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Living by the Logic of Love

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President's Corner



Dear Friends of WFWP,

As many of us were enjoying the fall season, we were shocked when once again images of horror and devastation filled our TV screens from another calamity befalling the Philippines. Our hearts almost stood still as we watched the unthinkable happen to families, homes, and whole villages due to Super Typhoon Haiyan. With a prayer on our lips we immediately set up a WFWP relief fund, with access to it on our website.

It seems that the global village is experiencing greater and greater extremes, both on the painful side, such as the calamities, domestic violence, and confusion in values that we all know about; and on the other side, an amazing outpouring of support, love, sacrifice, goodwill, and healing. This year's 21st anniversary WFWP USA National Assembly, entitled "**Learn to Lead: Raising the Next Generation of Women Leaders,**" held on the University of Maryland campus just outside Washington, D.C., turned out to be one of the latter experiences.

Not only did each Global Women's Peace Network panelist do an outstanding job of sharing her personal wisdom and insights as a leader, but we felt that real healing took place. This spirit of healing reached a crescendo in the evening during the Bridge of Peace Ceremony; then while listening to the inspiring story of this year's HerStory Awardee, Dr. Aziz Baccouche, a blind nuclear physicist; and even through the experience of the very colorful entertainment. A big THANK YOU all those who contributed to make this year's anniversary so special, deep, and successful!

Early in October, women leaders and international WFWP officers gathered in London, UK, for our annual international leadership conference. This year's theme, "**Finding the Vision and Way Forward, and How to Transform Ourselves, Protect Our Families, and Build a Culture of Peace,**" challenged all presenters to go to a deeper level of reflection as they shared their reports in the context of WFWP's vision for 2020. One special session was actually held at the House of Commons. During the two days of jam-packed sessions many exciting presentations and insights were shared, indicating that WFWP has entered yet another level of providing real answers to the real issues.

Women and mothers are indeed called to lead with their motherly hearts - now more than ever before - to bring a sense of calmness, consolation, and hope to many challenging situations, and to create the kind of atmosphere conducive to peace and healing.

In all of this let us be grateful every moment to our Creator for what we do have - our bodies, families, friends, jobs, homes, food, and communities. And let us continue to lend a hand, a heart, and a prayer to those who hurt, lack, and need our help.

With this in mind, the WFWP Board, WFWP USA staff and I wish you a very special,

Happy Thanksgiving 2013!

With love,
Angelika Selle

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JOINT EFFORTS TO HELP THE PHILIPPINES



Our hearts almost stood still when we saw the horrendous images flashing across the TV screens and computers of that most hideous typhoon hitting the Philippines, destroying homes and towns, and most of all taking so many lives. We prayed to God immediately for the victims and their families and decided to set up this **Philippines Relief Fund WFWP USA** to collect donations.

We are also joining hands with another organizations, Filipino International Community of America (FICA) and the Philippine Red Cross on the ground to amplify our efforts most effectively and also provide additional help such as medicines, clothing, and food.

At this moment, donations are most urgently welcome...Your \$100 donation can feed 20 families in the Philippines, but any amount is welcome.

WFWP USA

21st ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2013 "Learn to Lead: Raising the Next Generation of Women Leaders" October 24 & 26, 2013

By Mrs. Angelika Selle, President, WFWP USA



The "Learn to Lead" theme of this year's National Assembly was designed to provide women, young women and mothers alike, with insights and practical tools for leadership. Through nurturing and educating women to understand their God-given role at this time, the hope was to empower women to use their gifts and talents to lead their families and others successfully by applying the motto: Living for the Sake of Others. To accomplish this, WFWP is networking with women experts in other organizations. We also worked closely with Mrs. Dottie Chicquelo, a wonderful supporter of WFWP, who works at the University of Maryland and opened major doors for us on the campus.

Two days prior to the main event, a service project for youth and young adults in Washington, DC, set the stage and the focus of "Learn to Lead."

WFWP INTERNATIONAL

"Finding the Vision and Way Forward" London WFWP International Conference

By Laura Hornbeck, WFWP Van Alstyne, Texas

Approximately one hundred women traveled from all over the world to London, England, for the 13th annual WFWP International Leader's Conference. Held in the heart of London at the Royal National Hotel, Russell Square, from October 7th - 10th, WFWP leaders joined with representatives from other NGOs, government, and religious groups for two and a half days of intensive education and sharing. Far more important than information was the wisdom shared by these leaders through their efforts in various countries and cultures.



Informal Photo of most of USA Team in London

Coincidentally, the location of this conference was just a half-mile from the British Museum, where Karl Marx wrote his first volume of *Das Kapital* in the nineteenth century. Marxist ideology, while cloaked in seductive terminology about justice and redistribution of wealth, has nonetheless created great destruction and human misery. Mr. Marx did not understand, nor could he employ, the revolutionary power of the hearts of women. WFWP asserts that this is the "Era of Women," and that the 21st century will see a groundswell for positive change which must be led by women.

