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President's Corner

Dear Friends,

"Reflections on "Independence"

Though we just celebrated our nation's 238th Independence Day in this month of July, our nation might be "independent" from the "Old World" but is still enslaved by overwhelming issues. The Chicago Tribune in one edition called this month's events, "The Crises (plural) of July 2014"! In that same edition, the newspaper reported that during the weekend of July 4 alone 80 people were shot or murdered in Chicago. That same edition also reported that the Freedom from Religion Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, announced giving the "Nothing Fails Like Prayer Award" to the person who gives the best secular invocation not referring to a Supreme Being but to human values alone.

If we would ever wonder what is the real reason for the rapid decline and weakening of America, herein lies the deep-seated root of our problems! Some 40 years ago, our WFWP founders came to this country to ring the warning bell on this very point, urging America to invite God back into our homes, schools and all institutions, making God and godly principles their point of reference in all their decision-making. In the speech "America Is God's Hope," delivered at Yankee Stadium in 1976, they clearly stated that only when that happens will we find solutions to our problems!

What does this have to do with WFWP? I believe everything!

It is especially women and mothers of conscience and faith who are needed at this time to assist in redirecting our nation to its original founding principles. Mothers, let us pray for and with our families, husbands and children, and our communities and re-instill those principles in them, especially in the next generation. Let us instill in them once again the urge to live by the "Golden Rule," being kind, respectful, responsible, modest, considerate of others-and most of all being accountable to the One Supreme Being, our Creator, who has so blessed America.

Alexis de Tocqueville, author of *Democracy in America*, said it so well: "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." He also wrote, "Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith." Such thoughts have been the pillars of America for the past two hundred and more years, though they've been corroding for the past five decades.



At the most recent God's Hope for America banquet here in Washington, D.C., one of the speakers, Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo, of Native and African-American descent remarked, "We have a lot of work to do."

WFWP USA, as a nonpolitical and nonpartisan, international, and interreligious organization, is committing ourselves now more than ever to putting our founders' vision and message into action. (Please read, "The Hope of Humanity Comes from Mothers," at www.wfwp.us/founders-words.) Their message was prophetic at the time and today can serve as a guideline to resolve our social ills and thus bring about true independence.

You can make a difference wherever you are-saying a good word, lending a helping hand, a smile of encouragement to your husband and children, and more-as you follow the prompting of your heart. It will make your summer the more meaningful and help our country to once again rise to its original founding.

Please enjoy the articles in this issue!

With love,
Angelika

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Remember - Revive - Reimagine: God's Hope for America Banquet, Washington, D.C.

By Mrs. Angelika Selle, President, WFWP USA

On July 12, 2014, the Washington Times Ballroom in Washington, D.C. filled up with families and friends of the Unification Movement to welcome the God's Hope for America Holy Ground Tour bus, which at that time was halfway through its 48-state tour of 55 "holy grounds" and which made a major stopover in the nation's capital. They came to celebrate the legacy and accomplishments of our co-founder, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, who had come to America some 40 years ago to remind the American people of their spiritual roots and to help them re-embrace them. He invested all his energy and resources to wake up America, pointing out God's three major headaches: 1) division within Christianity and among all faiths, 2) immorality and confusion among the youth, and 3) the strong influence of atheistic and materialistic ideology on the people of this nation. The tour was designed to reconnect to this message, to take ownership of it, and to inspire participants to make this vision a living reality.



Pres. Selle with WFWP Maryland Members

There was a spirit of anticipation and excitement in the air; it almost felt like areunion. Among the 300 participants who filled the elegantly prepared ballroom was a significant number of the next generation. WFWP was represented with two tables and 12 guests in attendance, including one of the speakers of the program, Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo, an official at the University of Maryland who had been instrumental in assisting WFWP in last year's national assembly that was held at the university.

UNITED NATIONS

Are Parents Important for Human Development?

By Mrs. Lynn Walsh, Director, UPF Office of Marriage & Family Education
and Mrs. Alexa Ward, Deputy Director, WFWP UN Office

In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family and the Global Day of Parents, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the WFWP UN Office partnered to host a forum entitled, "The Significance of Parents in Human and Societal Development," which took place on June 17 at the United Nations headquarters in New York.



This event was sponsored by UPF and the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the UN and was co-sponsored by the permanent representatives of Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Romania.

