

## *Living by the Logic of Love*

WFWP Newsletter

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Dear (Contact First Name),

What an amazing year is coming to a close! Who could have ever predicted all the events that occurred in these last 12 months! It seem to truly have been a year of "The Turning Point," which was the theme of our 20th Anniversary National Assembly in Las Vegas. It was a Turning Point in so many ways and on so many levels -- some extremely painful and others very hopeful. On the painful side, we still remember mournfully the loss of our beloved co-founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, who ascended so suddenly on September 3. Also, here in the United States, there was the recent Superstorm Sandy, that left thousands without a home, the horrible shootings in Connecticut, and so on.....



On the other hand, we were so grateful and inspired when our co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in spite of still mourning her husband's passing, traveled to Las Vegas to honor the 20th anniversary of WFWP USA and share her heartfelt guidelines with the women and men present for this New Era, in which women are called to be a turning point for peace in all areas of society, "working in harmony together with men" by serving alongside each other like the wheels of a great engine pulling the construction of a peaceful world." (See speech below.)

At the end of this eventful year, we would like to thank all of our wonderful members and friends, women and men who have contributed in so many ways to keep us going and growing (see Highlights 2012) and who continue to give us your input and feedback. And speaking of members, why not invite our young women to become a member and assist us in shaping the future of the Federation?!

Last but not least, we thank God,our Creator, in whom we trust and whom we rely on, especially in times like these and who has blessed us with love, life, and good families. Looking forward into 2013, we are preparing for the second international Global Women's Peace Network assembly in Korea under the theme of "Empowerment of Women" which will be held from February 21-25, 2013. If you are interested in attending, please email us at [info@wfwp.us](mailto:info@wfwp.us).

Here in the U.S., we dedicate 2013 to be "A Year of Education and Manifestation," as we will concentrate on Spirituality, Healing, and Service, one of our four main areas of involvement.

Wishing all a great ending of this unforgettable year and an even more powerful and fruitful year of 2013!



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## WFWP USA Highlights 2012

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

- \* International 20th Anniversary Assembly in Korea
- \* WFWP Advisory Board established
- \* Opening of new WFWP chapters in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Paul, Minn.; Kodiak, Alaska; and Honolulu, Hawaii
- \* Fourth year of Haiti Relief Project - U.S. volunteers provided medical care to many hundreds and provided character education to 300 young men and women
- \* Two national chairwomen retreats - East Coast in Gloucester, Mass., and West Coast in Las Vegas, Nev.
- \* Co-sponsored events at UN with WFWP International and UPF International
- \* Special launch of the Global Women's Peace Network in Korea by WFWP Co-Founders Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon
- \* Passing of WFWP Co-Founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon
- \* Schools of Africa fundraisers nationwide

### LOCAL

#### 2012 Timeline

January 10: Clean Slate Abstinence Program presented to seventh-grade students in Los Angeles

January 13-15: WFWP USA President Angelika Selle speaks in Durham, N.C., on "Living by the Logic of Love" at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. events

January 14: Schools of Africa Benefit, Upstate New York

January 15: San Francisco, Northern California, LIFE Spa, young women's group: "Healing Through the Creative Feminine"

February 11: Pennsylvania Inaugural Ceremony for two chapters: Philadelphia, with Jizly Dohou, and Pittsburgh, with Rita Baldwin, which included a Health Fair

February 11-12: Chicago Chapter, "Show Some Love" Valentine's Day Event

February 13: Mrs. Selle visits Las Vegas; Pam Stein nominated as WFWP chairwoman in Las Vegas

February 16: Reno Campus Chapter under Sarah Canak: "Treat Yourself" event to raise money for "Relay for Life"

February 19: LIFE Spa: "Femininities in Question: Are Traditional Female Roles Relevant to Me?"

