



FFWPU-USA

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

10th Anniversary of the First Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) Pilgrimage

Michael Balcomb
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please study carefully the following memo from Dr. Chang Shik Yang, our International Executive Vice-President. He is reminding us about a very important event: the 10th anniversary of the first Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) pilgrimage to Israel in 2003. I well remember how True Father and True Mother waited anxiously at East Garden for news.

It has been my privilege to go to Israel on many occasions and I have found many lasting friendships and deep encounters with God there.

Participation in this pilgrimage is open to all. Everyone is required to pay their own airfare and tour fee, which will be around \$900.00 for six days and five nights. If you haven't made this historic journey in the past, I warmly encourage you to consider it.

A registration website with details of the program will be posted soon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Balcomb
President

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3.15 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 1st year of Cheon Il Guk (April 24, 2013)

10th Anniversary Jerusalem Declaration Memorial Program

Dear International Leaders and Blessed Families,

Greetings in the Name of our True Parents! True Mother is leading us with great love and inspiration to focus on the 20/20 Vision for our worldwide movement. This vision includes growing our FFWPU in numbers and depth as well as working with the related organizations such as the Universal Peace Federation to accomplish the development of 43 key nations that will fully be in support of True Parents and the Vision of Cheon Il Guk for the world.

We are now commemorating the 10th Anniversary of our first Middle East Pilgrimage initiated by True Parents. Over the last ten years delegations, small and large, have journeyed to Jerusalem – many having life changing experiences – all having unforgettable memories that put us in touch with the very root of our faith.

It was back on May 18, 2003 that True Father first sent the clergy to Jerusalem to plant the seeds of peace by encouraging reconciliation among Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze who joined together in heart to honor God and work to dissolve the barriers between God's people. More than forty MEPI pilgrimages and conferences of all sizes have continued since then leading to lasting bonds between the Abrahamic Family in the epicenter of religious tensions and global conflict.

On May 18, 2013, we will memorialize the 10th anniversary of the Jerusalem Declaration as we experience and participate in True Father's ongoing historic interfaith work that we believe has laid the foundations for peace. Many times True Father encouraged us to keep MEPI and the Pilgrimages going saying, "Don't stop until peace is achieved." He taught us that the only way to do this was to untangle the historic barriers between the Abrahamic faiths through dialogue and by serving and respecting one another.

The 10th Anniversary Jerusalem Declaration Memorial Interfaith Program will provide the opportunity for each of our Ambassadors for Peace, WFWP prominent women, Clergy and FFWPU members from all generations to "experience" the vision of unity and reconciliation in Jerusalem. Together we will retrace the historic footsteps of Jesus, understand the heart and faith of Islam and gain deep understanding of the Jewish foundation upon which all Abrahamic faiths trace a common beginning in one God. We will remember True Father's unchanging love for all faiths and his vision that the faith leaders, when united, have the key to ending the conflicts in the world.

We sincerely look forward to your support and participation. UPF International has sent a memo to clarify how each continent can participate. See you in Jerusalem!

Chang Shik Yang
International Executive Vice-President