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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Esteemed Supporters of WFWP,

We trust that you have had wonderful Holidays thus far, as this eventful year 2015 quickly draws to a close. It seems like the earth is spinning faster these days!

2015 definitely was a year of new energy and progress, perfectly reflecting our theme for this year (GROWTH - Uplift, Upgrade, and Collaborate), which has manifested on many levels. This was mostly made possible through our young, new women leaders at our headquarters, administrator Kiyomi Schmidt and newly appointed Vice President Katarina Connery, as well as young women leaders on our national Board and in some of our chapters nationwide.

Congratulations to Mrs. Connery also on becoming a mother during this month of December, having giving birth to a wonderful baby boy, Mathew William Connery! To both father and mother Connery, best of luck and much happiness!

There were many highlights to note regarding activities throughout the year in our local chapters (see the summation by category below), which were all recorded in this year's Logic of Love e-newsletter!



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A big THANK YOU to all our chairwomen and co-chairwomen nationwide for their vision, consistency, and labors of love in making an impact in their communities. And a big THANK YOU to all our subscribers and supporters, who through your contributions make it possible for WFWP USA to continue making a difference!

Looking forward into 2016, we would like to share with all of you our new motto and focus: "**Compassionate, Sustainable Leadership**"!

Given the state our world is in at this moment, we need a different type of leadership, from the inside out, motivated by heart, governed by principles of integrity and character, and inspired by creativity and spirituality.

WFWP will seek to provide education and mentorship in these areas, especially for young women. We will seek funding for it, and hope for and will be humbled by your continued support.

Wishing you a wonderful, reflective, and peaceful end of this year, and a most energetic, hopeful, and adventurous 2016!

The key is to be completely open and ready, to see with new eyes, and to give yourself and others a new chance!

Here's to an awesome 2016!!

With love,
Angelika

National HerStory Awarded in
Washington, DC

To Heal the Family, the Mother Must
Be Healed

By Ms. Valencia Mohammed

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Editor's Note: As the HerStory Award was not given at the National Assembly this year, President Angelika Selle held a district gathering at the Washington Times to present the award to Ms. Valencia Mohammed. Here is her testimony.

Ms. Valencia Mohammed, well-known for her activism to support mothers of murdered victims in the District of Columbia, spoke at the Women's Federation for World Peace International, *HerStory Award* gathering on December 19, in Washington, DC.



Ms. Valencia Mohammed, President Selle, and Ms. Julie Randolph

Ms. Mohammed shared with the audience her personal experiences as a mother who lost sons to gun violence, and how she used the pain to advocate for other moms suffering in silence. She said the many mothers of murdered victims need more than grief counseling. "I will never forget, the times I went to the homes of murdered victims and found chaos. Many mothers are reaching out for direction, organization, psychotherapy and solace," said Ms. Mohammed.

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POEM

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"Press, Pass the Pain"

by Minister Chi Mauuso

Get out of Spirit's Way - the Naomi Story, Ruth 1

What is Pain's Function?
What is Pain Saying?

I have been sent down to bring the truth up.
Pain has come to teach you something
So get out of Spirit's way.
Look at the Pain, the "Storms" in your life.
And, know that Spirit will bring you a message
When "U" stop holding back.
STOP withholding your love.

And, Love "Pain" healthy.
Love "Pain" whole.
You need to understand what your role is
When pain comes around you.
Your role is not to get into the emotion of pain,
But rather to understand what lesson pain has for you to learn,
In order for you to move into the next level
In your Journey of Life.

"Pain is here to bring life forward,"
And until you've learned each lesson,
U can't move forward.
And, Until "U" handle it with Grace,
It's going to stay in your face.

When Wisdom comes and you are not ready for the change,
You will be destroyed like the twin towers!!
"U shall Fall."
"All Changes, Happen because, it is Needed.
And, Until U handle it with Grace, "It's going to stay in your face."

"With Knowledge Comes Responsibility."

