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### ***President's Corner***

Dear Friends,

Just as America is experiencing quite a bit of hot weather in many places, it seems the whole world is going through some kind of "heat" or a fiery furnace of challenges on many levels. Iraq is boiling with sectarian strife. The slaughter continues in Syria. A war between Christians and Muslims threatens in the Central African Republic -- not to mention Nigeria. Ethnic hatred seethes in the Xinjiang and Tibet areas of China.

This is where women, mothers and Women's Federation, with our unique peace-building tool set, could come in like a cooling breeze to quell the heat by providing relief and care, love, healing, encouragement, inspiration, and hope, working and networking with other women from the local to the global level and beyond our own borders. Though this issue of our e-newsletter is a bit late -- and we apologize for that -- it is rich in content, as we witness the loving work of mothers and daughters from California to Chicago to the nation's capital, the UN and also Canada, the Schools of Africa, the Middle East, and Haiti, where our team is currently serving.

Our Co-Founders, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, who was an ardent supporter of women, recognize that women and mothers have innate peacemaking qualities rooted in their role as nurturers and educators of the family and in their natural orientation toward faith. Dr. and Rev. Moon's vision is that all such women are called and needed to use their gifts and talents in all sectors of society to bring about peace, a culture of mutual respect, prosperity, and interdependence -- together with our husbands and in harmony with men.

At this time WFWP USA is also supporting a special God's Hope for America Tour in honor of Father Moon's effort to awaken this nation to return to its original, founding spirit. The Tour is retracing the stops Rev. Moon made back in 1965, when he established 55 Prayer Grounds (Holy Grounds), at least one in each state, where he urged people to gather to pray for America and for the world. Please visit [GodsHopeForAmerica.com](http://GodsHopeForAmerica.com) for more information.

We hope this edition of our e-news will inspire and uplift you -- and that it will stimulate you to be a woman, mother, or daughter "on the move" to heal this great nation.

May God bless you and may God bless the United States of America!

Happy 4th of July 2014!

With love,



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## CANADA

### Canada's Future as a Global Peacemaker

By Mrs. Lilly Tadin and Mrs. Angelika Selle

On May 30, a sunny Friday morning, nearly one hundred Ambassadors for Peace, both men



and women leaders, gathered in Ottawa on the occasion of the annual National Conference to examine and discuss the questions of good governance under the theme of "Peace, Order & Good Governance." The conference was co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's Federation for World Peace, sister organizations founded by the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung

Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The one-day conference opened with International Vice-President of WFWP and President of WFWP USA Angelika Selle giving a warm welcome and a brief introduction to the founding and activities of WFWP International and WFWP in Canada. She emphasized the arrival of the era of women and the need for "a Mother's Heart" to be infused into decision-making in all areas of social life from local to global. She also introduced the Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN), initiated by Father and Mother Moon in 2012. The GWPN is a network of the heart that will bring together NGOs and governmental organizations that base their efforts on morals and values.

Mrs. Selle noted that "Ottawa", which hails from the Algonquin tribe Odawa language, means "to trade," and she encouraged the audience to "trade in" some old ideas and concepts for new ones through the various presentations that would follow. Mr. Ricardo de Sena, recently appointed UPF Secretary-General for North America, then welcomed everyone on behalf of UPF, and in his own free flowing style, conveyed the core principles and activities of the organization.

Dr. Charles S. Yang, International Chairman of UPF, who has spent many years with the founders, broadened the vision to the world level, and shared insights on the crucial role

Canada has played in years past as a peace maker. He highlighted the universal principle of "living for the sake of others," which undergirds all the organizations founded by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Moon.

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Mr. Ricardo de Sena,  
Secretary General, UPF-North  
America



Mrs. Angelika Selle, President,  
Women's Federation for  
World Peace-USA



## USA

### Peace in the Middle East More Tangible

By Ms. Laura Ortiz, WFWP USA

The 18th Global Women's Peace Network and the Middle East Peace Initiative Conferences held in Jerusalem, Israel, and Amman, Jordan, were very successfully attended. In my estimation, this experience was the greatest testament to the progress of the on-going peace process initiated in the Middle East by the founders of WFWP 22 years ago.

My main responsibility on this trip was to care for five wonderful ladies. One lady in particular, Rev. Betty Tatalajski, has attended every single conference since they began. She attested to the magnificent spiritual significance of these pilgrimages as a long-term investment for peace in the Middle East.

She was a witness to the turmoil of the first conference, as rockets exploded right next door to the historic Dan Hotel in Jerusalem, which has been the host hotel for the past 22 years. She said, "The hotel was empty, but we still stayed there." She continued, "We did nothing but pray. We went to different places in the city and we prayed." She added, "I have to continue attending these conferences to secure a place for God and eventually a great peace."



