

Triangle Family Church, UPF-NC and WFWP-NC host MLK, Jr. Celebration 2017

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Raleigh, N.C. – On January 15, 2017, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) of North Carolina in partnership with the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP), the MLK Jr. Task Force of Cary, supported the Community Partners Consortium hosted by the Triangle Family Church at Triangle Family Church with the focus on “An Urgent Call for Reflection, Hope, and Action.”



The program included honoring and recognizing the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for his contribution to world peace. Appointments of Ambassadors for Peace which is a project of the UPF was guided by Mrs. Sharon Pace, Executive Director of UPF North Carolina; Ms. Carolyn Sampson, Coordinator, WFWP North Carolina & President of MLK, Jr. Task Force of Cary; Mr. John Pace Pastor, Triangle Family Church; Mr. Bob Huneycutt and Mrs. Stephanie Nishida. The two appointees were Deborah Robinson and LoveN’der Avent Alston standing with her husband, mother and two daughters.

More than 80 people gathered for morning service at around 10 AM which included praise songs, worship and silent moments of reflection by Ambassadors for Peace, guests and members of Triangle Family Church about how God working in their lives to bring us together as His True Family.

The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Angelika Selle via live video stream. Her message was about the “Qualities of a Peace Leader”.

The AFP Reunion was one event in a series of events comprising the MLK, Jr. Celebration 2017. For over 24 years the MLK, Jr. Task Force of Cary has annually celebrated the life, work, and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events are designed to educate, inspire, and challenge us all to create a welcoming, inclusive community that operates in an atmosphere of cooperation, respect, and understanding all year long. UPF of NC is proud to be a community partner and appreciates the

opportunity to collaborate on the AFP Reunion 2017 event. In North Carolina, we believe that community partners work when we serve and support each other.

Many thanks to all individuals and groups who resolved to be involved because the “why” is so great. Without their time, talent and energy, this event would not have been possible. This event was a reunion of national, state and community leaders focusing on a culture of peace. A video of Dr. King’s historic letter from Birmingham jail was shown by Triangle Family Church member Jack Hopper. The program concluded with a sumptuous lunch shared by all. While at lunch, discussions groups were created at each table and participants shared their personal thoughts on peace and family values.



“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me”, inspiring words and song and one united prayer circle concluded our day of celebration. Until our next Ambassadors for Peace Annual Reunion 2018. God bless everyone!

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