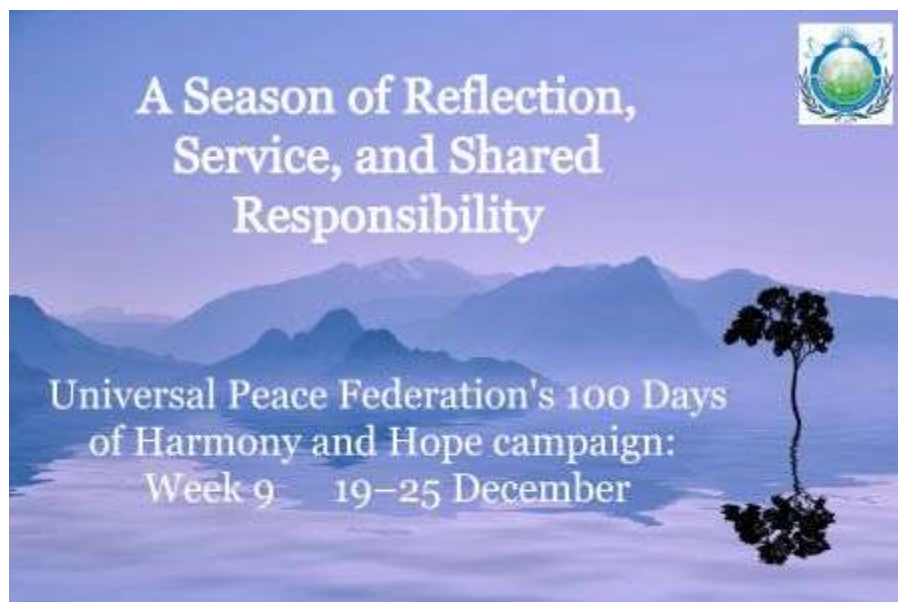


## UPF UK: A Season of Reflection, Service, and Shared Responsibility

Robin Marsh  
December 19, 2025



Week 9 of the [Universal Peace Federation's](#) (UPF) [100 Days of Harmony and Hope campaign](#) (19 - 25 December) invites reflection on human solidarity, ethical responsibility, and shared humanity during the holiday season. This week coincides with [United Nations International Human Solidarity Day \(20 December\)](#) and the celebration of Christmas (25 December) - a period that resonates deeply across cultures, faiths, and communities.

The week also highlights two major UN frameworks shaping global cooperation today:  
the [UN Decade of Healthy Ageing \(2021 - 2030\)](#), and  
the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Together, these frameworks call for renewed commitment from governments, civil society, faith communities, and international organisations to accelerate progress towards dignity, inclusion, and sustainable peace by 2030.

### UPF's Peacebuilding Vision: Ethics in Action

UPF aligns its peacebuilding and development work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, connecting ethical principles with practical cooperation. Founded by [Dr Hak Ja Han](#) and [Dr Sun Myung Moon](#), UPF advances a vision of peace rooted in universal values, strong families, and responsible citizenship.

The founders consistently emphasised that lasting peace begins with human relationships - within families, communities, and societies. As they often noted, peace does not emerge from institutions alone, but from individuals who live for the benefit of others. This guiding principle of human [interdependence](#), [mutual prosperity and universal values](#), continues to shape UPF's approach to service, dialogue, and partnership across nations and cultures.

### Christmas, Interfaith Values, and the Culture of Peace

Christmas marks the culmination of Week 9 and is observed by Christians worldwide while also serving as a widely shared cultural moment emphasising generosity, reconciliation, and care for others. UPF approaches this season from an inclusive, interfaith perspective, consistent with [United Nations efforts to promote interreligious dialogue](#) within the Culture of Peace framework and the UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism.

Across many countries, UPF chapters use this period to organise community outreach, humanitarian assistance, and interfaith gatherings, demonstrating how shared moral values can strengthen social cohesion and mutual understanding.

### Historical Milestones in Late December

Late December holds special historical significance in the work of UPF's founders:

In 1974, the Day of Hope 8-City Speaking Tour began with the landmark address "The New Future of

Christianity" at Madison Square Garden, New York, setting a tone of hope, ethical renewal, and social responsibility. The tour concluded on 23 December 1974, just before Christmas.

In 1992, Dr Hak Ja Han concluded her world speaking tour on 23 December, marking the international launch of the Women's Federation for World Peace, with engagements across Europe, Asia, and Oceania.

