

International Conference in Moscow Reaches Leaders of Society

Yuriy Gavrilin - December 22-23, 2018



Fourteen guests participated in an international conference in Moscow titled “Universal Values and Healthy Families as the Basis of Peace and Development.”

The conference was organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) in collaboration with Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP). It was held on December 22 and 23 in the Moscow Peace Embassy.

The goal of the program was “to create an environment for witnessing” through educating leaders of society. This is one of the three strategies that True Parents have emphasized.

In preparing the conference, we took as a model the Asian Leadership Conferences that UPF has been holding in Thailand. We are very grateful to Dr. Chung Sik Yong, the regional director of Asia, Mr. Robert Kittel and Mrs. Ursula McLackland for their support and assistance.

The main goal of the program is to study the philosophy of the founders of FFWPU, as well as to examine the potential of interreligious and international Marriage Blessings as a real way to solve the key problems of society.

The participants came from Moldova, Russia, Belarus and India. It is interesting to note that among the participants there were representatives of different religions (Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity) as well as different fields of human endeavors, including political and social spheres.

Each 40-minute presentation was followed by questions from the participants as well as short addresses with comments.



On the first day, the main attention of the audience was directed to studying universal principles from the viewpoint

of the Divine Principle. Oleg Kuzmin, the leader of the Northwest Russia branch of FFWPU, spoke on this topic.

Jack Corley, the president of FFWPU for Eastern Europe, elaborated on the Three Great Blessings and the Four Realms of Heart, emphasizing the unique role of the family as an institution that God created for the development of love.



In the evening of the first day, the participants made a trip to the center of Moscow, enjoying the holiday lights and decorations in Red Square and spending time together.

The second day began with a presentation by Yury Gavrilin, the national leader of FFWPU-Russia, about the reasons for the breakup of families and conflicts in the world. Mr. Gavrilin showed the consequences in society of the loss of the Four Realms of Heart. He clearly explained that the main cause of all problems lies in the first human family's violation of the fundamental principle of love.

The presentation of Vitaly Maksimov, the national leader of FFWPU-Belarus, on the life and work of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the founders of FFWPU and many other

organizations, was very important. He particularly emphasized the role of Mrs. Moon, who inherited the duty and mission of her husband to build a unified world of true love. All the participants received a copy of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's autobiography as a gift.

The final presentation, given by Alexey Saveliev, the vice president of FFWPU for Eastern Europe, was a detailed explanation of the importance and value of the Marriage Blessing for Peace, revealing the significance of the five steps of this ceremony.

A proposal was made to have a partnership with FFWPU in holding family festivals. The Marriage Blessing for Peace will be the main feature of such festivals, followed by numerous programs to strengthen families. The proposed events are aimed at solving the main problems of the family and society.



Participants watched a video of one of the recent Marriage Blessings for Peace and also listened to the convincing testimonies of two blessed couples about their successful experience and life after receiving the Marriage Blessing.

The program ended with a banquet at which almost every participant had the opportunity to give his or her impressions of the conference.



The next program will be held on March 23 and 24. We invite VIP participants from other European countries. On March 24, we will hold the Marriage Blessing for Peace for married couples representing the leaders of society.

