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## November 2024

October-November has been a busy period for UPF chapters around the world. Check out our diverse activities through the links below, and at our website, [upf.org](http://upf.org).



### Renowned Slovakian Politician Proposes Path to End War

Bratislava, Slovakia – How can we end war in Europe? To address this frequently asked question, UPF-Slovakia hosted an event in the Bratislava Peace Embassy on October 21, 2024. The renowned guest speaker was Dr. Ján Figel', former EU commissioner and the first EU special envoy for religious freedom.

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**IMMIGRATION IN AMERICA: WELCOMED OR UNWANTED**

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024: 2 PM EDT

**Joy Garratt**  
New Mexico State Representative, District 29, Bernalillo

**Dr. Marivir Montebon**  
President of Awesome Media Ltd., OSM Online

**Ray Lipowcan**  
Moderator, UPF Executive Director, Western

### US Panelists Discuss Media's Portrayal of Immigration

United States, IMAP – Immigrant communities in the United States often face misunderstanding, isolation and even persecution as they try to establish their families in a new land. UPF-USA and the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) sponsored a webinar on October 22, 2024 on the theme, "Immigration in America: Welcomed or Unwanted." Speakers discussed how newcomers can be perceived as either a threat or a welcome addition to America, based on the

media's portrayal of immigration.

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## Philippines Launches IMAP to Inspire Conscientious Media

Quezon City, Philippines – In the midst of roaring winds and relentless rain brought by Typhoon Kristine, UPF-Philippines launched the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) on October 24, 2024, at the Peace Embassy in Quezon City, Metro Manila. Under the theme “The Media: The Conscience of Society,” the event brought together 333 attendees, physically and virtually.



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## Toronto Peace Ambassador Awards Honor Women

Toronto, Canada – The annual UPF-Toronto Ambassadors for Peace (AFP) Awards Banquet, this year co-hosted by Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), turned into quite an evening at the J & J Swagat Convention Centre in Markham, Ontario on Saturday, October 26, 2024. With the theme, “Honoring Women,” the full hall was captivated by the words of this year's award winner, Dr. Dawn Wabmemee Lavell-Harvard, a lifelong advocate and worker for Indigenous peoples' rights, and the keynote speaker, Ms. Kaeleigh Moffitt, president of WFWP-United States.

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## Interfaith Group in Israel Persists in Quest for Peace

Jerusalem, Israel – During the festive week of Sukkot, on October 2, 2023, UPF-Israel joined Har-El Reform Synagogue to hold an interfaith event. Representatives of different faith traditions shared joyful moments, prayed, and recited from various scriptures. A Peace Sukkah – a



traditional, temporary structure where community members gather for fellowship and prayer – was built in a beautiful garden in front of the synagogue. The event brought together Israelis and Palestinians, Christians, Jews and Muslims.

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## Officials and Civic Groups Unite to Plant Trees in Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina – City government officials joined legislators, diplomats, religious leaders, and representatives of traditional and other civil society groups in planting 30 trees along the Río de La Plata near the Columbus Monument in Costanera Norte on October 16, 2024. The event was held to mark the Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity, also known in some countries as Columbus Day.

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