# E-News

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# President's Corner

Dear Friend,

All of July and a few days into August were marked by continued involvement by WFWP USA around the country in the God's Hope for America Bus Tour.

During that time period, our chapters nationwide engaged in a variety of new activities, and more than at any other time cosponsored and collaborated with our sister organizations, such as the

Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the American Clergy Leadership Conference, and CARP, a student organization devoted to promoting healthy values. Our articles in this issue reflect the productive outcomes of these efforts.

In Chicago, UPF and WFWP USA held an American Leadership Conference entitled "God's Hope for America: Righting a Nation Back to Its Providence." On Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., WFWP USA joined the other organizations in a celebration of National Parents' Day 2014. And then, at the annual CARP National Convention, we shared with the next generation of college students at the University of Maryland campus about good social etiquette and proper dressing for workplace and career.

Also, we launched a new type of WFWP seminar in Maryland along the lines of "America Is God's Hope, and So Are You," introducing and discussing practical tools for peacemaking-beginning with ourselves-that are derived from the philosophy undergirding our organization.

Those "Principles of Peace" are summed up in WFWP's Motto, "Living by the Logic of Love." And living by this logic means actually putting it into PRACTICE, centering on our Creator.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our founder, also exhorted prominent Ambassadors for Peace and heads of state at her recent World Summit in Korea-and also on the occasion of the second memorial service marking the passing of her husband, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon-with a similar message. Her theme was "FORGIVE - LOVE - UNITE." Dr. Moon encouraged all present to continue to practice the legacy of "Living for the Sake of Others" that she and her husband had begun and lived by in order to make world peace a substantial reality. (More on that in the next e-news.)

There will be a similar memorial service held for Rev. Moon here in the United States on September 20 in New York City (details to be announced).

As summer is winding down and school is starting, WFWP USA is also gearing up for our 22nd Anniversary Assembly, which will be held in the nation's capital on Saturday, October 25

(main event) entitled, "LEARN TO LEAD - From Local to Global - Leading With Heart."

Here's hoping you enjoy the rest of the summer!

With love,

Angelika

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#### **METRO DC**

# America is God's Hope and So Are WE! Putting Principles of Peace into Action

As a follow-up program to the God's Hope for America nationwide prayer ground tour that concluded on August 3 and that WFWP participated in, the D.C. metro area chapters held an educational seminar entitled, "Putting Principles of Peace Into Action."

Altogether 25 people, including the two presenters, Mrs. Dawn Bacchus and WFWP USA



Mrs. Selle surrounded by women of peace

President Angelika Selle -- men, women, and young ladies -- gathered at the Melford Family Education Center in Bowie, Maryland on Saturday morning July 26 to learn about these Principles of Peace, which also under-gird WFWP and the greater Unification Movement. A Japanese children's choir opened the seminar, warming everyone's hearts and thus creating a beautiful atmosphere.

Mrs. Selle introduced the topic, explaining how we are God's Hope for America. She gave an overview of how we can resolve all social ills as well as personal issues by applying and living by the Principles of Peace or Unification Principles introduced by our founders...

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#### **ILLINOIS**

# Righting America's Course

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, continental director of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), asked Universal Peace Federation and Women's Federation for World Peace to co-sponsor an American Leadership Conference (ALC) event on July 19 in Chicago. The topic was, "God's Hope for America: Righting a Nation Back on Its Providential Course." The event was in the spirit of the "God's Hope for America" national bus tour that was to pass through Chicago the following weekend.

After Dr. Kim spoke about the role of America in bringing world peace, Mrs. Angelika Selle, WFWP USA president, spoke on "Righting a Nation Back on Its Providential Course."

After explaining that there is something wrong with America at this time, she spoke of how Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon had come to America to wake up the "sleeping giant." She proceeded to explain how women have a key role as mothers, as the conscience of the nation, to both speak up and to comfort and heal the wounded world we live in based on "Living by the Logic of Love."

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# Women's Federation at the National Parents' Day Awards

A meeting room in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill provided the appropriate backdrop to this year's Congressional Reception for the 2014 National Parents of the Year. The reception took place on Wednesday, July 30.

In 1994, Parents' Day became law when President Bill Clinton established the fourth Sunday of July as a recurring and perennial day of commemoration. Since then, churches and

community groups across the country have held annual activities designed to celebrate and strengthen families and to honor outstanding parents in their communities.

This year's program was sponsored by four sister organizations-the Universal Peace Federation, the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and Women's Federation for World Peace-along with the National Organization for Marriage (NOM). In addition, WFWP chapters held Parents' Day programs in California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington state, Texas, and Virginia.



