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This month marked the 20th anniversary of UPF's founding, as well as the UN International Day of Peace. UPF chapters worldwide celebrated these events in a variety of creative ways; only a few are highlighted here. To see additional UPF programs around the world, please visit [www,upf,org](http://www.upf.org).

UPF Celebrates 20 Years of Global Peacebuilding

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation, inaugurated on September 12, 2005, by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han at Lincoln Center in New York. Over the past two decades, UPF has grown into a global alliance of peacebuilders, partnering with governments, civil society, and faith communities to promote dialogue, cooperation, and sustainable development.

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UN Forum: Empowering Youth for a Culture of Peace

New York, United States – On Sept. 2, 2025, the UN High-Level Forum on the Program of Action on the Culture of Peace 2025 took place at the UN Headquarters Trusteeship Council Chamber on the theme: “Empowering Youth on a Culture of Peace.” Convened by H.E Mr. Philemon Yang, president of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly, the forum emphasized harmony, friendship, and solidarity, with youth at the center of peace and development worldwide. The Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns-NY (CSVGC-NY), of which UPF is a member, was invited to participate in these proceedings.

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Schools across Thailand Resonate with Prayers for Peace

Chonburi, Thailand – Every year UPF-Thailand organizes nationwide events, supported by the Ministry of Education and the Thai government, to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace. This year’s events, on the theme “Act Now for a Peaceful World,” took place in thousands of schools and educational institutions across the country, from September 10 to 25, 2025.

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Moldova Day of Peace Features Peace through Play

Chisinau, Moldova – Stories, crafts and games delighted dozens of children and their families at UPF-Moldova’s outdoor celebration of the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2025. The vibrant and heartwarming event drew more than 140 participants, who gathered to explore what peace means in everyday life, and to experience it through creativity, play, and community connection.

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Dominican Peace Ambassadors Renew their Commitment

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic – With the participation of 100 ambassadors for peace, including three new ambassadors who were appointed at the event, UPF-Dominican Republic held a commemoration of the International Day of Peace at its headquarters in Santo Domingo on September 21, 2025. The ambassadors voiced their commitment to work toward conflict resolution and peace in their communities.

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Zambia Celebration Lauds Peace Efforts of the UN and UPF

Lusaka, Zambia – UPF-Zambia joined the global community in celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace under the theme “Act Now for a Peaceful World”; the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations under the theme “Building Our Future Together”; and the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005. The celebration, held on September 25, 2025, at the Peace Embassy in Lusaka, gathered religious leaders – Christians, Muslims and Jews – academicians, civic leaders, students and youth representatives, politicians, artists, and peace advocates.

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