In 2005, the founders completed the 120-Nation Global Speaking Tour (16 October - 23 December) [launching the Universal Peace Federation](#), uniting political, academic, religious, and civil society leaders around a shared commitment to peace, ethical leadership, and international cooperation.

### **Civil Society, NGOs, and Grassroots Solidarity**

During this week, UPF recognises the vital contribution of non-governmental organisations that strengthen solidarity at the community level. These include humanitarian organisations such as Caritas Internationalis, Islamic Relief Worldwide, and World Vision, which provide direct support to vulnerable families during the holiday season.

UPF also acknowledges the work of interfaith and peace-oriented networks - including Religions for Peace, the United Religions Initiative, and national interfaith councils - that promote dialogue and cooperation across religious and cultural boundaries. Volunteer-based movements such as Habitat for Humanity further demonstrate how local action contributes to the goals of the 2030 Agenda, translating shared values into practical service.

### **From Reflection to Renewal**

As Week 9 draws to a close, it marks a transition toward the New Year, aligning with new annual cycles for international institutions and multilateral processes. This makes the theme of solidarity especially timely as global priorities are reassessed and renewed.

The Universal Peace Federation UK encourages its [Ambassadors for Peace](#), partners, and supporters to use this season to strengthen cooperation, support inclusive initiatives, and contribute to shared goals for peace and sustainable development. Through service, dialogue, and ethical leadership, the vision of One Family under God can be expressed in civic, social, and global life.

Selected articles:

[Dr Hak Ja Han - Mother of Peace, A Life Dedicated to Unity, Family, and Global Peacebuilding](#)

[UPF Celebrates 20 Years of Global Peacebuilding](#)

[Universal Peace Federation Declares Spiritual Unity and Religious Freedom 2025 Interfaith Leadership Conference, Republic of Korea](#)

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

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

[Interreligious Association for Peace and Development \(IAPD\)](#)

### **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.



Featured

Universal Peace Federation Co-Founder  
A Visionary Leader for Peace and Human Dignity

Dr. Hak Ja Han, known as the Mother of Peace, has devoted her life to realising a world of unity, compassion, and family values rooted in universal principles.

From Korea to the World – A Journey of Faith and Service

Born in Anju, now in North Korea, Dr. Hak Ja Han's life story is one of resilience, devotion, and visionary leadership in the service of God and humanity.

Mother of  
PEACE

DR. HAK JA HAN MOON

INTRODUCTION



THE MOTHER OF PEACE

ABOUT THE  
MOTHER OF PEACE



From a very young age, Mother Moon developed a deep relationship with God in a close father-daughter bond. When she married the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon in 1960, their mutual desire to see a true world of peace led her to join him on a pioneering course as the Mother of Peace.

As the Parents of Peace, Father and Mother Moon presented models for bridging conflict, division, and resentment in the fields of education, politics, arts, sciences, media and human rights, all united under the banner of the Unification movement.

"Become sparks that  
light up this dark world."

Mother Moon, July 2017

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was born on February 10, 1943 in Anju, South Pyongan Province, in what is now North Korea. At the age of six, she fled to South Korea with her mother and grandmother, risking their lives to cross the border in the dead of night.

Over her 50 years of public ministry, Mother Moon has dedicated her life to the realization of peace. Acting in the role of humanity's parents, she and her husband created non-profit organizations, businesses, conferences and awards spanning every facet of society and culture to support resolving historical wounds and finding solutions to the world's many problems. At the root of all their initiatives is a path to strengthen families and prevent the breakdown of society through the Marriage Blessing movement.

As the only female religious leader operating on such a global level, her powerful message has inspired millions to transcend national, racial and ideological boundaries.

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The Marriage Blessing – Building Peace Through Family

Together with her late husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Dr. Hak Ja Han established the Marriage Blessing movement to transcend barriers of race, religion, and nation as "one family under God."



The cornerstone of her legacy is the Marriage Blessing, which transcends race, culture, nationality, denomination and ideology

Since the first Marriage Blessing officiated by Father and Mother Moon in 1960, the tradition has expanded to become an interreligious affirmation of the universal importance of marriage and family. The Marriage Blessing transcends boundaries and religious affiliations, and creates a shared experience as one family under God.

Mother Moon teaches that women, as true daughters of God, must play a central role in creating a just and peaceful society. She established the Women's Federation for World Peace in 1992, championing the vital role of women in peace building at the United Nations, the United States Capitol, the Great Hall of the People in China and the Korean National Assembly.