National Parents of the Year: Rev. Willie and Sherion Weston, Chicago

Keep reading and see lots of photos!

#### **NEW JERSEY**

### Remembering a Remarkable Lady

By Mrs. Claire Haider, WFWP New Jersey



Dr. Dixon with WFWP New Jersey

Representatives from the New Jersey chapter of WFWP were honored to attend the memorial service for the passing of Dr. Jesse M. Dixon. Dr. Dixon, a former councilwoman-at-large, was an Ambassador for Peace who was given the Crown of Peace Award for all the work she did for her community and beyond.

She was the founder of five prominent organizations in the city of Paterson, New Jersey. Through her exemplary life, many people learned how to serve others. Dr. Dixon was a vigilant woman who cared for those around her. She was a giver who understood the needs of others and served them with compassion and an open heart. She was a humble and true woman of God.

In 2001, WFWP New Jersey developed a strong relationship with Dr. Dixon and her organizations. She hosted several events on behalf of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. One such event was held in the Paterson City Hall while she was still a

councilwoman. At that event, she proudly acknowledged the WFWP founders and...

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#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

# Celebrating Women's Role in Marriage

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou

On July 26, WFWP USA Vice President Juanita Pierre-Louis came to Pennsylvania to speak at our monthly Women's Circle. The theme this time was "Celebrating Marriage and Life." Sixteen departmental leaders came to the Enon Chapel Church. Bishop Ricky Sutton and his wife welcomed WFWP to their place of worship and joined our Circle. The program was hosted by WFWP Pennsylvania Chairwoman Mrs. Jizly Dohou.

Mrs. Pierre-Louis gave an outstanding PowerPoint presentation entitled, "The Principles of Marriage and Life." She explained that the very cornerstone of a successful marriage is the teamwork between husband and wife.

Rev. Dr. Almeda Johnson also gave an inspiring speech about women's role as an equal counterpart of men. She cited so many...



Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis

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#### **NEVADA**

#### Women as Peacemakers

By Mrs. Kimiyo Anceny

Each month, the Las Vegas chapter of WFWP invites women who have spent their lives working for peace through living lives of service and dedication to share their stories with the members and guests assembled. On July 18, the chapter gathered together to listen to the story of a special guest, Ms. Beatrice Benson, who turned 81 this year.

This extraordinary woman joined the Unification Movement in 1970 at the age of 37 and ever since has been working to educate and inspire those around her to lead lives of service and sacrifice with joy. As we listened to her story, we could understand that the founders of WFWP, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, are also extraordinary people, who have inspired people like Ms. Benson around the world to change their lives for the sake of making this world a better place for everyone.



Ms. Beatrice Benson surrounded by appreciation

She said that especially women, who bear and raise sons and daughters, can contribute to peace in their families and communities through guiding their children in the principles of peace...

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#### Present Your Best Self!

By Ms. Teresa Ferrette, CARP

During the National Convention of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), "Momentum 2014," college students gathered at the University of Maryland at College Park from across the country and even from around the world to share best practices and study how core principles can change not only one's personal life but the lives of those around. The one-week program covered topics like goal setting, networking, and public speaking, as well as discussions on purpose-driven life, genuine relationships, and inherent value.



Teresa Ferette & Erica Selle

On Thursday, July 31, the day focused on "Inherent Value" and how it applies to elegance, presence, and etiquette. Throughout the day participants discussed how their value isn't determined by their grades, looks, or popularity, but rather by their inner spirit and divinity within. With this confidence and assurance, participants then had the chance to see how that inner value could be portrayed and expressed in the best ways possible.

Women's Federation for World Peace helped to host "Etiquette Night" at the CARP Convention. The president of WFWP, Mrs. Angelika Selle, gave

introductory remarks to over 70 students that highlighted the common vision between CARP

and WFWP and encouraged students, both men and women, to let their inner light shine brightly. Then she invited her daughter-inlaw, Erica Selle, to share on "How to Present Your Best Self in the Professional Environment."

The presentation was lively, interactive, and so enjoyable. After the general presentation on appearance and manners, men and women split into separate breakouts to further discuss best practices. Participants continued to rave that this session was lots of fun, memorable, and a perfect way to finish the day with the theme "Inherent Value and Esteem."



On men's shoes

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#### **MINNESOTA**

# Exploring the Mother-Daughter Relationship

By Mrs. Denise Vang

The members of the Minnesota Chapter of WFWP convened bright and early on the morning of July 12 to reconnect with those who had recently crossed the Bridge of Peace together during the ceremony in April. About 25 people attended this event to explore "mother-daughter relationships." A light breakfast and lunch were served.

