



Women's Federation for World Peace

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From the National Office

My dear friends, News these days seems so bleak, with nations invading their neighbour and one religious group retaliating to another. It seems that the families that suffer are not important, that world leaders do not listen to what their people really want, peace, prosperity and security. Are we listening to both sides of the story; are we listening to the hearts of the other; and, most importantly striving to see the big picture. This one planet in the outer edge of our Galaxy, the Milky Way, is our 'home' and we are all in this together. WFWP is truly ringing the warning bell, this is our time as women to try a different tactic in peace building, one where the 'mother's heart' can be expressed. I had the blessing to attend the WFWP International leader's conference in South Korea in August. I spoke with the Regional International Vice-presidents from the Middle East and Russia. In tears, the Russian representative told us that Russian people love Ukrainian people and vice versa, explaining that "we are the same". The Middle Eastern representative said that both sides in the conflict have so much resentment towards each other. Surely, only an attitude where the Mother's Heart is expressed can solutions to such troubles be achieved; because ultimately our actions are the result of how we feel within their hearts due to the way we are treated. It takes a 'mother's heart' to forgive and trust again. I am not naïve and nor are these simple solutions, but enough is enough. 'Hard method' solutions to peace have had a long time to prove that they do not work; it is time for more 'soft method' solutions to come into vogue. This has been the mantra of WFWP for the past 22 years and now with the Global Women's Peace Network initiative, we are working at the leadership level to share this message in the promotion of peace building. Our winter newsletter is full of testimonies from the field, enjoy.

Warmest wishes,

Anne Bellavance
President WFWP, Australia



Her Story - reflections from the field

My name is Lauren Lewis and I first became involved with the Women's Federation for World Peace through a friend of mine, Debra Bruce several years ago. We have since started our own choir and I often attend WFWP activities.

Our choir, The Silverbelles, has been going since Christmas 2012, coming from the idea of bringing joy to elderly residents in Aged Care settings. We now have a mixture of cultural as well as ages in our women's choir group.

Because I love to add my own creative touches to the songs, I am the self-appointed Creative Director. We have recently added some Beatles songs to our repertoire to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of their visit to Australia. "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" sees me going into the audience and holding each and every one of their hands as we sing. The idea is to have them involved in the performance by also handing out small maracas for them to use. It is a rewarding time for both the audience and us. My favourite gig was when a gentleman got up out of his chair and started dancing. I joined in with him and he spun me around and we had a great time. We all couldn't stop smiling and laughing. It was by far our most favourite performance to date.

There have been many WFWP and UPF activities that I have attended and even though I am not a member, I am always made very welcome and have

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The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers



“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. ... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love.”

Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon
Founder, WFWP International

Overview of WFWP activities in Oceania

W^{FWP} Chapters adhere to the principle that women working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion; we can create healthy families and resolve the complex problems of our societies and world.

The acronym for the fabric S. A. T. I. N summarises the philosophy behind WFWP.

*S*hine & stand up
*A*ction; starting in the family
*T*ransformation through teaching
*I*mpact with love
*N*urture self & others

Since the inauguration of WFWP International in 1992, WFWP is now active in 122 nations worldwide. As an NGO, WFWP obtained the prestigious General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations after only three years of International humanitarian service. Check out our website in Australia to see where you can get involved www.wfwpaustralia.org WFWP Australia supports projects within the Island nations of the Oceania region. These include: Books for the Islands; Solomon Island Kindergarten; Vanuatu Women’s Centre; Island Lights and Water Project; Marriage, Family and Wellness education; Character education; and, reconciliation through the Bridge of Peace ceremonies.

Join us in our efforts to promote a culture of peace through: fostering dialogue, developing projects that nurture reconciliation and conflict resolution, supporting projects that serve the community and overcome racial boundaries; all centering on the inherent feminine characteristics of care, empathy, support, nurturing and cooperation. Connect with other likeminded people around the world who are dedicated to a more harmonious and peaceful world. WFWP contact details are found at the back of the newsletter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Aims & Activities



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Ultimately “solutions” come as true partnerships between men and women are established in all levels of society. The beginning point is within society’s most elemental level - the family. Therefore, WFWP works to provide women worldwide with: the knowledge, tools and support needed to create peace at home, peace in our communities and our nation.

