

WFWP USA Conference Call

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Action Steps:

- For reporting purposes on Women's History Month events, please include all the details of the event, comments from participants, photographs, promotional materials and video footage. All reports will be posted on our website and newsletter.
- Toni Curry has provided us with a professional fundraising letter. If you would like to participate in getting sponsorship for our 20th anniversary event, use that letter which will be sent out to everyone and adapt it to the appropriate parties.
- For the 20th Anniversary Event in October, we are looking for someone who could be an executive co-leader who is preferably a younger person and has good communication skills, organization, letter writing skills, and who can be a manager. She would be in charge of committees in the conference from VIP outreach to fundraising, proclamations, programs, networking fair, speakers, etc.
- Please submit your ideas or suggestions for potential higher level speakers from all areas of society who have been a turning point in their filed. We will certainly highlight our Founder as a turning point for all the women.
- Concerning language during conference calls please be mindful that we do have non-Unificationists on our call, and therefore need to use language, set for an interfaith audience. Let us work toward and raise up many new women take leadership for WFWP.
- If you are interested in receiving copies of "How to Get Married and Stay Married", please email us at info@wfwp.us.
- The subtitle to our 20th anniversary event has been changed to "Women's Role in Leadership in the 21st Century".
- Let's welcome two new chairladies of New Mexico: **Joy Garratt** and **Doris Caimi**!

Inspirational Message from Angelika

- **AS:** Welcome dear sisters to our beautiful union and communion at this conference call. Whenever I think and pray for your states I am overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you for doing so many wonderful things, for being there, and for trying to bring Mother's heart and spirit wherever you are. It is an amazing time where we want to pull God closer to us. I would like to share a quote from our dear Father in 1993. It says,

"A beautiful world is coming. You can really touch God and God will answer you. You will have intimate give and take with our Heavenly Father. You are here on earth doing the work of Almighty God. You are representing Him. Live with the realization that every minute of the day wake up with a smile, fight with a smile, against evil of course. Remind yourself, 'I am a daughter of God. I am a son of God. I am doing His work on earth. This hand is God's hand. This eye is God's eye.'"

Just recently, I also read a note by Father saying, "I am now sharing my good fortune with you. I send you as my representatives."

That means if we can indeed practice the above and claim the good fortune TF is sharing with us. Incredible power of Heaven is given to us and can manifest visibly and tangibly I can testify that this power is already manifesting more and more. It's like a whirlwind tsunami and like a wind in a windy city coming in. Do you get the drift because I just came from Chicago where we experienced exactly that.

Reports from Women's History Month Events

- **AS:** Fannie Smith, Patricia Fliginger and Noriko Ogden have done incredible work to organize several events over one weekend. Fannie, please could you share with us about the weekend?

- **Fannie Smith:** Good evening ladies. Thank you so much for your prayers of support!

We went to pick up our president on Friday and we were able to get a quick dinner with Rev. Takami and a few WFWP members. On Saturday morning we were on the South side of Chicago at an art gallery, which was transformed by the government to teach young people all forms of art. We invited Sister Claudette Marie Muhammad, who is the national fundraising director for the Nation of Islam. The remarks were excellent from all the speakers who gave tips on how to be better women, how to impact your family, and how to impact your community. They were so gracious and were delighted to meet Angelika. There were about 10 vendors selling everything from jewelry and baked goods to insurance. Altogether about 50-60 women and some men attended.

. On Sunday, we attended service at the Lovin' Life Learning Center of Chicago, and after that shared lunch together with the members. For one hour, we met again in the church hall, where Angelika was able to share what WFWP has been able to do over the past year and where to go from there. The video of the highlights from last year showed all the colors and ages of WFWP. Then we visited Kathleen Somanti, one of the first chairwomen of WFWP Chicago.

The Hispanic community of Lovin' Life meets once a month and had a service in Spanish that we attended in the evening which was dedicated to Women's History month and introducing WFWP. Afterwards, there was a lovely sharing of families with dancing and dinner. The members were so honored to meet Angelika.

- **AS:** Thank you, Fannie. I myself was moved by all the meetings, and was happy to also address the Hispanic community. In fact I felt moved to invite Marina, the co-pastor and leader of that community to join our National Advisory Board of Directors.

We had one more meeting in the evening with our Japanese sisters, and after getting their feedback on various issues. I asked Kumiko Sutker to be part of the leadership trinity in Chicago representing Kodan. Welcome Kumiko! We hope to have more communication with Kodan, who is right now during the month of March is doing a major membership drive for WFWP throughout the country. We've had already 68 new members sign up, some of which were renewals.

Based on our discussion, we also decided to translate our recent WFWP brochure into Japanese so that the communication can be sent back to the Japanese sisters so they know what's happening and how to better support. We will also translate the brochure into Spanish so we could reach out to the large communities of Spanish speaking people.

Truly these events in Chicago put WFWP on the map in a big way. Thanks again to all!

That same weekend there was also a memorial event for Harriet Tubman taking place in Maryland coordinated by Kim Dadachanji and other Maryland women.

