



President's Corner: Want Peace? Uncross those Arms

Is it really possible for the world to change?

If you've ever asked yourself that question, you're not alone. There are seasons in my life where I begin to wonder if I'm making much difference at all. The to-do list seems to grow longer each day and my mind becomes flooded with all the things that I need to get done. Mixed with the gnawing feeling that there just isn't enough time to do it all I can leave me believing that it's just not possible. I feel this way about the world sometimes. The problems seem endless. According to major news outlets there is more bad going on in the world than good right now. There are thousands of like-minded NGOs like us out there who were founded to address a desperate need somewhere in our society. And the needs only continue to grow. I can't help but wonder sometimes, are we really making a difference? **Creating peace is like unraveling a ball of tangled yarn; it is difficult to find where to begin. But nothing will be accomplished by sitting with arms crossed.** - Mother Moon, WFWP Founder (Mother of Peace Memoir)

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"Media and SDG 17: Bridging Divides and Fostering Connection"

On Saturday, July 29, 2023, WFWP hosted a Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Webinar on the theme "Media and SDG 17: Bridging divides and fostering connection." The theme was selected in observance of the annual conference that is held at the United Nations Headquarters every July, aimed at evaluating global progress made toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The virtual event was attended live by 30 people.

The emcee, Laura Hornbeck, GWPN Coordinator Texas, opened up the program by welcoming everyone and providing the background for the theme. She explained the meaning and importance of the 17 UN SDGs, which were adopted in 2015 by the UN "as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity." She went on to explain how SDG 17, on creating global partnerships for peace, aligns with the mission of the Global Women's Peace Network...

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TEA WITH INTENTION IN CHICAGO Creating Community and Momentum through Monthly Meetings

"Tea with Intention" is a WFWP gathering of women to support, learn and grow together. WFWP Chicago recently started monthly "Tea with Intention" meetings to share the worldwide impact of WFWP, the heart and vision of its founders, and create a community that can spread this vision by hosting their own local events.

The kickoff meeting was held on May 20, 2023. The theme, "Understanding the Value of Women," has been continued into the June and July meetings attended by approximately 30 participants each month. Each gathering took place at the Chicago Family Church in Schaumburg and included prayers, community building activities, and concluded with everyone singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth..."

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Upgrade with WFWP USA Grant 2023 Schools of Africa Project

The Sun of Mozambique Secondary School, started by WFWP Japan in 1995, initially had only 44 students. The current building was completed in 1998 and now hosts approximately 500-600 students each year. The school offers quality education at a low fee. In addition to this, the school also provides scholarship programs to deserving students, and a library and computer lab facilities. The school has earned a worthy reputation, impacting the lives of over 13,000 graduates, many of whom have gone on to attend university.

Each year, WFWP chapters across the U.S. organize bake sales, yard sales, black tie events, auctions, African cultural events, and various other types of fundraisers to support the Schools of Africa Project. In exchange, we hear directly from our WFWP Project Directors about how the money was used. Below are pictures and a short explanation from Akiko Hozan, WFWP Mozambique project director.

Sun of Mozambique Secondary School received \$6742 from WFWP USA this year and has used the money to make the following updates to the building:..

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A BIG THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. Linda Nishikawa A Leader of Deep Spirituality and Heart

It is with joy and gratitude that we honor Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa, our outgoing Women's Federation for World Peace/Global Women's Peace Network Western Regional Coordinator, who served in that role for the last five years (2018-2023).

Thanks to Dr. Linda's exemplary leadership, the West Coast Region, one of the largest WFWP USA regions in the U.S., has been one of the most active, engaged, growing and successful regions in WFWP USA during these recent years.

From the moment of her appointment as the regional coordinator, Dr. Linda selflessly and passionately invested and devoted herself, her time, love, energy and prayers to serve the chapters and chairwomen in the region, supporting, uplifting and guiding them based on her deep spiritual wisdom and insights. She equally made a point of collaborating closely with the WFWP USA President and home office as well as other sister organizations in her region.

To mention a few highlights of Dr. Linda's accomplishments...

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Why Moms Make the Best Project Managers

When people say motherhood is a full-time job, it's a way to acknowledge that, as rewarding as the experience may be, it also comes with various tasks and responsibilities. Such responsibilities have blurred the lines between family and work to the extent that one can apply a [professional tag to motherhood](#) with the amount of skill it takes to fully step into this role.

In fact, more and more working and entrepreneurial moms are being encouraged to add their parenting experience to their resumé due to the competencies they've honed while caring for their families. Many of these transferable skills can be brought into the area of project management, so let's find out below what exactly mothers and project managers have in common...

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