FFWPU USA: 4th Anniversary of Peace Starts With Me Unity Festival in Las Vegas

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June 22 marks the fourth anniversary of the 2019 Peace Starts With Me Unity Festival in Las Vegas - a powerful event held at the MGM Grand Hotel featuring True Mother's keynote address, messages from Bishops Noel Jones and Hezekiah Walker, and a 500-voice choir.

The <u>Peace Starts With Me</u> global movement was first launched by True Mother in July 2017, touching the lives of tens of millions of people around the world since as they commit to peace within themselves, their families, and their communities.

On this fourth anniversary of the festival, we remember True Mother's urgent call for all people to center on God, our Heavenly Parent, in order to usher in an era of lasting peace. Below is an excerpt from her keynote address.

God, the owner of Heaven, created all things in His image, and He created a man and a woman to be humanity's ancestors. God gave humanity a period of growth and waited for the moment He would see they had matured, and He'd be able to say, "You have grown in a beautiful way." However, human beings have been looking out for only themselves. The ambition that they could become like God grew in them. With that ambition today, fallen human beings have emerged that have nothing to do with the Creator, God...

So far, human beings have lived in ignorance generally and in ignorance of God and that condition brought about today's destruction [of the planet] and hasn't maintained well the beautiful plan that God originally had for Creation. This has turned to destruction today. Climate change and pollution now afflict this planet. Unimaginable diseases and problems occur because of pollution and it's a fact that in the future humanity could reach its limit for survival. In other words, humanity's future is not visible.

What shall we do in that case? We must strive to ensure that Heavenly Parent's children will stand up and solve all these difficulties and problems so that the eternal Creation will last in the world that the Creator, Heavenly Parent, originally created. We must strive to sustain further the eternal Creation.

I know there are many problems in this country, too. The politicians and the economically powerful should also work out a campaign to serve God, the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. Only through a movement to attend God can human beings and the planet be healed. Won't the representative democratic Christian country - the United States - take the lead? It's the only way for them to open wide a future for our beloved second-generation members, our children. Let's solve the problems together with me, the only begotten daughter, True Mother and with the Blessed families, and of course, with the clergy members and the citizens of this country. Let's make America beautiful, a beautiful earthly Kingdom of Heaven.



JOIN THE PEACE MOVEMENT

Inspired by Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as the Mother of Peace, hundreds of thousands of people all across America have been touched by her commitment to unifying this nation.

Peace Starts With Me is a call to all Americans to come together as one family under God, transcending boundaries and religious affiliations. Peace is our choice.

We are only limited by the boundaries we create within ourselves. Here at Peace Starts With Me we want to put our time, energy, and hearts into finding what unites, strengthens and empowers us to allow the internal space for peace to start within you and me.



MUSIC

The universal language of music needs no explanation. That's why we always make it a cornerstone of any of our events, whether in person or online.



ACTION

Peace isn't just about talk. It's putting that self realization into serving others. Real change will only come when good people take action out of love.



INSPIRATION

Thought leadership is what drives this movement. Our focus is on messages that unify, rather than divide. Inspiring every American to be a peace leader.









Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founder

"Today we come together from all races, religions, denominations and political affiliations to stand for peace. Pointing the finger, looking only at the "speck of sawdust in your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:3 NIV) prevents us from seeing that peace starts within each one of us. We cannot sit idly by and watch. This world is suffering and dying due to our ignorance... We must find solutions to these problems before it is too late. This means that self-centeredness, and nations that place their national interests first, will ultimately not survive...We must combine our efforts and work in unity in order to do that. I believe the core value of a peaceful nation is the spirit of selfless public service. This can bring the peace that is at the root of happiness. We need to see humanity as one great family by breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations."

