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CONFERENCE REPORT



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The JW Marriott Hotel, location of the Universal Peace Federation's World Summit on Peace 2007. More than 350 were in attendance.



The UPF Staff register the incoming guests, who include Heads of State, First Ladies, Parliamentarians, Women leaders and Religious Leaders



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Hyun Jin and Jun Sook Moon represent the UPF Presiding Council on the welcome line with HE Hussen Aideed, the former Vice President of Somalia



Hyun Jin Moon and Dr. Thomas Walsh exchange greetings HE Dr. Stanislav and Dr. Irina Shushkevich. Dr. Shushkevich is a former President of the Ukraine



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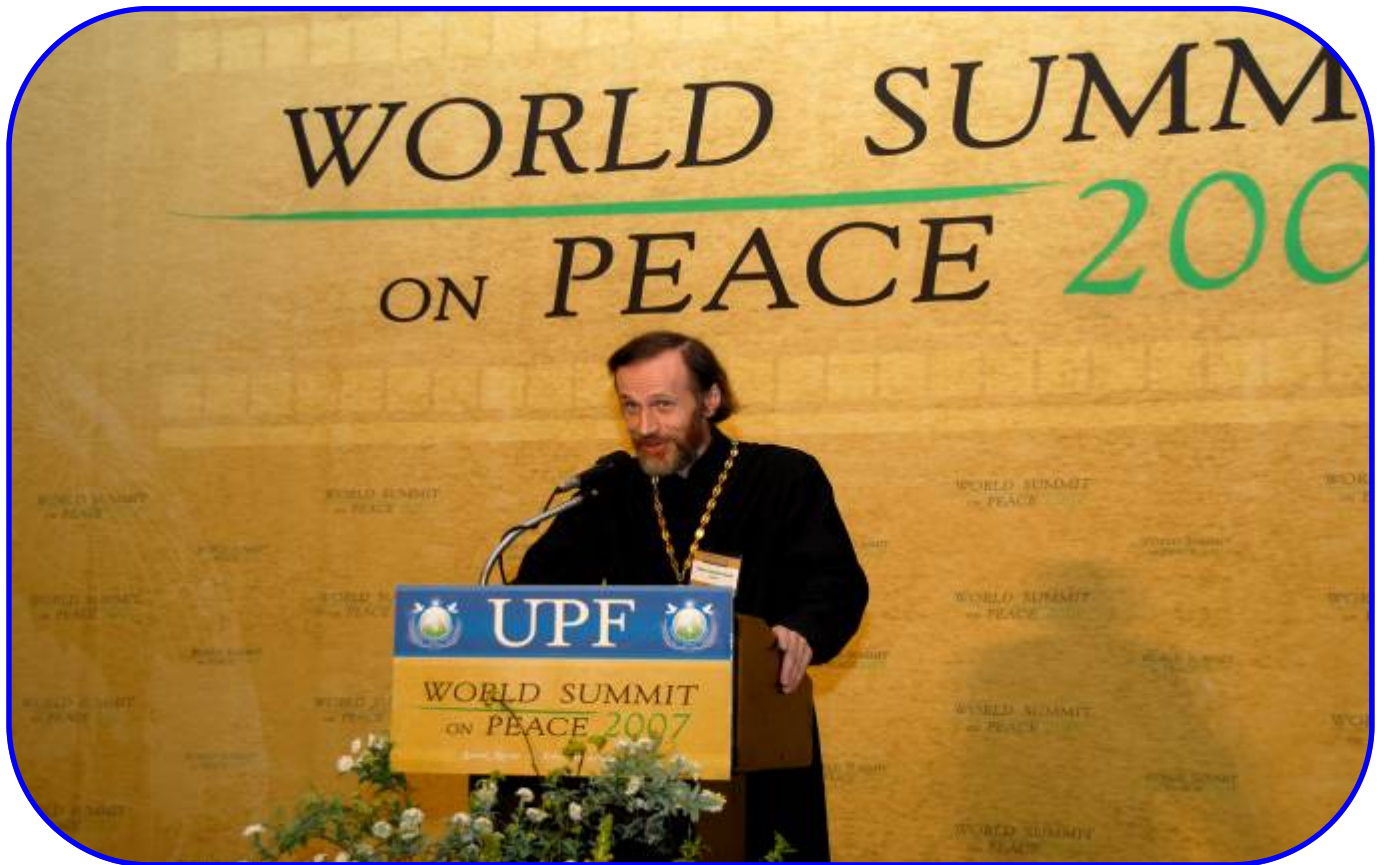
The Opening Banquet



The Hon. Debbie Remengesau, First Lady of Palau, with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon and his wife, Jun Sook Moon



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Opening Invocation by Fr. Valery Nicolaevich Novik, professor of theology from St. Petersburg, Russia.



