

## WFWP hosts former US Ambassador of Religious Freedom Suzan Johnson Cook

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Just before True Mother delivered her speech, “Peace Starts With Me,” 120 women of every background, culture, and religion as well as several supporting gentlemen gathered in the Crystal Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel on the morning of July 15 to hear a message from former Ambassador at Large of International Religious Freedom under former President Barack Obama, Suzan Johnson Cook.

Women leaders and friends pouring in were received with a delicious breakfast, and the spirit was high even before Ambassador Johnson Cook arrived. Emcee Katarina Connery, Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA Vice President, introduced WFWP USA President Angelika Selle who welcomed the gathering and explained about the miracles preceding and surrounding the coming event at Madison Square Garden.

Many felt the “Peace Starts With Me” event would be clearly a move on God because of the Woman of God who will deliver a “long awaited message”, as one of the press releases described. She welcomed Ambassador Johnson Cook, who would have decided to align her message with that of Mother Moon, entitled: “Peace Within.”

WFWP USA Vice President Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis, who was instrumental in inspiring the Ambassador to come speak on short notice, as well as attend the main event, introduced Ambassador Johnson Cook with all her credentials and accomplishments as the First African American Woman holding that position in the United States.

Ambassador Johnson Cook honored the occasion and True Moon's main event coming up at the Garden, saying that she is looking forward to hear her message, and seeking to prepare the women in the room for it.

In her own, powerful, spirit filled and practical way, she then shared many practical pointers of how women can accomplish peace within, addressing women of all faiths in the room. She mentioned about the Biblical word of "Selah" which means pause in the context of singing or playing music. Women and mothers most of all need to take a Selah, a pause in their lives to regroup and re-energize, to connect with God and to honor their own space.



Ambassador Johnson Cook involved the participation of the audience every step of the way, pouring out nuggets of wisdom based on her books and own life experience, uplifting the men and women in the room. "This was not only for you women, but also a message for me personally," said a gentleman in the audience.

Ambassador Johnson Cook "outdid" herself according to Rev. Juanita, who had heard her speak and attend workshops on many occasions. Some of her topics speak directly to the heart and soul of women: "Too Blessed to be Stressed", "Soul Sisters", and "Becoming A Woman of Destiny"

One young woman leader during the Q and A session after her speech asked how Ambassador Johnson Cook made it to the position, and in a short but powerful way, she explained the many "God – moments" that lead from one connection she was able to make to another, and that any woman in the room can do the same.

Emcee, Katarina Connery, then invited the audience to join the festival with Mother Moon at the Garden, and asked the ladies to consider "paying forward" what they received by giving a donation to a School Project in Nepal.