

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

A most Happy Mother's Day again to all mothers, grandmothers, and mothers-to-be!

Every day is Mother's Day in a way, because every day we need the wonderful qualities and characteristics of a motherly heart to enlighten, guide, and sustain our daily lives. And of course that is also true of the fatherly heart of fathers, who likewise possess qualities of love and nurturing.

It is wonderful when we can appreciate and uplift these qualities in each other!

This month, I was asked by a group called Ocean Challenge to speak on the topic of "The Ocean and the Era of Women," both of which were favorite topics of our Co-founder of WFWP, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It so happens that my husband, Bob, spent two years working with a fishing boat in Miami, so I asked him to write down his thoughts on women and the ocean. I felt I would like to share them with you, as an appropriate contribution for our May newsletter.

Please enjoy; and know and appreciate who you are as a woman who, whether young or older, has a motherly heart!

Happy Mother's Day always!

With love,
Angelika

Some thoughts on the ocean and women by Bob Selle:

- The ocean is like a woman because it "takes care" of the world.
- It plays a key role in the Carbon Cycle, withdrawing huge quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere that might otherwise harm the Earth.
- Through the Carbon Cycle, the ocean creates hydrogen and balance, like a mother, between Earth's different "children" -- the living things, the land, and the atmosphere.
- Through the Water Cycle, which is driven by the motherly ocean, the land and its many inhabitants are nurtured, cared for, revived, and blessed with fresh water.
- The ocean is like a woman because it's mysterious and deep. Deep emotion marks the surface of the ocean, from storm to placidness to sunniness to contemplativeness. And deep emotion pervades the depths of the sea, where there is endless, fascinating drama between an infinite variety of living things and where there is the Quiet that reminds us of the Infinitude and Oneness of God.
- The ocean is like a woman because it's fertile and fecund. God decided to create the first living things in the ocean, so it's much like a womb -- the womb that God chose to fertilize with the seed of life.
- Like a woman, our Mother Ocean brings us wonderment and joy. At the seaside, her jewelry is everywhere -- from a profusion of shells to the flashing colors of many fish.
- And like a mother, she is always giving gifts: to the fisherman, salmon and bluefin tuna and striped bass; to the trader, sea routes to everywhere in the world; to the contemplative, awe and delight.
- Like a mother, she unites the family -- the family of man. The ocean doesn't divide country from country and continent from continent; it unites them, as the island natives of Oceania recognized long ago.

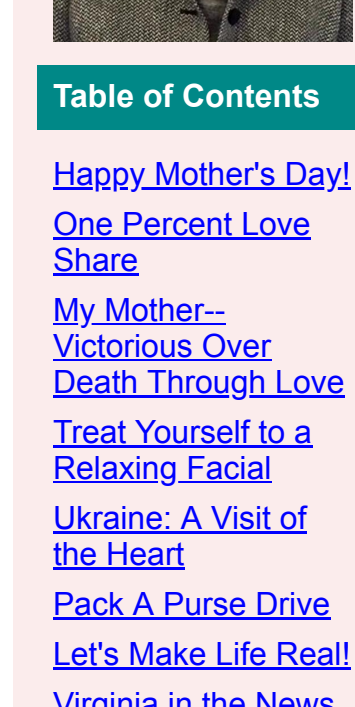
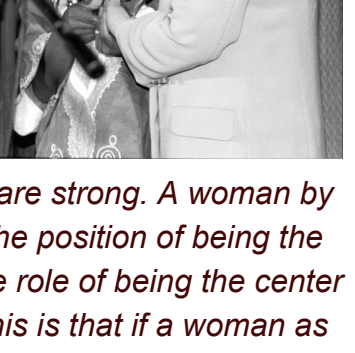


