

The Peace Road 2018 in Zambia was in Lusaka, the theme: Connecting the World

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The Peace Road 2018 in Zambia was held on Saturday 18th August, 2018 in Lusaka under the theme: "Connecting the World through Peace Road". The event was organised by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in conjunction with the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), Youth and Students for Peace (YSP), Tong-Il Moo do Federation Zambia Chapter. The event commenced from the Civic Center with a "flag off" by Rev. David Isaac Phiri, President of FFWPU Zambia Chapter. Then, the marchers, motorcyclists and cyclists paraded from Civic Center to the Government Complex Building at the Freedom Statue. The march took about 40 minutes from 10:50 hours to 11:30 hours. The Peace Road March was decorated with the 32 professional cyclists from the Zambia Peace Road Agency. The march was led by the brass band of the United Church of Zambia Boy's Brigade of St. Paul's Congregation and police officers assigned for clearance of the road. Among the participants were the 16 members of the youth group of the Patriotic Front Party, the ruling party as well as youths from the main opposition, United Party for National Development (UPND) in harmony.

After arriving at the Freedom Statue, the Master of Ceremony, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Coordinator Pastor Erick Kashala Mutewa invited the brass band to play the National Anthem prior to the commencement of the main event speech. Thereafter he welcomed the Secretary General of the UPF, Rev. Rudolf Faerber to give his welcoming remarks.

In his remarks, Rev. Faerber started by explaining the initiation and the history of the Peace Road. He expounded more on the concept and the philosophy of the founders who are Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Moon. He said that the Peace Highway which begins from South Africa is intended to link nations in the world to realize true peace and live under one God as a family.

He said that freedom is a symbol of peace and peace binds us together to become one with the cords of love. Therefore, we have to reflect how much we struggled to attain it and should treasure it in our midst. That is why Peace Road helps us to reflect positively why we are here on earth. In spite of having different cultures and tribes, Peace Road can make us to learn from one another and live in harmony by making viable businesses with other nations. He ended by thanking all who had spared their precious time to come and attend the event.

After welcoming remarks, the MC, Pastor Mutewa invited the Patriotic Front Party Youth Chairman of Lusaka province to greet the audience. Mr. Yona Longe reminded the audience that since we have only one Zambia, we ought to handle this fragile nation with care. He said that God will not continue creating another Zambian nation if we neglect caring for our country given to us by God.

Miss Peace Zambia 2018, Salifyanji Namonje, praised the efforts of the UPF Zambia Chapter in promoting harmony and peace among nations. She urged all to be part and parcel of propagating of peace across the world by starting from their respective homes.

The YSP President, Mr. Andrico Tshaba, stated that youths are not future leaders, but they are leaders of today. Therefore, youths should continue to maintain the present peace we have in Zambia otherwise in the absence of peace there will never be "One Zambia One Nation" in future.



The President of the Zambia Peace Road Agency, Allan Friday Malwo, thanked UPF for being in the forefront in planting seeds of peace for development. He encouraged all the participants to preach the message of peace wherever they go.

The WFWP Zambia chapter President, Mrs. Sheila Chanda Mwenda, emphasized on how peace starts in a home where a woman has learnt to live at peace with her family. She also gave compliments on the importance of a marriage of one husband and one wife. Finally, she explained on how a woman facilitates the extension of the lineage in the family.

Rev. David Isaac Phiri started his speech by informing the audience that peace must begin with each individual. Everyone is responsible to contribute to the propagation of peace in the world. In order to have peace in the world first each of us should have peace within ourselves. Before conquering the world, we must conquer ourselves.

Rev. Phiri elaborated that this nation belongs to God. All citizens do come and go through birth and death but God remains forever watching over his own nation. Therefore, all of us we ought to have the right perception that the people we meet in this nation belong to God. Religions and politics should not be used to divide or segregate us but to unite us to live and work together in harmony. For the peace to keep on prevailing in our nation, we must take the message of peace to all the ends of this nation of Zambia.

After the speech, the MC read out the 5 main Core Values of UPF as follows:

- We are One Human Family created by God
- The highest achievement of men and women are rooted in spiritual and moral development.
- The Family is the "School of Love and Peace".
- Peace comes through dialogue and cooperation.
- Service is the foundation of reconciliation

After the speech, the MC invited the Tongil Moo do to carry out the martial art demonstration. Before they came on the stage, the MC read through the background, the objectives of Tongil Moo do.

After the demonstration of the Tongil Moodo Martial art group Zambia Chapter, Rev. Rudolf Faerber thanked all for attending the event and said that we all want to see peace in Zambia, Africa and the entire world. Then he wished all the blessings and the peace of God upon all participants.

Rev. David Phiri also thanked all participants for their patience during the event. He said that Peace Road March should continue going wherever we go. We should sustain peace by all means for it is essential for the development of the nation. He encouraged the ruling party of the government to open its hands to the lost sons of Zambia. All should live together as one and should forget about the differences of our tribes and religions for the sake of peace.



The closing prayer was made by Mrs. Rev. Chimfwembe at 12 10 hours.

After the closing prayer refreshments were served to all participants.

The Peace Road 2018 in Zambia was covered and aired nationwide by CBC Television and Prime Television.

The Peace Road 2018 was conducted colorfully with no incident.

