

# UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

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**UN Relations**  
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**Culture of Peace**



## OUR VISION AND MISSION

*The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace centered on universal spiritual and moral values.*

### **CORE VALUES**

- We are one human family created by God.
- The highest achievements of men and women are rooted in spiritual and moral development.
- The family is the “school of love and peace.”
- Peace comes through dialogue and cooperation.
- Service is the foundation of reconciliation.



Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon  
*Founders, UPF International*



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*Chairman*



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*President*

### **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PEACEBUILDING**

UPF and its global network of *Ambassadors for Peace* bring universal, spiritual principles to the task of resolving conflict and reconciling the divided human family. *International Leadership Conferences*, symposia, and peace councils offer opportunities for high-level consultations. These are complemented by “track two” diplomacy and grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.

# INTERFAITH PEACEBUILDING



## **DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION**

Interfaith conferences and forums challenge people to identify aspects of their scriptures and traditions that can benefit all humanity while also affirming their religion's identity. Interfaith dialogue encourages understanding, respect, and cooperation, recognizing that we are all members of one family under God.

## **INTERFAITH COUNCILS**

Peace is advanced when religious leaders bring the resources of heart and conscience to the tasks of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. On local, national, and global levels, interfaith councils enable people of faith to contribute their wisdom and work effectively for peace alongside government, business, and civil society.

## **MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE**

Interfaith pilgrimages, consultations, and grassroots encounters in Israel and the Palestinian Territories build understanding and respect among Jews, Muslims, and Christians.



# PEACE AND SECURITY



## **CONSULTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA**

In many parts of the world addressing security issues is a necessary step toward peace. UPF's *Office of Peace and Security* brings decades of experience and expertise to peace

initiatives in the Middle East, East Asia, South Asia, Africa, and the South Caucasus. Working with UPF's *Office of Embassy Relations*, they hold symposia with diplomats, government officials, think tanks, academics, and international NGOs.



## **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Northeast Asia
- Middle East
- South Asia
- South Caucasus

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Human rights, including religious freedom, are secured not merely through laws but by raising awareness that we are one human family with a common spiritual and moral heritage.



# MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



## **STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES**

Marriage, parenting, and the family are the foundations of human development and building blocks of society. Educational programs consider the personal and social benefits of marriage, promote a marriage-friendly culture, teach relationship skills, and encourage spiritual growth through relationships.

## **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

The core of education is the cultivation of heart and character, which gives children a solid foundation for growth and development. UPF's character education curriculum offers comprehensive moral education for students ages 6-18.



Textbooks and teacher manuals feature stories about moral development followed by interactive exercises.

## **WORLD PEACE BLESSING**

Participants in World Peace Marriage Blessing ceremonies make a sacred promise of mutual love and faithfulness. International and interreligious couples pledge to bridge divides of culture, race, and religion for the sake of peace.

# CULTURE OF PEACE



## **HUMANITARIAN SERVICE**

In response to natural disasters, UPF provides donations and volunteers to help with immediate relief and longer-term cleanup. After the tsunami in *Japan*, youth cleaned debris from homes. When *Thailand* was struck by floods, volunteers brought food and water to stranded survivors and cleaned an Islamic school. Other recent projects aided people in *Haiti*, *Pakistan*, and *India*.

## **RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE**

Experiential learning programs bring together youth from different cultures and religions in order to promote mutual understanding and respect. Participants serve a community in need, visit religious and historic sites, and learn communication and team-building skills.

## **SPORTS FOR PEACE**

Young people from diverse backgrounds compete as teams in popular sports such as football. Coaches focus on respect and sportsmanship to promote personal development and community cohesion.



# UN RELATIONS



## **ECOSOC**

UPF is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

## **SUPPORT FOR UN INITIATIVES**

- International Day of Families
- International Day of Peace
- Women's Day
- World Interfaith Harmony Week



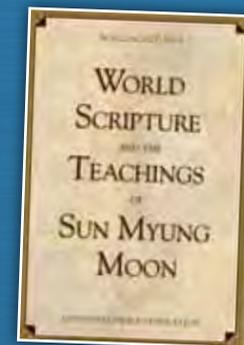
## **PARTNERSHIP**

Together with the African Union, UPF organizes *Africa Day* celebrations in New York. Other chapters involve Diaspora Africans in programs showcasing African culture. In support of the first *World Interfaith Harmony Week* in 2011, UPF worked with religious groups to hold celebrations in 22 nations. In 2012 UPF and religious NGOs helped plan an interfaith program at the UN General Assembly.



Africa Day 2011

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