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REFLECTIONS OF A BRIDGE OF PEACE CROSSING

Introduction

Native American spirituality is a religion unto itself and thrived for thousands of years before the Europeans arrived on the shores of "Turtle Island." The First Peoples' spirituality

was not acknowledged by those who came; and genocide occurred. Over 300 nations no longer exist because of this religious strife.

The genocide was perpetrated mainly as a result of Pope (1431-1503) Alexander VI's, Demarcation bull, granting Spain possession of the lands discovered by Columbus. This resulted in the Doctrine of Discovery, basically giving right of "ownership" to European Christian monarchs through expeditions finding lands that were not inhabited by Christians. (See www.doctrineofdiscovery.org for more information.)

It is important to realize that the First People of America's spirituality contains many solutions and answers for world peace and guardianship of Mother Earth.

Representing the ancestors of over 500 Native American nations, Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa, Pojoaque Pueblo and CEO of United Native American Council; walked the Bridge of Peace. Representing the Roman Catholic Church was Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, National Co-Chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), and spiritual leader of the Imani Temple African American Catholic Congregation, headquartered in Suitland, Maryland.



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Taking Care of Our Ancestors

By Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa

In our many efforts to comfort God's painful heart, one way is to reflect and act on hereditary transgression which is transgressions inherited from one's ancestors through the blood lineage, as mentioned in the



Bowing in repentance and forgiveness

Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:5. In addition, there is a collective violation of Divine Law that one is partially responsible for in other specific groups' historical trauma. The Bridge of Peace Ceremony allows individuals and groups who represent specific racial, religious, political, and regional backgrounds to actively confront the historical, hereditary, and

collective painful sufferings endured in history to give birth to individual and ancestral healing, and hope for the future.

The atrocities that the Catholic Church brought to the First Peoples in North, Central, and South America are too painful to recall. This Bridge of Peace for me was very meaningful because I crossed the Bridge with Archbishop George Augustus Stallings representing Catholicism. I cried because there is so much enmity and pain; and there are 300 or more tribes that are extinct because of the religious strife between Catholicism and Native Spirituality which was never acknowledged. We are so fortunate to try to emulate repentance and forgiveness that really reflect we are all children under God no matter how we look, no matter what race, no matter what color.



This Bridge of Peace was a formal national ceremony held in the beautiful Washington Times ballroom. May it never cease until the Kingdom of Heaven is accomplished on Earth. Every day we have opportunities to cross a spiritual bridge of peace in our lives that can relieve the painful heart of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, who endures the discords of humanity. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, and we can comfort our ancestors. It is a victorious feeling when we know we have overcome our personal limitations. Also it is a powerful prayerful life, when we can accomplish this reconciliation within ourselves and multiply it by helping others cross a bridge to peace in their lives.

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United in a Common Struggle

By Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.

The WFWP Bridge Crossing Ceremony that recently took place between a Native



American, Rev. Dr. Linda Lucero Nishikawa and an African-American Catholic, Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr., symbolized a heartfelt desire on the part of two persons to represent their respective people as united in a common struggle for recognition and appreciation in a country built on the principle of "liberty and justice for all." In addition, to heal and reconcile centuries of animosity and division perpetrated by Catholics towards Native Americans in the early conquest of America.

During the stirring ceremony, I was visibly and emotionally touched as my beloved Sister, Linda, and I met at the center of the Bridge, bowed in mutual reverence and respect, shared gifts, and embraced one another. In that brief moment, I knew that our simple gesture of love and unity was the beginning of a concerted effort towards strengthening the bonds of

fraternal friendship between Native Americans and African-Americans as well as building bridges of reconciliation, healing and understanding between Native Americans and Catholics.

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NEW YORK--Westchester

Gift of Education: "If We Hold On Together"

By Mrs. Renate Sato & Mrs. Lynn Walsh

Westchester's 12th annual benefit for the Schools of Africa Project was held in Irvington, NY at the beautiful, modern Eileen Fisher Hall located next to the Hudson River. Looking out of the wall-to-wall windows in the spacious hall, it was stunning to see the glistening river right outside. We are grateful for the generosity of Eileen Fisher for allowing us the use of this venue. Eileen Fisher is a Fortune 500 company, a very distinguished fashion designer, and is well-known for her support of worthy causes and worthwhile organizations.