A congratulatory song



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The Hon. Hee Moon, member of the Korean National Assembly, welcomes UPF and the International Delegates to Seoul



Welcoming remarks from Debbie Remengesau, first lady of Palau. The conference includes special sessions for women leaders and for first ladies.



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A welcome from UPF Chairman, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak



Dr. Hyun Jin Moon welcomes delegates to the conference and to the upcoming True Parent's birthday, sharing the vision of 'One Family Under God, Aju!'



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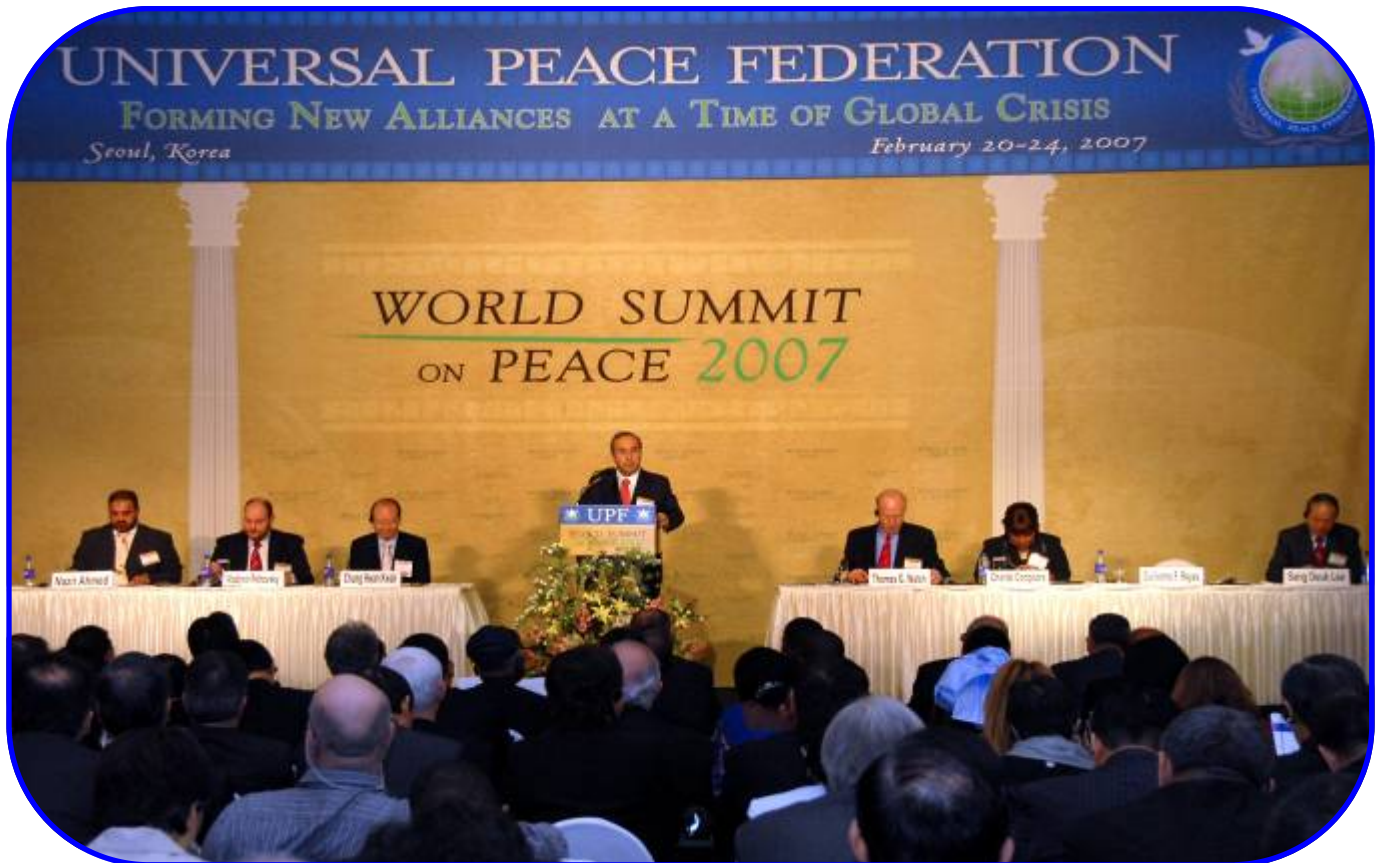
The Opening Plenary : Peacebuilding and Human Development: Prospects and Challenges