I would like to especially acknowledge the WFWP UN team in New York and the WFWP leaders from abroad and from the greater New York area for their attendance and for filling the conference room with about 100 of the 130 guests. WFWP leaders included Ms. Sreerupa Chaudhury, president of WFWP India; Dr. Maria Riehl, president of WFWP Austria; Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, vice president of WFWP USA; and Mrs. Beryl Green, chairwoman of the WFWP chapter in New York City. The WFWP UN Team was represented by Alexa Ward, deputy director; Joy Theriot, assistant administrator; Jeanne Carroll; Roshan D'Souza; and Noriko Heying.

The first session, chaired by Mr. Taj Hamad, secretary-general of UPF, opened with H.E. Denis G. Antoine, permanent representative of Grenada to the UN, sharing about the challenges parents face with the many social changes and stresses, including social media. He especially spoke about the anguish of parents in Nigeria with the recent abduction of hundreds of young girls. The ambassador stated, "Parents are indispensable," and he said that without parental love, guidance, and values, children have little sense of belonging or moral guidelines for their decisions; therefore, it is essential to reflect on and strengthen the role of parents for the sake of building strong societies.

Ms. Amira Fahmy, counselor at the Permanent Mission of Egypt, spoke with great forcefulness on children's inherent need of parenting from both a mother and a father for their optimum development to become contributing members of society. Mr. Masni Eriza, counselor at the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, emphasized parents' unique role in giving children stability and love and teaching values and responsibility. He stated that because "parents unlock the maximum potential for children," we need to take seriously the inclusion of the family in the Sustainable Development Goals.



Dr. Panter-Brick with Mr. Tom Walsh

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HAITI SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT 2014

Bringing Health and Healing to Haiti

By Mrs. Evelyne Drake, WFWP Florida

Last year, the Haiti Summer Service Project (HSSP) was met by a groundswell of interest among the leaders and the people of Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city. So, as the liaison for the project on behalf of WFWP USA, founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, I determined that the work that WFWP and I had begun in 2008 to aid the citizens of Haiti, would continue. To be more specific, I wanted to put together a team that could teach abstinence to the youth and Principled Life Education to the adults. This was in addition to our traditional health seminars and mobile medical clinics.



Dr. Bacchus-Horan teaching Principle Life Education

While struggling to find the right volunteers and resources for this year's service project, I met a former mayor of Cap-Haitien who is currently running for mayor again in the upcoming election. Mayor Raphael Adelson just happens to have an office just two miles from my home in Tampa, Florida. This further convinced me that Heaven definitely wanted the Haiti Summer Service Project to continue.

Gathering the Team

As I reached out to the WFWP chairwomen, to my family and friends, and to the students of the University of South Florida situated near my house and from which many volunteers had come in the past, I realized that many of those who had gone with me to Haiti before would not be able to go this year. Still, with the support of WFWP USA President Angelika Selle, I pushed ahead.

It was at this time that I got a call from Mrs. Caryn Olsson, coordinator of Project Love IQ. She suggested that I call Dr. Richard Panzer, president of Barrytown College and founder of the Relationship Intelligence curriculum, which has been taught extensively in the U.S. I did, and Dr. Panzer graciously offered to not only let us use his materials but said he would like to come to Haiti for a few days and teach the educators and students himself. I was moved deeply by such a blessing from God.



At the same time, through Mrs. Gudrun Gavin, I connected with Mrs. Rose Gbadamassi, who had participated in the HSSP in 2011. Rose is a WFWP member in Minnesota and has a nonprofit organization called the Haitian Community of Minnesota. A health educator herself in Minnesota, she volunteered to oversee the health seminars this year. Next, my good friend, Dr. Dawn Bacchus-Horan, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) national leader of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the WFWP leader there, offered to present the Principled Life Education for the ministers and families. And last but certainly not least, Mrs. Karrin Brady, of WFWP Maryland, volunteered to travel with me and offer her best to the Haitian people. Mrs. Brady heads a program in Maryland called Women of Wonder, a networking group.

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HAITI

Teaching Abstinence in Haiti

By Mr. Richard Panzer, President, Unification Theological Seminary & Barrytown College

When I was invited to share Relationship Intelligence education in Haiti, I really didn't know much about the many years of service performed by the WFWP sisters led by Mrs. Evelyne Drake, WFWP Tampa chapter leader, in that mountainous and beautiful yet impoverished country. Arriving at the Port-au-Prince airport on June 21, I was soon joined by Evelyne, Karrin Brady from WFWP Maryland, Dr. Dawn Bacchus-Horan, and Rose Gbadamassi from Minnesota.