March 1: Ohio, participation in a Women's Empowerment Fair and Art Exhibit

March 10: New Jersey, Bridge of Peace Ceremony for the joining of hearts between sisters from Africa and the African diaspora to celebrate Women's History Month and to commemorate Black History Month

March 10: Georgia, educational seminar in commemoration of International Women's Day using Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's speech from 1992 and introducing core principles for unification and peace.

March 10: Las Vegas, educational seminar on "Mother-Daughter Mentorship for Healing".

March 10: Northern Virginia, "Women Facilitating Holistic Healthy Family Lifestyles" combined with teaching the core principles for unification and peace.

March 10: Southern California, Los Angeles, "Women Birthing a World that Works for All." Co-sponsored the event with Gather the Women. The event included a drumming invocation, creating an altar, personal sharing, discussion, song, meditation, interfaith chant/prayer.

March 11: Denver, Colo. "Colorado Voices for Peace." Seminar for men and women to be able to articulate their unique contributions to peace.

March 11: Oregon, Bridge of Peace Ceremony and Water Healing event in memory of the tsunam in Japan one year ago.

March 17: Chicago, "Exemplary Woman" Awards Ceremony and keynote speech by Mrs. Selle. Honorees were Sister Claudette Mohammed and women leaders of the civil rights movement. There was a health and beauty fair and a fundraiser. The awards ceremony was to honor women of diverse backgrounds who have inspired us in the past and present.

March 17: Maryland, Women's History Month celebrating the life of Harriet Tubman with a tour highlighting significant places in her life and the Underground Railroad.

March 24: Virginia, Interracial Bridge of Peace Ceremony in commemoration of Women's History Month and focusing on the history of slavery in Virginia.

March 30-31: Arizona, marriage seminar, with John and Dr. Sandra Lowen, to strengthen and empower couples to take loving care of their families. The seminar stressed the importance of the role of the woman in the family and how she is the center for the well-being of her family.

April 15: Pasadena, Calif., held a human trafficking education event.

April 28: Atlanta, Ga., "Heal Yourself ... Heal the World" day, keynote speaker Mrs.

Selle

May 25-27: Barrytown, N.Y., "Healing Ourselves, Healing Our World" three-day seminar

June 21-24: Annual East Coast Chairwomen Retreat in Gloucester, Mass.: "Translating the Deeper ...Into Wider"

July 2: United Nations, co-sponsored parallel event and forum during the Commission on the Status of Women events on "Radiation of Poverty"

July 16: Mrs. Selle attends the one-week seminar and one-day inauguration event for the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), or "Abel Women United Nations," in Korea

August 23-25: Annual West Coast Chairwomen Retreat in Las Vegas, Nev.: "Translating the Deeper ... Into Wider"

September 1-2: Atlanta, Mrs. Selle speaks at the Bridge of Peace event between blacks and whites at the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Hall, together with WFWP USA Vice President Juanita Pierre-Louis, representing the blacks, who crossed the bridge with Lisa Williams, who represented the whites

September 11-18: Mrs. Selle and a WFWP USA delegation participate in international rites along with heads of state and others at the Ascension Ceremony and other events associated with Rev. Moon's passing.

October 25-27: 20th Anniversary Assembly in Las Vegas, Nev.: "The Turning Point"

November: Angelika and daughter Tanya (21) visit and speak in Moscow, Russia, at WFWP Russia's 20th anniversary celebration

December: National fundraisers for the Schools of Africa project and end-of-the-year sessions

#### NEW CHAPTERS AND LEADERSHIP

Kodiak, Alaska - Donna Avey

St. Paul, Minn. - Jeannette Henry

Philadelphia, Pa. - Jizly Dohou

Pittsburgh, Pa. - Rita Baldwin

Harrisburg, Pa. - Adrienne Thornton

#### NEW LEADERSHIP

Columbus, Ohio - Caryn Olsson

Las Vegas, Nev. - Kimiyo Anceney

Atlanta, Ga. - Nandi Moton

## NEW STAFF

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## "The Turning Point": Let the Turning Begin!

