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President's Corner

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year 2015!

January is the month in which we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is inspiring how Dr. King's philosophy of peace and reconciliation resonates so perfectly with WFWP's ongoing motto, "Living by the Logic of Love." Therefore, at the beginning of every year we are very happy to celebrate the thought, vision, and accomplishments of this champion of peace -- especially since this process has not been completed yet. Agreed? (See articles below.)

While this new year is already well on its way, we here at WFWP USA are still in the mode of planning, goal setting, strategizing, and organizing for the next level of development of our organization.

It promises to be an exciting year as we teach the ropes to our newly appointed vice president, Mrs. Katarina Connery, and the next generation of young woman leaders. Welcome again!

Just to clarify as we train and raise our next generation, we in the more "seasoned" generation are not retiring or stepping down as woman leaders. Mrs. Juanita Pierre-Louis will continue as the current vice president, and we all, younger and older ladies, will work the vision TOGETHER. Indeed, in this way we are EXPANDING our foundation.

As an inspiration for this month and new year, I recommend to take a hint from the members of our Colordao Chapter, who began this year with laughter (see article below)! I hope you enjoy all of the articles in this issue, as well as a detailed overview and summary of last year's amazing activities and efforts by our local chapters!

We noticed that last year, more than in the previous year, all chapters collaborated and networked with other organizations (see list of 2014 WFWP activities at bottom of this newsletter).

GROWTH on all levels is our theme for 2015, and in order to accomplish that, we want to keep in mind an attitude of "uplift-upgrade-collaborate" in whatever we do, as the fuel to boost ourselves to a higher level.

Best wishes for a successful year!

With love,
Angelika



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INSPIRATIONAL WORDS

Continuing Dr. King's Legacy

By Mrs. Maree Gauper

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. His God was not small, and neither was his dream. The dream was as big as God's dream - that all people could live in peace and that there would be an end to racial injustice and all forms of bigotry. Like many visionaries, Dr. King was maligned and misunderstood in his lifetime, served time in jail, and became the victim of an assassin's bullet.

If we believe in God, but we only love our own kind, our God is too small.

If we only love our own family, our God is too small.

If we only love our own denomination, our God is too small.

If we only love our own religion, our God is too small.

If God loves the whole world, He expects nothing less from us.

This year, in memory of Dr. King and in praise and thanksgiving to the God who inspired his message and his dream, let us put aside whatever man-made barriers have divided us, and worship together as one family under one God.

Let us become truly inspired by the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For members of WFWP, his life has deep significance as we work to promote peace through reconciliation and breaking down the barriers between race, religion, culture, and nationality to see each other as siblings, not rivals. As we are all the children of the one Creator, the Heavenly Parent, we will continue to work to promote "One Family Under God" in all our activities this year.



Participants practicing Dr. King's dream

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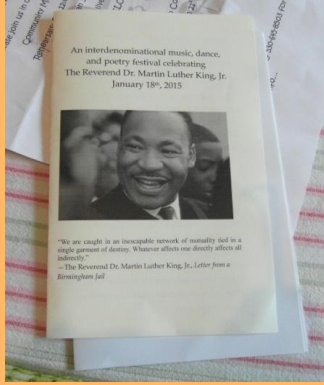
CALIFORNIA -- Wheatland

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Interfaith Song

By Mrs. Maree Gauper

It all started at a Women's Federation retreat at Tybee Island, Georgia in 2012. It was there that I first heard about a project called Dreamfest in a report by Ms. Carolyn Sampson, WFWP North Carolina chairwoman. The Dreamfest is a three-day event held each year in North Carolina to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy.

When the WFWP co-founder, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, was asked by a journalist, who, in his opinion, was the greatest American of the 20th century, he responded without hesitation, "Martin Luther King!" adding that it's because of his



Program to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

that particular Mormon church.