Victoria



Families Under Stress – Exploring the Challenges and Solutions for Healthy Families and Society



On July 26th, WFP and UPF co-sponsored a conference focusing on 'Families under Stress'. The day was part of a series of seminars exploring the fundamental moral and spiritual principles governing the peace building methodology of these two international NGOs, which seeks to shed a light on the social and moral problems facing society and build a peaceful world.



The first presentation entitled: Families under Stress – Issues Facing Families was presented by Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts, Board Director, Western Health, Lecturer Community Health College of Health and Biomedicine, Victoria University, Melbourne Australia. She is also the national patron for WFP in Australia and a newly appointed Ambassador for Peace. Mimmie endeavoured to unpack some of the challenges families face in our modern society and presented proposals for solutions.



The second presentation entitled 'The Building Block of Healthy Family and Society' was presented by John Bellavance, National Vice-President of the Universal Peace Federation. His presentation examined the two fundamental building blocks of a healthy family and society: an individual of good character and loving relationships within the family. The third presentation entitled: Sources of Conflict was also delivered by John.

The final presentation entitled 'Conflict and Restoration' was delivered by Anne Bellavance, the International Vice-President and National President of the Women's Federation for World Peace. Anne covered issues focusing on



dysfunctional human characteristics and conflict. When conflicts are managed well, relationships are strengthened; however, when not dealt with effectively, conflict can create division, damage relationships and expand conflict in society. This presentation looked at how to manage the four main dysfunctional aspects of human nature.



Three new Ambassadors for Peace were inducted at the conclusion of the event. From left holding the award is Sisay Dinku

(Winner, Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence, Executive Committee and Co - Organiser of Celebration of African Australians Inc. and Co-founder and Management Committee of Team Africa). The centre is Dr Mimmie Claudine Ngum Chi Watts (Board Director, Western Health, Lecturer Community Health College of Health and Biomedicine, Victoria University, Melbourne Australia). To the right is Bright Belemu Chinganya (Chief Executive Officer-African Leadership, Learning & Advocacy Group (ALLAG)-Current, President-Zambian Association for Victoria and Research Officer- Monash University).

The advanced session in the series of Peace Seminars will be on August 23rd at Monash University in the Law Building starting at 10:30am.

WFWP in the City – Her Story, a spiritual journey

'WFWP in the City' runs bi-monthly, alternating with WFWP in the Hills on the alternate month. On the 1st Saturday of July we gathered at the Multi-Cultural Hub in the City for 'Her Story', with a focus on 'a spiritual journey'. The goal is to compile the deep and rich stories of the incredibly resilient women who share their challenges and victories into a book, focusing on the spiritual journey of each of the speakers.

Dr. Monica Zamen poured out her heart sharing how she left her home county of Pakistan and came to Australia due to religious persecution of Pakistan Christians. Monica was a university lecturer and now feels like a '2nd class citizen', feeling branded by some of the established Australian community as a refugee. Her family has recently been re-united, but previously

she was alone in Melbourne for two years trying to find the simplest type of employment. Even though Monica has a PhD, has written many journal articles and is recognised for her academic contribution in Pakistan, in Australia her qualifications are not recognised. Monica has been actively gaining certificate qualifications to be able to financially support herself and her family.

After Monica's Story, participants had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the points drawn out from the story. Monica gained strength from the conversations brought forward from participants who offered moral and spiritual support; emphasising that most Australians do not 'look down' on new Australians, especially as all non-Aboriginal Australians originated from new immigrants. Our next WFWP in the City is the 1st Saturday of September starting with lunch at 12pm.



'WFWP in the Hills' workshops

On the 1st Sunday of August (August 3rd) we had our Hill's workshop despite the cold day. Three speakers presented on the theme of Healthy Families start from a Healthy Lifestyle.

Constable Joann Hayden, from Belgrave Police talked about the reality of domestic violence in the Belgrave area. She saw that domestic violence erupts mostly when there are major parties such as Christmas, weddings and holidays when families come together and drink; resulting in violence. The problem is this violence also involves the children and women in the family. The sad reality is



that 80% of murders occur between family members.

