectives on the background of extremism in the region, on the factors behind conflicts and possible means of reconciliation. One panelist testified to

the opportunity she was given by the conference to listen to and better understand opposing political views. The discussion ended with an engaging question-and-answer session.

The third panel addressed the theme of "New Dialogue between Europe and Eurasia." Panelists discussed the potential revision of the Helsinki Accords, which established new borders in Europe following the dissolution of the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, taking into account new geopolitical realities in the region. The panel brought together distinguished scholars and political leaders from Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Austria, including a former secretary general of the Council of Europe. The academic and political experience of the speakers attracted many participants coming from regions concerned with this sensitive issue.



The fourth panel was titled "Peace Initiatives in the Balkans." Speakers, including a Bektashi religious leader, a Kosovan government minister, a Bosnian journalist and writer, and a Serbian cultural entrepreneur, reviewed several political, interreligious and cultural initiatives meant to build a peaceful and democratic future in the Balkan region. The panel concluded with a presentation on the UPF "Peace Road" project, an initiative engaging youth, religious and political leaders to connect people and nations beyond borders.

The second session of the morning was a plenary assembly dedicated to the inauguration in Europe and the Middle East of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD). A focal point of the conference, it drew an additional 100 participants, including UPF leaders from around the world, bringing the total to 350 participants.

The session began with a speech by His Excellency Shin Dong-ik, the ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Austria, who had been invited to address the assembly about the recent political breakthrough between the North and South Korean leaders. He explained in some detail the issues at stake and the possible steps toward unification that could be taken by President Kim Jeong-un and President Moon Jae-in.

Dr. Felix Unger, the president of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, gave the keynote address. Dr. Unger, a well-known Austrian heart surgeon, co-founded the academy in 1990 together with Cardinal Franz Koenig, the former archbishop of Vienna, and the philosopher and political scientist Professor Nikolaus Lobkowitz. Its members -- 1,700 intellectuals, including more than 30 Nobel laureates -- address challenges of the post-Cold War era. In his keynote address, Dr. Unger expressed his support for the establishment of IAPD, offering his vision of a common engagement of scientists and spiritual leaders for the sake of peace and development.

Then four prominent religious leaders took the stage, representing Christianity and Islam, as well as Europe, the Middle East and Africa: an Apostolic archbishop from Zimbabwe; a UN envoy for peacebuilding in Syria who is the granddaughter of the late grand mufti of Syria Sheikh Ahmed Kftaro; the dean emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland; and the president of the World Congress of Faiths from the United Kingdom. Each of them recommended interdenominational cooperation, an engagement with leaders in all fields of society, and the mobilization of women in every peace process.

A Peace Ceremony involving candlelight and water began with a musical interlude. A string quartet of young artists from Austria and the Czech Republic delighted the audience with a beautiful rendition of the Pachelbel Canon. Then a Catholic priest from Spain, the former ecumenical delegate of the diocese of Madrid, and the rector of a major mosque in France stood together on stage for an interfaith prayer given in English and in Arabic.

The Peace Ceremony started with 12 young people, dressed in the colors of the "Peace Starts with Me" festival, coming on stage holding small lit candles and glasses of water -- which had been brought by participants from different countries and continents. As they lined up, the dean of the Class of World

Religions of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, a co-organizer of the conference, explained the symbolism of light and water as sources of spiritual and physical life. Then 12 conference participants, each representing a different religion or denomination, lined up on stage behind two tables set up with large candles and a transparent water bowl. Receiving light and water from the young people, they simultaneously lit the candles and mixed the waters, as sacred music was played softly by the string quartet.



Finally, reading the IAPD Declaration, the dean of the Class of World Religions announced the establishment in Europe and the Middle East of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development.

In the afternoon, filling four large buses, conference participants were taken to the "Peace Starts with Me" festival at the Vienna Stadthalle, a large indoor arena. Ten thousand people from all over Europe, the Middle East, Russia and beyond gathered at the festival.

An outstanding entertainment program preceded the main speech, including the three-hundred-voice Longfield Gospel Choir from Austria, the Hungarian shadow theater group Attraction, the Maltese modern-dance troupe Spark, and the Japanese soprano Seiko Lee in a duet with the Albanian tenor Kastriot Tusha.

Former Austrian Defense Minister Dr. Werner Fasslabend gave a warm and heartfelt introduction to UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the main speaker. In her talk, Dr. Moon recalled the importance of Christianity's development in Europe, as well as some of the human failures that delayed God's providence. She concluded with a message of hope for our modern era, centering on families and youth living for the sake of others and for the world.

