

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership: President's Message - Annual Report and Giving Campaign

Thomas G. Walsh
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The banner features the HJI logo on the left, which consists of a white laurel wreath encircling the letters 'HJI' in a blue circle. To the right of the logo, the text 'PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, '2023 Annual Report' and '2024 Giving Campaign' are written in a smaller white font. The background is a dark blue gradient. On the right side, there are three overlapping diamond-shaped images: the top one shows a video conference grid with several participants; the middle one shows a group of people seated around a table in a meeting; the rightmost one shows President Thomas G. Walsh in a yellow and blue academic regalia, speaking at a podium with a microphone.

Letter from the President



Dear Members of the HJI Community,

Thank you for your encouragement, support and generous contributions toward the fulfillment of our HJI mission that is securely rooted in our Founders' vision, one that underscores the essential significance of religion and academia in the noble effort to establish a world of universal peace.

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President's Message



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We can all recognize the challenges our world is facing on all fronts at this time in history: spiritual, moral, geopolitical, economic and cultural. These challenges form a context that heightens our awareness, our sense of responsibility and indeed our commitment to our mission at HJI. The direction our world takes in 2024 and beyond will be governed by many factors. HJI may play a modest part in the larger scheme of things, and yet we live and work each day with a strong faith in both the importance and the impact of our efforts on our students, our community and the wider world.

This 2023 Annual Report provides a record of many of the highlights of the year, a very momentous year in the history of our institution. It was on July 1, 2023 that the name of our institution was officially changed, and our Charter amended by the University of the State of New York; Unification Theological Seminary was renamed as HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership. This change was the result of a series of discussions and consultations among stakeholders of our HJI community, including our Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our Board of Trustees, Past Presidents, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students.

We also bid a fond farewell to our beloved Barrytown property which served as the home for our institutions for more than four decades. With our main campus having been officially relocated in Manhattan, at 4 West 43rd St., the Board of Trustees approved the sale of the property to Bard College. As much as we cherish and honor the legacy and history of the Barrytown campus, we are grateful that our 43rd St. campus offers the opportunity to build and expand on the foundation established over the past 47 years.

The Annual Report offers a review of many of our programs convened over the course of the past year, including Faculty Roundtables, Chapel Services, and Special Events. In addition, we honor our Founders, Trustees, Faculty, Administrators and Staff, our Students, Alumni.

We are deeply grateful for the steadfast support HJI receives from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA. Over the course of our entire history, Family Federation has always been there to provide spiritual inspiration, prudent counsel and financial support. We also thank the many donors who have offered their treasure to strengthen HJI. We all know that everyone faces financial difficulties these days, and, therefore, your generosity is especially appreciated.

In closing, I assure our readers of our commitment to our HJI mission, and our resolve to continue our proud traditions of academic excellence, ministry and public leadership in service to building a world of lasting peace.

With appreciation,



Dr. Thomas G. Walsh
President

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My experience at HJI has been amazing because I am slowly learning how I, too, can be part of the movement to bring about everlasting peace. I am learning skills which can allow me to be part of the solution.

MYOGA MOLISHO, SOUTH AFRICA
MA IN PEACE STUDIES

This curriculum has helped me to understand the academic, theological, political, diplomatic, and historical concept of peace. Being able to truly understand the meaning of peace has helped solidify the HJI founders' vision in my life.

MANHO WOO, SOUTH KOREA
MA IN PEACE STUDIES



Certainly my HJI education contributed both to my work as a chaplain and to my work as a pastor. There is a weight you get from the courses you take at HJI by having the words and the background behind what you know. You're never going to regret taking a course at HJI no matter how many you take or how long it takes you to finish.

BARBARA ROBERTSON, USA
MA IN DIVINITY

If you are thinking about joining HJI, I truly advise you to. At HJI you will meet elite professors who will help you to understand your potential, and HJI is a great place for all ages.

MAJLINDA ZIKO, ALBANIA
MA IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The great lectures and study materials of all the subjects I have taken have immensely helped me to broaden and deepen my understanding of the significance of peace building and conflict resolution, as well as transformed my faith.

KRISHNA ADHIKARI, INDIA
MA IN PEACE STUDIES

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