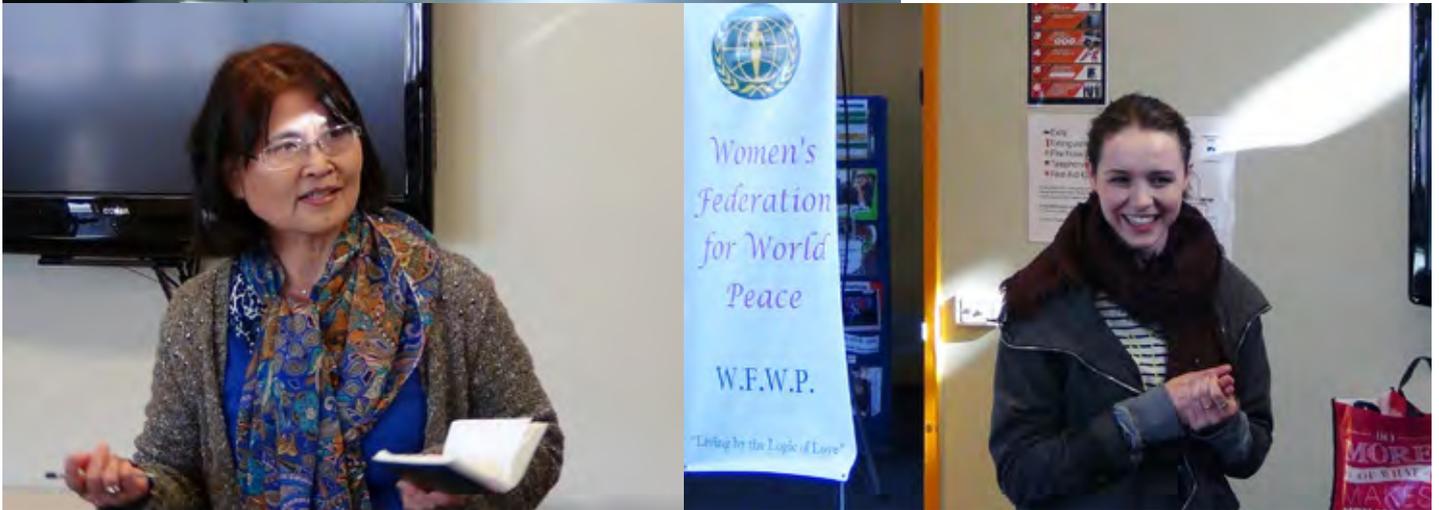
Lorraine Lord from Health Champions in Dandenong spoke about how to make healthy choices with food and lifestyle. Lorraine showed her secret box, inside was a piece of paper with simple exercises that could be performed using a chair or leaning on the wall. Two tins of baked beans were used to do arm exercise with both arms as a simple weight. Health



Champions is a City of Greater Dandenong initiative to teach residents healthy lifestyles. Lorraine and Tsuneko Babb attended the Health Champions course conducted over 6 weeks. Our workshop attendees enjoyed practicing the exercises.

Kosina Hanson studies Social Work at Monash University and she spoke about her placement work that focused on domestic violence. After a domestic violence situation, Kosina looked after the children when they were removed from their home for protection.

After the presentations a question and answer session concluded the afternoon.



WFWP Victoria is a chapter of WFWP Australia, one of the 122 national chapters of WFWP International; an International NGO having general consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. WFWP supports the UN millennium goals and seeks to serve with the 'logic of love' (the WFWP motto) and empower women to find their unique value.

For more information visit www.wfwpaustralia.org



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A Gift from the Heart

The WFWP President of NSW, Aila Willits thought it would be a wonderful idea to reach out to our local community by offering donations of second hand clothing to women's shelters in Sydney. The WFWP had 20 boxes to offer, however, research showed us that the women's shelters didn't accept second hand clothing. It was their policy to receive only new or as new clothing for the women, in order to lift up their self-esteem. So we were really happy when we discovered the company called Clothesline.

Clothesline has volunteers that sort through second hand clothing and make up packages for women's shelters that fit their needs. They make sure that their volunteers pick the very best clothing. There are some companies that periodically give them brand new clothing as well.

Ralph Feller organised to come and pick up the clothing on 7/7/14 and was very happy to receive these clothes from our NSW chapter. He told us that some of the clothes that are not new are given to the homeless. He drives around in his van and when people living on the street are receiving free meals, he offers them free clothes.

