



President's Corner: Celebrating the Mother's Heart

Dear friends,
 Hope you had a most meaningful and uplifting Mother's Day!
 How appropriate that [WFWP International's 30th Anniversary celebration](#) for the greater public was celebrated the day before Mother's Day—as the heart, soul and the forward propelling force of WFWP is the MOTHERLY HEART!

Please, take the time to view (or review) the international celebratory program with messages from our international Presidents, Dr. Julia Moon, and Sr. Vice-President, Dr. Sun Jin Moon, and chapters around the globe. So very colorful and impressive!...

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Accomplishing the UN Dream: Starting with my own Village

WFWP USA would like to share the success and story of Mrs. Merly Barlaan. Merly has been active in peace work with WFWP for the last 26 years! She is currently the International Vice President and CAO Deputy Director for WFWP's Office for UN Relations. She worked for the WFWP UN office for 14 years before moving back to her home country of the Philippines and invested in her community as the WFWP Philippines President for seven years, before coming back to the UN office in 2020.

Mrs. Merly was gracious to sit for an interview about her journey as a peace advocate...

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MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

Whether you are in deep in the trenches of night-time wakings, watching over your sick child as you wish you could take all her pain away, reading them the same book 10 times in a row, preparing nutritious school lunches, sending them off to college or visiting them halfway around the world to help them care for their own baby, we see you and we appreciate you!

Mothers of all ages, and in all stages of motherhood and grandmotherhood, please know that you are loved and that you have one of the most significant jobs in the world.



Grandparents are Unique Contributors to Building a Better Future

On January 31, 2022, Global Women Peace Network (GWPN) Canada held the fourth webinar under the theme **Faith and Families** exploring family relationships in different cultures. The topic this time was "The Grandparents' Contribution to the Well-being and the Stability of the Family." Our speakers were grandparents from different faiths and cultural backgrounds. 25 people participated in the bilingual event which was facilitated by an interpretation team.

Our first speaker, **Denise Anne Boissoneau** is a citizen of the Anishinaabe Nation, Ojibway. She studied Euro-Canadian laws and Indigenous legal traditions and worked with The Council of Elders and The Correctional Service of Canada...

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Peace Starts with Me—Leadership of the Heart Seminar in Brooklyn, NY

It was a beautiful spring day in New York City when the WFWP Brooklyn hosted its very first Leadership of the Heart seminar on April 23, 2022. With spirits high and smiling faces, 16 people gathered to be refreshed, reconnect to their inner hearts, and dig into how we can each be a positive catalyst for peace. Mrs. Katarina Connery, WFWP Vice President, gave the presentations which are designed to bring out the powerful leader that is within each person and to offer tools to make peace a reality within each person's life, family, community, nation and the world.

One of the main highlights for the day included tearful readings of letters to God, as an exercise in tapping into our own unique spirituality as the foundation for peace leadership. Through the session on self-worth, the women shared deeply and openly about some of the challenges of being women in a spiritually toxic environment which can define our value by external things and how to change our inner dialogue based on self-love.

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Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment of all Women and Girls

WFWP Canada held its celebration of International Women's Day on Saturday, March 26, 2022 discussing, "Achieving Gender Equality and the Empowerment of all Women and Girls," featuring a panel of dynamic and diverse young women, each bringing their unique experiences to the table. Blandine Stringer from the Capital Region Interfaith Council was the emcee of the online event which gathered 30 people from across the country. Lilly Tadin, President of WFWP opened the discussion by highlighting the many demands and expectations being put on women's shoulders, while there is often little acknowledgement of their value.

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Standing Strong Alongside WFWP in the Fight Against Domestic Violence

Thank you so very much for this great opportunity to share my story with you. My name is Luvenia Cone and I am a member of WFWP and I am sharing my most exciting and joy filled day standing strong alongside WFWP in the fight against Domestic Violence. I am a survivor of intimate partner abuse. I was nearly killed by my abuser but by the loving grace of God I survived. At that moment I decided that if God would let me live I promised to ensure that other survivors would have help finding necessary resources to get them back on their feet. I went in person to meet with other organizations that work with survivors of domestic violence to see how we may work together. I collected brochures from each one of them to have on hand. When I started doing events for health fairs and churches....

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Positive Self-Talk: Open up your Mind for Success and Happiness

Our presenter, **Hanka Musilova** from the Czech Republic shared on the topic: **A Word Can Save or Destroy**—about how our thoughts influence our emotions which influence our actions. The mother of seven beautiful children, Hanka is a certified Emotion Code and Body Code practitioner through Dr. Bradley Nelson. She also uses Original Energy Code, working with spiritual inherited energy, developed by Kurt Sattlberger from Austria, in her sessions.

Hanka shared about the power of words to save or kill. The Bible begins with "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Children are particularly sensitive to the energy of our words. We also need to be aware of how we talk to ourselves. Our thoughts affect our emotions which affect our actions.

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