

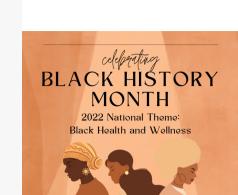


#### **President's Corner: Ways to Peace** Dear friends,

As of today, Feb. 24, 2022, Russia and Ukraine are at war. What terrible and sad news at this time in modern history, on top of so many other crises the world is facing.

Clearly, it is high time to (re)direct our attention to solutions beyond politics, economics, and human rights, which are only some of the dimensions for solving humanity's problems and crises, of which there are too many. Where then would the answers come from? And who will implement a new trajectory that is finally conducive to peace?

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# **Women's Federation for World Peace Celebrates**

#### **Black History Month** 2022 National Theme: Black Family Health and

# **Wellness**

participate in the annual celebration of **Black History Month** also known as African American History Month each year in February. Since its founding by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1992, WFWP continues to focus on issues that impact human rights and women's dignity.

Women's Federation for World Peace, is proud to acknowledge and

The national theme this year, "Black Family Health and Wellness," is to focus on the importance of Black health and wellness and to significantly honor those who have made prestigious contributions in the field of health and medicine. In the African American community we say "taking care of the Mind, Body and the Soul of our being."

Unfortunately, if we examine healthcare in some Black communities; healthcare is underserved leaving communities stricken by illnesses...

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### Women Leaders' Leverage on Peacebuilding: Toward a Peaceful Reunification of the Korean

**Peninsula** 

On February 3, Think Tank 2022 Global Forum conducted a very inspiring live session for women leaders as part of the International World Summit 2022, which took place in Korea a week later. This session entitled: "Women Leaders' Leverage on Peacebuilding" was centered on the overarching theme of Toward a Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula, and included speakers and First Ladies from North, Central and South America. This event was a collaborative effort between the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) and the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP).

Moderated by Cindy Pfeiffer, IAFLP Coordinator for North America, the program started off with welcoming remarks from Mrs. Yumi Hogan, First **Lady of Maryland.** As a woman of Korean heritage and the first Korean First Lady in U.S. government, Mrs. Hogan holds a special place in her heart for the goals of the Think Tank 2022 to promote Korean reunification.

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Happy Birthday to our Co-Founders and Congratulations to Mother Moon for hosting the Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and awarding the SunHak Peace Prize.



"As a Korean, I would like to thank the world's top experts for launching Think Tank 2022 for peace on the Korean Peninsula. This network will make a difference for peace on the Korean Peninsula through international - Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

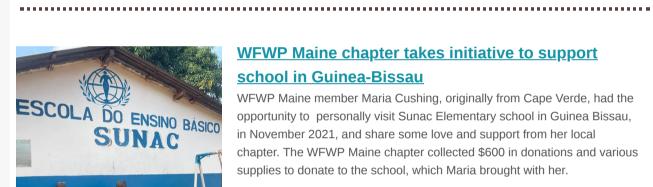


### **What Inspires Me About Our Founders**

Editor's note: This is a personal testimony, written by a woman pastor of the Family Federation for World Peace, and member of the Unification movement about her relationship with WFWP co-founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in honor of their duel birthdays, which was Feb 6 (by the lunar calendar).

As a second generation Unificationist, I am eternally grateful to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon who I lovingly refer to as True Parents; as they are the reason I am alive today. They brought my parents together in marriage through the Marriage Blessing in July 1982. Following the teachings of Father and Mother Moon about marriage, family and spirituality, my parents raised me with incredible love and wisdom. From a young age a worldview was instilled in me which gave my life greater meaning and purpose. I was taught that I am a member of a global family under God. All the people in the world are my brothers and sisters, and I was encouraged to relate with them as such, and care for them as I would my own family...

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# WFWP Maine chapter takes initiative to support

school in Guinea-Bissau WFWP Maine member Maria Cushing, originally from Cape Verde, had the opportunity to personally visit Sunac Elementary school in Guinea Bissau, in November 2021, and share some love and support from her local chapter. The WFWP Maine chapter collected \$600 in donations and various

supplies to donate to the school, which Maria brought with her. The help was much needed in a country plagued by decades of political instability and a struggling economy. The nation has one of the lowest primary school completion rates in West Africa and widespread poverty is one of the main barriers to education. With the heart to serve where the need was greatest, a dedicated group of **WFWP volunteers opened the** 

Sunac Elementary School in the capital city of Bissau in 2003. Over time, with the help of generous donations collected through the Schools of Africa Project, it expanded to include a middle and high school that serve

more than 800 students today... Read More



2021 MIGRATION ADVOCACY AND MEDIA AWARDS

**Award** 

Rhia Luz

Media Advocate

# When you embrace a Heavenly task, God will bless

you and your own dreams and plans in the process as well!

Editor's Note: WFWP USA would like to Congratulate and share the

success of WFWP Arizona chairwoman Rhia Luz. Recently announced; Rhia won the **Media Advocate Award** for 2021 from the Commission on Filipino Overseas. In the following article she explains how her work with WFWP was the catalyst for her success. The chance to fulfill my childhood dream of being a radio host started from

inspiration I received from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of WFWP, when she said "I am looking for my children who can do 10-20 things from one word I say." That became my challenge at that time of the 25th Anniversary of WFWP, and I wanted to host an event in Arizona for it despite limited resources. I was able to share and find support for the idea with Mrs. Lucia Anderson and other local WFWP members. I shared that idea with my Latina radio hosts friends, and they supported my plan and invited me to their show to promote it. That is how I got the chance to be on a radio show...

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<u>The Mindful Path – Celebrate the Year of the Tiger</u> There is something in the nature of tea that leads us into a world of quiet contemplation. – *Lin Yutang* 

The Lunar New Year celebration begins on February 1st and the festival will end on February 15th. The Year of the Tiger promises to bring energy and enthusiasm to the coming year. The Year of the Rat (2020) was about survival, and the Year of the Ox (2021) was about adjusting and accepting our new world reality of living in the midst of a Pandemic. The Year of the Tiger is a dynamic year of action. What adventures and goals would you like to pursue? Reflecting on 2022, so far, how have your resolutions been realized or thwarted? February offers a chance to make a fresh go of it...

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#### **Stone Soup: Basic Soup Recipe** There is a tale, I heard in my childhood. Maybe it is familiar to you, too. From my memory the story began with two hungry travelers who came to a

village asking for food. All the villagers said that they do not have enough food to spare. The travelers said they would make stone soup if they could borrow a big pot and light a fire. The curious villagers gathered around wondering how the stone soup would taste. The travelers said it tastes splendid but would taste better with some cabbage. So a villager brought some cabbage to add to the soup. Every time the villagers asked how the soup tasted, the travelers would say it would taste better with one more ingredient. Then someone would bring that item, and it would be added to the soup. After a while the pot was full of ingredients and the whole village enjoyed the soup together. This simple and beautiful story describes not only the beauty of each

person contributing something they have for the benefit of all, but of the heartwarming nature and simplicity of soup...

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