

## Canadians Ask, “What Is Peace and How Do We Achieve It?”

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Toronto, Canada - A peace activist who was formerly a judge in Afghanistan spoke on “Peace and Its Achievement” at the monthly meeting of UPF-Canada, Central District.

Judge Hamid Payman, who is currently a peace activist living in Canada, spoke at the February 14, 2015, meeting and answered questions.

Peace is more than the absence of war or of violence, Judge Payman said; there must also be the absence of all forms of conflict. There must be harmonious relations among people, he said.



In addition, Judge Payman said, achieving peace requires the following: 1) mutual respect 2) a non-aggression pact 3) non-interference in the matters of others, 4) equality of rights, and 5) an agreement to coexist side by side peacefully.

Mrs. Eveline Stewart added that UPF has long advocated the establishment of an Interfaith Council at the United Nations that would involve all religious groups from member nations. Animosity and mistrust coming from religious rivalry could be removed through direct communication and understanding.



Dr. Hoossen Auckberaullee, the co-chair of the Central District, agreed that an Interfaith Council at the United Nations would be ideal for creating harmony internationally. UPF advisor Rev. Stoyan Tadin stressed that the teachings of UPF Founder Dr. Sun Myung Moon, because they deal with the causes of war, would lead to lasting peace if universally adopted.



Mr. Qamrul Khanson, the recording secretary of the Central District, stated that one should seek peace within through spirituality and seek peace with the Almighty. As a result of such steps, one would always seek peace and help peace-seekers internationally. Religion plays a vital role in peace, and Dr. Moon's principles of achieving peace should be implemented especially when previous attempts at peace have failed.

Later in the meeting Mr. Willie Nabus, a leader in Toronto's Filipino community, gave a testimony about his recent trip to Manila, Philippines, where he attended the first ever Asian Summit organized by UPF. Four hundred participants from 28 nations took part in the summit, including dignitaries from various nations and from UPF International.