

Oceania Region UPF Report for November 2011

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Living for Others Award 2011, 12 November 2011

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, November 12th, 2011



The Universal Peace Federation Australia hosted the 7th annual Living for Others Award event on Saturday 12 November 2-5pm. There was a 'full house' of 120 attendees in the main hall of the Oceania Peace Embassy, Sydney city. UPF started this annual event in 2005 in order to promote a culture of living for the sake of others, which is one of UPF's core values, by awarding worthy recipients who are selflessly living a life of sacrifice and service to others around them. Over the past 6 years the Living for Others Award event developed and became UPF's signature program and has been receiving support from the wider community.

This year congratulatory messages for the event were sent from the Federal Opposition Leader Hon Tony Abbott, the State Premier of New South Wales Hon Barry O'Farrell, State Opposition Leader Hon John Robertson and chair of the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian.





Nine worthy recipients, including one youth recipient, received a Living for Others Award. Then in a further ceremony five of the awardees, together with 11 other UPF supporters, were appointed Ambassadors for Peace. The programme included congratulatory addresses by the Hon David Clarke (MLC), New South Wales Parliamentary Secretary for Justice, and Dr Dong Woo Kim, Chairman of UPF Oceania. Entertainment was provided by 25 young violinists of the Chinese Migrant Welfare Association Violin Ensemble, harpist and vocalist Elizabeth Lawrence, and the UPF Youth Choir. The programme concluded with a delicious afternoon tea. It was a joyous and uplifting time for awardees to celebrate with their families and friends and Ambassadors for Peace in our beautiful Peace Embassy.



Community Capacity Building Workshop

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, September 10th, 2011



As a part of the Community Connections project, UPF Sydney's key grass roots effort, we held the community capacity building workshop with guest presenter Jonathan Duffy, CEO of ADRA* Australia. Jonathan is responsible for ADRA not only in Oceania but also for the southern part of Asia. One of his concerns is reducing at-risk behaviour in young people. He has extensively researched resiliency in young people and has presented at numerous conferences on resiliency both in Australia and overseas, and has published in the Medical Journal of Australia.



We were lucky that he happened to have one Saturday free and could give this training to UPF staff and key community and youth leaders. All participants were inspired and impressed with his sincere hands-on presentations backed up by his life-long work in developing resilience for disadvantaged youth. Jonathan encouraged us to start implementing his presentations, the idea of connecting people around us, so that resilience of individuals and communities can develop.

The UPF Sydney would like to be a partner with ADRA for this quest to change the culture of community, society and nation in Australia to a culture of peace by developing resiliency in individuals, families and communities.

* Adventist Development & Relief Agency

Celebrating Life presentation by UPF Character Education Team



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Mt Drutt, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, September 28th, 2011



Continuing from last month the UPF character education team presented two of the Celebrating Life lessons* at a Samoan Church youth group meeting in Mt Drutt, west of Sydney, on Wednesday 28 September. This time we facilitated lessons "Core Principles of Leadership" and "Teamwork". Six leaders of this youth group attended. The participants took part in several discussion sessions and learned precious key values to be good leaders. Since it was the last lesson for this youth group, we asked them to fill in reflections. Everyone expressed gratitude to us and endorsement of our program.

*Celebrating Life program Substance abuse prevention and character & values education



Ambassador for Peace Bi-monthly Meeting

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, October 3th, 2011

UPF's "Community Connections" has been promoting community capacity building programs in order to install a culture of peace in the family and the community. In this meeting we were pleased to introduce successful programs for dealing with anger and conflict which threaten harmony and peace in our community.

First, UPF Oceania Secretary General Greg Stone spoke on "The family as the school of love", outlining the importance of the loving and happy family as the foundation for stable and confident individuals and caring communities. Then our guest Ken Nathan, founder of Interventions Plus,* spoke on "Ending violence in communities together" by explaining his effective and well received program MAAD (Managing Angry Adolescents Differently) & RAGE (Re-Navigating Anger and Guilty Emotions) which are for teenagers with behaviour problems and their teachers & parents.

Ken explained that while society is increasingly violent and young people especially teenagers are becoming intolerant to others, it's important for those who work with young people to be equipped with skills to understand anger and manage it proactively. Many Ambassadors for Peace were impressed and expressed their desire to learn the programs MAAD and RAGE. Ken Nathan is open to the idea of presenting his lessons in UPF Sydney's "Community Connection" seminars.