Our emcee, Ms. Susan Bouachri, opened the program, introducing the very talented, Mr. Raoul Joseph who warmed the atmosphere and our hearts by singing, "If We Hold on Together."

After which Mrs. Alexa Ward-Fish, Deputy Director of the UN Office of WFP International, spoke. Mrs. Ward gave a broad and very informative presentation on the United Nations' recent establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals, aimed at solving the most troubling world problems. We

were proud to hear that WFP International that has received the highest NGO ranking at the United Nations; namely, an NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); has been actively participating for many years to find solutions both through educational and service work, specifically the WFP Schools of Africa Project.



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FEATURE

Disability and Creating a Behavior Plan

By Caryn Olsson

Families that have someone with a "behavior," learn how to cope in different ways. There are different "behaviors;" for example, hitting, biting, kicking, spitting, and so on. The "behavior" not only affects the person with a disability, but the whole family. The siblings also find ways to deal with this. Some get angry, some develop resentment, and some really have a hard time and turn to drugs or other addictions. Life just is not easy; and yet, as with life, there needs to be a plan to make things easier.

I wish that someone had discussed a behavior plan with me when Patrick was younger, as he has not outgrown his issues. Instead they have manifested themselves now in many areas of his life. The point I want to emphasize is that in order to obtain the required services that a child and young adult needs, there should be a behavior plan in force



for others to look at, when dealing with the person with the disability. As this is something I am going through at the moment, it is what I want to write this month's article about.

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Education Changes Everything!

By Mrs. Mary Hida

On Thursday evening, November 19, from 6 to 9 pm, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in conjunction with Women in Music and Arts (WIMA), hosted a fundraiser for the Schools of Africa Project at The Old School Brewing Company in Las Vegas, Nevada. Over 70 people from diverse cultures and backgrounds, dressed in colorful costumes and traditional dress, attended the International Masquerade Ball.



Delicious Italian cuisine, artfully prepared by Chef Michael Leonetti, was served buffet style, as the guests arrived. The Dick Kastel Jazz Combo performed throughout the night. Click here to watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/FAPZkaVCzww>

Emcee, Ms. Sandy Kastel, founder of WIMA and lead singer, opened the program with the National Anthem. She then invited The Nondi Montanara Multi-Cultural Performing Arts Company, consisting of 4 dancers and 2 drummers, to perform a dynamic African dance. The

powerful drumming brought everyone's attention and the spirit of Africa into the room. The spirit escalated even more when the dance company invited the audience to participate.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW ARRIVAL!!

Congratulations to WFWP Vice President, Katarina Connery, who gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Matthew William Connery, on December 8, at 10:08 am, 8 lbs 7 oz, 21 1/2 inches long.

Welcome to Motherhood and Fatherhood, Katarina and Michael! Welcome to the World, Matthew!



Michael and Katarina Connery, Baby
Matthew



Matthew William Connery

YOUNG LADY'S REFLECTION OF 23RD ASSEMBLY

Sustainable Peace in the Making

By Ms. Ruta Smith

My experience at the WFWP event was informative, interesting and inspiring. The richness of the experience began with the car ride from the University of Bridgeport to Washington, DC with Mrs. Nora Spurgin, the first president of WFWP in America, and Mrs. Lena Yasutake, Chairwoman of the

Bridgeport WFWP Chapter. They drove with the five of us who were generously sponsored by the wonderful Colorado chapter. We had good conversations on the way there and I learned more about WFWP, its history and current activity, and the nature of the environment I was about to enter.



Mrs. Lena Yasutake turned out to be a very valuable person to be with. I felt she maximized what we would get out of the event by introducing it as an opportunity to step into the world of professionalism and diplomacy. She took us shopping to get new professional outfits as soon as we got there, sponsored in part by the Bridgeport chapter of WFWP, and offered countless invaluable tips on professionalism and how to get the most out of the networking opportunity of the first night.