WFWP USA

Looking Behind the Scenes in Human Trafficking "Human Trafficking and Poverty, a Critical Connection"

Shortly after the WFWP 21st Anniversary Assembly, Mrs. Angelika Selle, President of the Women's Federation for World Peace, USA was invited to speak at a Peace and Securities Forum on the topic "Human Trafficking and Poverty, a Critical Connection: Creating a Culture Free of Slavery" on November 6th, in Washington, DC. The forum was co-hosted by the Universal Peace Federation Office of Peace and Security Affairs-Washington, D.C., the Women's Federation for World Peace-USA, Seraphim GLOBAL, and Trafficking in America Task Force. She spoke briefly about what they are doing to strengthen families in an effort to eradicate human trafficking.



Panelists Listen and Present

"It is my great honor and pleasure to co-host with our sister organization, this second round of the forum discussion on Human Trafficking which is one of the most hideous crimes of humanity.

Last year I noted that it would be very hopeful if men would also join the panel since both parties are involved and the solution also needs come from their side and with their input.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Global Women's Peace Network: Call to Action with Honduras

By Mrs. Denneze Nelson, Regional Chairwoman, NJ, PA, DE

The Global Women's Peace Network was launched by the New Jersey Chapter of WFWP on September 14, 2013. The event was planned for 50 women but 55 women attended with 2 men present. A delicious breakfast was served, and the location was beautiful. Owing to technical difficulties, the Her Story lecture could not be presented much to the chagrin of all assembled. However, we were able to show a video to introduce WFWP.

Regional Chairwoman, Denneze Nelson, the keynote speaker, gave an informative presentation on the meaning of the GWPN, and why it is imperative to work together. Ms. Nelson gave a personal testimony of the motivation for Rev. and Mrs. Moon's peace endeavors even



GWPN Participants

establishing organizations on the level of the UN. She then issued a call to action for women's organizations to join forces with WFWP in a movement to usher in a new era of peace and end global conflict through building ideal families. She stressed that women alone cannot bring peace and that men are an integral part of this process concluding that men and women need to exist in God-centered harmony for true and lasting peace to be established.

In response to Ms. Nelson's speech, Mr. Stephen Sprague gave a detailed exposition on the dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity.

Ms. Carol Pobanz, who has worked tirelessly in Honduras, gave a report about GWPN in Honduras. She issued an invitation to the women of New Jersey to come and help them uplift women in their country. Using a slide show, she submitted a proposal for a joint service project with WFWP. The participants were very excited about this opportunity. Ms. Pobanz explained service from the point of view of a developing country. She helped the participants understand the mindset of going to learn something rather than teach something; going to give something and empower rather than to take something.

A response to Ms. Pobanz came from the riveting sharing of three organizational representatives: One from Councilwoman Ruby Cotton representing government; another from Mrs. Jean Brown representing spiritual not-for-profits; and finally from Mrs. Hiroko Nitro, former WFWP emissary to Guinea, Africa. These testimonies about the heart of service that springs from love, moved everyone to tears.

Councilwoman Cotton said afterwards, "Women's Federation has never wavered in its message for Peace and this consistency is very important to women everywhere. I have been working with WFWP for years and the women always make you feel a part of them. We need to have this kind of embrace so that we can encourage our young women to be great leaders."



Councilwoman Cotton and Mrs. Nelson

Ms. Katanaka explained, "I had stopped working for WFWP, but now I am so inspired and ready to work again. This is so important."

Ms. Bivens, a schoolteacher who attended, was moved. She explained how she had been in a state of depression over the recent loss of her son, but coming to this event had given her new purpose. She was amazed at the work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon and felt inspired to talk to others about this.

WFWP New Jersey is in the process of establishing a steering committee for the Honduras cooperation project. Several follow-up meetings with women who attended and other women are being planned to encourage participation in this project. A fundraiser for Honduras is being planned for November. In addition, an educational seminar will prepare the participants before going to Honduras. We also hope to use this project as an outreach to younger women to get involved in WFWP.

OREGON

International Peace Day Ceremony

By Rose Ann Kennett, WFWP Oregon

The Oregon Chapter of WFWP together with the Family Federation for World Peace and the American Clergy Leadership Conference hosted an Inter-Faith Prayers for Peace on September 21, 2013. The event was attended by a diverse group of faiths including Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Unificationist, Buddhist, and Devotees of Adi Da Samraj.



Water Unity Ceremony

The Keynote address entitled "Peace Education," was given by Mrs. Nancy Spanovich, Development Officer of the Wholistic Peace Institute. Then each representative offered a prayer, a reading, or a meditation for peace while holding a cup of water.