Greetings from the First Lady of Burkina Faso, HE Chantal Compaore Terrasson



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The Opening Plenary speakers. At the podium the Hon Guillermo F. Reyes, Vice-Minister of Justice and Interior, Columbia



Attentive plenary delegates



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Chairman's Address by Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak. Dr. Kwak outlined the main UPF activities of 2006 and explained the priorities for 2007





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First Ladies with UPF Chair Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Thomas Walsh and WFP director Mrs. Lynn Walsh



A number of parliamentarians came to observe the WFP sessions.



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Tim Elder chairs the Bering Strait Tunnel session with Kook Nam Kim of PK International , and Gary Spanovich, transportation expert from Portland, Or.



Sir James Mancham addresses North East Asia Panel



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Parliamentarians For Peace. The speaker is the Hon David Clarke, MP, from Australia.



Jean Nyenimigabo, Burundi Government Minister and Parliamentarian For Peace



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Ms. Betty Odinga addresses the Women for Peace plenary session



Women for Peace is a new initiative of UPF launched in partnership with the Women's Federation for World Peace



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Current and former Heads of State and Government discuss the progress of the UN Interreligious Council project



Religious Leaders meeting in session with Dr. Frank Kaufmann



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Meeting of the UPF Presiding Council





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The Global Peace Council in session



Some of the Global Peace Council members of The Universal Peace Federation



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In a time of transition, past bases for international organization and global stability are not an adequate paradigm and that the need exists for a new model. An interreligious council at the UN will take into consideration broader dimensions of reality than state-to-state relations.

H.E. Victor Ciorbea, Prime Minister of Romania (1996-98)

World peace is possible only through God's love for humankind. An Abel UN in workable relation with the UN could become a peace agent for the world.

Hon. Jacob Nena —(1996-99) Federated States of Micronesia

I support the concept of the Interreligious Council to revive the UN. I also concur with Reverend Moon that the most serious problems that we face are the destruction of the family and the breakdown of the individual family.

Hon. Hussen Farah Aideed, Former Prime Minister and current Deputy Prime Minister of Somalia

Heads of State comment on the Interreligious Council at the UN, and on building the UPF as an Abel UN

Religion has played a dramatic role in transforming culture throughout history, and a revival of goodness and morality is needed within modern society. Father Moon is a person whose efforts could make a difference.

Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Prime Minister of Barbados (1987-1994)

Through the work of Father Moon, we are dealing with the core problems of society. He indicated the clear relationship that exists between spirit and body and the need to live one's life in a way that exudes goodness.

H.E. Hamilton Green, Prime Minister of Guyana (1985-1992)

The notion of "my people" must be universalized beyond skin color, background or ideologies...and must embrace one's enemy.

HRH Sirivudh Norodom, Supreme Privy Counselor, Cambodia

I have been converted from seeking solutions through radical means to supporting change through a peaceful angle.

Hon. Obed Dlamini, Former Prime Minister of Swaziland



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Parliamentarians for Peace

Ambassadors for Peace who are Parliamentarians at work from five different geographic regions provided insight into efforts underway that are utilizing the UPF approach to peace and development. This provided a basis for better understanding some of the features and needed capacities of a Parliamentarians for Peace mechanism within UPF capable of helping parliamentarians within their nations and for their nations' contribution to regional and world peace. A parliamentarians' breakfast offered an opportunity for additional networking as well as insight from Rev. Kwak about the peacebuilding potential of the marriage rededication movement and reconciliation between nations, cultures and peoples of various and even enemy background.