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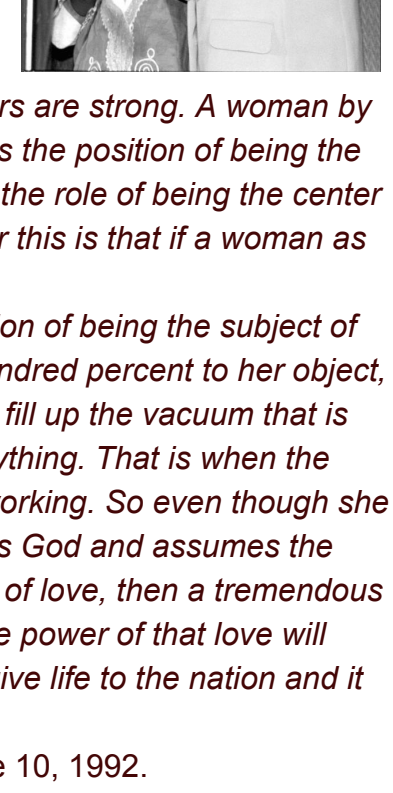


Happy Mother's Day

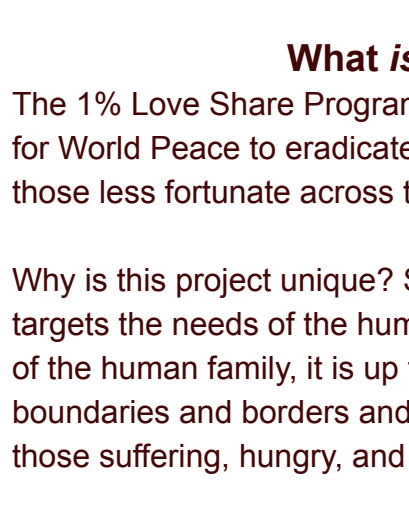
To All Ladies Everywhere

In May WFWP celebrates Mothers and all they do to create a family of peace which contributes to communities, nations, and a world of peace. In WFWP Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's speech "The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers," she said,

"Enlightened women are the center of the love, peace, and service that preserve the family, and a sound, healthy family is the school of love and virtue. The starting point of world peace lies with the mothers at the center of such families, families that perfect and bring to fruition God's true love."



"There is an old saying that, 'Women are weak, but mothers are strong. A woman by herself may be weak, but if a woman as a mother assumes the position of being the subject of love, or as a wife or a daughter, if she performs the role of being the center of love, then she will be the strongest of all. The reason for this is that if a woman as a mother, wife or



daughter assumes the position of being the subject of love and if she gives one hundred percent to her object, then God's love will come to fill up the vacuum that is left after she has given everything. That is when the power of God's love starts working. So even though she is a woman, if she resembles God and assumes the position of being the subject of love, then a tremendous force will be let loose and the power of that love will give life to the family, it will give life to the nation and it will give life to the world."

--Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, June 10, 1992.

Let us all strive to become one of those enlightened women to contribute to peace in our families, nations, and ultimately, the world.

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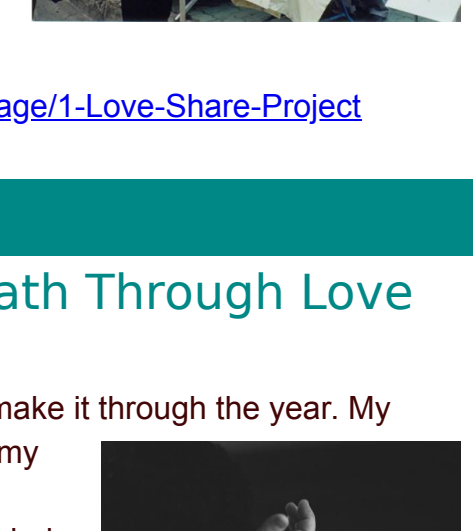
One Percent Love Share

By Ms. Kiyomi Schmidt

What is the 1% Love Share Program?

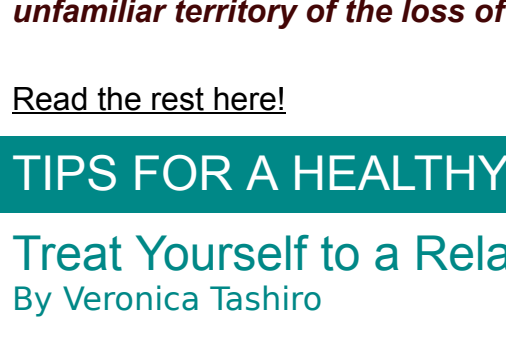
The 1% Love Share Program is a unique campaign initiated by Women's Federation for World Peace to eradicate poverty through donating \$1 per month (\$12 per year) to those less fortunate across the globe, especially women and children.