The audience was then treated to exciting entertainment from the Serbian pop singer Nevena Božović. Finally, with her powerful voice, the American gospel star Yolanda Adams, backed by the Longfield Gospel Choir, concluded the program with songs full of heart, ending with a "yes, we can" song that brought everyone to their feet.

The participants of the International Leadership Conference then returned to the Parkhotel Schönbrunn for a concluding dinner banquet. The former president of Albania, a Moroccan scholar and a woman leader from the United Kingdom offered congratulatory words and reflections.

A concluding message was given by the regional chair for Europe and Middle East of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), an organization affiliated with UPF which provided major support for the Vienna events. He encouraged all participants to actively engage in IAPD activities, after which soprano Seiko Lee delighted the international audience with songs sung in German and Russian.

For a full schedule of this conference, [click here](#).

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# International Leadership Conference



**Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**

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LEADERS FROM  
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**UPF's ILC programs have been developed** to address this need. The ILC series gives emphasis to the development of a new model or paradigm for leadership and good governance at this time in history; a model that is innovative, principled and effective in solving global problems.

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**Participants at an International Leadership Conference**

# Welcome!

Dear ILC Participants,



Welcome to this special International Leadership Conference (ILC), sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, and convened on April 28-29, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The theme for the ILC is *“Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: the Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians.”* The ILC will feature two special projects recently launched by UPF: the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

A highly selective group of delegates from Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East, Africa, Oceania and the Far East are in attendance, including members of parliaments, religious leaders, women leaders, and civil society leaders. We believe that the participation of high level representatives from over 40 nations will assure its success.

The Universal Peace Federation was founded by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. UPF’s founding vision is rooted in universal spiritual and moral principles that apply to all areas of human endeavor, including the family, society, government, religion, business, academia, media, arts, and sports.

With this in mind, the ILC provides a golden opportunity for us to come together as an international and interreligious group of leaders from various sectors to reflect on the ways we might each contribute to building a nation and a world of lasting peace.

A significant feature of the program will be the launch of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and the Middle East. All participants will then be invited as honored guests to attend the “Peace Starts with Me” Festival that will gather 10,000 people at the Wiener Stadthalle, in Vienna. The UPF Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon will be a keynote speaker at this event.

Thank you for joining us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ostuka', with a decorative flourish underneath.

Dr Katsumi Ostuka  
*President, UPF Europe and Middle East*

# Universal Peace Federation



**Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founders, UPF International**

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace centered on universal spiritual and moral values. UPF and its global network of Ambassadors for Peace bring universal, spiritual principles to the task of resolving conflict and reconciling the divided human family.

International Leadership Conferences, symposia, and peace councils offer opportunities for high-level consultations. These are complemented by “track two” diplomacy and grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.

UPF is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



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## Ambassadors for Peace

**Launched in 2001, Ambassadors for Peace form the world's largest and most diverse network of peace leaders. They come from all walks of life representing all races, religions, nationalities, and cultures, and commit themselves to:**

- Stand on the common ground of universal moral principles, committed to overcoming barriers and promoting reconciliation and peace.
- Constitute a global network of leaders representing the religious, racial, and ethnic diversity of the human family as well as all disciplines and sectors of human endeavor.
- Engage in peace initiatives and programs that promote reconciliation and cooperation beyond traditional boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, and nationality.
- Promote and practice the ethic of “living for the sake of others” as the guiding principle for building world peace and a global community.

## Guiding Principles

- We are one family under God.
- The highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral in nature.
- The family is the “school of love and peace.”
- By practicing the ethics of living for the sake of others we can reconcile the divided human family.
- Lasting peace cannot be achieved through political compromise alone but must involve a commitment to personal change.

