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*Living by the Logic of Love*

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### ***President's Corner***

Dear Friend,

As we prepare for this year's 22nd anniversary National Assembly, you might wonder what WFWP is up to with our efforts and activities. What are we trying to accomplish?

Simply said, it is to empower young women to become leaders for peace and to empower older women and mothers to help raise this new crop of peace leaders! In order for peace to become real and not only a dream or concept, we seek to raise young women - and young men - who begin by humbly serving others and sincerely and genuinely caring about others.

Therefore, we precede our national conference with a Day of Service. Great people and beloved leaders are those who humbly serve instead of insisting on their power and position. In the spirit of John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country!"

We all are still in the process of learning that kind of leadership, and history has not many such selfless leaders to show. Thus, the title of our Assembly, for the second year now, is: "LEARN TO LEAD," as all of us need to acquire new skills of leadership motivated and based on the heart rather than the head.

With that heart and mindset, we seek to find innovative and creative solutions to our society's most serious ills, and replace old paradigms that cause hurt with those that bring about love and harmony.

Will you join us in this process?

With love,  
Angeika



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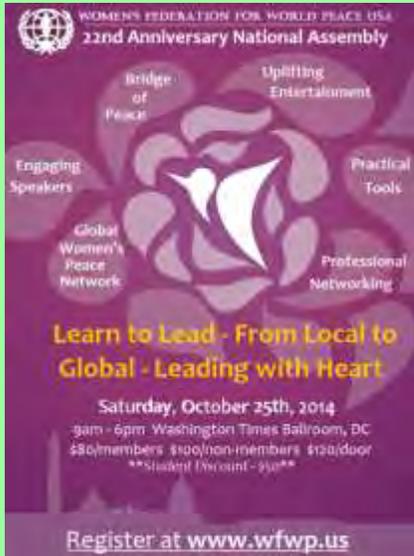
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## METRO DC

### Face Off

By Mrs. Katherine Cromwell

How often have you reluctantly gone to a meeting and then found, to your surprise, that something inside of you actually changed as a result of what was presented? When that happens, you know you have been given the blessing of a maturing of your character. In many meetings, we are inspired intellectually or even emotionally, but few presentations actually catalyze our essence and give us tools to become better people.

The Metro DC WFWP meeting included participants from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Held in Bowie, Maryland, on Saturday October 4, it was a rare experience where the participants were coaxed to bare their souls and find relief through a feeling of being understood without judgment or criticism. Ms. Nandi Bengu, originally from South Africa and currently the



Ms. Nandi Bengu's presentation

WFWP chairwoman in Harlem, New York, gave two presentations on the topic "Face Off: Strengthening the Power of the Mind through Self-Control-The First Step to True Leadership." I was pleasantly surprised by the insightfulness and thoughtfulness of the presentations-so much so that



Lively discussion groups

something in my heart changed as a result.

Ms. Bengu spoke of the structure and functioning of the spirit self and the physical self, which led her to delve deeply into the differences between the mature character and the immature character, and to put them face to face in front of us all. She said that it is not enough for us to expound the idea of "Living by the Logic of Love," but we must know how to do that, how to be real in our real-life relationships. She spoke in such a down-to-earth way that

those of us who were listening couldn't help but eagerly anticipate her next insight...

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## OREGON



### Let Us Be The Peace

By Mrs. RoseAnn Kennet and Mrs. Stephanie Herremans



WFWP Oregon Chairwoman  
Chaplain Claudia Al-Amin

Together with four collaborator organizations, the WFWP Oregon Chapter organized an Interfaith Peace Service, Meditation, and Dance celebration to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace via the Internet and our own live program.

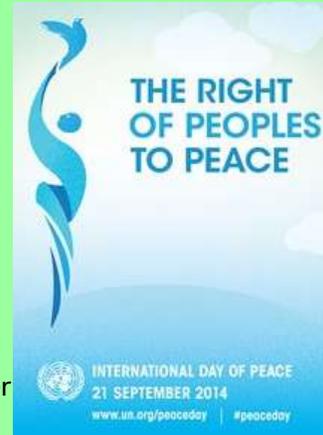
The event took place on Sunday, September 21 in West Linn, Oregon, with the cooperation of the Portland Family Peace Fellowship, the Wholistic Peace Institute, BeThePeace (a global event through live streaming), and instructors of Dances of Universal Peace.

Peace messages were delivered by Pastor Eric Sylte and two Ambassadors for Peace, Mr. Gary Spanovich of the Wholistic Peace Institute and Chaplain Claudia Al-Amin, WFWP Oregon chairwoman. Two special guests, Mr. Michael Sheehan and Ms. Michelle Sparks-Smith, led everyone in four dances of universal peace. (See their website for more information: [www.movingmeditations-dup.com](http://www.movingmeditations-dup.com).) The dances represented interfaith traditions of Christianity, Judaism, and Sufism (Islam), as well as a

peace dance from Russia. All could feel a new spirit and hope for peace through dancing together. Even WFWP's most senior local member danced the peace dances and inspired all of us!