20th Anniversary Celebration of Women's Federation Kicks off in Las Vegas

By Ariana Moon



Distinguished women leaders and Ambassadors for Peace from various walks of life convened at the M Resort Spa Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, October 25, 2012, to participate in the Opening Session of "The Turning Point," the 20th Anniversary National Assembly of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). Approximately 400 women attended the session in the Milan Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

Dorothy Hill, WFWP New York chairwoman, introduced President of WFWP International Dr. Lan Young Moon, a follower of Unification Church Founders Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon for 58 years who has traveled to North Korea more than 20 times during the past 20 years as a WFWP representative.

Dr. Moon offered introductory remarks that were interjected with tears at the mention of the late Rev. Moon, and showed an extensive presentation featuring the accomplishments of WFWP since its founding in 1992. The full transcript of her speech can be read [here](#).

President of WFWP USA and Vice President of WFWP International Angelika Selle followed with a speech titled "Why Are We Here?" during which she showed a six-minute video featuring major accomplishments of WFWP and recognized various members and former leaders of WFWP, including the first and second presidents of WFWP USA, Nora Spurgin and Alexa Ward respectively. The full transcript of her speech can be read [here](#).

"What are we doing here? Why are we here?" said Mrs. Selle. "We are reflecting on the past to appreciate, honor, and lift those that have laid the foundation. We will also deal with the present, as shown by the speakers here together with us. They want to tell us how women can make a difference in different areas from media, business, religion, to all areas where we need change desperately.

## A Multicolored Bouquet of Sisterhood: The Bridge of Peace Ceremony

Las Vegas Conference Continues with the Bridge of Peace Ceremony



The highlight of the day was the Bridge of Peace Ceremony, renowned for having brought together thousands of women who are historical enemies to create partnerships for peace. Linda Lucero, the evening's emcee, offered a Native American prayer song, and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis briefly explained the history of the Bridge of Peace Ceremony, which was inspired by Mrs. Tomiko Duggan, a leader of the GWPN and WFWP office in Washington, D.C.

"When two women stand on opposite sides of the bridge and bow in repentance for anything their ancestors might have done or that they've done, the bow means asking for forgiveness," said Rev. Pierre-Louis. "As the two women cross to the center to meet each other, they cross over fear, resentment, and pain and embrace the other.

"We have used the Bridge of Peace," she continued, "to unite former enemies and current ones - Catholics and Protestants, Serbs and Bosnians, Israelites and Arabs, Jews and Christians, Christians and Muslims, and others, uniting women and girls in a multicolored bouquet of sisterhood."

Catherine Cromwell and Sarah Canak-Brown, chairwomen of WFWP in Virginia and Nevada, respectively, colored the evening with their lighthearted banter and proudly introduced the 15 or so couples, including Mrs. Selle and her daughter, who participated in the Bridge of Peace Ceremony. The evening concluded with a collective activity during which women exchanged certificates with the women sitting behind them, signifying a commitment to work together

on a cause to further world peace.

Lorna Todd, a Filipina woman who crossed the bridge with Mrs. Duggan, a Japanese woman, offered her testimony: "When I arrived at the venue, 10 minutes before the event started, I was very surprised and also happy to find out that I would be crossing the bridge with Tomiko Duggan. I felt so honored to be her new 'sister.' I kept asking myself, 'Why me?' I heard a lot about this ceremony, but I had never seen the actual event or been part of it. But, as Juanita spoke on the podium about the history, the significance, and what the Bridge Ceremony can do to an individual, I couldn't help myself from crying, and even as I am writing this now, remembering those moments, my eyes are welling with tears.

## Bridge of Peace

by Katherine Cromwell

Acknowledgement, Confession,  
Repentance, Forgiveness...  
Steps to reconciliation make.  
We bow in deep repentance  
Ancestors cry tears of anguish and regret  
Longing for release from crimes  
Inflicted long ago,  
Not forgotten,  
Not forgiven,  
Haunt us to this day.