Hon. Sujita Koirala, MP and daughter of the Prime Minister of Nepal noted the commonalities between her father and Father Moon, both of whom have been imprisoned six times, her father for a total of 19 years as he followed his conscience and pursued peace.

Comments from the Parliamentarians for Peace

There is great benefit in working with an international group of like-minded people who are concerned about the loss of family values and the sacred from human affairs and the huge consequences of this. I hope this network will build a larger base of representatives willing to support the peace agenda of UPF.

Hon. David J. Clarke, NSW Legislative Council, Australia

The President wrote the UPF expressing his gratitude for the vision for peace and reconciliations he has integrated into his work as president. He always includes religious leaders in the work of healing and the rebuilding of trust and confidence.

Hon. Jean Jacques Nyenimigabo, Minister, Republic of Burundi

There is a need to address corruption, which is a disease that threatens the hopes of the poor and drains finances that might otherwise go to education and health care. Programs are needed to strengthen local resistance to corruption and violence as well as for parliamentarians to write legislation support good governance.

Senator Julio Cesar Lara Gilene, Senate of Uruguay



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By bringing people together from various religions, nations and concerns, even addressing difficult issues, we experience living as one family right here. Something magical happened. We put aside our own interests and focused on one person's concern about her nation, one that I hardly knew, and we were able to go deeper place together as we tried to understand her situation. We came with a possible solution together and felt connected mutually involved in solving other person's problems.

Mrs. Susan Bradbury, U.S.

Women have much to say, but we never had enough time to talk about our own situation or what we were learning. We started to feel the problem of another person from some place far away from our part of the world. We got a larger perspective and realized that we have similar situations, and we each can help each other.

Prof. Veasna Diva Pok, Cambodia

Comments from the Women for Peace

I am from the northern part of the Philippines. We are called the indigenous people. I used to be a tough woman. When I received the Ambassador for Peace certificate, it was suggested that I go back to my province and talk to my enemies. I said that was impossible. I prayed to my Lord for two months, and then I went to the enemies and embraced them. I went to their houses and drank coffee with them. People thought I was crazy, but I explained that I am a member of the Universal Peace Federation.

The women are very interested because of the word peace. They see the value of forgiveness, because I became so humble. We organized women for peace in the smallest unit of government, the barangai. The women suggested calling themselves "indigenous weavers for peace," because they weave traditional clothing to provide their livelihood. I am the Undersecretary for Political Affairs in the office of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. I am in charge of the 2,000 indigenous women nationwide who were elected to political office. I always wear my traditional native attire at my work in her to show off the livelihood of the indigenous women.

Hon. J. Dominguez, Philippines



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We must respect everyone as members of one universal family; overcome ignorance, attachment and intolerance for others; and seek a pure heart.

*Dr. T. Dhammaraatana, World Fellowship of Buddhists liaison officer to UNESCO,
Paris, France*

Secular leaders is to try to relegate religious leaders to a place of no influence in the day to day reality of social transformation, and international relations.

*Fr. Valery Nikolaevich Novik, Professor of Theology, Theological Seminary,
St. Petersburg, Russia*

As a Confucianist I envision the one-family world ('among four seas, all are brothers and sisters'). In fact, I hope Confucianism will help China to 'join the world family.' Confucianism is in line with Rev. Moon's teaching of non-aggression and working together for world peace.

Xiu Ping Hong, Director, Pinghe Confucian Academy, PR China

Comments from the Religious Leaders Session

Religious leaders must deeply learn one another's traditions, because we should be able to call our co-religionists to task if they are mis-representing their own traditions in calls for greater divisiveness, exclusion, intolerance, or violence.

Rev. Daryl Gray, Senior Pastor, Imani Family and Full Gospel Church, Canada

Peace is indeed possible, and that the world faiths and nations should continue to invest in the cause for peace in the Holy Land.

Bishop Riah Abu El-Assal, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem

The intersection of education and religion is the means to balance the power of true religion to be a genuine force for good, with an innate impulse for reason and sound and systematic investment of this religious well-spring for good.