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, delivers an inspiring message on faith, family, and global harmony.



"You who are alive today must not think your life is yours alone. We must connect to the past and open a world that gives our youth hope."

— MOTHER MOON, DECEMBER 2018

Since her husband's passing in 2012, Mother Moon has led the worldwide ministry of the Unification movement. She is prioritizing the education of young people, challenges facing the environment, and human disasters, such as the growing refugee crisis.

Mother Moon's most recent humanitarian efforts include the founding of the prestigious Sun Hak Peace Prize, which honors exceptional men and women working to solve global issues, and the Peace Starts With Me world rallies, which have brought thousands of people together, challenging them to become peacemakers, starting with themselves.

Mother Moon has invested in loving all of God's children as her own. She has lived her life for the sake of lasting world peace, securing a bright future for generations to come.

"Women should play a major role in world history, by serving as one of the wheels of the tractor pulling forward the construction of a peaceful world, together with men."



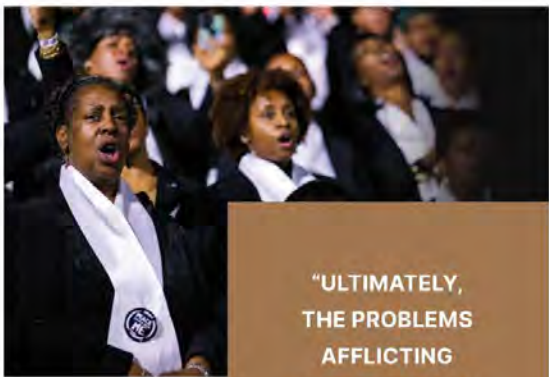
AWARDS & DEGREES

- Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Bloomfield College, NJ, USA (1990)
- Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Bridgeport University, USA (1995)
- Honorary Doctorate of Literature from Taiwan University of Culture (1999)
- Honorary Doctorate of Pedagogics from Steiba Theological College of Bahia State, Brazil (1999)
- Honorary Doctorate of Pedagogics from Kyrgyzstan State Pedagogical University (2000)
- Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy from Usser Voiga University, Russia (2000)
- Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Federico Enriquez Caribbean University, Dominican Republic (2000)
- Awarded with the Grand Prix Peace Award of UN (IAWP) (2001)
- Honorary Doctorate of Literature from Sun Moon University (2002)

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Empowering Women as Mothers of Humanity

As the founder of the Women's Federation for World Peace and many other initiatives, Dr. Moon champions the central role of women in building a peaceful society.



She supports future leaders to become responsible global citizens by providing educational opportunities for youth.

"ULTIMATELY, THE PROBLEMS AFFLICTING HUMANITY CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE VISION OF ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD."

Legacy

"No matter what position you are in, you must think about the future generations."



PRIZES

- Sunhak Peace Prize

PUBLICATIONS

- Little East Times
- Noticias del Mundo
- Rainbow House
- Sageel Times
- Silver Hippo
- Sunghwa Publishing
- Tiempos del Mundo
- The Washington Times
- Ultimas Noticias
- World and I

SCHOOLS

- Bridgeport Hope School
- Bridgeport International Academy
- KU Heaven and Earth Chwobdo Training Center
- International Peace Education Center
- Kyushu Elementary School
- Sun Hak Arts Middle and High School
- Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Students

EVENTS

- God Bless America Festival
- Peace Starts With Me

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The Marriage Blessing movement founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Rev. Sun Myung Moon promoting unity beyond race and religion.



CULTURAL

- Association for the Unity of Languages
- Education of Future Leaders for World Peace
- Federation of Peacewise Peopling for World Peace
- Highly International Community of Artists
- Women Culture Foundation

EDUCATION

- Education for Environmental Foundation
- International Association of Academics for World Peace
- International Cooperative Foundation
- Lee Moon Education Foundation
- World University Foundation

ARTS

- Artists Association for World Peace
- Hyoi Jeong Youth Orchestra
- Korea Academy of Ballet of Washington, D.C.
- Little Angels
- Sunghwa Arts Academy
- Universal Rules Company

CONFERENCES

- International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences
- International Conference on World Peace
- International Leadership Conference
- International Summit Council for Peace
- World Media Conference

ENVIRONMENT

- KU Magnolia Foundation
- Green Church
- South and North America Sustainable Development for World Peace
- World Conference of Preservation and Sustainable Development in the Pastoral

MEDIA

- International Media Association for Peace
- IPeace TV
- News World Television
- Pyramid National Pressprint
- The Washington Times Foundation

HEALTH

- KU Magnolia International Medical Center



"I ask that you join me in building a peaceful world of one human family."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The world's political and religious leaders are being moved to action. Hear what they have to say about the Mother of Peace.