Especially this time of year, when it is so cold, it is good to know that someone can feel warmth through these donations of clothing. Thanks to all who donated. It is a wonderful feeling to give to our communities.

Debra Bruce

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made many friends. The monthly Women's Circle has been held at my house several times. It is always enjoyable having the ladies meeting together. To me, it makes me feel empowered as a woman. The last meeting at my house, I researched Mother Teresa and shared the information with the other women.

The cultural days have also been a favourite of mine. We have learnt about the culture, foods, ceremonies and history of Australia, Japan, India, France and Italy. Thereby following Reverend Moon's ideals of breaking down barriers by learning about different cultures forging love and interracial harmony instead of conflicts.

Lauren Lewis



Workshop to develop the volunteer policy for WFWP national held in NSW

A workshop to develop a WFWP national volunteer policy was held in Sydney on Sunday August 3rd. Anne Bellavance (national president) ran the session, similar to a session held in Victoria the previous week. The goal was to gather input from the majority of WFWP members throughout Australia so that collectively we develop a national volunteer policy, especially as we are all volunteer members.

The session began with each member sharing one inner strength and one skill they bring to the work of WFWP. Anne then explained the purpose behind developing a volunteer policy and the Australian standards required for organisations taking on volunteer assistance. We broke up in small groups to brain storm the positive and negative aspects of volunteering as an individual and as an organisation. The points that each group brought up, were then viewed by everyone to select the key positive and negative aspects of volunteering with WFWP. These key points will be compared with the comments shared by the Victorian members and a national policy will then be drawn up for feedback from the national membership before it becomes policy. This will then be placed on our website for viewing.

The conclusion of the workshop was an analysis of what we are proud of, what we have done well, what we can improve and finally what next? Aila Willitts (NSW president) will use these comments to develop WFWP activities in NSW and stimulate discussion at the Sydney based meetings.



Report — Charity Afternoon Tea Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Queensland

19 July 2014, Underwood Park Hall

As our quarterly meeting we had a Charity Afternoon Tea on Saturday 19 July. In order to accommodate working members we planned this event on a Saturday.

The program's main focus was to raise funds for solar light equipment for the women's centre in Vanuatu.

There were about 30 attendees. The MC of the day was Sharon Orapeleng who is the immediate past president of Queensland African Communities Council (QACC) and the project advisor of WFWP.

The program started with 'Acknowledgment of

Country' by Aunty Peggy Tidyman, President of Logan Elders.

Mamiko Rattley, chair of WFWP Queensland, welcomed the participants and reported on activities of the organisation, and appealed to support this unique women's centre in Tana, Vanuatu which is trying to break a cycle of poverty and welfare dependence to ownership, to rebuild their own community. All participants eagerly bought raffle tickets for this worthy cause.

Before afternoon tea the MC asked everyone to introduce themselves starting with representatives of some community organisations.



The ladies trio, Kaleidoscope entertained us as always with their cheerful up-beat songs. During the final song some women got up and danced.

After everyone enjoyed afternoon tea and socialising, the MC led a short but good discussion on “What are the barriers that stop women from aspiring to higher roles?”

In conclusion we decided to participate in a Women’s Healing Circle which will be run by Aunty Peggy in the near future. We agreed that in order for any women to go forward with a positive mindset for promoting peace, women need healing first.

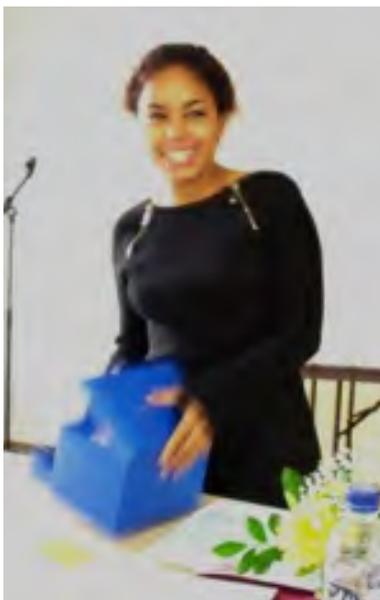
At the end of program we had raffle draws. Aunty Peggy picked out tickets for 9 lucky prize winners. And each prize donor was recognised.

We raised about \$300 total.