Rev. Betty tells her story.

This vital spiritual significance and great foundation of faith, is now tangible in the air of the city. The peace progress is becoming more visible. As many more Middle Eastern women have begun to engage and actively participate with others from other religious and cultural backgrounds in profound and constructive dialogue for peace and understanding, the foundation of prayer and dialogue established by the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon becomes more visible.



Participants in the conference

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## COLORADO



# Honoring Peace Efforts by Mothers

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes, WFWP Denver

Everyone wants peace, but no one knows how to achieve it. But for the last 11 years, since 2003, at the request of Father and Mother Moon, founders of WFWP, men and women have been traveling to Israel on a mission of peace to bring together the three Abrahamic faiths in prayer and reconciliation. On May 31, the Denver Chapter of WFWP invited people to convene to recognize and honor the courageous hearts of mothers and women of peace, WFWP members, who have traveled to Israel for the Middle East Peace Initiative during that time. Our last contingent of 129 participants from different countries completed a trip last month, from May 9-15. There were more women from Jordan who attended this last WFWP convention than in any other year to date.



Mrs. Shirley Chimes, Chairlady in Denver, welcomed the 32 guests to celebrate a belated Mother's Day. She explained the founding of WFWP by Father and Mother Moon and spoke about their various and continued efforts to bring peace in the world.

Mrs. Ella Heppell read the "Declaration for Women's Middle East Peace Initiative" which is available at this [link](#). At the time she traveled to Israel with her mother she was a young, single lady. Going to Israel was especially meaningful for her, as her mother is Israeli born. Ella has since married and has two beautiful children.

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## WFWP INTERNATIONAL

### A Transition in International Women's Leadership



Dr. Lan Young Moon

Our dear international president of WFWP, Dr. Lan Young Moon, who has been the international president of WFWP International since the year 2,000, was assigned to a new post by our Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, on May 17, and is now a special emissary for Eastern Europe.

We thank Dr. Lan Young Moon for her outstanding, loving, and gracious leadership and service for the past 15 years, as she has touched hundreds and thousands of women with her warm heart, truly representing our Founders' spirit wherever she went. We congratulate her wholeheartedly to her new appointment. Although we will surely miss her we know that she will still remain a close advisor to WFWP International as President Emeritus.

Kamsahamnida! (Korean word meaning "Thank you!")

We welcome wholeheartedly our new international president, Professor Yeon Ah Moon, international vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWPU), who was appointed by our Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and was inaugurated in Korea on June 3, 2014. President Yeon Ah Moon now is the third international president of WFWP. She teaches women's studies at Sun Moon University, and expressed her resolve to lead WFWP in contributing to and supporting the vision for



2020. Representing a younger generation we look forward to seeing more young women join Women's Federation in the near future.

Again, congratulations to both great women!

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Dr. Moon & Prof. Yeon Ah Moon

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### Mother-Daughter Love Honored

By Ms. Elizabeth Aihe

With the spirit of spring WFWP in Washington, DC, ended the month of May on Saturday May 31 by celebrating the relationship between mothers and daughters. The afternoon program was entitled "The Power of Love between Mother and Daughter" and was held at the Washington DC Family Church.

The room was full of warm-hearted smiling faces; truly the spirit of spring was harkening the beginning of a bright sunny summer. Twenty- five people attended, including some men.

The emcee, Dr. Diane Falk, warmly welcomed those gathered, followed by the invocation given by Mrs. Kim Dadachanji, WFWP Maryland Chairwoman. Mr. Otmar Weinmann played the guitar and sang a song he had written for his mother.

A video presentation introduced WFWP's work around the world. I recited a poem called "Mother of Mine" that I had written for my mother and for Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

To prepare the atmosphere for our keynote speaker, Mrs. Miwako Lindsey sang two lovely Japanese songs. The guest speaker, Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, Vice President of WFWP USA, had come from New York and gave an inspiring PowerPoint presentation on how important the mother-daughter relationship is.



Mrs. Dadachanji & Won Shim



Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis

As we prepared to cross the Bridge of Peace in repentance and forgiveness, Mrs. Nanae Goto sang "You Raise Me Up." It was such a moving program and we all left feeling uplifted and empowered.

Mrs. Kim Dadachanji said afterward, "It was wonderful to cross the bridge with my daughter. We both experienced a deep affirmation of our love for each other."

Won Shim Dadachanji, Kim's daughter, remarked, "I thought it was good and I think that every mother and daughter should see Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis' presentation, because it helps you see from both the mother's and the daughter's perspectives. It also helps you to realize how much you need that relationship."