For the second annual MLK Choral Festival, held on Sunday, January 18, the roles were reversed, and a Mormon bishop was guest speaker in a black Baptist church. This year, the festival expanded to include poetry and praise dancing, while the number of participating congregations increased to five.

devotion to ending all forms of bigotry and injustice.

As the chairwoman of WFWP in Wheatland, California, I was inspired by this - and, I, too, came to have a dream of bringing different churches together for a choral festival to celebrate Dr. King's birthday. Three local churches that I contacted were very supportive of the idea, and an inaugural festival took place last year. It was a groundbreaking event in which, for the first time, a black Baptist preacher spoke in



Mrs. Maree Gauper accompanying in song

[Read article online and see all the photos!](#)

MICHIGAN

Visiting a Juvenile Detention Center on MLK Day

By Mrs. Sabine Kouassi



Mrs. Sabine Kouassi

Last year, I was able to visit the Juvenile Detention Center in Detroit and begin a relationship with the girls awaiting trial. This year, on Martin Luther King Day, we were given the opportunity to speak with some girls again. (Please refer to the article in the August 2014 E-News entitled: "Juvenile Detention Facility Visit.")

When we arrived, we were greeted by Mr. Spencer and then introduced to Supervisor John E. Blackstone. When I gave Mr. Blackstone a pamphlet about Women's Federation for World Peace, he surprised us by saying he knew of WFWP, as his aunt is working in New York as a U.N. representative.

We met two groups of girls: the first with 11 girls and another with five. The goal of our visit was to inspire the girls to talk freely to God and to assure them that they are loved unconditionally.

With the approval of Mr. Spencer, each girl received a sheet of paper to write down her prayer requests. They seemed to like this, because they started writing immediately.

It was a most suitable day to remind the girls to have a dream and to hold on to it - a good dream, a dream of love. I wrote on the board two acronyms for love: Love Overcomes Victoriously Everything, and Live On Values Eternally. Also, I encouraged them to discover what they are good at, such as writing, playing music, working in the medical field, etc. It is good for us to be creative and productive.



Inside the Juvenile Detention Facility

[Read the rest of this article on our website!](#)

SCHOOLS OF AFRICA

Raising the Bar in Supporting Schools of Africa

By Ms. Fannie M. Smith

WFWP chapters around the United States in 2014 found many creative ways to raise funds for African students yearning for education. For example, in Northern Virginia for some time now the church youth group has promoted a "leaf-raking fundraiser" to raise money. This



Silent Auction at black-tie SOA benefit in Connecticut

year, the funds were donated to support the Schools of Africa (SOA) Project. On another occasion, in Connecticut, a black-tie "Women of Africa" event and auction was orchestrated. And many other chapters contributed as well, through garage sales, potluck dinners, Africa nights, auctions, etc. - from simple events to flamboyant extravaganzas requiring extensive planning.

This trend is expected to continue in 2015. Only by restraining the imagination can WFWP chapters fail. WFWP women are feeling proud and honored to be a part of this project that strives to raise awareness of the goals set forth by WFWP Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the vision of her late husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

Though it has been a good and exciting year, we cannot stop "living for the sake of others," as Mother Moon reminds us.

Last year during the 2014 WFWP annual National Assembly, held in Washington, D.C., for the first time on a national level we had an opportunity to acknowledge chapters around the country that have consistently raised the most money for SOA over the last few years.

Special awards were presented to the chapters in Northern California; Southern California; Westchester County, New York; Ohio; and Connecticut. A separate award was presented to our Japanese WFWP ladies, led by Mrs. Yoshie Tsuboi, who volunteer and work with the students, parents, and communities for our Schools of Africa. Mrs. Fumiko Balcomb graciously accepted this award on their behalf.

Since 2000, WFWP, as a United Nations NGO, has sought to contribute through its activities to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Delivering quality education to African children contributes to each of the goals, including eradicating extreme poverty....