Soon we embarked on a five-hour ride, barreling down a two-lane mountainous road, bound for Cap-Haitien, a city of 60,000 in the northern part of the country. The bus driver honked his horn several times a minute to warn pedestrians, motorcyclists, cars, and trucks that he would not be slowing down, veering into the opposite lane to bypass slower-moving vehicles. The scenery was a bittersweet view of green hills and shacks with corrugated metal roofs lining the road and higher up on the sides of the hills. As we approached the house where we would stay, cows, goats, and chickens by the side of the road nonchalantly welcomed us into their world.



Coconut anyone?

This country of 10 million people has suffered a lot in its history, most recently from a devastating earthquake in 2010, which led to the spread of diseases like cholera, typhoid fever, and hepatitis. Malaria and HIV/AIDS are also prevalent. I reminded myself that in



Question and answer time

order to have a productive visit I needed to shed my American/developed-world expectations about running hot water and consistent electricity. Instead of focusing on what people didn't have, I told myself to relax and just appreciate people for who they are. I hoped that some of the French I learned in high school would come to mind, and, thankfully, some people did speak English. It helped that the house where we stayed had a beautiful view of the nearby hills and a tree full of ripe mangoes that we were happy to consume!

Relationship Intelligence education has been positively received by hundreds of thousands of youth in schools all over the U.S., but the level of appreciation for the content in Haiti was so much greater than I've experienced in my home country. It was like offering a cup of water to someone walking in the desert sun.

[Read the whole story here and share!](#)

ILLINOIS

Chicago "HER Story Revealed"

By Patricia Fliginger, WFWP Illinois Chairwoman

On Wednesday, July 2, WFWP Chicago Chairwoman Patricia Fliginger and National Schools of Africa Fundraising Director Fannie Smith were invited to appear on the weekly podcast



Min Fannie Smith on the air

show "HER Story Revealed." Each week, Andrea Shadd (the show's producer) addresses the concerns of religious professional women and spotlights their activities in the Chicago area.

During this show, we responded to questions about WFWP. After introducing the organization's founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, we explained the mission and principles guiding the organization.

We also announced the God's Hope for America Tour and invited those listening to attend a Prayer Breakfast to be held on July 26 at the Life Center Church of God in Christ. Under the guidance of Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr., the Life Center was the first Christian church in America that

invited Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to speak. During the tour, the next generation of leaders will be able to inherit and connect with that foundation.

Following the breakfast, the assembled people will visit and pray together at a site in downtown Chicago that Rev. Moon designated and established as a prayer and a holy ground in 1965.

We received such a warm, loving reception from Ms. Shadd and her co-hosts Ms. Valerie and Ms. Serena! A link to the WFWP USA website (www.wfwp.us) was posted on their Facebook page-HERStoryRevealed-so that those interested could contact us to find out more about WFWP.



Valerie, Serena, and Andrea

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COLORADO

UN Association Lunch Bunch

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes, WFWP Denver

On Wednesday June 11, Mrs. Shirley Chimes, Chairwoman WFWP Denver Chapter was invited to the United Nations Association, Denver Chapter, Lunch Bunch meeting to introduce



Moyna, Hisako, and Shirley

their members to Women's Federation for World Peace. Mrs. Chimes introduced WFWP co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon by talking about her life and showing her picture. Mrs. Chimes then explained the origins of WFWP and spoke about the importance of the family.

Guests eagerly received the Spring WFWP UN Newsletter, the booklet of Dr. Moon's three milestone speeches, and the WFWP flyer. Mrs. Chimes also talked about several activities at the UN, especially the event on June 17th, "The 20th Anniversary of the Family and Global Parent's Day." The response of those attending the luncheon was encouraging.

Other projects including the Schools of Africa, the Haiti Summer Service Project, and the Middle East Peace Initiative trips were introduced. One man was especially surprised that WFWP ladies had gone door-to-door in Jerusalem without knowing who would answer the door.

Mrs. Chimes had to speak really loudly because we were sitting near a cooler and other patrons were looking over at us attentively listening. One young, married lady was visiting the group for the first time and became very interested in WFWP after hearing about our activities. One lady said she had recently joined the League of Women Voters and suggested that I give the same presentation to that group. WFWP members were all invited to the UN Association Lunch Bunch meeting in September.