To conclude, Mamiko thanked all the participants for their generosity and support for today’s charity effort, and asked them to join WFWP to promote peace through empowering women in Queensland.

We all had a happy and inspiring afternoon.

Prepared by Mamiko Rattley, Chair WFWP Queensland



National

Strengthening Marriage and Family as a Foundation for Peace

WFWP Australia in partnership with UPF & the FFWPU held a 1 day seminar at the Oceania Peace Embassy in Sydney on August 3rd. Presentations on peace building from the perspective of the Moslem, Christian, Buddhist and Unification faiths opened the day. One highlight was the workshop on 'building healthy marriage relationships' run by Drew and Julie Wade, founders of 'Way Finding Love', a life coaching for relationships organisation. Participants filled in a survey to discover their language of love. It was explained that understanding our partner's language of love helps the one giving and expressing love achieve it in the most fulfilling way, therefore touching the partner's heart more deeply. We learnt that a marriage will work if 4 out of 5 encounters together are affirming and positive.



Anne Bellavance (WFWP national president) presented an overview of WFWP's philosophy for peace building, explaining that WFWP affirms the family is the cornerstone for peace and therefore, women will be the central axis in building a century of harmony with culture of heart in our 21st century. Anne expressed that leaders in our flattening world require a new set of skills; leaders are required who can reconcile, mediate, forgive and yes, love. Women encompass these qualities more readily, therefore, it is really our time to step forward and take up new opportunities to work in partnership with our men to build a culture of peace. Greg Stone (Oceania Secretary General of UPF) spoke about peace building from a UPF perspective and Natalia representing Youth for World Peace gave a moving testimony about growing up in Lebanon just after the Lebanese war. She experienced first-hand the suffering of war on families around her, many people carrying the scars for the rest of their lives.



The day concluded with a beautiful dinner served by the youth members of FFWPU, WFWP and UPF.



Regional



Oxfam/ Women's Federation for World Peace Afternoon Tea Fundraiser Report



On 31 May 2014 Women's Federation for World Peace New Zealand (WFWP NZ) held an afternoon tea to raise funds for Oxfam to support their work in the Pacific Island.

The afternoon tea fundraiser was held at Parnell Peace Embassy, 24 St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell, Auckland from 3pm until 4.30 pm. About 60 – 70 people attended.

The Chairwoman of WFWP NZ, Mrs Felicity Cairns welcomed every-one and thanked them for their support, attendance and generous donation. She briefly explained about the work that Oxfam and WFWP are doing respectively and that the funds raised will be donated to Oxfam. She gave some insight of what Oxfam use the donations for, for example, by raising \$142, you could provide a goat, two chickens, a duck and a boar to families living in poverty. By raising \$200, you could equip ten families with seeds and gardening skills they need to grow a healthy stable diet and reduce their chance of malnutrition. She gave a brief introduction to the work that WFWP International and New Zealand are doing namely, Education of Women on Family and Women issues, reconciliation through the "Bridge of Peace Ceremony" and service projects.



Registration

Entertainment was provided by several talented performers. Afternoon tea and refreshments were served by our dedicated and caring ladies. Every-one really enjoyed them. The atmosphere was warm and relaxing in a very comfortable setting.

A big thank you to those who prepared the venue, brought a plate of food to share, served the refreshments, helped to tidy up afterwards. Thank you to Barry Noel for taking the photos, Andrew for designing the flyers, Adel Jamati, Japanese missionaries and all those who invited guests.



Participants



Enjoying Afternoon Tea



*Barbara & Un Hee Minett
Ruby & Emma
Joonki Kim*



Japanese Missionaries leading a Japanese dance accompanied by WFWP sisters



Participants enjoying the music



Group Photo

Cycling for Peace

WFWP NZ participated in a Cycling for Peace event on July 26th in cooperation with FFWPU & UPF. Close to 40 people participated. Some of the sisters cycled and some prepared lunch for the participants, which was held at the completion of the cycling tour. Participants felt refreshed and very-one really enjoyed the event.



International

GLOBAL WOMEN'S PEACE NETWORK

Sponsored by WFPW Asia Pacific
Conference June 26-27, 2014
Traders Hotel, Pasay City, Manila, Philippines

Women's Federation Asia Pacific invited 22 nations from the region and Australia from Oceania to attend a conference of Women Federation for World Peace, Asia Pacific which established 82 provincial chapters under the name of "Mothers' Hearts Network"

Two Hundred Women arrived in Traders Hotel in Manila and attended welcoming banquet.

