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President's Corner

Dear friends,

What do you do when something is broken, falling apart or damaged? You fix it! At least you will seek to fix it. Right?

America was founded on a great ideal, namely, that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." However, that ideal, the cornerstone of the American Dream, has never been fully realized. Why? I dare say it was because, from its inception, the ideal was compromised and tainted, especially by selfish acts of exploitation, and racial and religious prejudice.

This struggle, so long unacknowledged, is now rising to the surface, so we can no longer ignore it...

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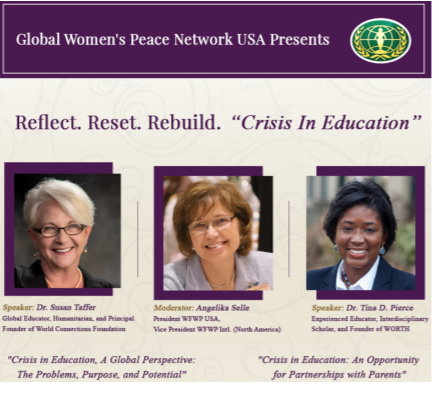
Peace Road 2020: The Reconciliation of All People



Women's Federation for World Peace USA is proud to be a co-sponsor of **Peace Road 2020**, a project that aims to bring diverse people together under the theme of **"The Reconciliation of all People."** We are all weary of the conflict, sadness and suffering going on in America right now. Peace Road 2020 addresses this with love, inclusion, understanding, repentance and reconciliation.

Peace Road was created by WFPW Co-Founders Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who have spent their lives working to resolve the large, intractable conflicts that plague humanity. The vision behind Peace Road is to realize their long-sought dream of a Global Peace Highway that all families may freely travel by car to every corner of the world, fostering the free cultural, economic and religious exchange, and cooperation of all humanity as one family...

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GWPW Forum: Crisis in Education

To empower women and families during this time of crisis and racial unrest, Global Women's Peace Network (GWPW) USA initiated a three-part Facebook live speaker series, under the theme Reflect, Reset, Rebuild. After a very successful first session on "Life and Business" at the end of May, the second forum was held on July 1st on the topic "Crisis in Education." Two expert women leaders shared on the global academic crisis and current uncertainty around COVID-19, followed by the opportunities it presents to chart new paths toward peace.

Our first speaker was **Dr. Susan Taffer**, a global educator, humanitarian and founder of World Connections Foundation in Arizona, who also serves as director of the Western Regional GWPW. She began her talk, entitled **"Crisis in Education, A Global Perspective: The Problems, Purpose, and Potential,"** by reflecting on the current pandemic and resetting our sights and priorities moving forward...

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GWPW Forum on Education: Continuing the Conversation

On July 1st, 2020, WFPW USA hosted the second virtual Global Women's Peace Network forum on the topic "Crisis in Education". What follows are some **questions posed by the live audience** that the speakers did not have time to answer during the session, but speaker **Dr. Tina D. Pierce** kindly took the time to send in **written responses as well as links to helpful resources**.

1. Can you address safety?
School safety: Health officials are currently taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") in communities across the country. The Department of Education recognizes the importance of equipping states, communities, educators and families with resources and flexibilities that empower students of all ages to continue pursuing their education goals...

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Giving for Good auction: Donated items from Mother Moon raised \$100K for charity

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon donated 12 of her personal belongings to support the Giving for Good campaign that was initiated by her daughter, WFPW International Senior Vice President Dr. Sun Jin Moon.

In a live virtual auction on May 30th, 2020 hosted by WFPW Japan and translated in multiple languages, these items raised a total of \$97,322 thanks to the generous donations from around the world. **All the proceeds from the auction will be used for WFPW humanitarian activities and Covid-19 relief charity.** This includes a much-needed well renovation project in Niger, a country where half the population has no access to clean water, and support for schools and educational programs in several countries in Central America, Asia and Africa, including the Schools of Africa...

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"Peace Begins with ME" webinar: From a Mother's Heart

WFPW members caught up with 2019 National Parents of the Year winner **Alisa Ellis** on June 25th, 2020, in a webinar entitled "Peace Begins with ME" as part of a regular monthly series offered by WFPW USA. Alisa, a mother of seven and education advocate, shared from the heart how she and her family keep hope and positivity alive during tumultuous times. The most vital thing is to know who you are and what you believe in.

"As turmoil rises, there is a blurred line between right and wrong. We each have the power within us to partner with God and be the change and the peace that the world needs." With these words, Alisa empowered all of us to reflect how we can promote peace in our own lives...

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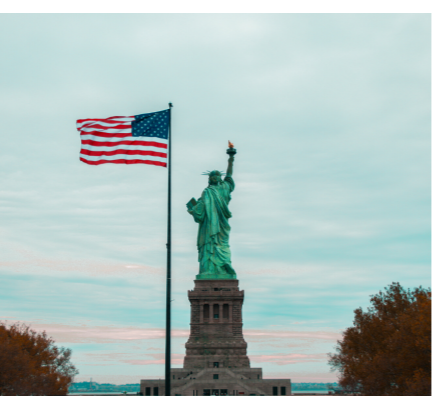
Reflections on the "Mother of Peace" Memoir

WFPW Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's profound memoir is now available on Amazon both as paperback and on Kindle, and it has already touched the lives of so many women inspired by her life. **Dr. Margaret R. Best, an attorney-at-law and former parliamentarian in Ontario, Canada, shares her insights on the book's title, as she awaits her own copy of the memoir, and how it has made her reflect on the current situation in America.**

It is truly a blessing to look forward to the receipt of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's (Mother Moon's) book, titled **"Mother of Peace: And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes."** This is a very special gift indeed.

Dr. Moon's life is an inspiration and I admire her for many reasons including her devotions to making the world a better, more peaceful place; her humbled demeanor in carrying on God's work as imprinted on the hearts of her and her late husband; and for the personal sacrifices she has made in recognition and actualization of the work God has called her to do...

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A process of reconciliation for all Americans

This guest article by Minister Mauuso, the WFPW Washington DC Co-Chairwoman, is part of a new initiative by WFPW Logic of Love News to feature the voices of African American women and give them a platform to share their thoughts and feelings about the growing awareness of racial injustice and what is needed to work towards peace and reconciliation. The opinions expressed herein are solely the views of the author.

If it is as they say, that "All things work together for our good," then we are navigating a new reality. The straw that broke the camel's back was the incident with George Floyd.

Recently, these deep wounds, continually given to black people, have finally emerged in such a way that the entire world sees America through the lens of institutional and systemic racial injustice...

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Peace Motion Graphics Competition: Call for Entries

WFPW is excited to announce an international graphics competition organized by the **Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation**, which gives people an opportunity to use your graphic skills, learn and share about current world issues. The foundation was established by WFPW Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to continue the legacy of her late husband's lifelong dedication to peace, and as such it recognizes incredible individuals who have contributed to peace in a biennial award ceremony, most recently held in February 2020 during the World Summit that a WFPW delegation attended.

To raise awareness of the various themes of peace around the world and expand the culture of peace, the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation is holding a motion graphics video competition and has invited WFPW to participate...

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