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The UN Association "Lunch Bunch"

PENNSYLVANIA

A Surprise Visit from the WFWP President

By Ms. Eli Izumi, WFWP Philadelphia Chapter

On May 17, a warm, sunny day, WFWP USA President Angelika Selle came to visit WFWP members in Philadelphia, the well-known "City of Brotherly Love." A luncheon meeting was held in



Pres Selle visits WFWP Philadelphia Chapter of a mother.

a cozy Asian restaurant in the heart of Philly (as Philadelphia is lovingly called by its residents).

During the luncheon with the local WFWP core team, Mrs. Selle talked about the vision that God and co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han have for WFWP. She said WFWP has a great providential mission: nothing less than to energize women all across America to bring humankind back to God—a role that, as women, we should fulfill with the heart

She also talked about our outreach program and gave us tips and strong guidelines on how we can implement and translate each step into action, especially in reaching out to today's young women. She stressed too that we need to collaborate and learn how to work with other groups. She also made a surprise visit to the Philadelphia church and spoke with many other ladies in the congregation. Her loving guidance will remain for a long time in the hearts of WFWP members in Pennsylvania.



Dinner with President Selle

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PENNSYLVANIA

Abstinence in Demand in Pennsylvania!!

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou, Co-chairwoman, WFWP Pennsylvania

Based on a desire to promote abstinence until marriage, the Philadelphia chapter of WFWP has initiated an internal-beauty pageant to choose a "Miss Love IQ" from among young people who want to participate. The lives of the mothers who have volunteered to interview and register all the candidates are being profoundly touched throughout the selection process. The final selection of "Miss Love IQ" is scheduled for August.



Mr. Jamal Johnson presenting Relationship Intelligence

On May 24, 2014, the 35 "Miss Love IQ" pageant candidates, their families, and guests, including the Sayre Morris Community Center head, gathered at the community center to participate in a seminar on Relationship Intelligence (the foundation of the WFWP Love IQ Program). Everyone there, including the community center staff, had a wonderful time listening to lectures by Mr. Jamal Johnson, who gave a presentation

and showed a video of the empowering testimony of a person who found out that abstinence is a matter of self-control, self-leadership, and most of all self-respect.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Honoring Ourselves: Women's Circle

By Jizly Dohou

On June 28 at the acclaimed medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, the WFWP Pennsylvania chapter, held our monthly Women's Circle. The purpose of the Women's Circle is to provide a



WFWP Women's Circle

forum for enlightening discussions of life and spirituality. New members receive information, updates, and education on the work of WFWP around the world.

During this particular circle, we welcomed three new members, who received information packages and were introduced to the WFWP mission statement. Our objective is for women to understand the importance of spiritual vitality within their own lives and in the lives of others. We often start off the discussion by reading some words of wisdom from respected women authors like Margaret Young, Mary Jean Irion, Audre Lorde, Virginia Woolf, and especially the words from the founder of WFWP, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The empowerment talk of this gathering was entitled "Honoring Ourselves." It encouraged women to discover themselves as leaders, starting from being a daughter, a sister, a student, a mother of a home, and on to the professional workforce, all the while setting a standard for others to respect and honor the dignity of womanhood.

One younger member, Ms. Eli Izumi, testified that by setting a high standard of moral values for herself she hopes to empower other young women in her life.

We have found that this monthly Women's Circle provides a warm environment for new and seasoned members to discuss ways of empowering and inspiring themselves and each other.



Mrs. Jizly Dohou presenting

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MICHIGAN

Helping Hands

By Mrs. Michelle Lindsay, WFWP Michigan Chairwoman

For the past three years, the Detroit Chapter of WFWP has been helping out at the Groesbeck Independence Day Neighborhood Family Fair. The fair this year was on Saturday, June 28. It is a community fair put on by the Metro Detroit Family Church for the neighborhood around the church.



WFWP table at the fair

WFWP set up a table with display boards and information for anyone who came by. Those people who stopped to ask what we are about were impressed by all the things WFWP does throughout the world.

WFWP members wore the yellow T-shirts and performed for the audience. It was a good way to encourage families to have fun together outside in nature and to enjoy time in the great outdoors.





[Read online and see the photo gallery!](#)

Entertaining the crowd

Editor's Note:

Thank you all so much for your feedback and your contributions. Don't forget captions for the photos you submit. Extra photos may be placed on the website even though we may not be able to include them in the e-news.

Thank you all for your effort to bring peace through "Living by the Logic of Love." Enjoy the beauty of Spring and flowers and new life everywhere!

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