Mrs. Marilyn Angelucci, President of WFPW, Afghanistan opened the evening which followed with warm welcome from the Sec Gen of Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Asia.

During the lovely dinner Dr Robert Kittle, Director of Education, UPF, Asia spoke about the need for Universal Principles.

The Second day of the conference started with opening program. The ladies and some gentlemen were officially welcomed by Hon. Imelda Calixto-Rubiano, Representative, 2nd district, Pasay City. She was followed by Mrs. Lily Lim, President of WFPW Asia Pacific.

Special Remarks was given by Dr Chung Sik Yong, Regional Chairperson, UPF Asia Pacific on the topic "Raising Filial Children and Patriots for the Nation"



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Hon Georgina Perez De Venecia, gave heartfelt congratulations on the conference joined by the warm greetings of her husband former Speaker of the House in Philippines Government, avid supporter of UPF International activities in UN.



Dr Lan Young Moon

Dr Lan Young Moon, President Emeritus, WFPW International spoke about "Heart-based Woman leadership for Global family" Many accomplished women spoke in the conference of their work and experience with titles: The role of women in Media and Art, Heart-based Stewardship and economic



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New chapters of WFPW in Philippines

empowerment, Women's original value; standard Bearer of Love, Truth and Beauty, Implementation of women's rights and responsibilities.

Afternoon sessions were divided into 8 different topics concerning women, parenthood, family, patriotism and volunteering.

The conference was like meeting sisters from around the world inspiring each other to go out in the world and support other women and families who are less fortunate than us.



*Prof. Yeon Ah Moon.
President, WFWP International*



Aila with attendees

We all determined to do our best and open new avenues of cooperation and friendship.

Merly Barlaan (WFWP national president of Philippines) launched the Mothers' Hearts Network on September, 2013. visited regional centres.

Convention: Cuneta Astrodome, Pasay City, Manila, June 28, 2014.

In the final day all the 200 women delegates were brought to Cuneta Astrodome, Manila.

The 13000 women, men and youth were enjoying entertainment from talented artist around Philippines. The Philippines WFWP launched 82 Provincial Chapters to start "Mothers' Hearts Network" with support of many government women officials and representatives and international delegation.

We came together to celebrate the accomplishments of many great women leaders in the world and also pass the baton to next generation of International WFWP leader from Dr Lan Young Moon to Prof. Yeon Ah Moon.

We could feel the deep love of sisterhood. We met top political and community leaders of Philippines and cannot wait until the next wonderful event in our sister region. I recommend to anyone who wants to feel the warmth of Philippines to go there to get strong motivation to go with courage and build a better world with women around the world for our future generations.



Aila Willitts, NSW chairperson addressing participants



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World Summit, 2014

August 9-13th Seoul, Korea

Oceania was well represented this year at the World Summit, 2014 in Seoul Korea with representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and the Marshall Islands. Political attendees were the Head of State of Samoa, H.H. Tue Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his wife HH Filifilia Tamasese; the First Lady of Fiji, Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau; the First Lady of Marshall Islands, Mrs. Lieom Anono Loeak; Maori Prince of Kiingitanga, New Zealand, HH Whatumoana Paki, all of whom were key not speakers. The Hon. Hong Lim, minister for Clayton in Victoria and Dr. Abdul Wali Islam, VP of Sunmoon University in South Korea completed our entourage.



1st lady of Fiji 3rd from the left with Hon. Hong Lim beside her.



1st Lady of Marshall Islands 3rd from the left.

Mrs. Sun Jin Moon (Director General, FFWPU International) opened the Summit by reading the Founders address. In the address, Mother Moon emphasised to the political world leaders present to work together to build 'one family under God'; to do everything possible within their nations to build a world of lasting peace by going beyond divisions of religion, race, ethnicity and nationality. This being God's borderless ideal world of freedom, peace unity and happiness.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's welcome during the Memorial service of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The topic sessions during the World Summit were as follows: focus on the Americas, focus on Europe and Eurasia, focus on Africa and the Middle East, focus on Asia and the Pacific, and focus on Interfaith. The highlight of the Summit was the Founders Memorial Program on day 3 of the program. After a two hour drive in the country side of South Korea, we arrived at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong where we joined thousands of participants from all around the world in the stadium. The theme for the event was the Americas.

