

## President Lan Young Moon Encourages Women Leaders on Their Pilgrimage for Peace

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*Women's Federation for World Peace members from around the world.*

Women's Federation for World Peace International President Dr. Lan-young Moon shared her heart with WFWP leaders as part of the International Leadership Conference that began February 10 in South Korea. As WFWP prepares for a pilgrimage to Israel in May, a joint venture with the Universal Peace Federation, True Mother shared some reflections on the first jointly sponsored trip to the Middle East ten years ago.



*Mrs. Hoon Sook Moon reads the keynote address on True Mother's behalf*



*Dr. Lan Young Moon, international president of the Women's Federation for World Peace, gives a message of greeting*

It was a time of great upheaval in that region, and President Moon tearfully recounted True Father's words after they had spent many hours doing Hoon Dok Hae: "I am sending my daughters into danger. I need to do this Hoon Dok Hae to protect them on this trip." True Father also said to her: "I want you (the women) to step into Jerusalem, to feel God's heart and Jesus' heart. Please make a beautiful reconciliation between the two sons"—a reference to Isaac and Ishmael, the biblical progenitors of the Jews and the Arabs. It was significant that True Father decided not to send a delegation of ministers or men. As Alexa Ward, deputy director of WFWP International's UN office, noted, "He felt the situation called for the Holy Spirit and a mother's heart."

Carrying the banner of peace with a mother's heart has been the goal of WFWP from its founding in 1992, and continues to be the driving force behind all its initiatives. WFWP had a session that consisted of presentations by experts and activists on issues of women's rights, from concerns in foreign countries to human trafficking. Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of FFWPU-USA, Ricardo de Sena, director of Latino Ministry for FFWPU-USA, Genie Kagawa, Director of the UPF Executive Office, and Dr. Thomas Selover, a professor at CheongShim Seminary in Chung Pyung, Korea, also led a session on "the Principles of Peace," the content of which was based on the *Divine Principle*. The thought-provoking presentations brought the *Divine Principle* alive, and reaffirmed the mission of the founders for all of the participants.



*Mr. Christopher Hill, former US Assistant Secretary of State gives keynote address at the International Leadership Conference*



*Mr. Sa Deok Hong, permanent president of the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation, gives the congratulatory message*

Looking forward to May, Alexa Ward said, "President Moon suggested we experience the Holy Land as if we were on a pilgrimage, instead of focusing on a two- or three-day program with presentations, as we've done in the past." WFWP currently is making plans for this spiritual journey, and hopes to carry True Parents' message to the Holy Land.



*The pre-ceremony performance was simple and elegant*



*Participants at the International Leader's Conference, February 10, 2014*