## Areas of Focus

- Interfaith activism for peace
- Establishment of an Interfaith Council at the United Nations
- Humanitarian Relief
- Conflict Prevention
- Marriage and Family
- Environmentalism and Conservation

# International Leadership Conference

“TOWARD INTERDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL PROSPERITY:  
THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS”

## Program Schedule

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Arrivals in Vienna and Registration

#### 16:00 Session I: The Vision and Initiatives of the Universal Peace Federation

*This session will feature an introduction to the UPF Founders' vision and the peacebuilding principles informing the two projects recently launched by the Universal Peace Federation: the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).*

**Moderator: Mr. Jacques Marion**, Secretary General, UPF Europe

**Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Katsumi Otsuka**, President, UPF Europe & Middle East

**Ms. Carolyn Handschin**, UN Office Director, WFPW International

**Founders' Vision and UPF Initiatives: Dr. Thomas Walsh**, Chair, UPF International

#### 16:30 Session II: Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians as Peacemakers

*Lasting solutions to the critical challenges of our time call for both the skills and experience of politicians and the global vision provided by religious leaders. How can parliamentarians and leaders of faith-based organizations, transcending national, religious and political affiliations, cooperate to develop comprehensive strategies for peace and development? Panelists will offer their perspectives on the complementary roles of political and religious leaders and propose policies and action steps to address specific challenges affecting Europe and the Middle East.*

**Moderator: Mr. Peter Haider**, President, UPF Austria

**Dr. Elmar Kuhn**, Dean, Class of World Religions, Europ. Academy of Sciences and Arts

**H.E. Fatmir Sejdiu**, President of Kosovo (2006 – 2010)

**Hon. Angela Guerra**, Member of Parliament, Portugal

**Hon. Andrey Svintsov**, Member of the State Duma, Russia

**Hon. Dr. Mohamad Habash**, Islamic Scholar, former Member of Parliament, Syria

18:00 Break



18:30

**Session III: The Role and Relevance of Religion in Building Inclusive, Peaceful and Prosperous Societies**

*Throughout the world, religion continues to play a very significant role in guiding the development of individuals as well as the wider society. While in some countries—in Europe, for example—there are spheres of life that are largely secularized, religion nevertheless has ongoing relevance and importance. The vast majority of the world's population identify themselves with a religious worldview that informs their ideas and guides their practices. In this session, panelists will assess the conditions under which religions can exert a positive influence on modern, democratic societies and offer policy recommendations to this effect.*

**Moderator: Mr. David Fraser Harris**, Secretary General, UPF Middle East

**Dr. Viggo Mortensen**, Prof. em. in Systematic Theology, University of Aarhus, Denmark

**Mr. Shlomi Perlmutter**, Senior Lecturer, Elul College, Israel

**Dr. Raffaella Di Marzio**, Director, Center for Studies on Freedom of Religion, Belief and Conscience (LIREC), Italy

**Hon. Dr. Andriy Yurash**, Head, State Department of Religion, Ukraine

**Dr. Ismail Yasin**, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, University of Vienna, Austria

20:00

Dinner

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

7:00

**Interfaith Prayer and Meditation** (optional, in both hotels)

7:00

Breakfast

9:00

**Session IV: Beyond Coexistence: Dealing with the Challenges of Interdependence - (Four Concurrent Sessions)**

**A. Values Education and Healthy Families – Fostering an Environment for Prosperity, Citizenship and Interreligious Harmony**

*Building a peaceful world of co-prosperity and shared values has long been the goal of religion, politics and educational institutions. In a stable, loving family, individuals may naturally develop capacities for love, respect, communication, cooperation, service, conflict resolution, forgiveness and other social skills that are relevant to life in the wider society. How can this universal principle be applied and extended to encourage harmonious social relations and partnerships for peace in our communities and in the family of nations?*

**Moderator: Ms. Carolyn Handschin**, UN Office Director, WFPW International

**Prof. Yeon-ah Moon**, President, WFPW International

**Hon. Dr. Vasilika Hysi**, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Albania

**Hon. Nina Nováková**, Member of Parliament (2013-2017), Czech Republic

**Rev. Ivo Sasek**, President, Organische Christus Generation (OCG), Switzerland

**Ms. Tahirih Danesh**, Senior Programme Consultant, The Ward and Brown Foundation, United Kingdom

## B. Middle East Peace Initiatives: Assessing the Role of Religion

*Peacebuilding necessarily involves cooperation between all sectors of society. While the world looks in anguish at the horrors of multiple conflicts in the home of the Abrahamic faiths, the evidence on the ground suggests that such conflicts are stoked by an array of other factors, not least a dearth of civic values and near-absence of the rule of law. In what way has—and in what way can—religion play a positive role in bringing peace to the peoples of the Middle East?*