Mother Moon delivered her address and expressed the outpouring of heart, sweat and tears by Father Moon and herself for over 20 years in North and South America; where Father Moon worked to re-ignite the spirit of America to live for the sake of the world



Rev. Lim, Anne Bellavance & Hon. Hong Lim (Vic. state member for Clayton)

and stand up to individualism and the communist ideology that was prevalent at the time. Noteworthy was the speech given by Hon. Dan Barton (retired U.S. congressman 1983-2013) who clearly and boldly proclaimed to everyone present and the world that Rev. Moon's incarceration in Danbury prison in the U.S. was due to religious persecution and bigotry. Mr. Barton explained that Father Moon and the Washington Times newspaper was instrumental in the downfall of the 'cold war'.

A feature of the Memorial Program was a musical featuring the work of Father Moon and Mother Moon in the Americas from 1973- 1993. The young leading

performers represented Father Moon, Mother Moon and Col. Bo Hi Pak, showing the work carried out in North and South America through song, dance and performance. It was truly beautiful, funny and heartwarming. The religious persecution surrounding Father Moon's work in the Americas was clearly shown but Father Moon's strength, determination and love for America moved everyone's hearts.

Following the memorial service, world political leaders joined together for the Founders Memorial Luncheon with Mother Moon. The day concluded back in Seoul with the closing banquet for the World Summit.



Some of the speakers of session 1 at the World Summit, 2014.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon welcoming participants at the opening ceremony of the World Summit



Little Angels dance presentation during the musical.



Musical depicting Father Moon's work in North America.



Rev. Dr. Moon and the Women's Peace Initiative in the Americas

August 11th, Seoul Korea

During the afternoon of day 2 of the World Summit, women participants had the opportunity to attend WFWP International's celebration of Rev. Dr. Moon and the Women's Peace Initiative in the Americas. Professor Yeon Ah Moon (WFWP International President) gave the welcome remarks to a crowd of over 300 Korean and International participants, including all the WFWP International Vice Presidents (IVP) who represent their regions. Professor moon emphasised that WFWP International was initiated by Rev. and Mrs. Moon in 1992 for the purpose of healing the human family with a Mother's Heart.

The celebration highlighted the development of WFWP chapters in North, Central and South America throughout the past 20 years. The 1st highlight showed the work of overseas missionaries who came from Japan in 1994 to help establish WFWP chapters in their mission countries and served for the past 20 years. All our WFWP missionaries retired this year and came together in Korea a few months prior to this event for a celebration honoring their investment, commitment and heart. It was deeply moving to listen to Mrs. Kyoko Kuramoto (retired WFWP Coordinator for Latin America) reveal how the service projects in Latin and South America developed. Kyoko shared the difficulties each Japanese woman went through

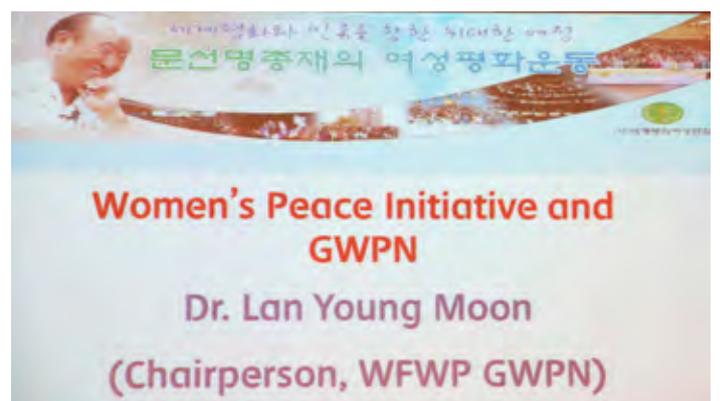
America) showed the consistent investment of WFWP USA to support three schools in Africa, the annual summer service projects in Haiti, the Sisterhood Bridge of Peace events and all the conferences and forums throughout the states of America and Canada.