Stepping up in their place, we bow,  
Acknowledge ancestral crimes,  
Historical trauma inflicted without shame  
Seek forgiveness  
From their victim's eyes.  
Will you walk the Bridge with me?  
Heal historical trauma deep?  
Bring hidden to the surface now  
Open hearts, and learn to love?

Never again  
These crimes against humanity  
Will tempt our beating hearts  
For we have found  
The one true love  
That goes beyond external walls  
Weaves us into one  
Creator's dream comes true!

The Bridge of Peace is being built  
One crossing at a time.

## Women as the Turning Point for Peace and the Abel Women UN

Keynote Address

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

"Distinguished guests from around the world, peace leaders and women representatives from all fifty states of America.

Dear members of the Women's Federation for World Peace USA, and WFWP International.

My husband the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has ascended to the spirit world, and I, would like to extend our sincere welcome to you for coming to Las Vegas to attend this historic WFWP USA Turning Point Assembly for the 'Abel Women UN'. We are gathered here to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace in the United States.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the seven million caring leaders and citizens from 194 nations who sent their great love and respect to me upon the passing of Rev. Moon. Thank you to all who visited the prepared altars around the world to offer condolences.

Rev. Moon came to earth as the True Parent of humankind, and proclaimed throughout his life, the vision of an ideal world which was God's purpose at the Creation. He devoted all his effort, often at the risk of his life, to promote a peaceful world where conflict and war could no longer exist."

## Clean Slate and Sushi

News from WFWP San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Following the "Turning Point" Assembly in Las Vegas, women in the WFWP San Francisco Bay Area division continued work on their local projects with renewed vigor.

One of the projects the women are getting involved with is the Clean Slate Project, an original program and curriculum offered by WFWP, designed for young people who want to renew their commitment to purity. They held a meeting recently with those interested and formed a committee. Sarah Brown and Liz Buerger, both of Northern California, who are both passionate about this project, will be the co-chairs.

When asked what inspired her to get involved with this project, Mrs. Brown replied: "I see there is a real need for abstinence education, especially in the state of California. When I was in college, I saw how the topic of sexuality can be taught in a very warped way. If people have no basis of values regarding sexuality, these kinds of [warped] values can be very easily adopted." (See the Clean Slate training tour article in this newsletter to read more about the Clean Slate activities in this area).

Cooking With Meaning, another project of the WFWP San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, is bringing comfort in the form of food to women who have been victims of sex trafficking. Recently, a team of three Bay Area women visited the Women on the Way to Recovery Center to cook dinner. The three Japanese ladies created California rolls, vegetable rolls, vegetable tempura, and salad, and even provided hands-on instruction in the art of sushi making.



## A "Turning Point" for the Nation's Capital

WFWP Washington, D.C. Report

By Elizabeth Aihe



The Women's Federation Washington, D.C. Chapter held an end-of-the-year celebration on December 8, 2012, at the Unification Church of Washington, D.C. The purpose was to extend the success of the Las Vegas "Turning Point" Assembly to the nation's capital, to inspire our guests by showing the 2012 WFWP USA accomplishments, and to honor those who have worked with us the last four years on the WFWP High School Essay Contest on Purity.

The coordinator for the event was Chapter Chairperson Eny Reed. There were 35 attendees, including local VIPs Dr. Marta Guzman, a multilingual education consultant and former principal of a D.C. high school; Dr. Patricia Ware, a former official on family issues in the administration of President George H.W. Bush; and Rev. Dr. Sinclair Grey, senior pastor at the Liberation Temple in Washington, D.C.

After an invocation was offered by Jane Karimi, WFWP national President Angelika Selle gave an inspiring PowerPoint presentation about WFWP national activities.

## Bridging Divides

### Ohio Chapter's Bridge of Peace Ceremony

In a display of the truth that people can reconcile their differences, the WFWP Ohio Chapter held a Bridge of Peace\* ceremony, symbolically bringing together women of different faiths.