Why is this project unique? Simply put, because it targets the needs of the human family. As members of the human family, it is up to us to look across boundaries and borders and to send our love to those suffering, hungry, and in need.



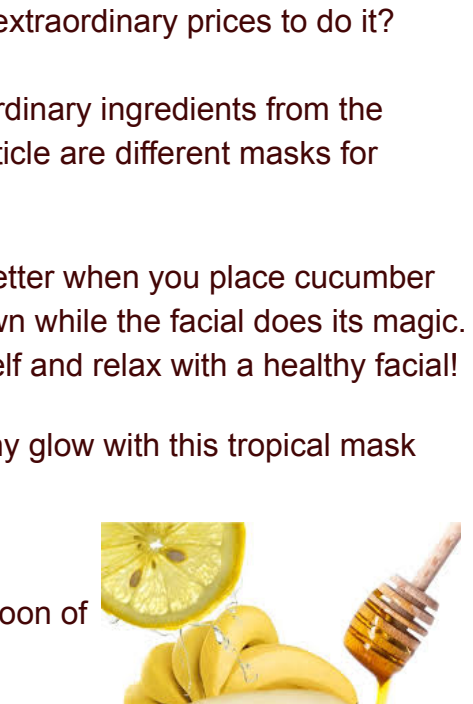
Who does the 1% Love Share Program support?

The project began in 2002 with the donation of 30,000 pairs of underwear to children in North Korea through the Korean Women Leader's Association. Since 2002, WFWP International has sent out a total of \$334,549* in the form of emergency food aid, primary school construction, medical supplies, clothing, and much more.



In recent years, this fund has supported:

- \$ **North Korean women** with \$55,168* for sewing machines through the Coalition for the North Korean Women's Rights. (2010)
- \$ **Haiti** with \$4,214* to earthquake damaged areas. (2010)
- \$ **Japan** with \$10,000* to WFWP Japan, to aid the victims of the East Japan earthquake. (2011)
- \$ **Children in the Gaza Strip** with \$9,451* worth of medical supplies and mattresses through the F.M. Children's Relief Foundation. (2012 and 2014)
- \$ **A school in Geumgang for children of North Korean defectors** with \$3,545* in clothes. (2013)
- \$ **The Philippines** with \$22,052* for typhoon victims. (2014)



How can I get involved?

It's simple; sign up for one time or recurring payment to the 1% Love Share Program on the WFWP USA website, and share the project with friends and family. Just imagine what your one small act of love can do.

<http://www.wfwp.org/index.cfm?Around-the-World/page/1-Love-Share-Project>

TESTIMONY TO MY MOTHER

My Mother--Victorious Over Death Through Love

By Mrs. Limi Bauer

It was a year ago I got the news that mom wouldn't make it through the year. My friend, my home, my guide in this mess called "life;" my mommy received a stage-four pancreatic cancer diagnosis. The news rippled across our family, extended family, and community; leaving devastation and heartache in its wake.



Cancer is my new "c" word.

As I reeled and stepped into the foggy whirlwind that my life would become, one of my best friends, Cancer, sent me this message. She had also lost her dad to cancer, and knew exactly what I was going through.

This list was a series of guideposts that helped me to navigate the completely unfamiliar territory of the loss of a parent...

