

## UPF UK: Week 7: Serving People and Planet - 100 Days of Harmony and Hope

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Universal Peace Federation - Campaign Reflection (December 5 - 11)



UPF Focus: Service, Environmental Stewardship, and Interdependence



Week 7 (December 5 - 11) of the 100 Days of Harmony and Hope campaign highlights UPF's commitment to "serving people and planet," aligning with key United Nations observances: International Volunteer Day, World Soil Day, and International Mountain Day. These observances reinforce the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030, especially targets related to environmental responsibility, social integration, and global citizenship. We are also still in the 16 days of activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. There is a film screening of 'Unsilenced' and discussion panel on December 9th in UPF - UK HQ (More information on image - registration link)

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The co-founders of UPF, [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) and the late [Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon](#), repeatedly affirmed that societies flourish when individuals act with a public spirit beyond self-interest. Their teachings on interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values guide UPF UK's humanitarian, interfaith, and youth-focused initiatives.

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### **Historical Milestones in Week 7: UPF Founders' Legacy of Service**

#### **1991 - A Turning Point for Dialogue and Peace**



On December 6, 1991, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon met President Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang, despite having been imprisoned in a North Korean labour camp from 1948 - 1950. North Korean media highlighted the meeting's message that "true love is the only power that can achieve national reunification." This encounter fostered cultural exchange, humanitarian cooperation, and laid the foundations for later engagement across ideological divides - an approach central to UPF's peacebuilding ethic. See [Antonio Betancourt's reflection](#) on how this event occurred.

#### **1969 - Launch of the Global Cultural Foundation**

On December 9, 1969, the Korean Cultural Foundation was established to advance cultural understanding. It later became the foundation for the Little Angels Folk Ballet and ultimately inspired the International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP) - one of UPF's global associations promoting peace through arts, heritage, and cultural diplomacy.

#### **1971 - 1972 - International Outreach and Public Mission**

On December 5, 1971, the UPF founders began their third world speaking tour, continuing until May 8, 1972, delivering a message of shared responsibility, ethical leadership, and family-based peace across Japan, the USA, Canada, and beyond.

#### **1975 - Academic Recognition for Peace Leadership**

On December 9, 1975, Rev. Dr. Moon received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Ricker College, USA, acknowledging the success of the Day of Hope speaking tour and his leadership in reconciliation-based

initiatives.

### **1995 - Dr. Hak Ja Han's "True Family and I" World Tour**

On December 7, 1995, Dr. Hak Ja Han concluded the True Family and I world speaking tour across 16 nations. Thousands heard her articulate a vision of peace grounded in strong families, moral responsibility, interfaith respect, and shared prosperity - pillars of UPF's global mission.

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### **2020 - 2021: Renewing the Call to Service**

#### **2020 Rally of Hope - Interfaith Service for Global Healing**

On December 5, 2020, a Rally of Hope marked the anniversary of the World Clergy Leadership Conference, gathering more than one million online participants. Leaders from Christian, Muslim, Sikh, and Jewish traditions called for unity and service, echoing UPF's commitment to interreligious cooperation.

#### **2021 Prayer Rally - Advancing a Heavenly Unified Korea**

On December 5, 2021, faith leaders from 157 countries joined a global Broadcast Prayer Rally for Korean reunification. Featuring the Little Angels, cultural performances, and unity prayer ceremonies, the event reaffirmed UPF's belief in one family under God.

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#### **Serving People and Planet: UPF UK Call to Action**

UPF teaches that peaceful societies grow from family values expressed in wider communities. As the world moves toward the 80th anniversary of the United Nations in 2025 and reflects on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, UPF UK reaffirms its dedication to:

## Environmental stewardship



## Support the 16 Days of Activism - December 9th Film Screening

Volunteer-driven community service

Interfaith action for the common good

Empowering youth leadership (IAYSP and Peace Road)

Strengthening families and social cohesion

UPF UK invites [Ambassadors for Peace](#) and partners to take action during Week 7:

Organise or join community clean-ups

Support the 16 Days of Activism and Human Rights Day (December 10th)

Support tree-planting or local climate engagements

Encourage youth participation in Peace Road and IAYSP programmes

Host interfaith volunteering days

Promote family-based initiatives that build harmony and resilience

With the UN declaring 2026 as the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development, Week 7 is an ideal moment for UPF UK to mobilise activities that express service, unity, and responsibility for the planet.

**Related Articles:**

[Fostering Dialogue and Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula](#)

[The United Nations at 80: A Partner for Peace and Sustainable Development](#)

[UPF - UK Youth Service Project 2023 July 9th](#)

[Young Achievers Awards Ceremony - House of Commons, November 22nd 2022](#)

**Call to Action:**

[Become an Ambassador for Peace](#) - Join a global network of leaders, changemakers, and community builders committed to advancing peace, dialogue, and moral leadership.

[Get Involved in UPF - UK's Charitable Work](#) - Support our programmes in interfaith cooperation, youth leadership, gender equality, and community service. Your participation helps build bridges across cultures and strengthens social cohesion in the UK.

[Become a Supporter of UPF - UK](#) - Become a Monthly Donor by contributing regularly to sustain our mission. Your support enables long-term peace initiatives, leadership training, and the growth of the Ambassadors for Peace network.