The event was part of a collaboration of organizations around the world joining to create what may become the largest synchronized prayer and meditation for peace in history. With over 400 organizers registered to hold events across all continents, BeThePeace has become an opportunity for world cultures to connect as one voice for peace with the tagline "Everyone, Everywhere, Together, Now."

The International Day of Peace was sanctioned by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981 by UN Resolution 36/37. Inspired by the collaboration between the Culture of Peace Initiative and Peace One Day, two organizations that have organized global truths and peace initiatives and have impacted on millions of people over the years, many global peace organizations now collaborate to celebrate this day on September 21. The 2014 theme is "Rights of Peoples to Peace." All people of every culture, spiritual tradition, and political perspective are welcomed to join "Together As One" on this special day. You can find out more about the event by visiting [www.BeThePeace.com](http://www.BeThePeace.com).



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## MINNESOTA

### Breaking Free!

By Mrs. Jeannette Henry and Ms. Talia Haibara



Mrs. Jennifer Larson

On Saturday, October 4, the Minnesota Chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace gathered to explore the issue of human trafficking and to see what we can do to help stop this serious problem facing our young people today.

First, Ms. Jennifer Victor-Larsen, founder of HeroSearch.org, gave an overview of the facts about human trafficking. She talked about the prevalence of trafficking in Minnesota and let us know that Minnesota ranks 13th in the nation in terms of human trafficking incidence. It was a surprise to learn that this issue is so close to home in Minnesota. We expect it to be rampant in Third World countries, not in our own backyard.

Ms. Lori Stee, public policy and education director of Breaking Free, spoke next. Breaking Free is an organization that educates and provides services for girls and women who have been victims of abuse and sexual exploitation. She showed us the CNN report on the organization. The report showed some of the women, all survivors of human trafficking, who have been helped by the work of the organization. Their primary message is, "Women are

not for sale."

Lori also let us know that recruiters of young girls and women go everywhere to recruit

anyone who seems lost, sad, and alone. It is important that everyone should be aware of this information. She also explained that the challenge to eliminate this problem has to do with the narrative of how women have been viewed throughout history as temptresses and the cause of sexual problems.

Only recently have exploited women come to be viewed as victims instead of criminals. And this change in attitude is mainly because of the work of organizations like Breaking Free that work to help restore the dignity of the kidnapped young women and men who are lured and often forced unwittingly into sex trafficking.

After Ms. Stee's presentation, Ms. Victor-Larsen talked about her organization, Herosearch.org. She showed us how we can use this website to donate locally to Breaking Free and other organizations that help those in need. She also explained that WFWP could use the site to handle donations for the projects that...



Mrs. Jeannette Henry  
Chairwoman WFWP  
Minnesota Chapter

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## OHIO

### Schools of Africa Benefit

Singing, Dancing, and Praising  
By WFWP Ohio Chapter Members

WFWP board members were "on board" for our amazing benefit for the Schools of Africa that took place on October 5. Event coordinator Ms. Stella Koppoe was on top of every last detail and brought unity and confidence to the staff members. Our secretary, Mrs. Marcia Schlichting, invited the coordinator of the Schools of Africa Program in the U.S. and WFWP USA board member, Minister Fannie Smith, to come and speak at the event. It immediately became obvious to us why she was selected to be the national Schools of Africa Program coordinator. She stepped right in to help in setting up the venue, and gave us encouragement and advice to create an exciting event.



Min. Fannie Smith

Stella arranged for two young people, Mr. Noah Trimble and Ms. Kala Stamm, to welcome the guests at the reception table, and they did an excellent job of making the guests feel right at home. The Silent Auction table was set up tastefully by WFWP board members Ms.



Soul Monster Band

Miyuki Fujikake and Ms. Yoshie Moore. And in case we lacked items, we had a backup "Safari Sale" to entice the attendees to come back next year for "bargain hunting" opportunities.

Although Stella made great efforts to get professional dancers to come, those she asked were too strongly rooted in financial gain and just didn't catch the spirit of giving. Fortunately, a WFWP friend and supporter, Ms. Fatou Sarr, offered her children to step in. With only two weeks' preparation time, they certainly came to the rescue in a big way. Stella also found our home-grown professional band, "Soul Monsters," which...



Young African dancers perform

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## WFWP Co-Founders Memorial Service

By Mrs. Annette Yamakawa

WFWP members, among others, gave the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, WFWP co-founder and beloved husband of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, a warm and moving Memorial Service and Banquet on the second anniversary of his passing.

After the service and banquet on September 20 at the Manhattan Center in New York City, WFWP leaders met with our international president, Mrs. Yeon Ah Moon, in an intimate atmosphere so she could convey our founder's message to WFWP USA.

WFWP members were represented from "across the fruited plain" from too many states to mention. Both the memorial hall and the banquet hall were filled to capacity. Notable WFWP members attending were: our International President Mrs. Yeon Ah Moon, WFWP USA President Mrs. Angelika Selle and her husband Bob, Deputy Director of the WFWP UN Office Mrs. Alexa Ward and her husband Thomas, and WFWP UN representative Mrs. Jeannie Carroll. Many VIPs, including former country leaders and U.S. congressmen, attended as well.

