

Celebrating 17 Years: The Great Impact of The Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

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"The Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) is a truly providential and revolutionary project," said True Father during its inaugural address on Sept. 12, 2005. Seventeen years later, UPF's impact can be seen worldwide through its global network of peace ambassadors, heads of state, politicians, clergy, and leaders from every sector of society.

UPF's debut convocation in New York City featured 376 delegates from 157 nations who gathered at the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Today, through several global peace-building initiatives - including the World Summit and Rally of Hope series - UPF has reached hundreds of millions of people from around the world using advanced hybrid technology.

Most recently, some 350 international leaders [convened](#) with FFWPU leaders in person and virtually for the Summit 2022 and Leadership Conference in Seoul, South Korea, to discuss and exchange strategies for developing a world culture of peace and reunifying the Korean Peninsula.

"Through the summit, it has been possible to promote the ideals of mutual prosperity, interdependence, and shared universal values that have been the slogan of UPF and its global network of Ambassadors for Peace," said former Brazilian President, Michel Temer, in his recent summit remarks.

"I thank the honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and all the members of [UPF] for the time and considerable efforts that you continue to devote to the safeguarding of our common humanity," said H.E. Macky Sall, Senegal president and chair of the African Union (AU), during his summit message.

UPF's mission, True Father said, is to provide a new level of leadership in the global arena. As part of the launch, he also proposed what is now part of UPF's [Peace Road](#) project - to build a bridge tunnel for transport across the Bering Strait. True Father described this as a crucial "link" creating an international highway system that connects the world as a single community.

Over the years, UPF's eight primary associations have steadily grown to comprise a summit council, parliamentarians, first ladies, faith leaders, the media, scholars, as well as leaders in business, and the arts and culture. UPF has also led the movement's Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), which sponsors interfaith "Pilgrimages for Peace," and its Northeast Asia Peace Initiative (NEAPI), which supports Korean reunification.

"Human beings, who lost their freedom, have been plagued by war, conflict, and disease until today," said True Mother, UPF's co-founder, during Summit 2022. "They see no hope for the future, nor do they know how or when they can find that hope. God, however, is alive and working ... Please join me in carrying out the work needed to restore this world to its original pristine state at the time of Creation so that our descendants in the future won't have to worry but will have hope. Let's accomplish this with our own hands."

You can learn more about the history and peace work of UPF [here](#).



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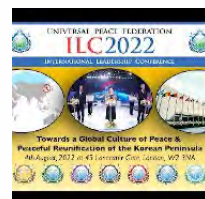
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Unificationist Leaders Reflect on Korea Events



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Leaders of the Unification movement in America returned from a series of events in Korea that culminated Aug. 14 with the [10th anniversary](#) of True Father's seonghwa. They shared personal experiences and takeaways in a meeting on Aug. 23, recounting the International Leadership Conference (ILC) Summit, Think Tank 2022 Forum, an international symposium, and Cheon Il Guk (CIG) leaders' meeting, among other activities.

"This was a really providential time in history," said Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, President, FFWPU USA. "Our united American team was really together. I felt so much support from all of our sub-regional directors ... The central point was honoring True Father for the 10th anniversary and everything was centered on that."

Leaders applauded the efforts made by Unificationists and their guests in preparing for the events. Dr. Michael Jenkins, Universal Peace Federation (UPF) International President, said a vast cross-section of people participating in Korea this year was a "huge liberation for God's heart," with heads of state from every continent present, particularly Asia and Africa. He also noted great support from prominent faith leaders and clergy from around the world.

"With the ACLC, Dr. Luonne Rouse did a really good job having outstanding clergy attend," said Dr. Jenkins.

"There was a beautiful meeting with True Mother that occurred ... and a beautiful photo was taken together." Dr.

Jenkins identified key components of the conference, including the strong turnout of leaders from Africa and Asia, a special UPF fact-finding delegation for peace on the Korean Peninsula, and the 40th anniversary celebration of *The Washington Times*.

“True Mother is working on a world stage to break down barriers,” said Dr. Jenkins. “And Asia is now playing the most central role to open the door to North Korea ... Bringing top world leaders together was amazing. They all stood with us absolutely, and we had a religious freedom program right in the middle of [the summit].”

Some 350 global figures convened during the ILC Summit events, including Senegal President Macky Sall, former Canadian Prime Minister Stephan Harper, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former Taiwan Vice President Annette Lu, U.S. Pastor Paula White-Cain, former Brazilian President Michel Temer, former Niger Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, and Dr. Sok Siphana representing Cambodia Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen.

“Ten years ago, only North Korea sent flowers at the time [of True Father’s seonghwa],” said Rev. Kevin Thompson, FFWPU USA West director. “This time, we heard there were 85 countries who sent flowers ... I just felt so proud. True Mother knows the importance of getting True Father to be recognized worldwide ... One by one, she is accomplishing the things True Father wanted to get done.”

“Our clergy were so grateful and excited and happy to be [at the summit],” said YCLC National Director, Joshua Holmes. “They felt so much of the love from God.”

Rev. Kazuo Takami, FFWPU USA Midwest director, shared about the CIG leaders’ meeting in Korea where a “Vision 2027” plan for America was unveiled by continental President Dr. Chung Sik Yong. Target goals were outlined: to bring 30,000 single Blessing candidates, 144,000 CheonBo couples, and establish a thousand church communities and 1,200 missionaries in 120 nations.

“I really felt America brought such a significant offering,” said Rev. John Jackson about the preparation for the events. “We’ve been able to break through in more other ecumenical ways with Christian clergy ... and they were very moved ... I’m grateful that we were able to come and make a great offering in Korea.”

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- Father Moon, UPF Inauguration, 2005

One Unified World

"The vision is for a high-speed transportation artery linking the entire globe. On the day of its completion, much of our world will become one village linked by one road." - Mother Moon



Paving the Path

"In these [Peace Road] events, people of all ages and nationalities, wearing t-shirts and



carrying a Peace Road flag, ride bicycles or walk to show their support for peace.” - Mother Moon

Taking a Stand

“Teams of participants walk, cycle or drive along designated routes representing the International peace highway. Their path ends at local government centers where local officials, social and religious leaders speak at rallies, publicly announce their support for the initiative and stimulate publicity in local media.” - Mother Moon



“To tell this story to the world, from the streets to the senate buildings, I had already created an affiliated project, “Peace Road.”

- Mother Moon, Mother of Peace

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