Bishop Noel Jones  
SENIOR PASTOR, CITY OF REFUGE  
MINISTERS IN LOS ANGELES, CA

"We each have our own interpretation of our calling. I have to decide what I'm going to call myself in light of God. Mother's interpretation of her calling is not within what we call the norm. It is that she is the only begotten daughter. But you don't judge a tree by its branches or its leaves. You judge a tree by its fruit. And there's nobody here that can deny the significance of the fruit that we have seen exhibited by her response to her calling."



H.E. Dalila Itzik  
FORMER MEMBER OF THE KNESSET  
AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

"Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is not a politician; she is a private citizen. She could choose a very comfortable life, and yet, she chooses to act. The nature of human beings is that sometimes we talk more and act less, but this very special woman doesn't just talk, she acts on a daily basis, dedicates her life and her family life to open doors, open hearts, invest money in order to make the world a better place to live in. I am so touched by her and by the story of this fascinating family."



Prof. Shyrawam Prasad  
Upadhyaya  
TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY, NEPAL

"The presence of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was very inspiring for all the dignitaries coming from different parts of the world. We loved seeing Mrs. Moon and hearing her speak. It was where we most felt God cared for us. Her tears made us cry and made us feel we could help."





**Bishop Albert Chikuni**  
FOUNDER, FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES  
INTERNATIONAL, ZIMBABWE

"With the insights presented at the World Summit, it is possible to give solutions to the hurting world. My eyes were opened. Please count me as one who will implement all possible solutions according to the vision of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. On behalf of all religious leaders and peace loving citizens, we thank you for your heart for the world. I pledge on behalf of all the organizations I lead that we will fully commit to this noble vision."



**Nin Saphon**  
MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY OF CAMBODIA

"I would like to thank Father and Mother Moon, who are the central figures to find a true peace for humanity, particularly to reunify the Korean peninsula to achieve the vision of one family under God. She truly expressed her deep heart of love and care as the parent of humankind. I could not hold back my tears. It was the manifestation of true love!"



**Paula White**  
SENIOR PASTOR OF CITY OF DESTINY  
CHURCH

"I want to take a moment and honor as well as encourage Mother Moon for her great work as a spiritual leader who loves the lost and seeks to carry out and to comfort the heart of God in all the areas of conflict in the world."

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon leads through her example, based on the feminine aspect of human nature. This leadership paradigm exemplifies a strong commitment to the realization of an individual's fullest potential.

She is working with leaders in a range of sectors, including heads of state, parliamentarians, academics, scientists, religious leaders and Nobel laureates to lay the foundation for an equitable world. By cultivating the arts, Dr. Moon desires to provide humanity with a tangible experience of a peaceful culture. She supports future leaders to become responsible global citizens by providing educational opportunities for youth.

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THE MOTIVATION OF PEACE



#### DREAM TO CONNECT THE WORLD

For thousands of years, history has seen the continuous increase of divisions. Each time a different religion was adopted or a new regime came into power, more boundaries were drawn and wars were fought.

Now, however, we live in an age of globalism. For the sake of the future, we must become one."



#### PROMOTING GLOBAL GOOD GOVERNANCE WITH GLOBAL LEADERS

"Universal Peace Federation will renew the United Nations and lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world with true love and the ideal of a true family. They will fulfill heaven's will to re-create the world as one family under God."

## LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

TOGETHER WITH REV. SUN MYUNG MOON



#### BUILDING PEACE UPON INTERRELIGIOUS HARMONY

"Religion is like a wide river flowing toward an ideal, peaceful world. The river flows for long distances before it comes to the wide expanse of peace. On its way, many streams flow into it. The streams cease to be stream from the point they meet the river. From that point, they too become part of the river. In this way, they become one."



#### INITIATING A MOVEMENT FOR MORAL REAWAKENING

"America was founded on the Puritan spirit and grew to be the strongest country in the world in just two hundred years because it received God's boundless love and blessing. But that America cast God aside. I went to the United States to awaken America's spirit, to save America from destruction, and to urge the American people to repent and return to God."



