

UPF-LV celebrated International Day of Peace Celebrated in Las Vegas

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Universal Peace Federation Las Vegas (UPFLV) held a Peace Prayer to commemorate the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 21 at 12 noon, International Day of Peace was celebrated in Las Vegas by having a Peace Prayer in front of Las Vegas City Hall. Universal Peace Federation invited Ambassadors of Peace and several Interfaith and religious organizations to participate. Twenty interfaith leaders gathered, offering prayers from their faith traditions, including representatives from the Mayor Faith Initiative, the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, Family Federation for World Peace and Women's Federation for World Peace.

Included were 'None' (Spiritual, but not religious), reading Hopi Prayer, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Christian (from LDS), Bahai, Unificationist, and Spiritualist reading a Shoshone prayer. Everyone who chose to, said a prayer, as well as those representing their faith group.

Katherine Duncan, UPFLV Chairwoman, read some of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's words from his speech to Congress "The Era of the Peace Kingdom" focusing on the role of a True Family in creating peace.

Mrs. Leslie Rigney, UPFLV Executive Director, conducted the water ceremony where each faith group participated. After, we spoke together, then went inside for a light lunch and networking. Each person shared briefly about their faith group and any special activities they are involved in.

There was a wonderful spirit of sharing and respect among everyone present. Some spoke about wanting to have a real Interfaith Celebration next year. Several new people asked to be added to our email list and look forward to more events together, in the future.