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## OREGON

# Collaboration - Synergy - Peace

By Mrs. Rose Ann Kennett, WFWP Oregon

The recent peace conference on May 9 was a collaborative effort by the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Diversity Resource Center, the International Sufi School for Peace and Service, and the Women's Federation for World Peace with the support of the MHCC Associated Student Government. The conference included a breakfast social, a panel discussion featuring peace workers and innovators from London, England; British Columbia, Canada; and Portland, Oregon; a Peace Expo; and four workshops to choose from: Peace Within, Peace in the Family, Peace in the Community, or Peace in the World.



Oregon peace event poster

The event opened with a guided meditation by Rev. Meiko Jones, Prior of the Portland Buddhist Priory and from the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives. She has been a monk for thirty years, was ordained at Shasta Abbey, and then became the Prior in Portland, Oregon. After leading the group in a meditation, Rev. Jones then recited the Metta Sutra, which is the Sutra of Loving Kindness. It was a perfect beginning and segued to the depth of the presentations that followed.

The panelists included Ms. Lillian Pitt, an accomplished award-winning Pacific Northwest Native American artist whose ancestors have lived in and near the Columbia River Gorge for more than 10,000 years. Ms. Pitt is noted for creating images that sustain ancient Columbia Plateau cultures and beliefs and for promoting harmony within people, communities, and nature.

She is also a major contributor to the Columbia Gorge Confluence Project. She says of her art, "Regardless of the medium, my work directly relates to and honors my ancestors, my people, the environment, and the animals."

Mr. Gary Spanovich is the Founder and Executive Director of the Wholistic Peace Institute (WPI) and has had a history of accomplished humanitarian work in India since 1992. In 1995, with assistance from Rotary International, he built a school for Indian street children. His work later extended to 53 Tibetan refugee camps in India. In 2001, he held his first World Peace Conference in Portland and welcomed the Dalai Lama. Since then, Mr. Spanovich and the WPI continue to bring Nobel Peace Laureates to Oregon to educate others and promote peace.



Peace panelists

[Read the full report here.](#)

## NEVADA

### Women as Peacemakers "HerStory"

By Mrs. Kimiyo Anceny, WFWP Las Vegas

WFWP Las Vegas has been inviting incredible women to tell us their stories. May 16 was the



WFWP Las Vegas with Ms. Barbara Wood

fourth such gathering since the Turning Point Assembly was held in Las Vegas in October 2012. The guest speaker this time was Ms. Barbara Wood, Director of University Relations for Roseman University of Health Science.

She gave an incredible story of her life. She has gone through numerous life-threatening medical challenges, including five bouts of cancer, five heart attacks, three strokes, and, to top it all off, severe injuries that resulted from falling out of a hot-air balloon. However, her physical maladies were not the only challenges

she had to face. She also lost her loving husband after only 14 years of marriage and was left to raise her children on her own without his support and love to keep her strong. Yet she kept going with a positive attitude and a heart of giving despite all the challenges she was going through.

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## ILLINOIS

### WFWP Jumps on the Love Train

By Min. Fannie Smith, WFWP Board Member

This event was sponsored by Love Train Ministries, founded by Evangelist Greta Myers recently in Chicago. Once a month on Tuesdays,

meetings are held in Greta's home where she invites neighbors, community leaders, and groups to share thoughts on Love, Peace, and Harmony. On May 13, 2014 members of WFWP had an opportunity to "formally" introduce Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to this group. Mrs. Sarah Maeda spoke on Mother Moon's contributions and testified about her own life experience with the True Family Church and WFWP and her work in Chicago.



The "Love Train" in Chicago

Minister Fannie Smith spoke on WFWP initiatives for the Schools of Africa Project and the great advances members of WFWP are making in Africa, fundraising events, and an

update on the abducted school girls in Nigeria and the increase of human trafficking around the world. She also told the group about the Haiti Summer Service Project.

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## MINNESOTA

### Peace Circle of Compassion for Nigerian Schoolgirls

By Ms. Elizabeth Patterson, WFWP Minnesota

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, the Women's Federation for World Peace: Peace Circle of Compassion was brought to fruition by an inspiration to reach out to and connect our hearts with the 300 kidnapped Nigerian school girls who had been abducted. It was initiated by



Ambassador for Peace and WFP member Mrs. Rose Gbadamassi, Executive Director and Founder of the Haitian Community of Minnesota.

With a prior commitment to fast from 6 am to noon (the duration of the event), participants gathered in a Peace Circle of Compassion around a flickering and illuminating candle of hope that had been prayerfully and purposefully placed in the midst of the circle. The participants began to create an atmosphere of oneness in heart with our Nigerian sisters bound in captivity and with all the women who are our sisters and who have been devalued and mistreated throughout the world.