*Intervention Plus, www.interventionsplus.com.au



Children's festival

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, October, 2011





The Children's Festival was initiated by our Ambassador for Peace Mr Tuat more than 10 years ago in order to celebrate children from diverse cultures and backgrounds in the Bankstown local government area in the inner west of Sydney. UPF Sydney has been one of the key supporters of this festival for more than 5 years. This year again our youth helped setting up and cleaning at the festival as a UPF service project. We also had a stall to promote UPF, displaying books, brochures and reports.



Anniversary and Commemoration

Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital Victoria, November 18th, 2011



ast year, in November 2010, UPF Victoria were proud to act as the central organising committee to welcome the internationally renowned Little Angels Folk Ballet of Korea to Australia, on their 16 nation world "Thank You" tour of to the nations whose soldiers fought to save Korea 60 years ago. On Friday 18th November, UPF Victoria, together with the Korean War Veterans Association of Australia and the veterans liaison unit of the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital (HRH), held a special ceremony and luncheon to mark the anniversary of the Little Angels visit and the unveiling of the replica of the famed Kapyong-Maryang San Bridge in The Garden of Remembrance at the hospital. The occasion also commemorated 50 years since the opening of diplomatic relations between Korea and Australia. The National President of the Korean War Veterans of Australia (KVAA) Mr. Vic Dey OAM spoke warmly to the Korean Ambassador of Australia, His Excellency Tae Yong Cho, he gave an impassioned address thanking the veterans and Australia, saying, we will never forget you! Both leaders laid a wreath at the foot of the tree planted by The Little Angels. UPF Victoria Senior Peace Ambassador Reg Blow opens our Luncheon with the Traditional Welcome and sets the tone with his didgeridoo. The more formal commemoration event held in the hospital's chapel ended with a procession over the Maryang-san Bridge, and a wreath laying ceremony at the Little Angels Tree, a mulberry tree planted by the Little Angels. The crowd of almost 100 people then made their way into the nearby Acacia Room for a luncheon. MC's Steve Evans, UPF Victoria Director, and Sarah Treacy introduced the DVD of the Little Angels Australian tour which included both Melbourne events and the visit to Canberra, including the Governor General's residence visit and the historic performance in Parliament House. This was followed by the book launch of Little Angels and UPF founders' autobiography. This was followed by an introductory video of UPF, a highlight of which is the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon's gratitude to the UPF for its international peace work. The video also included some recent projects and the AFP (Ambassadors for Peace) program. We offered Peace Ambassadorship to four new members including Vic Dey OAM; KVAA Secretary Alan Evered; Robert Winther OAM, Veterans Liaison in Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and Mr. In-Chul Nar, President of the Korean Society of Victoria.



We introduced the opportunity for other Vets to join the ranks of AFP (Ambassadors for Peace) and several more filled out applications. In closing, we welcomed some fine vocalists to share their talent for us as well. Miss Hyewoon Shin with pianist Miss Jungin Kim from the Korean community, and Dana Silayi from the Fountain Gate Secondary College offered wonderful entertainment. We welcomed around 80 guests to this event and further solidified relationships with many veterans and community leaders and AFP's. This augurs well for the future work of the UPF here in Melbourne. It is planned this will be an annual event for UPF and the KVAA and HRH.

Thank you to our onsite host Mr. Robert Winther; Rick McInerheney, National Vice President UPF; Sarah Treacy, event Co Host and the staff members including Beth Treacy, James and Tsuneko Babb, Ian Darbshire, Mr. Arai and Josh McInerheney. We also appreciate a host of others for their support and encouragement.

