

FFWPU USA: World Summit 2022 for Peace in Korea - Peace is Possible with God

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The World Summit 2022 for Peace on the Korean Peninsula program concluded Feb. 13 with global encouragement, advice, and prayers for renewed efforts to unite the Korean Peninsula and end the last division of the Cold War.

"Despite your difficult circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic, I trust that you, our global leaders, will achieve peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula with your commitment and devotion," said Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) and host of the summit.

The [three-day program](#), streamed live from Seoul, featured 85 world leaders who spoke about the importance of peace on the peninsula. In her address, Dr. Moon explained that building one family under God is the key to bringing about a world of freedom, equality, and peace. The summit - sponsored by UPF and the Royal Government of Cambodia - drew participants from some 160 nations, including 157 nations with diplomatic ties to North and South Korea. Dr. Moon shared that when all humanity comes together as the sons and daughters of God, then we can "achieve world peace and unification in our lifetime," she said.

Cambodia Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Hon. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, served as co-chairs of the summit. "Despite our ardent aspirations and various efforts, we have not been able to make a lasting breakthrough for peace on the peninsula," said Mr. Ban, before applauding the tireless work of Dr. Moon and UPF. They offer a "robust platform," he said, which can be built upon to bring significant advancement toward peace.

Among the distinguished speakers, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari expressed his support of the

efforts toward reunifying the Korean Peninsula, noting his country's cordial relations with both Koreas in trade, commerce, education, cultural exchange, and technology transfer.

Former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, cited "trust and honesty" as crucial elements in discussions to advance peace on the peninsula, stating, "I have great trust in the word 'hope.'" Former U.S. President Donald Trump emphasized the need for international support to bring about lasting peace, as he recalled becoming the first U.S. President to stand on North Korean soil during his meetings with leader Kim Jong-un in 2019.

"We have planted seeds of peace and cooperation," said Mr. Trump, "and now we must let them bloom and grow, just like a giant tree. To waste that chance would be a profound tragedy." Countless people of goodwill around the world are "working, striving, and praying for a Korea that is safe, prosperous, flourishing, united and finally at peace," he said.

"Korea can eventually become a shining example to the world of how peace can arise from conflict," added former Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in her remarks.

The summit also featured the [Sunhak Peace Prize](#) ceremony, where Dame Prof. Sarah Catherine Gilbert of Oxford University and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, were honored as the 2022 laureates for their contributions during the Covid-19 pandemic. The biennial award, established by Dr. Moon in 2013 to honor the legacy of her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, recognizes laureates for their extraordinary service to global peace in sustainable human development, conflict resolution, or ecological conservation.

Political, civic, and faith leaders representing more than 70 nations offered their support and practical advice during the summit. Many world leaders invoked faith in God to resolve humanity's crises as well. "What is impossible for us is possible for God," said former Paraguay President Federico Franco. "Prayer continues to be the best defense we have for the return of peace in the Korean Peninsula."

"Cambodia was also a victim of the Cold War and grand power politics, but positive engagement helped it find unity," said Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen. Dr. Yun Young-ho, co-chair of the World Summit 2022 executive committee, noted "a heavenly unified Korea is a prerequisite for a heavenly unified world," he said.

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World Summit 2022: A New Era on the Korean Peninsula



The *World Summit 2022 for Peace on the Korean Peninsula* just began in Seoul with dozens of world leaders calling for an end to the Cold War's last remaining division – the Korean Peninsula.

Some 160 nations are being represented during the three-day summit – from Feb. 11 to 13 (KST) – hosted by Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and co-chaired by H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and former United Nations Secretary General Hon. Ban Ki-moon.

North and South Korea need to “swiftly conclude a peace treaty” and end the war, said Prime Minister Hun Sen. “My country has been divided by war,” he said, which ended 20 years ago thanks to the “best choice” of dialogue, he said. “We cannot choose war to end war,” he added.

“Peace on the Korean Peninsula has symbolic meaning to all of us,” said former Prime Minister of Turkey H.E. Ahmet Davutoglu. He noted the Cold War divided Germany, Yemen, Vietnam and Korea, and all have reunited except Korea. “It is time for a new era on the Korean Peninsula.”

Speakers addressed several hundred people attending in person as well as a global virtual audience of millions of people participating through 3,500 broadcast networks around the globe.

Former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, one of many speakers who saw great hope for Korea's united future, said, “There is nothing that's impossible when nations work together for the common good,” referring to the

global response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This international cooperation is why “the dream of a united Korea is possible,” he said.

“We are all for peace; the question is what are we prepared to do to make it possible,” said H.E. Ehud Olmert, the former Prime Minister of Israel, who applauded the Trump-Pence administration’s peace efforts in the Middle East. “Words are one thing and real progress is another,” said ABC News Correspondent Kyra Phillips, a veteran journalist who recalled the unfulfilled promises of Korean peace.

Many world leaders spoke to their own nation’s history of peacebuilding, including Senegal President Macky Sall, who is chairman of the African Union. “Peace is cultivated in courage, trust, and dialogue,” he said. There is “defense power” and “diplomacy power,” but “peace power” – the ability to build peace through honest, personal relationships – should not be underestimated, added Hon. Yoshinori Ohno, former Minister of the Environment in Japan.

“I personally think the North Koreans are seriously thinking of the possibility of opening up,” said Dr. Claude Begle, a former member of the Swiss Parliament. What is needed, he said, is a safe platform for dialogue to eliminate fears, establish mutual trust and plant “seeds for peace,” as he noted UPF is well positioned to offer such a platform. “We can fix this together,” added U.S. broadcaster Trish Regan, “but we need the whole world on board.”

Many speakers presented challenges to peace, such as resistance to denuclearization; foreign troops in South Korea; strained Korea-Japan relations; tensions between China and the U.S.; and core Korean differences, such as the North’s devotion to a single leader and its own nationalism versus the South’s determination to form a highly prosperous, modern democracy that values individual freedoms.

Summit speakers also offered a range of solutions, which included encouraging new friendships with the North Korean people through trade, tourism, sports, music, and cultural exchanges. The annual summit, spearheaded by Dr. Moon and her late husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon’s vision of reunifying their homeland, has drawn the support of key leaders throughout the world and virtual audiences participating in numerous countries.

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