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**India Launches Multi-Faith Alliance
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At Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, UNICEF India, and GPF India launched the National Multi-Faith Action Coordinating Committee, uniting diverse faith leaders to drive coordinated action on health, education, climate resilience, and community wellbeing across India.

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Youth Redefining Peacebuilding: Lessons from GPF Indonesia’s Peace!Project

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What if peacebuilding could be an exciting journey of discovery, teamwork, and

service? Too often, peacebuilding is seen only as high-level negotiations, political processes, or responses to conflict. While those efforts are vital, peacebuilding is also about the everyday choices and actions that foster unity, understanding, and cooperation in society. For Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Indonesia, peacebuilding begins with empowering young people to experience diversity in creative, practical, and transformative ways. This vision has come to life through the Peace!Project, a youth-led initiative rooted in Pancasila principles that empowers youth with leadership skills, values of service, integrity, resilience, and the belief that all people are part of One Family under God.

The Peace!Project challenges misconceptions by showing that peacebuilding can be dynamic, fun, and hands-on. It brings together youth from different religions, cultures, and communities to engage in activities that build respect, empathy, and teamwork. Rather than limiting peace to an abstract concept, the initiative makes it tangible, whether through planting mangroves to protect the environment, exploring interfaith traditions, or solving riddles that can only be cracked when people cooperate. Through these experiences,

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young Indonesians discover that peace is not passive; it is active and participatory.

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This year, July was filled with meaningful activities that gave young people opportunities to grow as leaders and peace ambassadors. The journey began in Jakarta with a volunteer onboarding session, followed by a bonding session that emphasized trust-building and unity. It was a chance to strengthen the foundation of teamwork needed for future projects. As volunteer Rere Pahlevi reflected, “It gave me the chance to get closer to other volunteers, especially the new ones. Sharing laughter, stories, and activities reminded me why I love being part of this community.”

In the same month, in Semarang, youth visited Kampung Pancasila, a neighborhood known for its interfaith harmony. Participants toured churches and temples, engaging directly with community leaders who shared how tolerance and cooperation are lived out daily. For Kana Indika Wibowo, the experience was inspiring: “I’m really satisfied that I finally got the chance to be part of this initiative; it was meaningful and inspiring.”

At the same time, in Tangerang, another group of volunteers joined “Restoration for Peace” at Pulau Cangkir, where they planted 1,000 mangrove seedlings. This environmental action linked sustainability to peace, reminding youth that caring for the planet is also part of building a secure and prosperous future. Alvi from Yayasan ARKAN expressed, “Our country is an archipelago, and we’ve already lost many islands. I felt very excited and grateful to be part of this activity. It’s one of the ways we can help protect the earth, especially in coastal areas.”

The July programs concluded in Surabaya with a reading circle and peace talk at Ekspresi Park. Participants engaged with literature and dialogue to reflect on empathy, respect, and the role of listening in peacebuilding. Rizky, one of the attendees, shared: “I realized how important it is to really listen, observe, and try to understand others before making judgments. That’s the true beginning of peace.”

These July events set the stage for August’s flagship Peace!Project: ToleRun 2025, held on August 23 at Taman Mini Indonesia Indah in Jakarta. Fifty youth from different faiths and regions came together for an interfaith exploration challenge, visiting houses of worship, cultural landmarks, and traditional houses, while solving creative riddles and tasks. What began as a game became a powerful lesson in tolerance and teamwork. As participant Aditya Ozap explained, “I joined because I was interested in the game concept, but it turned out to be a much deeper experience. It felt both enjoyable and eye-opening.”

The highlight of ToleRun was the collective

assembly of the “Nusantara Peace Message” puzzle by the lake, symbolizing unity across Indonesia’s diversity. The event concluded with fellowship and a drone show, leaving participants inspired to carry the values of tolerance and collaboration into their daily lives.

Together, the July and August Peace! Projects show how GPF Indonesia is reframing peacebuilding for the next generation; not as something abstract, but as something young people can live, practice, and celebrate. By combining interfaith leadership, family-like bonds among participants, and a culture of service, the initiative nurtures leaders who can shape Indonesia’s vision of Indonesia Emas 2045. Through these experiences, youth are learning that peace thrives in the presence of respect, cooperation, and shared responsibility. In making peace practical, fun, and transformative, GPF Indonesia is cultivating a generation of ambassadors who will carry forward the work of unity and dialogue, ensuring that peace becomes a lived reality for communities across Indonesia.

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Global Peace Foundation and Estamos Unidos Forge Historic Partnership to Advance Religious Freedom and Family Values Across the Americas

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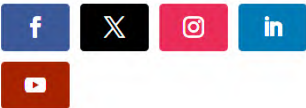


In a bold move to strengthen religious freedom and shared values across the Americas, the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) and Estamos Unidos (EU) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during a historic gathering at Casa de Dios in Guatemala City. The signing ceremony took place before an audience of over 600 leaders, marking the beginning of a transformative partnership set to influence communities throughout Latin America and the United States.

The new partnership, grounded in shared values and a mutual commitment to peacebuilding, affirms a joint mission to promote freedom of religion and belief, uphold the sanctity of family, and foster cultural cohesion through values-based leadership and community engagement.

The announcement was made during a powerful evening service at Casa de Dios, where more than

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12,000 people attended. Dr. Paul Murray, International Vice President for Religious Freedom Initiatives at GPF, was introduced during the service by Pastor Cash Luna and Pastor Raúl Marroquín, both long-time strategic partners in ministry. In his remarks, Dr. Murray reflected on his six-year relationship with both pastors and expressed deep gratitude for their shared vision of building One Family under God.