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MICHIGAN

The Heart of Africa and African Culture

By Mrs. Michelle Lindsay



Chairwoman Michelle Lindsay

On the evening of Saturday, November 7, 2015, people from many different charitable organizations came together to enjoy African food and entertainment at a fundraiser for WFWP Schools of Africa Project, the 20 year-long effort to build schools and educate underprivileged children in Africa.

Michigan WFWP chairwoman Mrs. Michelle Lindsay and her team of women from the USA, Africa, Germany, Austria, Brazil, Japan, Moldova, the Philippines, and South America put together a program centered on African entertainment. One of our friends, Rev.

Nathan Proche, loaned us some African art from his collection to decorate the venue.

The youngsters from the Kisile family began the program with traditional African songs and Christian songs in both French and English. They were so vibrant and energetic and they started the program off on a high note.

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POEM

A.F.R.I.CA All Fighters Reconcile In CAnaan A FRIend CAme

Africa, my Africa,
How beautiful You are!
But You are not loved and admired,
Instead Blood and Misery are Your daily Diet.
Africa, my Africa,
How pitiful You are!

Africa, our Africa,
How very special You are!
Deep in our Hearts You are loved and admired,
But still You are tortured by Your daily Diet.
Africa, our Africa,
How abused, mistreated and neglected You are!

Africa, God's Africa,
Oh, how wonderful You are!
Absolutely You will be loved and admired,
God's Love and Truth shall be Your daily Diet.
Rise and bow,
True Parents have come!
All will be free,
One by One!
Africa, God's Africa,
See, how richly Blessed You are!

By Mrs. Sabine Kouassi, 1999

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Become a Member of WFWP!

A Word from WFWP Membership Coordinator

Become a Member as a "WFWP Peace Builder" Today!

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Seminars on human rights and women's dignity



National and local service projects



Educational programs on healthy family relationships



Character and values education for youth



Schools of Africa benefits

And much more!

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Yes, this is an appeal to support WFWP in 2016 by becoming a member!

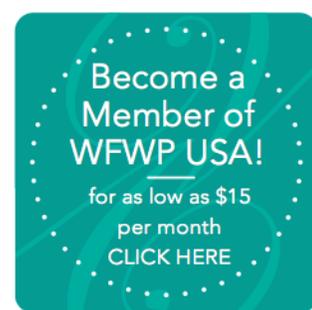
We live in frightening times on a daily basis; but for us, who are members of WFWP, it is deeply comforting to belong to a women's peace movement that speaks the language of love; that understands reconciliation, forgiveness, giving, partnership, and has tremendous hope in the future of our youth. WFWP members have a loving response to these fearful times, bequeathed to us by our precious Founders.

WFWP is not funded by any other organization. It was founded to create a women's leadership movement that can bring true and lasting peace on earth. Therefore, our personal support can make all the difference. Especially here in America. Especially by offering leadership training to our young women in the year 2016.

In fact, it would be so great if, as a nation, we could find 20 Platinum-level members; twenty devoted American women and men who decide to give \$1,000 for the year 2016. Last week a wonderful man signed membership in the name of his business, simply to have a chance to substantially support WFWP's legacy in America. I believe it was God who moved his heart.

If you have not done so already, please become a member of WFWP, if possible at the Silver or

Gold level so we can sustain new program initiatives this coming year, by clicking the icon on the right, or by mailing us a printed membership form found [at this link](#).



Have a beautiful loving holiday season with your family and coworkers and neighbors. May a miracle be yours in 2016.

Pamela Stein
WFWP USA Membership Coordinator

VIRGINIA

Serving Locally Affects the World Globally

By Mrs. Zena Ruf

On a chilly, Saturday morning, November 21, about 40 people, mostly young people, gathered to raise funds for "Schools of Africa" and for local youth group leadership programs through raking leaves. This annual leaf raking fundraiser has been a tradition in the Northern

Virginia (NOVA), community for over 12 years. These last two years, the local Northern Virginia WFWP chapter has partnered with the NOVA Family Church Youth Group to raise funds both for Schools of Africa and for the youth group's leadership programs.



