



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear friend.

As International Day of Peace has been observed once again around the world on September 21st, it is a good practice to keep reminding ourselves what we really want and most deeply desire: peace. In reality, however, there is nowhere in the world where there is really any peace. Not only do we currently have dozens of "hot" wars, guerrilla wars, and the like going on, there are in fact 7.6 billion happening as we speak. I speak here of the wars within each each person — between our mind and our body, with our conflicting emotions, etc.

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon often asked the question of his audience: "Have you been able to stop the war in yourself yet?" For as long as there is no peace within the individual, it is difficult to create peace and harmony in the family, the nation, and the world...

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### WFWP OHIO EXPLORES THE PATHS OF PEACE ONCE CREATED BY THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY

"Because of them, I can now live the dream. I am the seed of the free, and I know it. I intend to bear great fruit." Sojourner Truth

My interest in the history of the emancipation of slaves was kindled after reading about the visit of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, founder of WFWP, to Senegal in January 2018. She held an international meeting there and visited historic sites. It was her visit to the "Door of No Return" on Gorée Island, the last stop for thousands of Africans from the 16th to the 19th century as they were loaded on ships like sardines never to return, that touched me deeply. She stood in the open door and prayed in tears for the liberation of those who perished during that tragic period...

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#### **DEVELOPING ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION** FOR ALL CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS AROUND THE WORLD BY 2030

Access to quality education is one of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and it is also one of the areas WFWP continuously supports, notably through the Schools of Africa project. In this article, WFWP USA Senior Vice-President Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis reports on a recent education conference held on the margins of the UN 2019 High-Level Political Forum.

According to a 2017 UNESCO study, more than half of all school-aged children and adolescents around the world lack basic mathematics and reading skills, although two thirds of them are going to school. The challenge is providing good quality and inclusive education for all children, including the poorest and most vulnerable, but how can this be achieved? In search of answers, the Center for SDG Global Education USA and its partners organized the fourth annual Education Solutions International Conference...

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## LIMITING LYME: LIFE-SAVING TIPS TO KEEP TICKS AT BAY

Ever wondered if you should go to the doctor for a suspicious looking insect bite or treat the bite at home? If you like to garden, walk your dog, hike, camp, picnic or just enjoy the outdoors, please read on and learn how to protect yourself from ticks.

Gloria Kim is the co-founder and president of Limiting Lyme, an organization that offers tick-borne disease awareness and prevention education. WFWP Hackensack invited her to give an educational presentation about the dangers of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses on Sunday, September 15th, 2019, at a restaurant in Moonachie, New Jersey...

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## **UNDERSTANDING LIFE AFTER DEATH: 6TH** INTERRELIGIOUS SHARING SERIES IN COLORADO

The Sikh community greeted us warmly at their Gurdwara (place of worship) in the Greater Denver area, where we had the opportunity to hold our 6th Interreligious Sharing Series on September 7th, 2019. This is an ongoing series for people of different faiths to openly discuss topics that matter and find common ground. This time, the topic of discussion was "What is your religion's understanding of life after death?"

Our hospitable Sikh hosts were celebrating the conclusion of the reading of their entire holy text, and so we were blessed to enjoy their delicious traditional food and sacred music with them before beginning our sharing...

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#### **HOW WE CAN TACKLE THE CLIMATE CRISIS:** CREATING THE YOUTH CLIMATE COMPACT AT THE UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

On the heels of the United Nations Youth Climate Summit on September 21 and Climate Action Summit on September 23, climate change is a topic that is on the minds of many global leaders at the moment, including WFWP Founder Mother Moon. In the following article, Behnoosh Sethna shares about her experience at a recent UN conference dealing with this issue and offers action steps to mitigate its lasting effects on our planet.

As the human population grows, there is a need to connect with something we all share: The Earth. The earth is one global village that we all share. We stand on the same earth, and when we connect with the earth in meaningful ways by taking care of it, we find compassion and care for each other. The 68th UN Civil Society Conference gathered a group of nongovernmental organizations, activists, academics and government personnel at Salt Lake City, Utah for a three-day assembly to find solutions to challenges including climate change and building sustainable communities...

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# WFWP GEORGIA EXPLORES JAPANESE CULTURE WITH FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

On Sunday, September 15, the Georgia WFWP chapter co-sponsored a Japan Fest at the Atlanta Family Community Center, a local church. The idea came from Sumiko Tranberg and Tomiko Gordon, who wanted to share Japanese culture with the youth and community members as well as create opportunities for everyone to connect and get to know each other better.

The afternoon event featured a diverse range of fun activities for people of all ages. This included a kimono fashion show, lots of games and a special table to learn Japanese and practice writing calligraphy under the guidance of Ms. Tranberg...

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