**Moderator: Ms. Natascha Schellen**, Communications Advisor, WFPW Europe

**Mr. Oraib Al Rantawi**, General Director, Al Quds Center for Political Studies, Jordan

**Hon. Tahani Abu Daqqa**, Former Minister of Sports, Palestine

**Dr. Jihad Naaman**, Professor, Lebanese University, Lebanon

**Rev. Anders Gadegaard**, Dean of the Cathedral, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denmark

## C. Toward a New Dialogue between Europe and Eurasia

*After the end of the socialist system in Europe, following the dissolution of the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, new sovereign states with new borders appeared on the map of Europe. In the context of the current geopolitical realities, participating nations of the Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) need to come to the negotiating table to revise the Helsinki Accords to reach a mutually acceptable understanding of the previous frameworks and discuss their possible modification. Panelists in this session will offer their perspectives on the role that may be played by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – and by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) – in this undertaking.*

**Moderator: Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky**, Chief Academic Researcher,  
Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

**Dr. Walter Schwimmer**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1999-2004), Austria

**Dr. Alexander Dubowy**, Senior Researcher, Austrian Defense Academy, Austria

**Ms. Dalila Khorava**, President, Georgia for Refugees, Georgia

**Hon. Viktor Ielensky**, Member of Parliament, Ukraine

**Dr. Leo Gabriel**, Journalist and Anthropologist, Austria

## D. Peace Initiatives in the Balkans

*As a historical crossroads of empires and cultures, the Balkan Peninsula is the center of political, cultural and religious influences that make it a significant field for interreligious and intercultural peacebuilding in Europe in the 21st century. In this session, panelists will offer their perspectives on peacebuilding initiatives undertaken in the Balkans and recommend action steps toward a peaceful and democratic future in the region. This session also will feature a presentation of the Balkan Peace Road project promoted by UPF.*

**Moderator: Professor Anis Bajrektarevic**, Head, IFIMES Permanent Mission to Austria  
and Vienna-based Intl Organisations

**Hajji Baba Edmond Brahimaj**, World Leader, Bektashi Order, Albania

**Mr. Mirnes Kovač**, Journalist, Preporod Islamic News Magazine, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Hon. Dr. Skender Recica**, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Kosovo

**Mr. Aleksandar Pekovic**, Ljubljana Creative Forum, Serbia

**Ms. Manjola Vasmatics**, Secretary General, Tirana UPF Peace Council, Albania

10:30

Break

**11:00**      **Session V: Inauguration of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and the Middle East**

*It is time for humanity to embrace universally shared values, going beyond differences of ideology, race, nationality, and religion, and pursue a path of mutual cooperation and mutual prosperity. In this way it is possible to build a world of lasting and sustainable peace that can be bequeathed to future generations. To fulfill this task, religious leaders have a primary responsibility to cooperate beyond denominations and work in harmony with leaders in all fields of society. In this session, religious leaders and leaders of faith-based organizations will propose the formation of a world-level interfaith association through which to work together for peace and development.*

**Moderator: Dr. Thomas Walsh**, Chairman, UPF International

**Keynote speech: Dr. Felix Unger**, President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts  
**Archbishop Dr. Johannes Ndanga**, President, Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe  
**Ms. Asmaa Kftaro**, Women's Advisory Board, UN Envoy for Peacebuilding in Syria  
**Rev. Dr. William McComish**, Dean Emeritus, Geneva St. Peter's Cathedral, Switzerland  
**Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke**, President, World Congress of Faiths, United Kingdom

**Musical interlude**

**Interreligious Prayer**

**Father Mariano Perron**, Delegate for Interconfessional Affairs (1974-2012),  
Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Madrid, Spain

