

UPF-Las Vegas Peace Forum at IPEC, to celebrate the International Day of Peace

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A Peace Forum was held at IPEC, to celebrate the International Day of Peace. The topic was “Peace Starts With Me”.

A beautiful opening prayer was given by Rev. Doo, Pastor of Las Vegas Family Church (FFWPU). Leslie gave an Introduction to UPF, showing the UPF Video, and power point of the first part of the Peace Principles. Comeisha Monica Lenoir was the Moderator for the Panel. Each panelist spoke about “Peace Starts With Me”.

Akira Watanabe, the Director of CARP Las Vegas, started the discussion with a passionate expression of the value of family and love of parents. He shared Father’s Words and his own personal testimony.

Sofia Schersei expressed her angst at growing up as a refugee from Afghanistan. She expressed appreciation for her religion of Islam, that it teaches love for family, the value of service and peace (she said anyone who does not live by peace is not Muslim). She spoke of Camp Anytown, a project of the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada. She said the camp can truly change young peoples’ lives.

Jerushia McDonald-Hylton spoke of her choice to overcome persecutions and to love others. She came to feel her power as a woman to help create a better world, by empowering women. She said peace starts with her by overcoming prejudice and helping others to overcome and have pride in who they are as a child of God.

Two people were appointed Ambassadors for Peace: Akira Watanabe and Sofia Schersei.

There was much heartistic sharing, following the talks.