In the ceremony, women representing historical enemies start on opposite sides of a makeshift bridge set up on a stage, then walk toward each other, crossing the bridge together and joining in the middle.



Sheik Yusuf Estes, a prominent American-born Islamic speaker, and his wife were attendants at the event. Sheik Yusuf presented an introduction to the Muslim faith.

In the ceremony, hosted by the Noor Islamic Cultural Center in Dublin, Ohio, women took turns crossing the bridge with a woman of a different faith. Six Muslim women crossed the bridge with six WFWP representatives, then exchanged "sisterhood certificates" and a rose to commemorate their new bond.

"Coming from the Jewish faith," said Caryn Olsson of Ohio, a WFWP representative who crossed the bridge with a Muslim woman, "it was quite profound to feel the coming together of the two religions. As sisters, it is our calling to be the peacemakers and to initiate programs where we can come together and get to know one another on a deeper level."

The event also included a silent auction to raise funds for future WFWP Ohio activities.

\* The Bridge of Peace is a signature project of WFWP and can only be used with the agreement of the organization. A detailed manual on how to create a Bridge of Peace ceremony is forthcoming.

## **A Dinner for Children's Future**

WFWP Westchester's Ninth Annual Benefit for the Schools of Africa Project by Renate Sato





Women in Westchester County, New York, gathered for a dinner to promote and raise funds for WFWP's Schools of Africa project.

On December 1, 2012, emcee Kristi Mas opened the program to a packed room, acknowledging and thanking Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama for initiating the development of the WFWP's Schools of Africa project 20 years ago. Ms. Mas also recognized Mrs. Alexa Fish Ward, the former WFWP USA president and WFWP International vice president, also pivotal in the success and further progress of WFWP's African schools. Renate Sato, chairwoman of Westchester WFWP, gave an informative introduction to WFWP. The attendees' hearts were warmed by a beautiful song, "I Won't Let You Go," sung by Miss Julia Pickard with the piano accompaniment of her father, Kevin Pickard.

Following the introduction, Charmaine Singer presented her tantalizing silent auction tables.

After everyone enjoyed a delicious Indian dinner buffet, Ms. Mas presented a pictorial report of the successes of the Schools of Africa project. The photos of happy African children at the WFWP schools moved the hearts of those in attendance with how much the money donated to the schools truly changes the lives of these beautiful children.

## To Russia with Love

President Angelika Selle visits Russia  
by Angelika



Selle

President Angelika Selle was invited to Moscow to speak at and celebrate the 20th anniversary of WFWP there with women some of whom had attended the Turning Point Assembly in Las Vegas. International President Lan Young Moon representing the Co-founders Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, conveyed the keynote address. Angelika Selle and her daughter Tanya who accompanied her (paying her own way) represented the United States and were able to create relationships of heart, connecting deeply to the soul of the Russian women there.

The 20th anniversary assembly hall at the Beta Hotel overflowed with women leaders and mothers, young women and men who came to celebrate, honor and uplift the work of WFWP in Russia. Mrs. Olga Vakulinsky, chairwoman of Russia and international Vice President warmly introduced each speaker and then proceeded to acknowledge founding members of WFWP Russia as well as long-term members who had made a solid foundation for the organization.

In order to celebrate the occasion, it was a really a treat to hear and see a professional ballalaika player and dancer in her native Russian costume followed by a more modern day singer, a young lady who sang a moving song to all mothers in the audience, as it was Mother's Day in Russia that weekend.

## The Way of Tea

Japanese Tea Ceremony in Washington DC

by Angelika Selle





Our sister organization, the Universal Peace Federation, recently invited our president to attend a traditional tea ceremony in a beautiful home in the middle of Washington DC, called the Peace Embassy. It was attended by women diplomats, ambassadors' wives as well as ambassadors, all of whom were happy to take time out from their busy lives and be transplanted for a few hours into the tranquility and healing atmosphere of a traditional Japanese Tea ceremony.