#### BRINGING AN END TO THE COLD WAR

"Human beings are created by God, and all beings are unified bodies having both material and spiritual aspects. Therefore, I am opposed to the historical materialism of communism. I have carried out a movement for victory over communism throughout the world. I have advised successive U.S. Presidents to protect the free world, standing up to the communist strategy of turning the world red."

## Empowering Women as Mothers of Humanity

As the founder of the Women's Federation for World Peace and many other initiatives, Dr. Moon champions the central role of women in building a peaceful society.

#### FOUNDING THE SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE

We must harbor the awareness that all people are our brothers and sisters.  
We must think of all the world's problems as our own and have the pioneering spirit needed to resolve them.



A global citizen who embraces the world with love and lives for the sake of others will feel pain in his heart over the hunger in the world and will try to help others, even if it means sharing the food that is already on his spoon.



#### PEACE IN MATERNAL LOVE

"Why did God give us brothers and sisters? Siblings represent all human beings around the world. Our love for our own siblings expands into our fellow countrymen and humanity. Love among siblings means that one sibling is willing to go hungry so that his brother or sister can eat."



Global Peace Legacy and Institutions of Hope

Dr. Moon has founded and supported numerous peace organisations — including the Universal Peace Federation, Sunhak Peace Prize, and the Rally of Hope series — creating a network of leaders for peace worldwide.

LIFELONG JOURNEY TO RECONCILE THE TWO KOREAS

"If South Koreans love North Korea more than they love the South, and North Koreans love South Korea more than they love the North, we could unify the peninsula today."



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THE MOTHER OF PEACE

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. HAK JA HAN MOON

\*FROM 1960-2012 TOGETHER WITH REV. MOON

1940'S ~1950'S 1960'S ~1970'S 1980'S

1943  
January 6, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is born in South Pyongan

1956  
Graduated from Bongui Elementary School in Chunchon

1958  
Admission to St. Joseph's College of Nursing at Catholic University

1960  
Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Holy Wedding

1968  
Founded the Victory Over Communism movement

1972  
Held the International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences

1976  
Held the Washington Monument Rally for the US bicentennial

1977  
Held the Conference of World Religions

1979  
Founded the International Relief and Friendship Foundation

1982  
Founded The Washington Times

1982  
The 5th World Journalists Conference

1985  
Proposed the International Peace Highway project

1987  
The Summit Council for World Peace

1989  
Founded Segye Times

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. HAK JA HAN MOON

2020 2021 2022

2020  
World Summit

2020  
1st Rally of Hope

2026  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Rally of Hope

2021  
5th - 7th Rally of Hope

2021  
THINK TANK 2022

2021  
Prayer Rally for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

2022  
World Summit

2022  
Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony

2022  
True Parents' Centenary and 60th anniversary of Holy Wedding

THE MOTHER OF PEACE

2023

2024

2023  
Peace Summit

2023  
American Clergy Leadership Conference (AACC) Rally under the theme 'Raise The Flag'

2023  
Grand Prayer Rally for the Salvation of the Nation and the Reunification of the Korean Peninsula in Changwon City

2023  
The Elders' Roundtable Departure Ceremony

2023  
The Segye Times Drone Soccer Championship CES

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WORLD SUMMIT





## RALLY OF HOPE



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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon at a Rally of Hope event championing peace, cooperation, and moral leadership worldwide.

## SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE



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## THINK TANK FORUM



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## PEACE SUMMIT



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## Faith, Family, and the Future of Humanity

Through decades of public service, Dr. Moon inspires millions to live for the sake of others and to pursue reconciliation beyond ideological boundaries.

## International Medical Center HJM (CheongShim)



The medical center is located in the environmentally safe tourist area of Gyeonggi-do province, Gyeonggi-gun district, 40 km east of Seoul.



## Cheon Won Gung Dedication Ceremony

True Mother's benediction and message at the Cheon Won Gung Dedication Ceremony Marking the 80th Anniversary of the Holy Birth of Hak Ja Han Moon, True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind held on May 7, 2023, at Cheon Won Gung.





## CHEON IL SANCTUM

Let's all move forward together to the day of the opening of Cheon Won Gung, which will mark the completion of the providence of Heaven and human history!



## Mikhail Gorbachev

Former President of the Soviet Union



## Ban Ki Moon

Former Secretary General of the United Nations



## Hun Sen

Former Prime Minister of Cambodia



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NOT A VAGUE DREAM.**

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