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“Helping Refugee Families bridges cultural differences”

September 21, 2013, at the Syrian-Orthodox Church’s Cultural Center in Vienna

This was the title of the second charity concert organized by the WFWP-Vienna for refugees from Syria. The first time Mrs. Seiko Lee gave her beautiful performance (March 2013). Now, the second time, **2nd gen Unificationist musicians** gave their best to uplift the hearts of the audience by their music. Also the Syrian-Orthodox choir as well as Turkish and Syrian instrumentalists contributed to the musical program.

Dr. Dietrich Seidel from the *Family Federation for World Peace* gave a speech on the centrality of the family in attaining peace in the world. He and his wife Elizabeth, together with WFWP-president of Austria, Mrs. Renate Amesbauer, were the main organizers of the program.

Mrs. Amesbauer gave a PPT presentation about WFWP’s activities, which was received well by the audience specially as she explained that WFWP’s way to attain peace is forgiveness and reconciliation. She was able to give the “WFWP-Ambassador of Peace” award to a representative of the Austrian parliament who attended the concert.

The central message of the evening was given by **Pastor Abuna Toma** who came to Vienna as a refugee with his little daughter. Only five months ago he had lost his entire congregation in Syria, because their church had been destroyed, members died or were scattered in different places. Everybody was deeply moved by his report, because he could explain more about the background of the conflicts which cause so much destruction and suffering.

The Syrian-Orthodox Church’s community had prepared a beautiful buffet for all participants which made it possible to stay and get to know each other better.

The donations collected will be used to support refugees from Syria.

Approximately 130 guests attended.

Renate Amesbauer





Dr. Dietrich Seidel giving his speech



Mrs. Elizabeth Seidel with Syrian-Orthodox VIP



VIP Receiving the "Ambassador of Peace" award



Pastor Abuna Toma from Syria



2nd gen Unificationist musicians



they had worked hard behind the scenes