Nigerians react to schoolgirl abduction.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

WFP USA is happy to announce that we officially opened the Washington, DC office on Tuesday May 27.



Representatives from Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia prayed and dedicated the small, but bright office on the 3rd floor of the Washington Times building to God and to peace. All was accompanied by thunder, lightning, and pouring rain outside. There was a sense of a "historic moment" in the air before all cut the cake and enjoyed it.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

## COLORADO

### Alicia, Guardian Angel to Haiti

By Shirley Chimes

At the end of a class on "A Course in Miracles" that Alicia Ponce (Denver WFP member who wrote an article about her mother in the May E-News), and I were both attending, I told her about the WFP Haiti trip. Her spirit jumped with enthusiasm. She said she was going to email a "few friends." By the time I got home and checked my messages, I already had a response



Ms. Alicia Ponce with Haiti donations.

from her explaining that she had heard from five to six friends who were very happy to donate clothing, shoes, toys and other things to the Haiti Summer Relief Project in June.

From that moment, Ms. Ponce worked tirelessly contacting her friends, collecting clothes, and organizing the donations. She got boxes, packaged and sealed them herself; and brought them to me for mailing. She was so far ahead of me that I could not keep up with her! In one delivery, she gave me four big boxes to mail. The next time she brought five boxes and an additional three bags full of offerings of clothing, shoes, and toys, which we added to the medical supplies that the chapter had collected. Her heart was bursting with joy each time we talked. She apologized that she could not personally go to Haiti this year and made a

strong commitment to go next year.

Ms. Ponce is a teacher and the school year was coming to an end, but that didn't slow her down. She worked so hard with so much feeling to make this contribution of her time and effort to help others who are in need. The Denver Chapter of WFWP cannot thank Ms. Ponce enough for her efforts to aid the Haitian trip from June 21-30. Through this article we honor her determined efforts to practice the motto of WFWP, "Living by the Logic of Love."



Donations destined for Haiti.

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## CALIFORNIA

### Cultural Fusion Inspires Donations

By Mrs. Pat Fleischman, WFWP San Francisco

Almost one hundred members of WFWP and their guests convened in the beautiful LeRoy home in Oakland, California, on Saturday May 3, 2014. This was the third year WFWP San Francisco has held its benefit for the WFWP Schools of Africa in the LeRoy home instead of at a community center, or anywhere else for that matter.



Ms. Prabha speaking for WFWP Schools of Africa

The afternoon's theme was "Cultural Fusion" and highlighted African, Indian, and Japanese cultures. The emcee, Mrs. Pat Fleischman, gave a brief introduction of WFWP, and Mrs. Prabha Duneja, WFWP San Francisco Schools of Africa Committee chairwoman, introduced the project.

She spoke of her recent experience meeting some of the WFWP members from Japan who had initiated and been involved in the WFWP schools in Africa. She spoke very warmly of the great sacrifice these women continue to offer freely in Africa to educate children who would otherwise not have the opportunity of receiving formal education.

A woman who had been to Ghana shared about her experiences there. African drummers treated us to a taste of African rhythm and culture. A dancer from India performed and showed the beauty of the Indian culture. A video about the Schools of Africa brought home the value of the work being done for the youth in Africa by WFP International.

To raise money, many items had been donated for a silent auction. Raffle tickets for a grill and various gift cards fired up enthusiasm among the attendees. There were snack food items from India, Nigeria, and Japan. There was even a Japanese tea ceremony for those who wished to participate.



Beautiful Indian dancer

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## OHIO

### Volunteerism: A WFP Goal

By, Marcia Schlichting

On May 18 the Marriage Ministry department of our church here in Columbus, Ohio, was holding a "Family Fun Event," which is just the kind of event WFP promotes! They were short staffed and on a strict budget so WFP offered to help out. In addition to donating \$50 towards their food budget and \$80 to help rent "bouncy house," three WFP members volunteered their time at the event itself.

There were activities and prizes for toddlers, young children, and young adults. Cash prizes were given for parent/child teams who participated in the three central activities. It was fun to see the 3-legged races, the centipede ball pass, and the "roll in a tablecloth" caterpillar crawl. There were two commentators for the event, Erica Hayasaka and Jeff Archer, both in their early 20's, who kept the atmosphere exciting. The 25-year-old chef du jour, Luke Abrahams, kept us fully satisfied with his special non-ending hotdogs and hamburgers.



Mrs. Grishina with the children

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### 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-newsletter.

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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