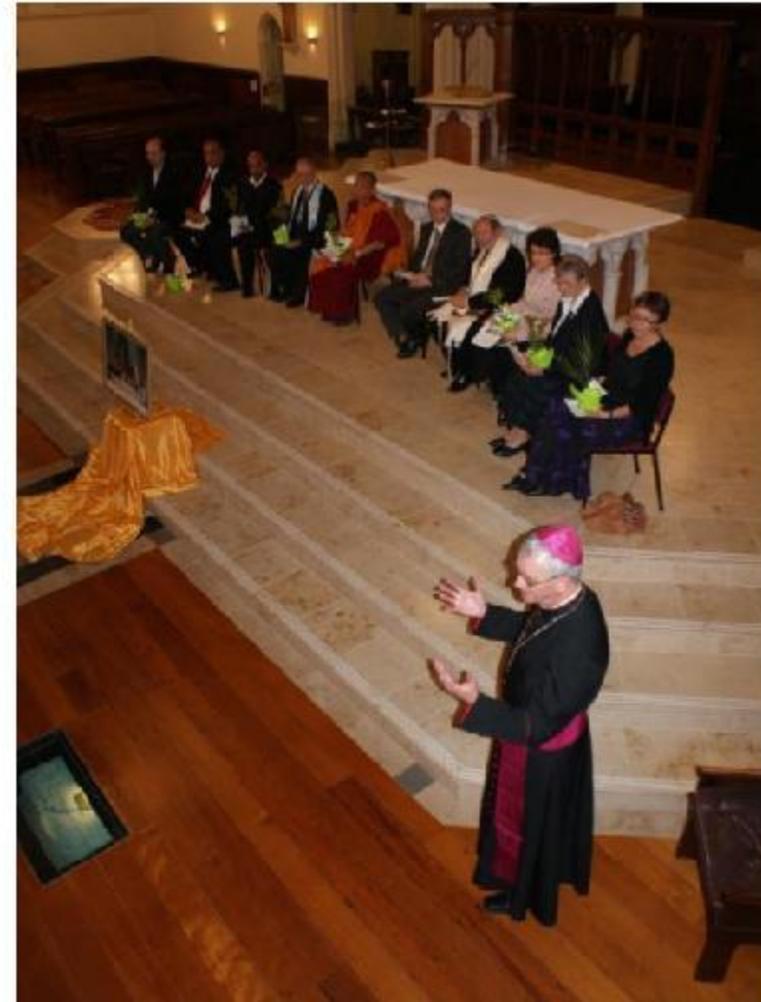


Report on Interfaith events in Auckland

Auckland, New Zealand, October and November, 2011



Ruth Cleaver AIFC President



Moslem group



Sri Chinmoy

The spirit of Interfaith is active in New Zealand.

There are several interfaith groups actively networking in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Hamilton. We had two interfaith events in Auckland that Unificationists took part in this month. One was organized by the Catholic Church and held in the city centre, main cathedral. It was to mark Pope John Paul's call to Interfaith Assisi Day of prayer for world peace. We were invited to participate with other faith leaders to read words Pope John's Decalogue of Assisi, a commitment to peace and also to give our own words of prayer or song or words relevant to the event. 10 faith leaders participated, Methodist, Quaker, Moslem, Bahai, Catholic, Jew, Unificationist, Buddhist, were some of them and also sitting MP with portfolio for interfaith addressed the gathering. The catholic church members and the Bishop had made special effort to embrace everyone.

The second event was held by the Auckland Interfaith Council, it was their end of year event which was held at the Latter Day Saints church. At this function different faiths sang their songs and some read from their sacred texts. FFWPU member Ruth Cleaver is a founding member and she is the current AIFC president.

Member of Parliament, Su.a William Sio addresses the AIFC function, said he would rather attend Interfaith meetings than political ones.



Report on founding of the Korea- New Zealand Cultural Foundation

Auckland, New Zealand, November 25th, 2011



Left. Pres.Korean war vets Jim Newman



Middle. Mrs S.Lee with MP Coleman

On 25th November 2011, the Korean- New Zealand

Cultural Association was founded in Auckland.

One of the key founding members was FFWPU member Mrs Sung Sam Lee. The event was well attended by dignitaries from Auckland city, including Member of Parliament Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, who is Minister for Immigration and Broadcasting. several Korean War veterans , Korean MP for the national party Melissa Lee, FFWPU & UPF members. The video of Korean people.s contributions and activities in New Zealand was shown, MP Coleman gave a speech, and a piano recital was given by a young Korean who recently won a world international prize for his music.



NZ -Korean War Veterans



NZ FFWPU National Leaders Geoff&Yoshiko Prentice



Photo Report of Tonga Island Activities in California

California, USA, October and November, 2011



October 9th, 2011 – **Filming of a Tongan Memorial Service** at Tongan United Methodist Church, Sacramento, Calif.



October 13th, 2011 - Sacramento, California
Tongan Ambassador for Peace, Mrs. Aiona Teu,
Receives a Hearing Aid at AVALON Hearing Aid Center