The highlight was the "water unity ceremony." All the faith representatives poured their cups of water into one bowl, symbolizing the unity of all faiths. They then dipped a "peace branch" into the large bowl of peace water and sprinkled a blessing on all the attendees.

The spirit was truly lifted and God must have been smiling on the unity expressed in this event by so many different religious faiths coming together in prayer for peace beyond religion, beyond division and background united as one family under God.



WFWP, ACLC, FFWPU Internation Peace Day Celebration

CALIFORNIA

Man of True Love--Commemorating Co-Founder's Ascension

By Ms. Emma Reed, Chairwoman, WFWP Los Angeles, CA

WFWP was part of the invitational committee to celebrate the first anniversary of the ascension of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, husband of our founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The event was held on September 7, 2013 at the New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA. After a video of Rev. Moon's life, we heard testimonials from clergy of various religious organizations. The words that touched me most came from Imam Haithan Bundakji who said, "Rev. Moon taught me the Divine Principle through the eyes of the Quran, and through this I was able to put the words, *"true love"* into my dictionary. Until then my heart was filled with hate. Now I can honestly say that I love you all as my brothers and sisters."



Rev. Walter Millsap, Ms. Emma Reed and Rev. Cassandra Buchanan



Ms. Nina Alexander

Ms. Nina Alexander, who is one of the original WFWP members in Los Angeles, offered a testimony of when she met Rev. and Mrs. Moon. Ms. Rebecca Calix sang a beautiful ballad about her love for her spiritual father and Mr. Keith Williams brought the house down with, *"Peace, Shalom, Salam Aleikum."*

The afternoon concluded with a lovely lunch and lots of fellowship.

NEVADA

Why Women Need to Lead A Dinner Meeting With Founder's Son

By Mrs. Mary Hida, WFWP Las Vegas

After a very busy summer, Las Vegas WFWP members could not wait to get together again. On September 3, 2013, thanks to the Anceneys, who opened up their home once again, 12 women and 7 men were treated to a deliciously prepared assortment of barbecued chicken, steak, and ribs, as well as salads, corn on the cob, fruit, and desserts galore. One long table was set up in the living room, making a homey environment for sisters and

brothers who support WFWP activities to share with WFWP's founder's son and his wife, Kwonjin and Hwayun Moon.

To the delight and surprise of one member who had joined exactly one year earlier, after attending Father Moon's Ascension Ceremony in 2012, a special cake had been prepared to commemorate and celebrate her membership. She joyfully cut the cake together with a friend that she had brought to introduce to WFWP.

Casual conversation turned into discussion, and finally Mr. Kwonjin shared his heart with us. One notable thing he said was, "Women are

powerful and a woman can be a better leader than a man. A woman leader knows how to embrace the world. Be an embracing leader. Don't control others." Furthermore he shared his desire for each of us to take ownership and not just to follow. We were all inspired by his passion and insight.



Dinner with Founder's Son and His Wife



WFWP Las Vegas With Rev. KwonJin and HwaYun Moon

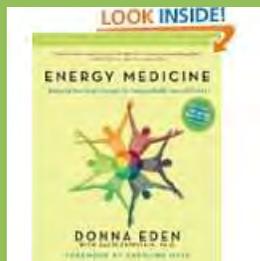
Everyone enjoyed each other's company, and it was evident that WFWP is not only for women. We were especially grateful to one of the men present who provided us with a rousing song to start the evening. We added a few new WFWP supporters that evening, and we experienced the reality that working with couples in our activities is essential for growth and development.

MARYLAND

Energy Healing Works its Magic in Maryland

By Mrs. Nancy Bulow, WFWP Maryland

WFWP Maryland Chairwoman, Mrs. Kim Dadachanji and I, along with eight other women, went on a weekend retreat in the spring and decided to continue studying a system of self-healing that was introduced to us by Mrs. Dianne Faure. Dianne had recently become certified in Donna Eden's system of Eden's Energy Medicine and offered to teach EM101, a six-hour seminar. We split the seminar into two parts with the first part in June, attended by 18 people, and the final session in September with 13 people.



Donna Eden is part Cherokee and has been able to see and feel energies since childhood. After almost dying she began studying and using many ancient healing modalities which over a period of time healed her all of her health challenges. Eventually her work became systematized and she branded the term, Energy Medicine. It is a comprehensive series of exercises and best of all, it works.

Dianne also experienced a dramatic healing through her study and implementation of Energy Medicine exercises over a period of time. As she faithfully incorporated a daily routine into her life an amazing transformation occurred in her body, mind, and spirit. She took charge of her health issues and used the wisdom of the ages to harness the healing forces inherent within. What is most inspiring is that it is a blueprint of God's principle of creation and allows us to learn how to heal from the effects of an out-of-balance environment.

