

UPF Denmark: Launches *Building a Culture of Peace Dialogue Series*

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Copenhagen, Denmark – As part of its 2026 activity plan, UPF-Denmark has launched a new monthly lecture and dialogue series on UPF's peace principles. The initiative invites ambassadors for peace to deepen their understanding of UPF's vision and values for peacebuilding, and to invite new participants – especially young people – to engage in meaningful dialogue about values, responsibility and peace.

Dr. Thorkil Christensen volunteered to develop a short presentation for each session, and the last Monday evening of every month is now dedicated to this learning-and-dialogue program.



The first meeting was held on January 26, 2026, under the theme "The Path to Peace – What Characterizes a Peacemaker?" In his presentation, Dr. Christensen emphasized the importance of shared responsibility and cooperation in a world facing common challenges. He pointed to the need for a paradigm shift in values – from individualism toward interdependence and solidarity. Drawing inspiration from Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian, philosopher, poet, social critic and religious author, and from N.F.S. Grundtvig, the Danish pastor, author, poet, philosopher and historian, as well as from UPF founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon, participants were invited to reflect on truth, conscience and personal integrity as foundations of authentic leadership for peace.

The Indian concept of "satya" – truth understood as harmony between words, actions and intentions – was presented as an essential basis for trust and reconciliation. The central message was clear: peace is not only a political project; it begins in the human heart and grows through relationships, shared experiences and a commitment to serve the greater good.



Following the presentation, UPF-Denmark Secretary General **Mr. Karsten Nielsen** facilitated the small group discussions, allowing participants to reflect on how the values of peace can be translated into practical action in everyday life. The conversations were lively and deeply engaging, continuing informally over refreshments.



The second session, held on February 23, focused on the theme "The Central Role of the Family for Peace." Early feedback suggests that the format of short presentations combined with open dialogue creates a meaningful space for people who are seeking deeper understanding, shared values, and engagement in the work for peace.

Initiatives like this reflect UPF's global vision of building a culture of peace through dialogue, shared values, and cooperation across nations and generations.