

Peace Road 2020 Anchorage, AK USA: Alaska's Significance to World Peace

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On July 28, Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Alaska hosted a Peace Road event in Anchorage. The theme was "Alaska's Significance to World Peace." Hon. Mead Treadwell, former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, hosted the event on his deck outside his home. Roughly 40 people attended, including three sitting representatives and one former legislator.

The event was emceed by Brian Mentzer, President of Denali Leadership Partners. Musical performances were given by Dr. Rolanda Watson.

In the program, Alaska was highlighted as a centerpoint for peace with three presentations:

Rev. Eugene Harnett, Chair of UPF Alaska, talked about how God has worked in Alaska and how Alaskans can play in the big picture of world peace. The next speaker was Kevin Thompson, the UPF Chair from California, who introduced the content and extent of the Peace Road project, outlining it as one of the largest peace movements in the world.

Hon. Treadwell gave his talk about all his experiences in connection with the railway across continents, mentioning his trip across Russia on the railroad. He serves as Vice Chair, Alaska, of A2A Railway project, which is developing a railway between Alaska and Canada. At one point he mentioned his project as the "Peace Railroad." Part of his presentation also spoke to the relationship between Alaska and Russia and his efforts to bridge the Bering Strait, which became a theme throughout the program.

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) presented three bouquets of flowers to Dr. Rolanda Watson, Brian Menzter, and Hon. Mead Treadwell. They then proceeded to give a "Peace Starts With Me" mask to everyone.

Finally, Larry Krishnek, Western Region UPF Chair, delivered a warm introduction to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, also known as Mother Moon, as ushers presented to every guest a gift-wrapped Dr. Moon's recent memoir Mother of Peace.

Representative in the Alaska State House, Kelly Merrick, said, "Eugene, your talk was very touching. Really from the heart. We are blessed to have such amazing people in our community!"