Schools of Africa benefit award recipients

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COLORADO

What Does Laughter Have to Do with Peace?

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes

The Colorado Chapter of WFWP had a uniquely enjoyable and educational meeting on January 17. We were invited to a Laughter Program!

In order to set the stage for laughing, we showed the WFWP promotional video clip with Mrs. Lena Yasutake, which put at least a smile on everyone's face. Then, former chairwoman Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe presented a section of the Philosophy of Peace on the Three Great Blessings, with an emphasis on laughter. With that in



Mrs. Ichinohe presents Three Great Blessings

place, we were ready to hear Dr. David Ferlic, Ed.D. (Counseling and Psychology) and his wife Trisha, who together presented the Laughter Program for the 27 lucky people who attended. There, I found out that you don't stop laughing when you grow old; you grow old when you stop laughing.

Dr. Ferlic and his wife are Certified Laughter Leaders in Colorado. After struggling for many years to find a therapy he believed in, he is convinced he has finally found one that works and, surprisingly, is enjoyable, reputable, and empowering. (If you would like to find out more about it, he can be reached at

smilehi@comcast.net.)

The Ferlics currently facilitate Laughter Groups at the Wheat Ridge Community Center. They have conducted Laughter Groups for the Colorado Health Foundation, St. Anthony Health Passport program, the Jefferson County Workforce Center, and the Unitarian and Catholic Churches. In addition, they have led and sponsored World Laughter Day in Colorado, along with participating in Meditate 08. They have also led Laughter Groups in Edgewater, at the Highland Recreation Center, at Covenant Village, on Colorado Public Radio, at Seattle University, and at Chadron State College in Nebraska.



David and Trisha Ferlic

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INTERVIEW

Mrs. Lena Yasutake: Teamwork Transforms Connecticut Chapter

By Ms. Emily Cornier



Lena with Connecticut WFWP team

If there were a simple term to describe Lena Yasutake it would have to be "powerhouse." A young mother of three small children, a recent graduate of the University of Bridgeport, a young-adult minister, and current chairwoman of WFWP's Connecticut chapter, Lena does not shy away from taking action and being a dynamic and efficacious role model in her community. I sat down with her over some coffee to talk about her experience so far as a WFWP chairwoman.

Emily: I can imagine it was a hard decision to take on the role of chairwoman for WFWP as you're a mother, a full-time student, and a youth minister. What made you decide to take on that position?

Lena: Actually, I didn't feel the need to take it on. What happened was that I went to Korea representing Angelika Selle, president of WFWP USA. She was not able to go, and asked me to go in her place. While I was there, I had an incredible transformation experience: I met our international president, Professor Yeon Ah Moon, who is the most incredibly authentic human being and who has so much passion, and I just felt completely ignited. When I came back to our local community, to my friends around me and the young women in my environment who I love to spend time with, I just shared my experience with them and shared what I thought we might be able to create in our community and the passion that I had. Somebody

said, "Okay, I nominate Lena to be the chairwoman!"

Lena (laughing): And I actually have no idea how you become chairwoman, what a chairwomen does specifically. I had a lot of reservations not just because I'm so busy, but personally I'm not very organized. I have ADD. I am not a great administrator. I was just really concerned that I would not do a good job, that I would not acquit the duties well and that I would let my chapter down. And I just shared that very honestly, I said, "Look, I am so passionate and I'm willing to work very hard. I'm willing to work and invest myself, but these are things that are not my strong suits, and these are my concerns." And at that meeting, one by one, people just stepped up for me. "I'll be your events coordinator," "I'll be your secretary," and "I'll be your communications officer," and "I'm going to be your volunteer coordinator."

You know, you don't have to be perfect; you just have to be who are and bring your passion. That was incredibly moving to me, and I just felt so inspired by them and just really honored to be part of the catalyst that revitalized our chapter.