[Read the rest here!](#)

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Treat Yourself to a Relaxing Facial

By Veronica Tashiro

Anyone for a facial, without having to pay someone extraordinary prices to do it? Here are some good

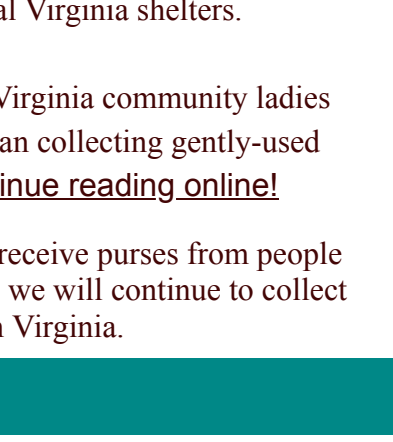


masks that you can make with ordinary ingredients from the grocery store. Included in this article are different masks for different skin types.

Facials at home can feel even better when you place cucumber slices over your eyes and lie down while the facial does its magic. Listen to some music as you take time out for yourself and relax with a healthy facial!

Organic Banana Face Mask: Give yourself a healthy glow with this tropical mask designed for all skin types.

1. Mash one half of a banana
2. Mix in a tablespoon of orange juice and a tablespoon of honey
3. Apply to the face and keep the mixture on for 15 minutes while you lie down, relax, and enjoy
4. Rinse with lukewarm water and then moisturize.



[See the other facials on our website!](#)

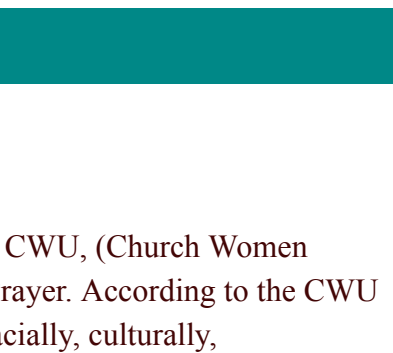
A VISIT TO UKRAINE

A Visit of the Heart

By President Angelika Selle

It finally happened: A very long-awaited trip to Ukraine.

For the past five years, each year, Mrs. Tatiana Kotsbeba, the President of WFWP in Ukraine had been inviting me to speak at their annual WFWP anniversary conference; and every single year, I couldn't go for one reason or another.



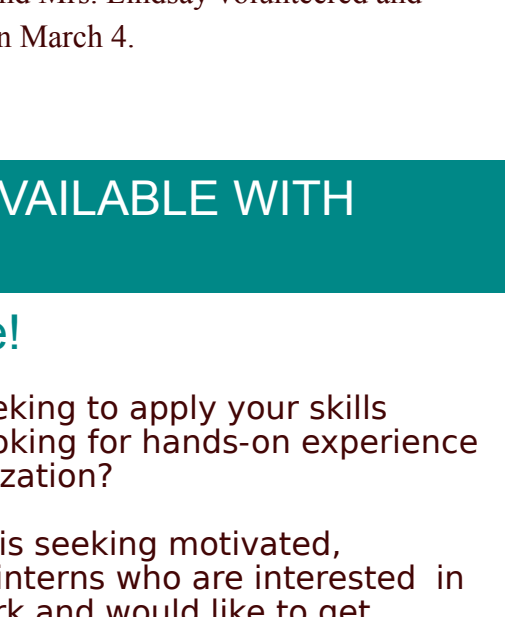
At last, this year, the stars were aligned, and I made my way to Kiev, arriving on April 26, which marked the 50th anniversary of the Chernobyl incident. It turned out to be the perfect time to visit Ukraine, as most of the country was in the full bloom of springtime, and was celebrating Orthodox Easter Week and Easter Sunday.

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MARYLAND

Pack a Purse Drive

By Dottie Chicquelo and Brenda Miller



On March 19 at the Pack A Purse/Book Bag Drive Kick-off and Hat Day celebration at The Washington Times in Washington, DC, an Official Citation was presented to WFWP in recognition of the "Pack A Purse/Book Bag" Drive from Delegate Darryl Barnes, Prince George's County Legislative District 25, by Phylicia Henry, Chief of Staff for Delegate Barnes. Many purses were donated by attendees as well as boxes of items to place into the bags to fill them full of practical items for the intended future recipients... [Continue reading on our website!](#)

GEORGIA

Let's Make Life Real

By Ms. Miambi Koko



On April 30th, the Georgia Chapter of WFWP held the second Real Talk forum. Real Talk is a discussion forum for teenage girls, young ladies, and women to discuss concepts and ideas from WFWP's CLUE (Creating Love Uplifting Ideas) curriculum.

