

UPF International: The Earth We Share, the Peace We Build

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Each year on April 22, the United Nations marks [International Mother Earth Day](#). The message is direct: human life and the natural world cannot be separated. When the land is degraded, forests are lost, water is polluted, and climate pressure grows; the consequences do not stay in nature alone. They reach homes, food systems, health, livelihoods, migration and social stability. That is why this day belongs naturally within UPF's [Month of Service](#).

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development makes the same connection: SDG 13 calls for action on climate change, and SDG 15 calls for the protection of ecosystems, forests and biodiversity. These are not technical concerns alone. They shape the conditions in which peace either grows or weakens.

For UPF, care for the Earth is also a moral question. [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) and [the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon](#) taught that peace begins when people learn to live for the sake of others and to see humanity as one family under God. In that view, human maturity includes responsible care for the natural world. It does not treat creation as something to consume without limit, but as a trust to be protected with wisdom and restraint.

This has already taken practical form in different regions. In Lima, [a Mother Earth Day observance in](#)

[2024](#) brought together public officials, environmental specialists, academic partners, and civil society in the Congress of the Republic. In Voronezh, Russia, an [environmental project](#) in March used an eco-game to teach students about waste separation, responsible consumption, and ecological habits. In Berlin, a [Mother Earth Day program in 2025](#) explored the relationship between nature, human responsibility, and inner life. In Buenos Aires, [UPF activities linked to Mother Earth Day](#) connected tree planting, civic cooperation and the wider idea of sowing peace.

These examples matter because they show range. Mother Earth Day can be marked through public dialogue, education, practical service, tree planting, environmental awareness, and cooperation between institutions and citizens. It does not need to be reduced to one format.

The broader environmental field also deserves recognition. The [United Nations Environment Programme](#), [EARTHDAY.ORG](#), [WWF](#), [IUCN](#), the [World Resources Institute](#), [Conservation International](#), and [The Nature Conservancy](#) have all helped keep environmental responsibility in the global public conscience. Their work shows that care for the Earth is not a marginal concern. It is now part of serious international cooperation.

For UPF, International Mother Earth Day is therefore more than a date on the calendar. It is a reminder that service must include the places where people live, the land that feeds them, and the natural inheritance that future generations will receive. It is also a timely opportunity for UPF Ambassadors for Peace, partners and people of goodwill to support projects in the spirit of the Month of Service through education, clean-up efforts, tree planting, restoration of public spaces and local partnerships that unite care for community with care for creation.

The Earth does not belong to one generation alone. To protect it with humility and responsibility is to serve peace in one of its most practical forms.