For more information about Donna Eden, her work, and educational videos visit: <http://innersource.net/em/>; YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdMbdFb8URY>.

Dianne Faure can be reached at: jedifaure@gmail.com to set up a seminar, or for individual sessions.

ARIZONA

"Color Me New"

By Glenda Lambert, Chairwoman WFWP Arizona

"COLOR ME NEW" was the theme for the WFWP Arizona annual retreat on Saturday,

September 7, 2013. Why color me new? Now is the time to work on transforming ourselves from feeling bleak to creating "colors" in our lives.

Sherrí Natras, who is the founder of Beauty Boot Camp, gave the ladies an in-depth presentation on color themes and put us through an interactive exercise on how colors relate to our personalities. Bhavani, a skin care consultant, nurtured us by showing us how to take better care of our skin. The ladies worked on each other to cleanse, moisturize, and put on make-up. We looked and felt that we have a new lease on life!

Each lady chose a session that interested her, such as: the infra red body healing, the chi machine, the emotion code, journal magic, or beauty naps. A healthy and nutritious lunch and dinner were served which also contributed to the well-being of the ladies. At the end of the evening we watched a video by Dr. Brene Brown, a researcher-storyteller, called "Vulnerability."

Afterwards the ladies reflected on the day and felt refreshed and renewed just as we were colored anew!



"Color Me New" Participants

ANNOUNCEMENT:

New Chairwomen for Four WFWP USA Chapters

This is to announce changes of leadership in four of the WFWP USA chapters. We all move forward to where God calls us and where we need to be. At this time our President Mrs. Angelika Selle has announced that we will give all new chairwomen a three-month trial period, which can be extended to a year-long commitment period or longer, if desired.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

As WFWP Georgia's outgoing dynamic young woman leader, **Mrs. Nandi Moton**, heads to New York to further her education at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown, NY; WFWP USA welcomes **Mrs. Ekaette Heyliger** as WFWP Georgia's Interim Chairwoman from October first. Congratulations Ekaette, and welcome to the team! As she has worked tirelessly with Ms. Moton during her tenure as Chairwoman, so she is ready to take the chapter to the next level.

We express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Nandi Moton for her leadership, passion, and example as a young woman leader who made a difference in a short time. We wish her well in her new endeavors and studies at UTS and look forward to her leadership and support in the New York City area.

OHIO

We thank **Mrs. Caryn Olsen**, Chairwoman of Ohio, for her investment of heart, love, sacrifice, and service to the Ohio chapter over the last year and a half! She went beyond the one year she had committed to serve in that capacity, and we are very grateful for that.

Stepping in is an interim co-chairwoman team composed of **Mrs. Nataliya Grishina** and **Mrs. Annette Yamakawa**, who will invest their hearts to bring the Ohio Chapter to the next level. Welcome to the team!

OREGON

During the International Peace Day in Portland, Oregon on September 21, 2013, **Mrs. Claudia Alamin**, was officially inaugurated as the new Chairwoman for WFWP Oregon.

We would like to thank **Mrs. Stephanie Herreman** who has offered dedicated service during her tenure as chairwoman. She will continue to play an important role as Secretary of the Oregon Chapter of WFWP. Thank you both.

WASHINGTON DC

We want to express our deepest gratitude to **Mrs. Eny Reed** who has been serving in the position of Chairwoman and District Chairwoman for the DC metro area for the last 7 years! We thank Mrs. Reed for her passion, love, investment of heart, and effort over these many years, and especially for the founding of the High School Essay Contest, which is currently expanding to other states!

We warmly welcome **Mrs. Elizabeth Aihe** as the new Chairwoman in the heart of America, the District of Columbia. Ms. Aihe has been working very closely with Ms. Reed for many years, and has accepted the challenge of leading the DC Chapter at this time. We extend a warm welcome to the team!

From the words of our founder, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon:

*"I want to create new environments through you from now on.
Do not seek only to get higher positions,
but try to live for each other's sake,
nurture each other and be proud of each other.
If you can do that everyone can grow..."*

ANNOUNCEMENT

New North American Alliance

Based on the request of our Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, WFWP USA, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands will be working together more closely in terms of education, sharing of resources, and other kinds of mutual support.

An initial skype call between the national leaders and International Vice President for the North American Region, Mrs. Alexa Ward, took place in November to kick off this new alliance. With her on the line were Mrs. Teiko Kono, WFWP IVP for the Caribbean Islands, Mrs. Lily Tadin, WFWP President of Canada and Mrs. Angelika Selle, WFWP USA President and Vice-President International for the US.

We look forward to fruitful cooperation among the nations!

Editor's Note:

As we embark on this journey together to create a newsletter that honors all that Women's Federation for World Peace is, thank you for all your contributions and let's make each newsletter more inspiring than the one before. Please copy me on your reports and articles. Send to wfwp.newsletter@gmail.com.

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