Mrs. Tomiko Duggan, secretary General for UPF, wearing her traditional Kimono, beautifully explained the very profound meaning of this ceremony which is normally partaken of in a special tea house. As Mrs. Duggan said, "Upon entering that place, everyone 'loses' their position and treats each other as fellow human beings. It is a time to relax, enjoy and share as one remembers the meaning of 4 main characters which are:



Wa - Harmony

Kei - Respect

Sei - Purity

Jyaku - Tranquility

## Clean Slate States

Clean Slate Training Tour stops in Colorado and California



Heidi Iseda of Los Angeles, a WFWP member and coordinator of the Clean Slate program, has been busy traveling the US training people who want to spread the message of this ground-breaking curriculum.

Clean Slate is an education program that promotes youth leadership and teen awareness on the means of preventing HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and premature pregnancy. The program provides teens with the opportunity to develop self-confidence and relationship skills so they can become more personally motivated and build successful relationships. With these tools, teens better understand the role of sex in their lives and recognize the risks involved with alcohol, drugs, and premarital sex.

Heidi's tour has made stops in Colorado, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area to groups grateful to learn the curriculum and eager to spread the message to their local communities.

## Caroling for Schools

New York Christmas Benefit Concert for Schools of Africa Project

WFWP members in New York gathered for a special Christmas celebration and Schools of Africa fundraiser, celebrating Christmas and the end of 2012 with song, dance, and fellowship.

Robert Hall, a choir director in New York, put together a small but strong choir that performed for the party. Angelika Selle, president of WFWP USA, spoke about the Schools of Africa project and the 2012 accomplishments of WFWP. When she took the stage to speak, she surprised the audience with a song, singing both in her native German as well as in English. Beryl Green, a WFWP New York member, commented that she was astonished, because she had no idea Mrs. Selle could sing so beautifully.

The sisters also held a raffle to benefit the Schools of Africa project. But the most moving part of the evening was the moment in the program when Mrs. Selle was offered a gift basket - and then insisted on sharing the gifts with others. Some attendants were moved to tears by her act of generosity.

## Loving the Unloved

WFWP Chicago - A Cook County Christmas

This past Christmas, the WFWP Chicago Chapter joined with the local organization Operation PUSH to help meet the basic needs of women in the Cook County Correctional Center. Fannie Smith, a WFWP member and former office administrator for Operation PUSH, teamed up with fellow WFWP member Patricia Fliginger to respond to a request for help by Queen Mother Rev. Sinclair, a woman who, though in her 90s, serves as a chaplain in the prisons.

Using the help of Chicago Unification Church members, the women were able to donate nearly 100 pairs of women's underwear and many toiletry items, which they delivered on Christmas Day.

Said Mrs. Fliginger of the project, "Because of this simple demonstration of love and kindness, walls blocking people from loving and caring for each other are being removed. Everyone is hurting and crying inside in one way or another. Through interacting with each other, we can begin to heal the wounds of the past and learn how to live in this world together with more compassion. We especially want to love the unloved with God's love and care for the neglected women who populate the prisons."

## Celebrating the Season in Seattle

Seattle WFWP Chanukah and Christmas Party  
by Sarah Nishioka

We WFWP members in Seattle gathered together to celebrate the Christmas and Chanukah season. Together, on December 8th, the first day of Chanukah, we lit the first Chanukah candle- ushering in the Christmas spirit, sharing our hearts through dance, song, drama, gifts, and food.

We felt God shining through us-as we laughed so hard we cried, as we spoke of our reflections and dreams, and as we closed our eyes and relished the new tastes of lovingly made foods. We felt God as we played a fun but risky gifting game, as we sang and danced to Nigunim, songs of joyous praise, as in the Psalmist's Hine Mah Tov- "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" And it was.

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