The last address highlighted the work of WFWP International at the UN offices. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin (Director, WFWP UN Offices) also runs the UN office in Geneva and showed WFWP activities at the UN offices of New York, Geneva, Vienna, Bangkok and Ethiopia. Due to these UN offices having Economic and Social Council departments, WFWP International works through them in the support of the UN millennium goals because of our General Consultative status with ESOCOC. Forums and conferences run on a regular basis to keep at the forefront of international UN



delegates the need to continually improve the status of women, the health and well being of women and children and support the family unit.

The afternoon ended with a Pioneer's for Peace Award given to two of the Japanese missionaries who remained in their overseas missions continuously for 20 years. Each participant was presented with a beautiful gift as they departed from the convention hall.



to leave their families, learn a new language and culture and support the local women as the projects developed. These incredibly brave and resilient women experienced the Mother's Heart so deeply that they felt their mission nation was their child.

The 2nd highlight revealed the work in Latin America. Mrs. Ezzat Ferabolli (IVP for South America) showed the development of WFWP chapters throughout Central and South America with special emphasis on the extensive work carried out in chapters of Dominican Republic, Brazil and Uruguay. The 3rd presentation highlighted the work in North America, USA and Canada. Mrs. Alexa Ward (IVP for North

WFWPI Regional Leaders Meeting

South Korea, August 13th

After the conclusion of the World Summit 2014, International Regional Leaders of WFWPI gathered at the Cheong Pyeong theological college. Our new International president, Prof. Yeon Ah Moon welcomed us and introduced the session. Regional reports were presented by each of the WFWPI vice-presidents. It was particularly inspiring to hear what was happening at the UN offices in Geneva and New York. A new International English Website is in the planning so that all the national chapters can have links to their websites to the International website and new international database will allow the International newsletter to be sent out from WFWPI as an e-newsletter.

It was heart-warming to see the mission of WFWPI being delivered throughout the world through the reports, for example aid's prevention and character education in Central & South America; micro-credit business projects for women in many African countries; the dignity of women forums at the Geneva UN; the Japanese and American supported schools and projects in Africa; the Haiti project run by USA; the 35,000 filled stadium kick-off of women in the Philippines for the Womens' Hearts Network; and, the Russian children's dance troupe bringing traditional Russian dances to people to inspire unity and hope. These are just a few of the activities that stand out. It was wonderful to brain storm and share ideas about the behind the scene activities that fostered outreach and networking.

After a trip back to Seoul and being treated to a beautiful Korean meal, we still had one more meeting



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon
WFWPI President

to go. This was the WFWPI board meeting, it concluded at 2am in the morning. After a short sleep and just a few hours later, we bid goodbye and travelled back to our respective nations with the mission to continue reaching out to society, serving our communities and raising the dignity of women everywhere.

Written by Anne Bellavance



WFWPI V.P. meeting.



WFWP leaders visit Hannam-Dong Training Centre



The 10 International WFWPI leaders with Young Whi Kim (centre)

UNITED NATIONS 8 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS



1 Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger



2 Achieve Universal Primary Education



3 Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women



4 Reduce Child Mortality



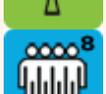
5 Improve Maternal Health



6 Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases



7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability



8 Develop a Global Partnership for Development

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United Nations Affiliation

WFWP International became a "NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations" in 1997. This status has continued to be renewed based on the preparation of the quadrennial report.

Consultative status is granted by ECOSOC upon recommendation of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs, which is comprised of 19 Member States.

There are only one hundred and thirty-nine NGOs worldwide that hold the general consultative status. The requirements of this level of affiliation include:

- ❖ Applying organization's activities must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC
 - ❖ The NGO must have been in existence (officially registered) for at least 2 years in order to apply
 - ❖ The NGO must have a democratic decision making mechanism
 - ❖ The major portion of the organization's funds should be derived from contributions from national affiliates, individual members, or other non-governmental components
 - ❖ NGOs granted General Consultative Status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations (Quadrennial Report)
- General Consultative Status is reserved for large international NGOs whose area of work covers most of the issues on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. These tend to be fairly large, established international NGOs with a broad geographical reach

The benefits of receiving this status include:

- ❖ The NGO may propose new items for consideration by the ECOSOC
- ❖ Organizations granted status are also invited to attend international conferences called by the UN General Assembly special sessions, and other intergovernmental bodies

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