Lena with WFWP International President Prof. Yeon Ah Moon

[Read the full interview on our website!](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

Principles of Peace at Holiday Festivities

By Mrs. Jizly Dohou



WFWP welcomes participants

On December 23, when we declared Prosperity Day in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, 24 women and men gathered to celebrate with us at Rev. Norris Izumi's home. The party was a wonderful event celebrating and honoring the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The participants were welcomed by WFWP Chairwoman Mrs. Jizly Dohou, who shared her experiences in Las Vegas, where she went to join a holiday party with WFWP Founder Mother Hak Ja Han Moon and many other WFWP and Universal Peace Federation members. She shared the vision of WFWP in line with Mother Moon's Vision 2020 - her desire to promote the peace legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon all over the world.

We were honored that the president of WFWP in the Philippines, Ms. Merly Barlaan, shared the Principles of Peace with all those who were gathered. She explained WFWP's innovative approach to peace, which is public-mindedness and "living by the logic of love."

Then Rev. Chung Whan Kim explained the importance and relevance of WFWP in connection with Mother and Father Moon's global peace movement. His speech was translated from Korean to English by Rev. Izumi. It gave the audience a deeper understanding of the role of WFWP in the context of bringing peace to our communities, our country, and the world at large. The program inspired all who were gathered, leading many people to pledge their support to WFWP in Pennsylvania. [Share and comment on our site!](#)



Group photo after the holiday festivities

NEW JERSEY -- Elizabeth

WFWP Spreads Christmas Cheer

By Mr. Emiljun Rapada

The Elizabeth, New Jersey Chapter of WFWP went caroling to family and friends to spread some Christmas cheer, while at the same time raising funds for the organization. The funds will partly support the "DONATE: Mission Liberia" project to benefit orphan children of Liberia through the Liberian Ministers Association of New Jersey.

The caroling started on December 12 in Elizabeth, then continued from December 15 through the 17, covering the areas of Elizabeth, Bloomfield, Newark, and Clifton, New Jersey.

The chapter was able to raise more than \$1,000. We would like to thank all the families and friends for their financial support and for serving great food to us during our visits.

Most especially, we thank the WFWP members and their families who joined the team for the four nights. [Share and comment on our website!](#)



Carolers delight the homes



With Rev. Allan Tomellesio Family in Clifton, NJ



With the District Chairwoman Denneze Nelson and Family

MINNESOTA

Holiday Party for Peace

By Ms. Denise Vang To

The Minnesota chapter of WFWP collaborated with the local chapters of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), Universal Peace Federation (UPF), and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Youth Group to generate a festive holiday party on December 6.



Group photo after the festivities

When organizations with different focuses come together for a common cause, it is more effective and leaves a greater impact for all who attend. Many of the attendees this time were younger women and men who were interested in finding out about WFWP and the

other organizations present.

WFWP Minnesota Chairwoman Mrs. Jeannette Henry gave introductory remarks and a summary of WFWP's thriving past and more recent projects and events. Mr. Bruno Borer, who is the local head of ACLC, outlined ACLC activities, stressing the importance of God in all religions, and that, regardless of our religion or lack of such, we are all one family under God. Then Mr. Ben Pehling, a local youth pastor, gave a review of several projects and amusing outings that had taken place in 2014.

At this meeting, WFWP announced an addition to the Minnesota team. Ms. Denise To was introduced as the new co-chairwoman. She expressed how enthusiastic she feels about substantially implementing the directive to attract a younger age group of women into the heart of WFWP.

Then came entertainment, including Japanese performances and a self-defense demonstration from black-belt holder Mr. Borer. Finally, the morning concluded with a nice lunch and a great chance for social networking. Collaboration among different organizations with the ultimate goal of peace makes celebrating the holidays a chance to substantiate peace. [Share and comment on our website!](#)



Introducing Ms. Denise To, Co-Chair in Minnesota



Self-defense instruction



Japanese dance to Sakura music

NEW JERSEY -- Hackensack

Nurturing Positive Values through Touring Early U.S. History

By Mrs. Cynthia Nakai

Have you ever wondered what the American pioneer women used to quell a stomachache? Have you ever wondered why it might have been safer to have a midwife



Touring in Fort Lee, New Jersey

deliver a baby in the countryside than a doctor who had just seen a person with scarlet fever? It turns out that the early settlers did not know much about infection control and that disease was rampant.