- **Kim:** I was given the idea to do the driving tour along the Eastern shore in Maryland for Harriet Tubman and International Women's Day. Last Saturday, March 17, we had 17 people participate of all races and ages. We started at the Harriet Tubman museum and watched a film about her. We felt the spirit of the suffering of the people and the passion of Harriet Tubman to save them. One quote that really struck me was Mrs. Tubman said, "I freed a thousand people but I could have freed thousands more if they only knew they were slaves." We went to the place where she got hit on the head while she was trying to free slaves. She suffered from narcolepsy and when she fell asleep she would receive dreams telling her to go a different way. And the people trying to catch them would miss them. Mrs. Tubman went back to the place she escaped from 13 times to free her family members and others. She was such an incredible woman of faith. The last place we went to was where Mrs. Tubman was born and we could hear the tree frogs and watch the sunset similar to how Mrs. Tubman might have perceived. I thought, 'This is the same sound that she heard.' She had 9 siblings with a dirt floor in a hut. She had a mother's heart to take care of her people who were like her own children.

On this coming Sunday our group who participated in this outing will be coming together for a follow-up event with a discussion about Women's History Month, and we will also watch the movie: The Help.

- **AS:** Thank you, Kim, and all who had made this possible!

I can see that there is so much more content to share. **For reporting purposes, please include all the details of the event, comments from participants, photographs, promotional materials and video footage if possible. Let's make our reports as complete as possible and give a good idea of what happened.** All will be posted on website and newsletter. Again, thank you very much for your sharing.

I'd like to now call on Denneze who had a very successful event in New Jersey.

- **Denneze:** We deeply appreciate having Angelika visit New Jersey. We co-sponsored the event Women's History Month event at Essex County College together with the Africa New Hope Association (ANHA) and Africana Institute of Essex County College. The purpose was to bring healing between African Americans and the Diaspora African women. We had the Ambassador Amin Ali who is the ambassador to the United States for the African Union. The African Union represents all the African countries that have come together to be united and are striving to work together to protect their children and use peaceful measures to resolve problems and so on. In her heart, the ambassador wants to do the same thing by bringing African Americans and Africans together. In Africa there are so many problems, and she feels that the women in America can help tremendously.

The leaders of the co-sponsoring organizations were men, and I quickly realized that it's not easy to work with brothers. In the end everything turned out well and the Mayor of Irvington, New Jersey came and we received a couple of proclamations. I believe 125 organizations were represented at this event and the people wanted to see how we were going to bring healing to the Africans and African Americans. There was high interest in the event and people want to do something similar in the future. The event was very intense and took a huge toll on me, which goes to show that we have a lot of work to do in this area. The most important thing to me was the atmosphere on the college campus. We had quite a few students attending the event. The atmosphere was so high and it felt like God was there. The morning of the event I felt united with the sisters from around the country like we were one body doing events all over the country.

- **AS:** Thank you Denneze. There was a tremendous effort invested in the event along with networking with other organizations paid off. We could see that other organizations were happy to learn from us and that WFWP is now becoming more respected with whoever we work with. Denneze gave a wonderful introduction to the event. Let us follow up with the people we meet because they are longing to stay with us and continue to work together. We can only make peace a reality if we work together and keep communicating.

I attended a UNA-USA event in Washington DC and I had invited Tomiko Duggan from UPF to come with me as well as Genie Kagawa to hear a couple of speakers talking about empowering women in the rural areas. It was a powerful event and we made many contacts. Tomiko Duggan excitedly introduced me to one of her very good lady contacts from Syria. After the event we were also discussing how to build an Ambassador for Peace committee for WFWP so that from now on we can invite ambassadors, ambassador's wives and other women to be part of WFWP. Genie Kagawa from the international IPF office attended as well, and the three of us talked afterward the event as to how to cosponsor events with UPF and WFWP. The boundaries between us are falling away as we are moving forward with the love of God, by living by the logic

of love, walking the walk and with the giving of ourselves. I believe we don't have to fight anyone or anything but just keep doing what you're doing.

Reports from Turning Point Conference Call

- **AS:** We had a call last night about the Turning Point Conference. Manasa Kanithi from Florida was on the call and she had an idea to lead a breakout session for young women on how to start a chapter on campus. After I come back from Korea I will have more information on the size of the event and what kind of hotel we are looking for so we can write that invitational letter which many people are waiting for. Especially Mrs. Claudette Muhammad is waiting for the invitational letter so she can inform the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and also prepare to bring a good sized delegation from the Nation of Islam to the 20th anniversary.

In the meantime we have a professionally written letter for sponsorship written by Toni Curry. **If you would like to help with getting sponsorship for our event, you could use that letter which will be sent out to everyone and adapt it to whoever you are talking to.** We still need lots of funding, and maybe there is someone in your chapter who would be interested in doing that.

- **Rae Beth Maye:** Is it possible for half of the funding to go towards the conference and the other half to go towards sponsoring individuals?

