

After a speech in New York, more than 400 religious and community leaders declared their support for the establishment of an international network of Peace Councils that explore new partnerships for peace beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationality.



An interfaith crowd listens to the Peace Message in London, England.



The Moons are welcomed to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with a traditional drink of mare's milk. The Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace aims to unify all people of Mongolian descent or origin, estimated as 74% of the world's population.



The President of the Philippines, H.E. Gloria Maçapagal Arroyo, welcomes the Peace Tour to the Malacanang Presidential Palace in December 2005.



Rev. Moon speaking in Busan during the 100-city Peace Tour on the subject of "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World," calling for intercultural marriage and interreligious dialogue as the best way forward to reach a world of peace.



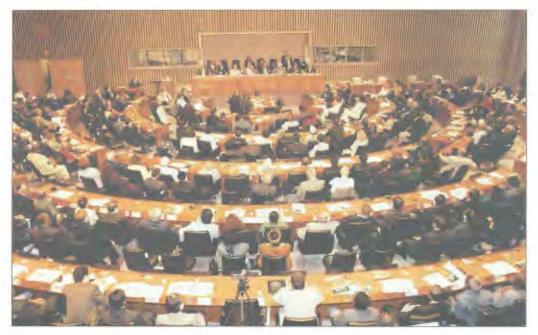
The success of the first UPF Peace Tour, which visited 100 cities in 100 days, led to four more tours in 2006, reaching millions in every nation of the world.



On September 12, 2005, at the Lincoln Center in New York, Rev. Moon announced the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) as an 'Abel' or 'Peace' UN with the mission to bring together all nations and religions to 'live for the sake of others.'



Those who hear the UPF message have commented that it helped them focus on the need for new ways to overcome the barriers and prejudices confronted in daily life.



Rev. & Mrs. Moon, joined by US Senator Robert Dole, former British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath and others, calling on the United Nations to consider establishing an interreligious council and to develop 'peace zones' to reduce global conflict.



Religious leaders from many faiths join a march and rally for "Peace Under One God" held in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza at the United Nations, October 2003.



Noted as a leading anti-communist for decades, Rev. Moon maintained a strong love for the people under communist regimes. He visited Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow in April 1990 to encourage him to let Soviet youth learn about God.



In 1991, Rev. & Mrs. Moon were at last able to return to their homeland of North Korea. Meeting with then Premier Kim Il Sung helped begin a process of reunification.



After 25 years in his native Korea, Rev. Moon came to America in late 1971. Though he initially spoke little English, he threw himself into a series of lectures and sermons to the growing Unification Church and to the wider American public.



A crowd estimated at 300,000 gathered at the Washington Monument in the American Bicentennial year of 1976 to hear Rev. Moon speak on "America and God's Will."



Sun Myung Moon and some of his early followers outside the cardboard shack that was his first church, in Busan, Korea. He had returned to the South as a refugee in 1950 after being imprisoned for nearly three years in a communist prison camp.



Sun Myung Moon was often jailed for his beliefs. He is shown here on his release from a Seoul prison in 1955. The surrounding mountains provided a welcome respite for prayer.



Abdul Karim Khalili, Vice President of Afghanistan, and José de Venecia, Jr., Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, are among the 50,000 Ambassadors for Peace. The initiative was launched by Dr. Moon in January 2001.



UPF Chairman Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak congratulates Ambassador for Peace and Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapakse following his election on a peace platform.



The UPF and its affiliated organizations developed the Middle East Peace Initiative for many years, working to bring reconciliation and understanding among all the region's Abrahamic faiths by emphasizing common ground and shared goals.



At the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Ambassadors for Peace from more than 100 nations have made 22 peace missions to Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon.



Women play a key role in the search for peace, especially in developing what Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has called the 'logic of love,' which goes far beyond the barriers often created by politics, economics and religious dogma.



Schoolchildren from North and South Korea embrace during a 2003 cultural tour by the Little Angels Korean Folk Ballet troupe, founded by Rev. Moon in 1965.



Volunteer work and community service play a vital role in building peaceful communities. The UPF has partnered with the Points of Light Foundation to bring relief to Hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans and 32 states in the USA.



Volunteers from the Religious Youth Service mix cement to build a playground for at-risk youth in Malaysia during one of more than 900 RYS projects worldwide.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon visits a school in Ghana sponsored by the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF), an NGO of which she is chairwoman. IRFF has provided food, medicine and education worldwide for 30 years.



Volunteers from Service For Peace join other relief agencies in Thailand in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami that left hundreds of thousands dead and millions homeless.



Since the first World Peace Blessing in 1960, Rev. and Mrs. Moon have blessed millions of couples of every race, creed and nation. Strong, healthy marriages are the foundation of peace because the family is the first school of love.



Archbishop George Stallings, an African-American Catholic priest, and Sayomi Kawamoto of Japan, shown at their blessing in 2001, are now parents of two boys.



On June 13, 2006, more than 12,000 delegates gathered in the mountains of Korea for the opening and dedication ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Goong Peace Palace and Museum, now the site of regular peace gatherings and celebrations.



Rev. and Mrs. Moon with one of their many grandsons, Shin Joon, in Switzerland during the second UPF Peace Tour.



The Interreligious Peace Sports Festival (IPSF), held every two years, brings young athletes aged 16 to 24 to compete in an atmosphere of faith and friendship. Several IPSF athletes have gone on to win Olympic medals and set world records.



The IPSF games take place in a unique setting of respect and understanding for all faith traditions. Athletes also offer community volunteer service during the festival.