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President's Corner

Dear friends and families,

We continue to experience very trying and challenging times in our nation. What can one do in the face of injustice, pain, acts of retaliation, hate and anger? What is the solution, how to make sense of it all, and what will the future hold?

Those are the questions many of our younger children and youth are asking when they watch what is happening.

In addition to the policy changes that need to be enacted in our social and governmental institutions, there are deeper underlying issues in the realm of the heart, which, if not addressed, will prevent any lasting solution. The answer is rather simple, but very hard to put into practice. You will agree, when you listen to the words of Louis Armstrong, who gives us the answer in the introductory message to his song "What a Wonderful World"...

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Help Turn the Tide: Message from Women's Federation for World Peace USA

"History is Calling for Reconciliation, Compassion, Love, Service and Sacrifice. Today's problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. Today's problems can only be solved by the Logic of Love." - Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

Our nation is in terrible pain right now! We are deeply saddened by the senseless and racially charged murder of George Floyd.

As the Women's Federation for World Peace—made up of women and mothers of all races, religions, cultures and backgrounds—our hearts immediately go out to our Black mothers and their pain, as echoed by this statement by our Senior Vice President, Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis:

"A Black Mother crying out for justice once again!"

As we make our way into the 21st Century, Black mothers look back at a time when we had no voice in the 19th and 20th centuries. They took our babies from our arms and took us away from our families, and we had no voice...

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What it takes to Reconcile Black and White America: Video Recordings

Reflecting on the ongoing crisis of racism in America, we remembered that two years ago in 2018, at a WFWP chairwomen leadership retreat in Atlanta, Georgia, WFWP USA Senior Vice President Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis and President Angelika Selle had held a session on this very matter. As we looked at the video footage again, we felt that the content shared then sounds as if it was created for today.

We hope that the thoughts and hearts expressed here will assist us all in overcoming our differences and in the healing of our nation. Both repentance and forgiveness are keys to heal the pain and denial of the past and present, to create the bright future we have been missing - one of the deepest bonds of love, respect, joy, and friendships together...

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Discover the "Mother of Peace", a memoir by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

As we began this seminal year of 2020, in just a few short months we have seen environmental catastrophes such as the uncontrollable forest fires in Australia, the global health crisis presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the painfully devastating realities of unresolved racial inequality here in the US.

Though externally it may feel like the world is in turmoil with very little hope, we at Women's Federation for World Peace hold firm to our founding principles that women are called at this time to be a catalyst for positive change through our divinely inspired and uniquely feminine voices.

Therefore, we are excited to announce the release of the memoir of WFWP Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, entitled "Mother of Peace: And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes." In it she shares deeply poignant memories of her life...

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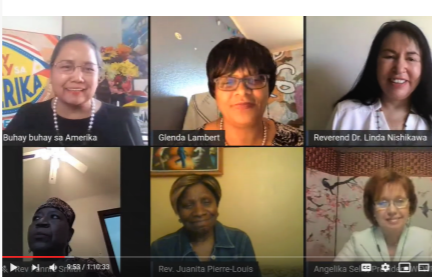
Finding Unconditional Love Through Healing and Understanding: WFWP Georgia webinar series

"What is the Path to True Freedom? Finding Unconditional Love and Fulfilling Relationships" is the focus of an educational series that members of the WFWP Georgia chapter began in early 2020. Four topics that the series covered are:

- Family as the School of Love
- Real Love and Imitation Love
- Dysfunction and our Family of Origin
- Reclaiming Health and Wholeness

This series was developed based on the work of Hilde Wiemann, a certified family and relationship coach and the founder of Generational Healing. Three of us are coaches trained by Hilde — Celeste Koshida, Loretta Anderson and myself, Myrna Lapres. We also are all members of WFWP and belong to the education team. We wanted to use our training as coaches to delve deeper into how to find unconditional love and more fulfilling relationships...

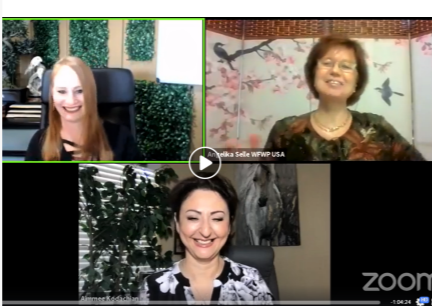
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Buhay Buhay sa Amerika: Mothers' Prayers for Healing the Nation

On June 1st, 2020, a few days after the tragic events that led to the death of George Floyd in Minnesota, women leaders and mothers gathered for prayer and reflection on a program hosted by Rhia Luz on the radio show Buhay Buhay sa Amerika. Rhia, who also serves as WFWP Arizona chairwoman, broadcast the event live on YouTube and other platforms, enabling women around the nation to join in and pray together for the sake of healing and reconciliation in our nation. This is a recording of that gathering.

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Global Women's Peace Network USA launches interactive live series "Reflect, Reset, Rebuild": Life & Business with Audra Hajj and Aimee Kodachian

The Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), a project of WFWP, was created with the intention of providing a platform for women leaders and organizations to bring in their collective expertise and skills and apply them to tackling some of the world's most pressing social issues. With a focus on the three key elements of women's leadership, family and the environment, GWPN aims to build lasting peace by promoting a new culture based on the feminine aspect of human nature, where we connect in heart with compassion, honesty, and kindness.

With quarantine restrictions still largely in place across the United States, WFWP USA decided to host a GWPN three-month speaking series on Facebook Live entitled "Reflect, Reset, Rebuild," to provide inspiration, hope, and tools to assist in coping with the many changes that are affecting us all. The first session was held on May 27th, 2020, on the theme of "Life and Business" and featured two prominent women business leaders, Audra Hajj and Aimee Kodachian...

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Family is the Cornerstone for Happiness

In April and May 2020, WFWP USA Vice President Katarina Connery hosted an engaging online series based on the Cornerstone for Happiness: Marriage and Family Seminar that reached several thousand people over the course of five weeks. In this article, she shares the importance of focusing on family relationships at this time and her experience in leading this seminar via Facebook Live for the first time.

Close your eyes for a moment and think of someone who is very dear to you. Who did you think about?

Even though the answer will be different for each person, chances are the person you thought of is a family member — a spouse, sibling, parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, or child. Even for people who are extremely important and close in heart with us, we talk about them in terms of family relationships to describe their closeness: "He's like a brother to me" or "She's like the mother I never had." Family is that important to us. We know it on a very deep level...

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Do you know what Juneteenth is all about?

On Friday, June 19, 2020, millions of Americans around the nation will be celebrating Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It has been called America's second Independence Day, and it honors African American freedom and achievement with educational and cultural events, as well as family gatherings. Juneteenth has grown tremendously in recent decades and as of today it has been recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 47 of the US states and the District of Columbia. Why was this date chosen?

While the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln came into effect on January 1, 1863, it took about two and a half years until it was enforced in Texas, the last of the remote slave states. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and his Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and proclaimed that all slaves were free...

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