

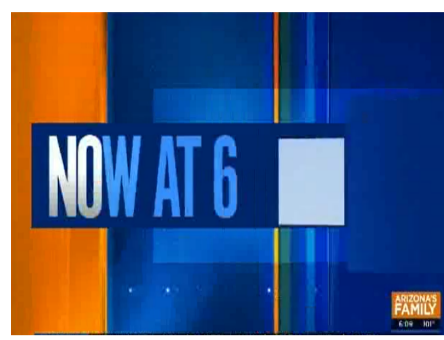


President's Corner: Creating Bridges of Peace

Dear friends,
 In this Memorial Day season, as we commemorate the hundreds of thousands of mostly men—fathers, husbands, and sons—who gave their lives for their nation, we are devastated to witness the current state of our society in America. This is marked most notably by the recent senseless shootings of innocent schoolchildren in Texas and the racist slayings of shoppers in Buffalo, NY—not to mention the increasing violence and killings in our homes and streets, even in small and remote villages and communities.

How far have we come away from what is true, good, and decent—from what is moral and from knowing what is right and wrong?
 We women and mothers weep with the families who have lost their innocent children and pray for their souls and for the healing of their families...

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Peace Starts with Me: Bridge of Peace Ceremony gets TV Coverage

Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) of Arizona expanded their network of professional women as a call to peace by holding the **Women's Federation of World Peace's "Bridge of Peace"** ceremony for the first time in Arizona. Kim Evans, professional therapist and long time WFWP member, and Glenda Lambert, GWPN Arizona Coordinator, led the ceremony with an exchange of scarves and passing of flags. All attendees prayed and embraced for peace among each other and between nations. The ceremony consisted of the exchange of scarves as a symbol of love and caring for each other, and the passing of flags to symbolize a peaceful effort among countries...

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Celebrating WFWP's 30th Anniversary with Tea and with Intention

"Tea with Intention" is a Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) Arizona initiative that began in December 2019 when the pandemic limited (or eliminated) opportunities to meet in person. They continued to be held virtually throughout 2020 and 2021 each month. Now that pandemic is somewhat subsiding, we are alternating virtual and in-person meetings for 2022. Our April 27 virtual meeting was attended by ten engaging women.

We decided to honor the **30th Anniversary of the WFWP** by inviting WFWP USA President Angelika Selle, and WFWP USA President Katarina Connelly to share with us about their personal and professional journeys. Everyone related to segments of their life story; the struggles they had to overcome, lessons learned, and healing and connections made by living with a motherly heart...

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WFWP Ohio Collaborates with Ukrainian Aid Project at Ohio University

Editor's Note: WFWP Ohio Chairwoman, Nadya Hinson, shares her story of connecting with Ukrainian volunteers in her community and working together with WFWP Ohio to send supplies to the elderly in Ukraine.

I prayed with the WFWP prayer group for Ukraine and Russian reconciliation. I thought about the Bridge of Peace. At this point, our dear sisters are divided between worlds of very different information. I decided to put the Russian doll and the 100 year old bisque doll representing Ukraine together as a symbolic start. I posted this to Facebook as a desperate effort to show support for those suffering. From this, I received a message back from a new Facebook page, Bobcats for Ukraine. I live in Athens, Ohio near Ohio University which uses the Bobcat as a mascot. I think the universe responds in unexpected ways. I have seen it so many times that I have learned to depend on it....

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"Women are Called to Heal and Lead the World" WFWP HerStory Awards

As we turn on the news each day and perhaps see more and more distressing stories of tragedies happening around the world, we may wonder, is there still goodness out there? On May 21, 2022, WFWP USA honored four outstanding women who are leading in various fields to heal and make a positive change for peace. Each woman shared some deep wisdom and insights from their own life journeys to empower and uplift others. Through their stories, each of the 40 participants at the virtual ceremony could feel that there are still positive messages being shared and people who are putting goodness into action.

Read below for a snippet of their stories and lessons shared upon receiving the HerStory award. You can [read more about each of them](#) and listen to the [recording of the ceremony as well](#)...

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A 12 year Journey with Women's Federation for World Peace New York Metro

What are sisters like? This was the main question when I became a member of the Women's Federations for World Peace New York Metro over 12 years ago. From outings, small groups, visits to each other, attending workshops together to supporting each other every step of the way. I found the true meaning of "sisterhood" and a sense of belonging in WFWP. I recall the many times Mrs. Beryl Green, the Chairwoman of WFWP New York Metro called me [regardless of the time of day...that's how close my sisters and I were] to plan activities or brainstorm together or to change already planned activities or programs...

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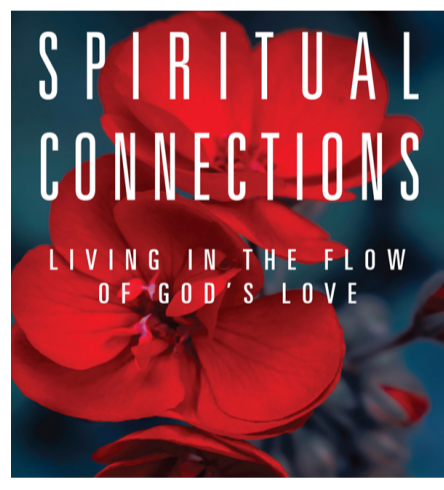
School News from Cambodia

Editor's Note: Since 2015 WFWP NJ has supported children in Cambodia, in partnership with WFWP Cambodia. Below is an excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Yuka who lives in Cambodia and works for WFWP Cambodia, and personally visits the children.

Report from visit on April 2, 2022
 Every visit, we meet the students attending the Wat An Junior High School in Kiribon; we also attend a meeting with the children at the State Public office located in the corner of Takeo State Government Building.

The new school year has already begun and all the children have entered a new grade. To start our program, we asked them to write about their new school, how they are doing and what new things they have experienced, and their exciting plans for the Cambodian New Year...

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Leaving a Legacy

Editor's note: Mrs. Nora Spurgin was the WFWP USA president from 1992-1999. We are very happy and honored to share her recently published memoir and her personal introduction to her life story.

Spiritual Connections: Living in the Flow of God's Love is my story of living in the ever present and ever expanding love of our Heavenly Parent in a challenging, but rich journey.

In this memoir, I have sought to capture the spirit of many authentic, real-life experiences I have had with WFWP's Co-founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, as we interacted in conferences and meetings...

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The Mindful Path – Spring Healing

As new shoots appear out of the soil, the first buds on the trees burst into color and tiny leaves unfurl, our hearts fill with hope. Spring is an integral part of the reawakening life cycle. It provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our vision and purpose. The season can bring inspiration and energy for healing, growth, and change.

Spring cleaning your emotional health is an opportunity to consider your priorities. Just as clearing out clutter in our home can make us feel inspired and happier, organizing our thoughts and sorting out our feelings can have the same positive effect.

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Upcoming WFWP Events: Global and Local

Check out the calendar for exciting upcoming events.

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