

In order to Achieve World Peace We Must Use the Wisdom of Religious Figures

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Respected domestic and foreign leaders, ambassadors for peace, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming to the HJ Cheonwon complex here in Chung Pyung despite your full schedules. Today I would like to extend my greetings as the newly appointed president of the Universal Peace Federation. This marks the beginning of a new structure in line with the peace vision of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the parents of humankind, along with Advisor Yoon Jeong-ro, who also received the responsibility of advising UPF, and newly appointed Secretary-General Ryu Kyeong-euk.

I would like us to give a round of applause in gratitude and respect to President Song Kwang-seok, who worked night and day for the advancement of UPF these past four years. As they say, you never know what you had until you lose it. [She is referring to UPF's loss of ex-President Song.] With the foundation of the wisdom gained during that time, President Song will continue to advance and take responsibility for IAPP and Peace Road activities. Though I have insufficiencies, together with you leaders who love and support UPF and with twelve institutions that will launch a new UPF structure, I will do my utmost to bring about the true Peace UN structure that True Parents have wished for and proclaimed to the world since UPF's founding.

Peace-loving leaders, today I wish to look back, together with you, on True Parents' true purpose for creating the Universal Peace Federation. I hope you can all open your hearts and listen. I dedicated my life entirely to bringing about the kingdom of God, the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. I have always prayed sincerely that the United Nations, founded after the Second World War, would be an institution for peace and that it would uphold God's will for the realization of eternal world peace. However, today the number of member states approaches two hundred but the offices of these states do little more than represent and even insist on their own interests. They seem inherently unable to resolve conflicts and achieve peace. With these realities of the UN, and when we see the situations occurring throughout the world, we feel there is no hope for the future.

When we see the situation today, there is no center. Small nations and large nations only think of their own nation's interests. Our good original nature wishes for one world, a united world of peace and happiness. However, we face so many barriers. Concerning the history of war and barriers, we are in conflict on many levels, beginning with the war between mind and body within each individual and extending to wars between nations and even to the global conflict between materialism and theism.

Extreme selfish individualism, drugs and free sex enslave young people. Advanced countries seem to believe that material goods are all that matter. They recognize only their own interests while ignoring the misery of those who die of starvation every day.

Who can untie this ancient knot? Peace among nations can never come when those entrusted with the task have not resolved the Cain-Abel relationship between their own mind and body. Therefore, the time has come to launch the Abel-type sovereignty for a peaceful, ideal world that will set its course according to God's will. The Abel UN means the Peace UN. The current UN, which puts its own member nations' interests first is the Cain-type UN. It is the UN of conflict. On the other hand, the Abel-type UN is a UN that exists for the sake of others and practices true love. UPF will cooperate with its elder brother, the UN. They will create a tradition of harmony and will work to solve the problems of the world. In order for the siblings, the Cain-type UN and the Abel-type UN, to unite they need a parent which will become the center. They must complete their heavenly mandate to realize eternal peace on this land by uniting through the practice of true love taught by True Parents centered on God.

Statements made by True Parents about UPF's raison d'être from Pyeong Hwa Gyeong Book 4, Speech 11



They should perform their mission as a furnace of true love, eradicating without a trace the walls between races, religions, nations and cultures, and establishing the kingdom of peace under the banner, One Family under God.

Respected distinguished guests, ambassadors for peace, ladies and gentlemen, As mentioned earlier, Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the God-centered Universal Peace Federation to create a world of peace. In alignment with the founding purposes of the UN he made every effort to realize world peace and the happiness of humankind that heaven wishes for.

In 2012, after the ascension of Rev. Moon, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has continued working without ceasing or resting to realize a world of peace. In particular, she saw the desperate need for global politicians and world leaders to come together in cooperation and respect centered on the UN. In order to achieve world peace completely, we cannot only have the knowledge and action of politicians and diplomats, representing the body and the physical world, but must also combine the wisdom and efforts of religious figures, representing the mind and the internal world. In this regard, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, launched in 2016, and the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development, launched in 2017, are uniting centered on God's ideal of peace as the central pillars managing the worlds of the mind and the body.

Respected ambassadors for peace, leaders of all fields, ladies and gentlemen, UPF will unite with the Citizen's Federation for the Unification of North Korea and South Korea, WFWP, the Religious Council, Youth and Students for Peace, the Aewon Service Group, the World Tongil Moo-do Federation, the Universal Ballet Company, CARP, the Korea Sunhak Institution, and the Hyo Jeong Academy and will advance toward the goal of realizing one human family under our Heavenly Parent. I ask for the heart-felt encouragement and the active participation in UPF at this new starting point toward the long course of accomplishing a Heavenly United Korea.