Professor Mark King, Asst. Professor of Religious Education, UTS, USA



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Japan has already dug several tunnels beneath the sea and that all of the technical know-how needed for the project is already in place. The challenge was only to mobilize both the political will and financial resources to allow this to happen.

Hon. Shizuo Sato, Former Member of the Japanese Diet

The main roles in the realization of this project will be played by Russia and the US. I think that the role of Peace Ambassador in these two nations is to convince the leaders of their nations about the importance of this project developed by Reverend Moon. We peace ambassadors need to give hope to all people on earth. When peace-loving people see how they can invest their resources for peace, we will see possibility of being the greatest champions for our children. The construction of the World Peace King bridge and tunnel will be written in history in golden letters. There will be no barriers in the future with a world of peace.

H.E. Rahim Alievich Huseynov, Prime Minister (1992-93), Azerbaijan

Comments on the Bering Strait Peace King Crossing and the International Highway Project

My wife and I love to drive and have driven across Russia, across Europe, across the United States, and in Africa. My wife likes to drive on wide, well-paved roads. When the roads are rough and unpaved, she passes the driving responsibilities to me. She would love to drive on the highway leading to the Bering Strait because if Father Moon built it would be highway of the highest quality.

H.E. Stanislaw S. Shushkevich, Chairman (1991-94), Supreme Council of Belarus

We are committed to building bridges of dialogue, understanding and peace. The Bering Strait project will “bind the world together as one village” and tear down walls of race, culture and country. My country sees the great potential of the Bering Strait project in spite of the initial barriers that we can anticipate. Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said that “it is common sense to take a method in our peace and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another but, above all, try something.” We’ve got to do it. It will bring together and create one global village.

Hon. Gaspar Charlemagne, Minister of Education and Culture, Saint Lucia



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We need to research how to break the psychological barriers after wars ended and how to engage people in development reconciliation

Samir N. Bannob, Chair of the American Public Health Assoc./ Intl. Health Section

Before taking external measures, first there is the need to understand the root causes of problems.

Dr. Tampalawa Helagedara Dhammaratana, Vice-President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists and Liaison Officer to UNESCO

It is crucial to begin the peace process in the family.

Dr. Eva Latham, President, Human Rights Teaching International, Netherlands

Service-learning is a key tool to advance the MDGs, as in the Dominican Republic

Dr. Michael Lenaghan, Miami Dade College, USA

Comments from the Millennium Development Goals Session

In Africa in general and Kenya in particular, the MDGs are far from being achieved, especially regarding gender equality and empower of women.

Mrs. Ida Betty Odinga, Chairperson of the League of Kenya Women Voters

The Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO declares that “since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.” Likewise, solving the world’s problems and achieving the MDGs must begin in the individual and then expand to the international collective level.

Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, former Prime Minister of Barbados

Famous American economist Jeffrey Sachs recognized the value of NGOs and interreligious harmony as key elements in achieving MDGs.

Dr. Charles Phillips, President of Service for Peace



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The former first lady of Uruguay, Sra Graciela Rompani de Pacheco Areco, in the Peace Palace lobby with Senator Julio Cesar Lara Gilene.



Parliamentarians from three African nations in the Palace Lobby



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UPF Delegates and the Peace Palace



Former Mongolian Prime Minister HE Tsakhia Elbegdorj, known as the 'Thomas Jefferson of Mongolia' offers congratulatory remarks.



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UPF Delegates at the Peace Palace for the Birthday and Mi-soo Celebrations





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Rev. Darryl Gray, UPF Canada, offering a birthday gift to True Parents



True Parents greet the delegates



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Hyun Jin Moon and Dr. Thomas Walsh at the Peace Palace



The whole conference joins together calling for "One Family Under God, Aju!"



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Former Romanian President Victor Ciorbea offers greetings at the banquet



Dr. and Mrs. Moon are greeted by Mr. and Mrs. No Pil Kwak, childhood friends from before the Korean War recently reunited after more than 55 years.



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Hyun Jin Moon invites UPF delegates up to dance



Final celebration dance with UPF Ambassadors for Peace James Mancham, Hamilton Green, Stanislav Shushkevich, Johnson Toriobiong and Jacob Nena