From my own personal experience, the topic of abstinence tends to be more sensitive for females. Although we have a predominantly free-sex culture, young women still consider the appellation 'slut' shameful. It is undeniably true that there is still a double standard between men and women when it comes to sexuality. This makes it hard for women to be honest about sex and they find it emotional to explore sexuality and its... [Continue reading on our website!](#)

VIRGINIA

Congratulations Carmella!

By Mrs. Zena Ruf

First, I want to let you know that our hard-working Carmella Cienny who has been working with WFWP for the last two years has officially received the title of NOVA WFWP co-chairwoman.

Moreover, Carmella recently received an award for her volunteer work...

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Even now, WFWP Virginia Chapter members are continuing to receive purses from people who have heard about the Women Helping Women Initiative, so we will continue to collect purses and bags to help women and children in need in Northern Virginia.

Purse Drive in Virginia

By Mrs. Zena Ruf

When we in the Virginia Chapter heard about the Women Helping Women initiative that was started in the Arizona Chapter, we immediately set to work to do a similar purse and backpack drive to help out women and children in local Virginia shelters.

The Northern Virginia community ladies rallied and began collecting gently-used purses... [Continue reading online!](#)

NEW JERSEY: Paterson

Women of Faith United for a Better Tomorrow

By Mrs. Meadow Tallakson

WFWP New Jersey Chapter in Paterson, in collaboration with The Islamic Center of Passaic and Dialogue, hosted the 14th Annual Women's Interfaith and Paterson Symposium on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The theme for this year's event was "Living by the Logic of Love" with an understanding that as women and mothers, we have the responsibility to educate the world with God in our hearts. Over 50 attendees listened to a panel of women from different faiths, including Christianity, Unificationism, Judaism, and Islam, speaking on the theme. Although everyone had different stories and life lessons to share, the common thread of loving others with God as our center was deeply felt in each. Each speaker received a "Woman of Peace" certificate of recognition.

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MICHIGAN

"Take Up Your Cane and Walk!"

By Mrs. Valerie Parham

On Friday March 4, the Michigan Chapter of WFWP hosted the CWU, (Church Women United), for their local celebration of the annual World Day of Prayer. According to the CWU website, Church Women United was formed in 1941 and is a "racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice." There are more than 1,200 local and state units active in the United States and Puerto Rico and they are recognized by the United Nations as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization).

Mrs. Michelle Lindsay, Michigan WFWP chairwoman and her assistant, Mrs. Valerie Parham, had attended two CWU meetings during the past year and Mrs. Lindsay volunteered and found a venue to host the local CWU's Day of Prayer on March 4.

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ANNOUNCING INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE WITH WFWP USA

Internship Opportunities Available!

Are you a passionate, creative individual seeking to apply your skills toward making the world a better place? Looking for hands-on experience working in an international non-profit organization?

WFWP USA is seeking motivated, committed interns who are interested in WFWP's work and would like to get involved in a substantial way. Interns are an integral part of our operations and your contribution will have a direct impact on what we do and how we do it. The following internship positions are currently open:

- Administrative Assistant Intern
- Graphic Design Intern
- Program Development Intern
- Public Relations Intern
- Membership Assistant Intern

For more information, including how to apply, or if you have any questions, please contact Katarina Connery at kconnery@wfwp.us. We would love to hear from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

WFWP USA Happenings Around the Country

May 22: WFWP Hackensack, New Jersey: Heritage Diner, featuring Carol Pobanz trip to Africa, Art as a medium for healing

May 27-28: Table Top Event: By Delivering Gift Designs and WFWP Chicago

May 29: WFWP S. California Bridge of Peace event

June 5th Family Festival, all are welcome to participate. For information, contact info@wfwp.us

July 14-17: WFWP USA "Compassionate, Sustainable Leadership Retreat" in Tampa, FL

