

UPF and IAPP Taiwan hold Cross-strait Peace Interreligious Prayer Meeting

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UPF-Taiwan celebrated the "UN World Interfaith Harmony Week "on February 8, 2022, held at a Buddhist Temple (Zhengfa Shan Guang Yuan De Cang) in Taichung. The theme for this event was "Cross-strait Peace Interreligious Prayer Meeting", and the event was held by UPF-Taiwan and IAPP-Taiwan. The co-organizers were Zhengfa Shan Guang Yuan De Cang Buddhist Temple, National Religious Federation Development Foundation, Taiwan Wei Xin Association for World Peace, and Zhonghua Yuxian Xuanmen Zhenzong Jiao Hui. There were twelve religious organizations represented by Catholicism, Buddhism, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ikuantao, Unification Church, the Tiandi Jiao, Tian Tao, Xuanmen Zhenzong Jiao Hui, Li-Jiao and Tiandi Zhen Jiao.

Dr. Tang, Yen-po, President, UPF-Taiwan, greeted all and thanked the 12 spiritual leaders from different religions and their followers who gathered at the Buddhist Temple to pray for peace and stability across Taiwan Strait. He mentioned that "Every religion upholds own dogmas and beliefs, but it cannot be denied that there is still some conflict or discrimination between religions. As the United Nations has placed special emphasis on promoting understanding and cross-religious exchanges, is an important factor in world peace.

Therefore, no religion can solve all problems on behalf of The Divine, but only through cross-sectarianism, through love for God, love for our neighbors as if everyone belongs to one family like brothers and sisters, create mutual understanding and cooperation." He encouraged everyone to be able to seek understanding on every religious ideology and promote integration in our society. We are looking forward to being able to turn differences into cooperation, and looking forward to one world family, peace on cross-strait, and sustainable development of the world. A total of 88 participants from different religions gathered at the Buddhist Temple to offer sincere prayer.