Mrs. Eri Pehling gave a presentation about the mother-daughter relationship being that of parent and child and not that of friends. She pointed out that individuals from different generations do not experience life in the same way. Each generation is unique and can learn from the other. She also talked about the importance of building God-centered families. Next, Mrs. Gudrun Gavin, who doesn't have a daughter of her own, spoke about her unique experiences-with her six sons and six daughters-in-law!



Mrs. Eri Pehling

Mrs. Jennifer Victor-Larson, a new member of WFWP and the founder of herosearch.org, gave an impassioned presentation about her organization. She is interested in working with WFWP to help bring awareness of and to tackle human trafficking. She is a concerned mother of two young daughters and also has a young niece. As such, she feels passionate about helping those unfortunate girls who fall victim to this sad and serious problem...

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#### **NEW YORK**

### What's Shakin' Up Harlem?

By Ms. Emily Cornier, WFWP Editorial Staff Interview

Two powerful forces are shaking up the Harlem community for the better. For Mrs. Nandi Moton, former WFWP chairwoman in Georgia and current representative for WFWP in Harlem, and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, vice president of WFWP USA, Harlem is home and is an exciting place for opportunity and growth. On July 12, Mrs. Moton, who was appointed WFWP representative in April, initiated the "Prayer Walk for Peace."

Every month now, the WFWP group starts its walk at the Harlem State Office Building, walks through the Manhattanville community, and prays for the families that are affected by gang violence. Mrs. Moton says, "We need



WFWP at Apollo Theater

to revive and reeducate the communities about the values of family and faith." The first prayer walk was started with the support of Congressman Charles B. Rangel.

Rev. Pierre-Louis came up with a service project called Spa Sundays, and "4 West 43rd Street Spa Sundays" is where the WFWP New York Chapter provides an afternoon of relaxation, offering massages and facials to those who attend. WFWP also invites alternative medical and health specialists to speak and educate WFWP members and friends on what they can do about keeping up a healthy lifestyle. Rev. Pierre-Louis says, "This is one small way we can really take care of and pamper our sisters."

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#### **MICHIGAN**

# Juvenile Detention Facility Visit

By Ms. Sabine Kouassi, WFWP Michigan



I finally got an appointment at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) here in Detroit, Michigan on July 28 for one hour, from 5 to 6 p.m. During that time, I met 13 girls; 12 of them were either African-American or Hispanic and only one was Caucasian. My application to visit the facility had been accepted in April 2013; but we had not been able to coordinate our schedules before this date for an actual visit.

One of the participants in our project "Restoring

Marriage and Family in the Metro Detroit Area," who is actively involved in the prison ministry there, had spoken of my desire to visit the facility to Mrs. Devine who works in the prison administration and who contributed to my visit. I finally received a call from the warden there, Mr. Spencer, who offered me access at my earliest convenience.

Mr. Spencer and I agreed to have the meeting in the recreation room. There was a little white board saying, "Happy 313th Birthday Detroit!" (We were cutting the birthday cake for Detroit!) The JDF holds the accused youths until their court case is over. At that time, they are transferred to prison, if necessary. I saw this firsthand as it happened to one girl after our meeting was over.

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#### \*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*

# 22nd Anniversary National Assembly - WFWP USA

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#### DAY OF SERVICE

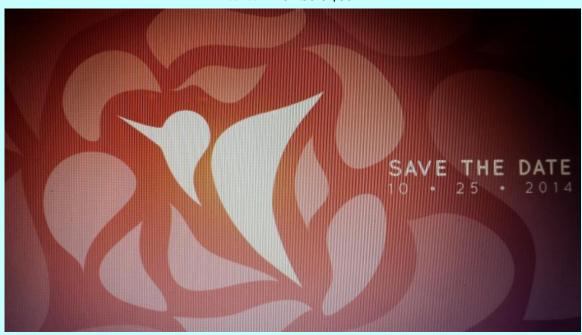
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#### MAIN EVENT

Saturday, October 25, 2014
Washington Times Ballroom
9:30 4:30pm
(9-9:30 Arrival and Registration)

Registration Fee \$100 WFWP members \$80



#### Editor's Note:

Thank you all so much for your contributions and your hard work over the summer to bring peace in your families, communities and in America. Don't forget photos and captions for your articles. Extra photos may be placed on the website even though we may not be able to





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