- **AS:** We need to discuss that further. As of now, the way the letter for sponsorship is written for specifically supporting the conference such as the facility, speakers, hiring staff, and covering the basic costs. We do also need money to hire full-time staff which brings up an important point: We and I need an executive co-leader of the conference to work with me. Emma Reed, our production coordinator, is committed to being on the ground production person in Las Vegas.

Denneze will assist me in setting up the committees but will not be able to oversee everything. Again, we are looking for one person who could commit to work with me and the team. We would like to be able to pay a decent compensation for this position. Again, we **are looking for someone who could be an executive co-leader who is preferably a younger person with good communication skills, organization, letter writing skills, and who can be a manager. She would be in charge of committees such as VIP outreach, fundraising, proclamations, programs, networking fair, speakers, etc.**

Also if you have any suggestions for potential higher level speakers for our conference from different areas of society who have been a turning point in their area of influence, please send in their name and info to our office.

And most certainly we will highlight our Founder as a turning point for all the women. We need to make a shift from where we are and where we need to go.

We will work on setting up the invitation committee by the end of April.

- **Denneze:** With regards to the letter, even if we don't have the keynote speaker yet, we could start promoting the venue and people could start thinking about it. I would like to get everyone excited soon, so more people are prepared to come.

- **AS:** Yes let's do that.

Concerning our Turning Point conference call last need, was that the subtitle to the event has been changed to "Women's Role in Leadership in the 21st Century". That is actually the focus of the turning point as to how to facilitate it through women leadership, such as why women should lead, how women lead, how to embellish that, how any woman can be a leader, etc. We want to give leadership a face and show how each woman can be a leader in this age.

Educational Component in Activities & March Membership Drive Update

- **AS:** I was inspired by our event in Georgia. Celeste gave an introduction to WFWP explaining the areas of involvement and the main part of the program was reading True Mother's speech. It is a wonderful thing because as we give awards and do these kinds of events such as fundraisers, it is always good to have a deeper component education included as well We are developing more materials for education and outreach.

I would like to really thank our Kodan outreach effort for membership! As of today, we have 68 new members and 86 renewing members of WFWP in just two weeks! We could see the effort our Japanese sisters are making. Irmgard is busy just putting all the information into the database ☺

Eventually we will need a full-time national membership coordinator, once we have the funding for it. Irmgard is working hard to fill that position for now.

Inclusive Language & Growing Chapters

- **AS: More and more we will have ladies who are not members of the Unification Movement so please keep in mind of the way we speak and not to be exclusive with our language. Remember that WFWP is an interfaith organization, and I hope that in the near future we will have many new women take leadership of different religious back grounds and cultures.**

I'd like to mention that we have a new **chairlady in New Mexico named Joy Garratt.** Let's welcome her and **Doris Caimi** and congratulate that! I had a chance to speak to them yesterday. They already decided to connect to the human trafficking issue and the Clean Slate Program that is being developed on the West Coast.

Our chapters are growing. For example, there is our chairlady from Wisconsin, Veronica Ferch, who wasn't doing so well with her health and wanted to step down as of last year, but couldn't find anyone to take her place. Well today I received an email saying that she got very much inspired from attending a Women's International network for Women's History Month. So she went to see the organizers of the event and asked them if they would like to have a Bridge of Peace Ceremony in their program next time. And they said yes!

I hope to travel to Texas, Michigan and other states to see what we can do about reactivating those chapters.

Being a chairwoman nowadays doesn't mean that you have to drop everything you are doing. Just start small and be consistent. I believe those small tiny steps will be multiplied very quickly. Be encouraged ladies. This is just the beginning of greater things.

-AS: By the way, when I was in Chicago, I purchased a profound little book from one of the vendors in Chicago named Peggy Griffin which talks about how any woman can transform so-called negative traits of women such as being nosy into being nosy for righteousness sakes. Another lady, Mrs. Barrow, a famous icon of the civil rights movement and Elder in the Black community in Chicago had written a book that caught my attention and which I purchased as well, which was titled, "How to Get Married and Stay Married." Mrs. Barrow shared with us at the event that one reason she felt compelled to write about this topic was because she was so outraged when hearing about the escalating e divorce rate in America, and therefore decided to give guidance about it based on her 50 years of marriage!!

Fannie and I will discuss how we can receive copies of those books for those who are interested in purchasing them for your chapter. So please send us an email if you are interested in having some shipped to you.

On another note, if you have any suggestions for topics you would like to discuss or hear about during the conference calls let me know. Tell us what you like and what you don't like, then we can work on continuously improving our calls, making them even more fruitful, inspiring and meaningful for anyone who comes on the call.

And just to remind you that we had mentioned before but once a month, this call is to open to anyone from your chapter who would like to listen in. It can help you and members of your community to feel more connected and on the same page.

Finally, I'd like to ask you for prayer for the 20th Anniversary celebration in Korea from March 25-28 to be a wonderful event. I will be going with a team of n 10 USA representatives. I was asked to give a 3 minute welcoming remark to True Mother and then also emcee that day. I am so proud to represent you all. I will bring you with me in my heart Juanita will also be there and intend to bringing hope to the conference and hear whatever God has to share with us.

Closing Prayer by Beryl Green.

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