



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friends,

What do you think is the essence of the original spirit and heart of America?

The 19th-century French political thinker and historian Alexis de Tocqueville gave us a hint. He noted that **"America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."**

Since the Women's Federation for World Peace is not a political organization, I will not seek to analyze or answer the question from a political vantage point, but rather propose that the answer, as suggested by de Tocqueville, lies in the hearts and minds of men and women. It lies in a universal philosophy of peace that has been around and known for millennia and which begs to be revived and become front and center in our daily lives.

It is the philosophy of Selfless Love -- loving your neighbor and forgiving and loving your enemy. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said so pointedly, **"We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools."**

It is also the philosophy of the Women's Federation for World Peace, based on our Co-Founders' life example and life teachings, which are summed up in the watchwords **"Living for the Sake of Others"** and **"Living by the Logic of Love."** All our projects and seminars are based on these premises, especially our signature program, the trademarked Bridge of Peace, which has brought together and reconciled former enemies, from the individual to the national level, and which continues apace.

Please enjoy the following articles, some of which are in the vein of the preceding quotes and formulas.

With our Co-Founders' birthdays coming up on February 10, 2019 (they were both born in North Korea on the same day, but years apart!), and with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, boldly leading the way, we would like to affirm that the spirit of love, reconciliation, and forgiveness is alive and well, and that PEACE IS POSSIBLE. Right now, right where you are!

If you would like to honor Women's Federation's Co-founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, for their decades of peace work with a donation, please, [click here!](#)

Let us dedicate this year 2019 to making peace-building a priority in our lives!

Sincerely,
Angelika

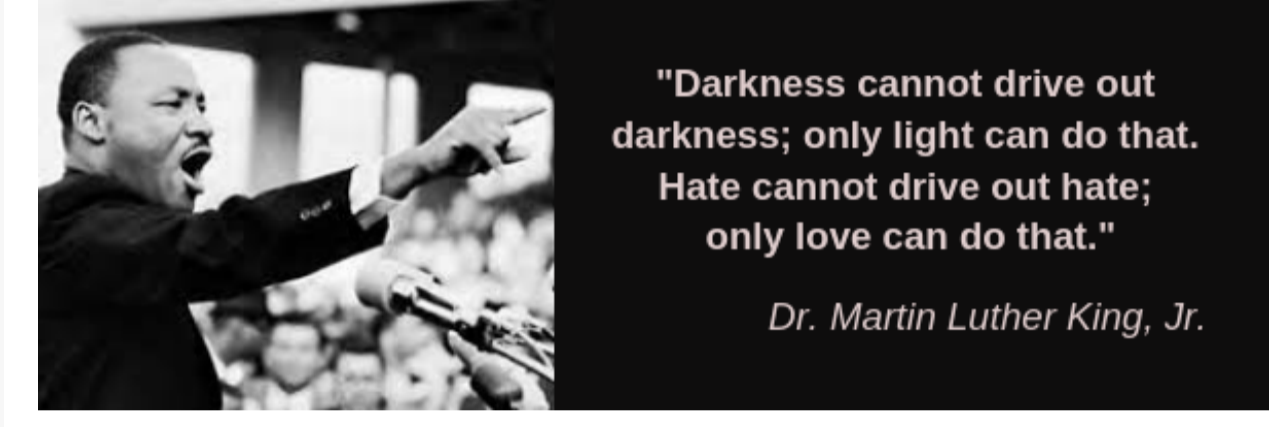
COMMON GROUND AS A POWERFUL AGENT OF CHANGE: CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS CROSS THE BRIDGE OF PEACE IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



"There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect." - Ronald Reagan

Too often we create barriers in our minds, and overcoming this mindset is quite a challenge. At a time of increasing divisions in our nation and world, opportunities to bring people together to reconcile their differences and focus on common ground can be a powerful agent of change. WFWP's Bridge of Peace ceremonies provide such opportunities...

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CELEBRATING A MAN OF PEACE: MLK TRIBUTE IN NORTH CAROLINA



Each year, the MLK, Jr. Task Force of Cary celebrates the life, work, and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in 2019, it is as important as ever to keep the dream alive. King's vision of a future where no one is judged by the color of their skin is still not a universal reality.

United by their hope for this dream, members of different denominations came together for an "Ecumenical Gathering Remembering Martin" on Sunday, January 20 at the Triangle Family Church in Durham, North Carolina...