These are some of the topics that were addressed at the annual Fort Lee Historic Reenactment on November 23 in New Jersey.

WFWP friends gathered at 2 p.m. to take tours and learn about the lives of the early settlers. We could walk into replicas of cabins that housed six people and had a ladder leading up to a loft where

people slept. We could see the cannons fire that the American colonists had used as they tried to fight off the British during the Revolutionary War. We were permitted to walk back in time and glimpse at what cost freedom came to us who now live in the America that those brave men and women fought and gave their lives to establish.

The members of the Hackensack Chapter of WFWP love to gather and take educational tours. We started group tours with an emphasis on values, history, and appreciation of our forefathers. So this event was family-friendly and we invited ladies whom we have met over the years to join us. During the reenactment, we could even see children dressed in colonial costumes...



Firing the cannon

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WFWP USA Headquarters

What We Did in 2014

WFWP Annual Activities Report

By Ms. Laura Ortiz

Outreach and Education, Programs and Events

- Human Trafficking Awareness Event held in Tampa, in Feb 2014
- Uplifting Young Mothers in Colorado was held in Feb 2014
- Tenth Annual Schools of Africa Benefit in Upstate New York held in March 2014
- Columbus, Ohio Chapter Conducts Survey of young women in local churches
- Honoring Martin Luther King in Song
- President Selle, presented 2 Radio Lectures, via the internet radio show "Now is the Time," in February, and then repeated in March of 2014
- Attendance to the several events Nation Wide of the GOD'S HOPE FOR AMERICA TOUR throughout the 6 week tour, June - August 2014
- Attendance to the God's Hope for America dinner at the Washington Times
- Ohio presented on April 25, the Love IQ Program, based on the Relationship Intelligence curriculum, at the Horizon Charter Middle School in Columbus, Ohio.
- 8 Seminars were held by WFWP Chapters Nation Wide for the "Love IQ" Project, a National WFWP educational, including 3 'Certified Trainer' webinars in October
- 8 Women's History Month and Parent's Day Events were held Nation Wide
- Haiti Relief Service took place in June 2014, building character education, and donation of medical goods.
- October 4, WFWP of District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, held "Face Off, Strengthening the Power of the Mind through Self-Control, in Bowie, MD.

Empowering and Healing, Women Workshops and Retreats

- WFWP NY had a Spa Sunday Program in the heart of New York City on January 26, 2014, "The Motherhood Initiative."
- Minnesota Chapter joined in the "One Billion Rising" movement, on February 14, to

- support the efforts being made against abuse of women
- WFWP Upstate New York Chairwoman "Lead with Love, not Fear" Conference Call Style CLASS. A 5 week- conference call style - class seminar entitled "Lead with Love not Fear" was held, attended by chairwomen Nation Wide.
- On February, a "Happy Health" Seminar was held in Ohio giving all participants physical and spiritual advise for a healthier life lives
- In mid-February Minnesota hosted a special presentation on marriage and family. The importance and significance of Marriage-Blessing and Family was emphasized
- On March 1st, 2014, a meeting calling for "Hope for Racial Understanding" took place in Bowie, MD.
- Minnesota Chapter, April 26, where 60 people came together to attend a "Bridge of Peace Ceremony," to overcome racial, political, and religious barriers
- Health Seminars and Healing Relationships and Family Home Group Meetings/ Workshops were held in New York, Oregon, Virginia, Maryland, Northern California, Southern California, Arizona, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nevada.
- Marriage, Family, and Relationships Seminars were held also in Minnesota, Colorado and Nevada.
- Bridge of Peace Ceremonies were held also Nation Wide, including Las Vegas, Ohio, Northern California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Colorado.
- October, Women in Faith meeting sponsored by the CA, San Francisco Bay Area chapter of WFWP and the Women's Interfaith Circle of Service (WICS), a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative.
- October, Love IQ Project held 3 webinars, attended by several chairwomen nationwide www.Relationships101.org.