The event was blessed with interreligious representatives from the Women in Ministry, Unificationism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. They participated in a



With Prof Yeon Ah Moon WFWP International President

heartwarming ceremony in which each representative prayed from his or her own faith background, and then prayerfully poured a pitcher of water into a large glass receptacle as a symbol of unifying their religions. The ceremony was a reminder that when religions truly center on God, they fulfill God's will to become "One Family under God."

Entertainment was both varied and enjoyable. Christian choirs, a synergy of more modern dance forms and ballet, a duet featuring Mr. Matthew Hill and famous pop singer Ms. Kiah Victoria, each performed to the delight of the audience. At the banquet that followed the memorial service, Mrs. Seiko Lee offered two operatic selections.



WFWP Leaders in New York

Two videos were presented. One was with slides of Father Moon's life demonstrating his determination to communicate with a diverse group of world figures historically described as both famous and infamous. The second video was a "mini drama" reenactment (in Korean) of a few highlights depicting the heart and spirit of a true "man of God." This musical was written and performed by a Korean troupe that felt compelled to produce it for the memorial service that took place in August in Korea.

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## CALIFORNIA--San Francisco

### National Disasters Spell Hope Not Fear

By Mrs. Patricia Fleischman



Ms. Charlie Toledo

According to the wisdom of the indigenous people of the Americas, we are living in the time of a great shift to a world of peace that began in 2012. The present confusion in the world, they say, as well as the many natural disasters are all part of a great detoxification that is going on in preparation for the New Age.

This was the exhilarating and powerful message shared by Ms. Charlie Toledo, a Native American and executive director of the Suscol Intertribal Council in Napa, California, at a recent Women in Faith meeting sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of WFWP and the Women's Interfaith Circle of Service (WICS), a Cooperation Circle of the United Religions Initiative.

Twenty-four women gathered to hear Ms. Toledo share indigenous wisdom concerning the new millennium. She emphasized the importance of taking time to go inward to find peace so we can spread peace around us.

The participants also received wonderful, deep guidance from Ms. Prabha Duneja, an author, teacher, and spiritual leader of the Hindu faith. She also underlined the need to cultivate inner peace at this time, cleansing the mind and body. Her down-to-earth spirituality uplifted all those present. Afterward, she guided us in a beautiful Heart Chakra Meditation.



Ms. Prabha Duneja

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## COLORADO

### A Taste of Israeli Society

By Mrs. Shirley Chimes



Mizel Museum, Denver

WFWP's Denver Chapter networks with the United Nations Association, the Denver Chapter of which is known as the Lunch Bunch. On September 10, Mrs. Catherine Ichinohe, WFWP Denver's former chairwoman, attended the UNA's quarterly gathering at the famous Mizel Museum, a center for Jewish history, art, and culture. There is also a school attached to the museum. Oddly enough, the building was designed by a non-Jewish man.

The eight guests were greeted by the museum keeper, who is a scholar of Jewish history and the Torah. A luncheon of traditional Jewish delicacies had been prepared on site and was topped off with Turkish coffee.

A video presentation entitled, "Israel: Small but Magnificent," was shown to convey the flavor of the land and its people.

The speaker, a Philadelphia woman, had lived in Israel for 13 years. She married and had given birth to two children there. She spoke objectively, without political bias, about her life in Israel, saying that residents there want a good community for their families to live in and go out of their homes frequently.

The government in Israel supports a modern public educational system. Each child has a laptop to use for his or her studies.

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## What is Love IQ

Mrs. Caryn Olsson is coordinator of WFWP's Love IQ Program, an educational tool promoting purity and healthy love relationships that targets mainly young people.



Mrs. Caryn Olsson

The Love IQ Program is based on the Relationship Intelligence Curriculum, created by Dr. Richard Panzer. This curriculum is focused on character development and cultivating and maintaining healthy relationships. Here at WFWP, we are networking with others in order to spread the news about this!

We all need friends in our lives who support us and help us to grow. More important, however, we need to make right choices that lead us toward happiness and fulfillment in our lives. Part of Love IQ is how to love ourselves so we can truly be a good friend to someone else. If a person isn't able to love him or herself properly, then it's difficult to love someone else. We all need to grow and reach our full potential. We are not machines that are programmed; we are humans who need relationships in order to survive!!!

Please come and check out the upcoming webinar for those interested in learning to present this curriculum.

You can learn more and register at [www.Relationships101.org](http://www.Relationships101.org).

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## Editor's Note:

### SEE YOU AT THE ASSEMBLY!!

So much is happening in the world that may make us afraid to be alive at this time in history. But as I read the articles and hear about the uplifting events and seminars that are taking place around America through the ever-increasing number of burgeoning WFP local chapters, my heart sings and I can breathe again.

Send in your articles! Let's inspire each other to have hope and know that Living by the Logic of Love is the only logical way to live!

Thank you all!

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