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DON'T IGNORE THAT VOICE INSIDE: GETTING TO KNOW WFWP CHAIRWOMAN TAMARA STARR-PERRY



Behind the countless projects and amazing work of WFWP are passionate women dedicated to building a world of peace. Time to get up close and personal with one of our very own chairwomen. Mrs. Tamara Starr-Perry, a young mother of two (soon to be three), recently stepped up as the new WFWP chairwoman of Albany, New York on January 16 and shared with us her vision and motivation in a tell-all interview...

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TABLE TALK: HOW WOMEN ARE PORTRAYED BY MEDIA



Hollywood movies, television shows and advertisement campaigns all have something in common: their misrepresentation of women. This may have something to do with the fact that the majority of them are written, directed and produced by men. As a powerful tool of influence in society, media is a relevant topic that needs to be addressed.

To tackle this current issue, the Elizabeth chapter of the Women's Federation for World Peace in New Jersey hosted a forum where people shared their thoughts and perspectives on the topic "How The Media is Portraying Women"...

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SMALL WILD THING

by Rae Beth Maye
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Small Wild Thing - Morning

She runs, she flies, she dances.
Arms outstretched, feet moving ever faster,
But not nearly as fast as her thoughts or her dreams,
Which always move at least one step ahead.
Ever shining, never dull and always worth the reaching,
Only to reveal a new world on the far side of each dream.

Small Wild Thing - Evening

She sits, bathed in the glow of starlight.
Unable to sleep, she delights in the joys of God's night,
Soothed and comforted by the warm, soft breeze,
Given a lullaby in the songs of the crickets and frogs ...
Just a small, wild thing, quietly being tamed by love.



21-DAY CONSCIOUSNESS CLEANSE

Every day of the month is a powerful time to assess where we've been, acknowledge where we are right now and dream our most beautiful life into being. But sometimes it takes a bit of a push to get us started on this journey. **Too often negative thoughts and unresolved feelings from the past block us from living our best life, so why not make a resolution to change at the start of 2019 and try this 21-day Consciousness Cleanse?**

Starting right now, we can move away from our limited and outdated thinking and tune into our eternal divine mind. Commit to making a fresh start and follow the three phases of this cleanse: the past, the present and the future...

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MUSIC AND DANCE TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR: WFWP CONTRIBUTES TO ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN MARYLAND

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, beautiful people of many ethnicities came together at the University of Maryland's Kay Theatre to honor and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program, organized every year by the City of College Park "Tribute Committee for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," honors Dr. King's life and legacy through music, dance, and inspirational speakers...

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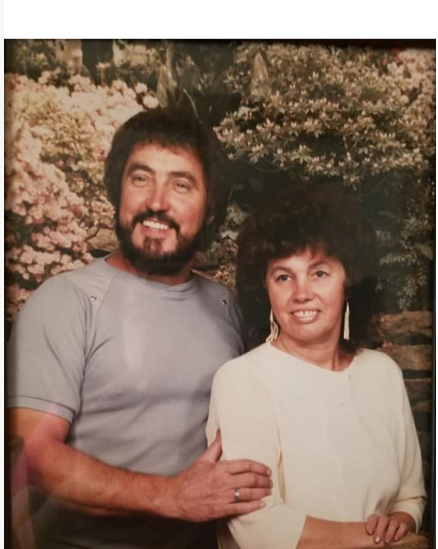
FAMILY MEMORIES: INTRODUCTION TO RUFUS STEPHENSON'S BOOK "FROM DIXIELAND TO FRISCO BAY"

I met Rufus on my early-morning walk
Every day we would talk
Jim and Terry joined him
It was fun to befriend them

We walked in different directions around the lake
And then we met again for each other's sake
To talk about the day and our lives
They told me all about their wives

Rufus was the leader
Full of love, life and cheer
Just turning 80, he was young
And from what I could see, he was fun...

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MEET THE AUTHOR: INTERVIEW WITH RUFUS STEPHENSON

Editor's note: Our new Become a Friend Coordinator Shirley Chimes was very inspired by the work of Rufus Stephenson and met up with him on January 16th to find out more about the man behind the books. In the interview below, Rufus Stephenson offers insight into his writing and shares marital wisdom as a man who recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary.

Why did you decide to write From Dixieland to Frisco Bay? What was the inspiration behind it?
As a kid, I did not have information from my parents about their lives -- just story time. I did not want to lose that information about my own life. I did not have a book in mind when I began; it came to me little by little. As I worked on the railroad, I wrote down my memories in a book when I got an idea...

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