**Rector Khalil Merroun**, Rector, Mosque of Evry, France

**Peace Ceremony**

**IAPD Declaration**

**Dr. Elmar Kuhn**, Dean, Class of World Religions, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

12:30      Lunch

13:45      Buses depart to the Wiener Stadthalle

**15:00**      **“Peace Starts with Me” Festival** - Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna

17:30      Buses depart to hotel

**19:00**      **Closing Banquet** (at Parkhotel Schönbrunn)

**Moderator: Mr. David Fraser Harris**, Secretary General, UPF Middle East

**Congratulatory Remarks: H. E. Alfred Moisiu**, President of Albania (2002 – 2007)

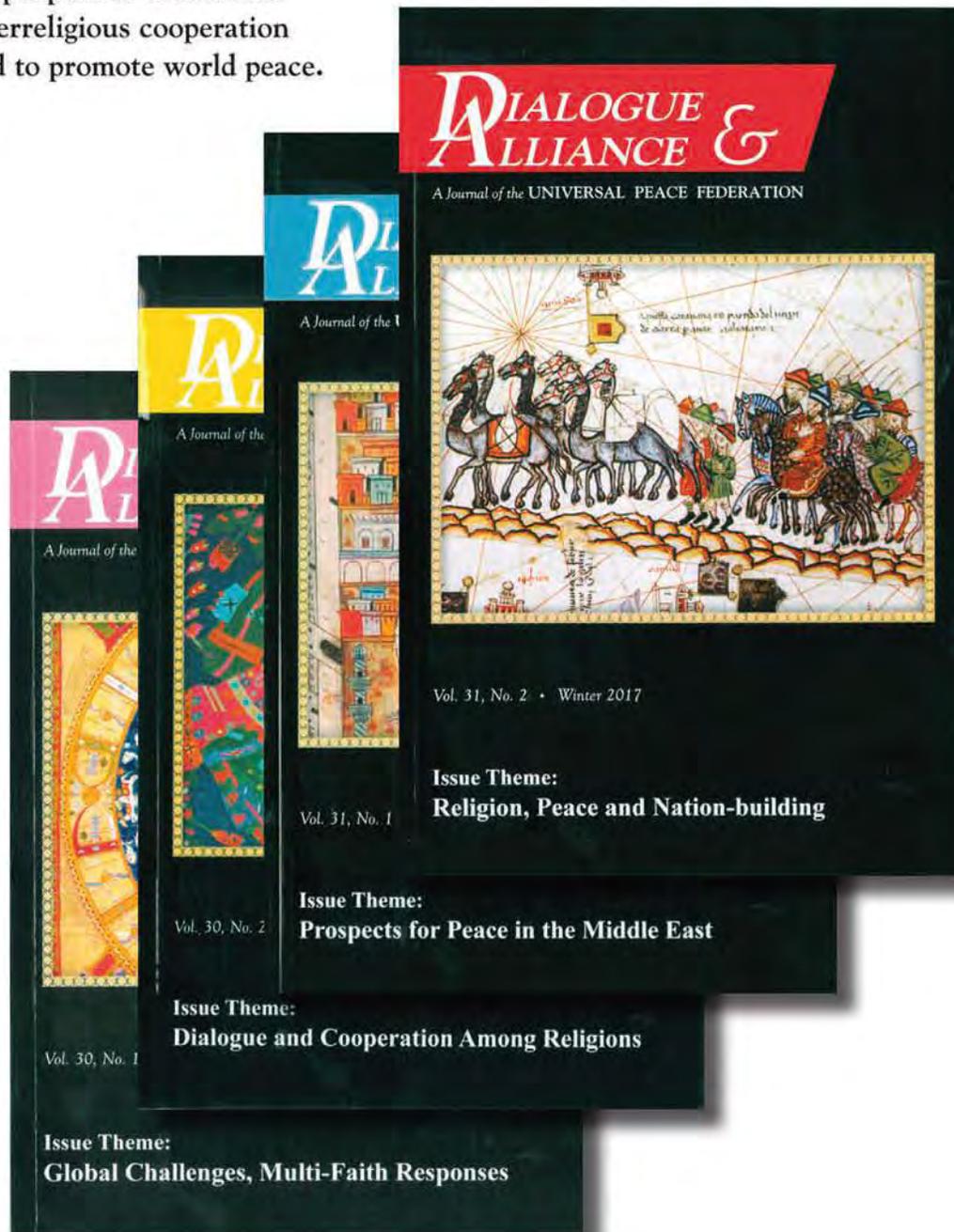
**Closing Remarks: Dr. Michael Balcomb**, Chairman, FFWPU Europe & Middle East

**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

7:00      Breakfast  
            Departures

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**The founder of the Sunhak Peace Prize, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, Dr. Gino Strada, and Chairman Dr. Il Sik Hong**

## CORE VALUES: A LEGACY OF PEACE

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established to honor the lives and legacy of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, both of whom devoted their lives to peace. In 2015, the Sunhak Peace Prize was awarded to President Anote Tong of Kiribati, and to Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta of India. The 2017 laureates are Dr. Sakena Yacoobi of Afghanistan and Dr. Gino Strada of Italy. The peaceful world envisioned by humankind can only be built upon an all-encompassing foundation where peace among nations exists politically, militarily and religiously, and is realized by protecting family values, the sanctity of marriage, and the value of filial piety through the maturity of human character. The next Sunhak Peace Prize will be presented in 2019.





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