This year the group gathered at 8 o'clock in the morning, to share donuts and coffee and learn about the eight schools in Africa supported by WFWP. Mrs. Zena Ruf, the local WFWP chairwoman, shared about one graduate from a WFWP supported school in Mozambique who went on to study medicine and became a doctor. He is now one of the two doctors in a hospital, and is seeing nearly 90 patients a day from early morning to midnight.

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FEATURE

Reclaiming the Heart of Our Humanity

By Mrs. Glenda Lambert

For the first time in more than twenty years, the Parliament of the World's Religions returned to the United States bringing people of spirit and faith from around the world to beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. Ten thousand people from over 80 countries and 50 different religious and spiritual traditions came together to share, learn, network and celebrate. It opened on Thursday, October 15 and closed Monday October 19.



The 2015 Parliament continues a rich tradition of initiating dialogue and nurturing relationships among people of different faiths, providing a framework for expressing many visions of a just, peaceful, and sustainable future.

The theme of the Parliament was: "Reclaiming the Heart of our Humanity ". What this really means, according to a young visionary leader, is, "Thousands of kindred spirits, grounded in faith, coming together with compassion and forgiveness, with curiosity and convictions, with expansive vision and following a deeply personal call to action in response to the urgency of these times."

Thursday started off with the inauguration of the first Women's Assembly at the Parliament. 19 women addressed the first Parliament of World Religions in 1893. This year, women comprised over 60 percent of the 2015 parliament's registrants. This plenary brought



together diverse female religious leaders to address the vital nexus of women and religion. These leaders shared their collective wisdom for the empowerment of all, in addition to celebrating their achievements within the interfaith movement. The majority of the attendees and

speakers at the Parliament were women, and their voices were well represented and received. Some of the major speakers were: Marianne Williamson, Mother Maya Tiwari, Dr. Serene Jones, Mara Lynn Keller, Bishop Barbara King, Vandana Shiva, Dr. Karen Armstrong and many more.

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MASSACHUSETTS

More is Always Better

By Mrs. Margaret Brewster

On November 21, the Massachusetts Chapter of WFPW had an International Bazaar, a joint program with the Japanese community in Boston. A lot of time, effort, and energy went into the preparation for the program, and it was truly a memorable occasion. With international gifts and cuisine, there was something delectable for everyone.



The Japanese ladies danced and sang. They even demonstrated a Japanese Ceremonial Tea Ceremony and taught Origami to anyone who wanted to learn how to fold pieces of beautiful paper into amazing shapes. The ladies were all dressed in Kimonos and looked very festive. The food they prepared was amazing! On top of that, the ladies from Russia had prepared and offered their traditional Salmon pie and Borsht. The ladies from the Philippines made egg rolls and the Vietnamese community treated us to their traditional rolls as well. It was a smorgasbord delight.

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ANNOUNCING

Congratulations: Ms. Krista Smith!

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes

In As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, the autobiography of the Co-Founder of WFWP, Rev. Dr. Sun

Myung Moon, in the chapter entitled: "Find Your Purpose, Change Your Life," he states, "It is difficult to find young people today who are passionate about their lives. We find so many young people who, with no goal or purpose for their life, are just wandering around."

This is not so with Ms. Krista Smith, a university student from Colorado studying at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.



She has been offered and has accepted an internship for the fall semester with WFWP's UN Office in New York City. This opportunity came as a result of her participation in the WFWP 2015 National Assembly in late October where she met the Deputy Director of the UN Office, Mrs. Alexa Ward. Krista subsequently attended a forum sponsored by WFWP International UN Office and Universal Peace Federation (UPF), shortly after the Assembly and was offered the internship.

Congratulations Krista! The Colorado Chapter sends you many blessings and their best wishes to you as you undergo this new venture.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Here it is, the end of 2015! How did it get here so quickly?

We have a lot to be grateful for in 2015 and a lot to look forward to in 2016 as we continue our journey to make the world a better place through living by the logic of love and allowing our God-given womanly wisdom and desire for peace and prosperity for everyone to flourish in our families and our communities and our nations.

Let's keep up the great work of WFWP and bring comfort to our Creator!

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