Schools of Africa Fundraisers and Events

- Ohio Chapter held special fundraiser for Schools in Rwanda
- October 5th, Ohio chapter held a major benefit for the Schools of Africa
- The total amount Raised in 2013, was \$ 22,800 (twenty-two thousand eight hundred dollars. This is an increase of \$7,800 (seven thousand dollars) from the previous year's fundraisers, which was \$15,000 (fifteen thousand) in 2012.
- Schools of Africa fundraisers were held in several states, including New Jersey, Westchester County (New York), New York City, Virginia, Upstate New York, Southern California, Northern California and Ohio.

GWPN MEPI International and UN Collaborations

- Attendance to "Foundation Day" in February, and the "World Summit 2014" event in August in Korea, in collaboration with UPF
- Attendance to the Seungwha Anniversary August - 2014 in Korea
- WFWP USA in collaboration with the WFWPI UN Office, attended the CSW's 58th sessions, and parallel events, from March 10 - 21, 2014 at the UN Church Center
- WFWP USA delegation was represented by 5 members and guests, who attended the UPF Middle East Peace Initiatives and the International GWPN held in Jordan and Israel on May 2014
- Seventh Annual Haiti Summer Service Project took place June 21-30
- September 21, Oregon Chapter organized an Interfaith Peace Service, Meditation, and Dance celebration to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace, in West Linn, Oregon, in cooperation with the Portland Family Peace Fellowship, The Holistic Peace Institute, Be the Peace and instructors of dances of Universal Peace.
- Minnesota Chapter gathered on Saturday, October 4, to explore the issue of "Human Trafficking," as Minnesota ranks 13th in the nation in human trafficking incidences.
- September 10, Denver Chapter networks with the United Nations Association. Attended the UNA's quarterly gathering.

International Relief Projects

- Philippine Relief Fundraisers brought in a total of \$ 21,000.00 (twenty-one thousand

dollars).

- Distribution of these funds was as follows:
- \$ 5,000 Sent to WFWP account in the Philippines
- \$ 5,000 sent to the Philippine Red Cross
- \$ 11,000 are in WFWP Account until we receive reports from the Philippines. We might send it to help with rehabilitation rather than immediate food supply.

National Events and WFWP USA Assembly

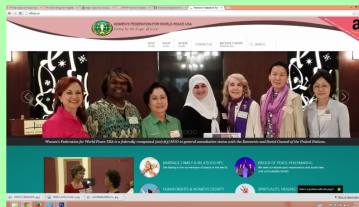
- September 20th, WFWP members Nation Wide attended the Memorial Celebration and Banquet held in New York, to honor the Late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.
- WFWP USA Chairwomen attended a special meeting with International President Professor Yeon Ah Moon.
- The 22nd WFWP National Assembly Service Project was held on October 23, 2014, at the Police Precinct 4, on Georgia Avenue in Washington DC, attended by teachers and students.
- The 22nd WFWP National Assembly was held on October 25, 2014, at the Washington Times Ballroom, more than 200 women attended the event, breakout sessions, Bridge of Peace Ceremony, Dinner banquet, Her Story Award and entertainment were part of this year's program.

Editor's Note:

As we begin a new year 2015, let's inspire each other and make WFWP a household word that all people know and respect.

Thank you all your heartfelt investment each day! WFWP makes a difference in the lives of so many men, women, and children. Let us know what you are doing so we can let others know.

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