During the event, Dr. Murray introduced the mission and international impact of the Global Peace Foundation and celebrated the official signing of the MOU with Rev. Cash Luna and Rev. Raúl Marroquín, who represented Estamos Unidos. Their presence underscored the spiritual significance and regional reach of the collaboration.

“This partnership is more than symbolic,” said Dr. Murray. “It is a commitment to mobilize our networks, resources, and relationships to defend religious liberty, empower families, and uplift the moral and spiritual foundation of society. Together, through Estamos Unidos and the Global Peace Foundation, we will speak to both hearts and systems, inspiring transformation from the grassroots to the halls of power.”

The MOU outlines strategic areas of collaboration, including:

- **Promotion and Protection of Religious Freedom**
- **Strengthening the Family and Cultural Values**
- **Expanding Regional and National Networks**
- **Educational and Media Outreach**

GPF will contribute global best practices, strategic leadership, and regional partnerships across the Americas, while Estamos Unidos will lead grassroots engagement through its expansive networks of churches, civic leaders, and influencers throughout Latin America and Spanish-speaking communities in the U.S.



A historic gathering at Casa de Dios in Guatemala City for the signing of an MOU between GPF and Estamos Unidos.

Together, the organizations will design joint programming, mobilize culturally relevant campaigns, and pursue shared funding opportunities to advance their goals. Regular biannual meetings and coordinated communication will ensure sustained momentum and measurable impact.

“This agreement builds on a foundation of trust and spiritual alignment developed over many years,” added Rev. Marroquín. “Estamos Unidos is honored to walk together with GPF in this unprecedented

to walk together with GPF in this unprecedented collaboration. We are united by a vision, driven by faith, and committed to equipping our communities to be the light in a time of great cultural challenge.”

The signing of this MOU represents a significant milestone for Latin America’s faith and civic sectors, signaling a new era of cooperation rooted in timeless values and the transformative power of faith in action.

As GPF and Estamos Unidos advance this groundbreaking partnership, their combined efforts strongly affirm that faith, family, and freedom are vital to a thriving society. Based on a shared commitment to human dignity and religious liberty, this collaboration aims to inspire renewed civic engagement, strengthen moral leadership, and foster transnational solidarity across the Americas. From the churches of Guatemala to communities throughout Latin America and into the United States, the initiatives launched under this MOU will serve as a beacon, reminding the world that when vision is shared and values are aligned, transformation is not only possible but inevitable.

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Uniting Faith for Development: National Multifaith Coordination Committee Launched in Rishikesh

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Faith leaders in India form the National Multi-Faith Action Coordinating Committee.

On the sacred banks of the Ganga at Parmarth Niketan Ashram, a milestone in interfaith collaboration was marked with the launch of the National Multi-Faith Action Coordinating

Committee (MFACC) on May 29, 2025. Spearheaded by the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA) in partnership with UNICEF India, the initiative brought together senior faith leaders, development partners, and civic organizations to forge a united front for community wellbeing and sustainable development.

The committee aims to establish a structured, inclusive mechanism for faith-based action on key national priorities: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), health, nutrition, education, child protection, and climate resilience. Voices from across India's diverse spiritual landscape, including tribal and indigenous traditions, came together in a shared commitment to align values with action.

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Representing the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) India, Chairman Dr. Markandey Rai emphasized the need to move from dialogue to development. Quoting the Upanishadic verse “Ekam sat vipra bahudha vadanti” (The truth is one, the wise call it by many names), he underscored the foundational Indian principle of unity in diversity. He added, “We are here not merely to discuss what faith can do, but to define how it will do it.”

The day’s highlights included a meaningful meeting between Dr. Rai and Hon’ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Former President of India. President Kovind acknowledged the MFACC initiative as a timely and necessary step in drawing upon India’s spiritual traditions to address contemporary challenges. During the event, two key publications were launched—“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,” reaffirming the timeless ethos of global unity, and the “Indo-Pacific Peace Forum Book,” a compilation of youth-led peacebuilding efforts across the Indo-Pacific region, curated by GPF India.

Reflecting on GPF India’s ongoing commitment to grassroots impact, Dr. Rai also highlighted initiatives that continue to bring faith-based values into direct service. The Facets of Faith platform fosters inclusive dialogue that moves beyond conversation to collective community engagement. The Period Awareness Drive (PAD) promotes sustainable menstrual health practices through workshops, youth outreach, and partnerships with community educators. The Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Learning Centres provide out-of-school children—especially those from migrant and marginalized backgrounds—with access to quality education and support toward formal school integration. In the environmental space, GPF India engages youth through campaigns focused on tree plantation, clean-up drives, and ecological stewardship, rooted in the teachings of all faiths on the sacredness of nature.



Faith leaders in India form the National Multi-Faith Action Coordinating Committee.

During the MFACC deliberations, Dr. Rai proposed a set of actionable steps to operationalize and strengthen interfaith collaboration. These included mapping existing faith-based initiatives aligned with national development goals; developing joint toolkits on hygiene, education, and climate awareness; organizing interfaith service activities across communities; and ensuring the active

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representation of indigenous and underrepresented faith groups. These recommendations were unanimously adopted by the committee, reflecting a shared resolve to build inclusive and value-driven action frameworks.

Importantly, the gathering also coincided with May 28, which is observed globally as Menstrual Hygiene Day. Acknowledging this, Dr. Rai reminded the assembly that no meaningful development agenda can exclude women’s voices and needs. He urged that all interfaith efforts must also champion women’s health, dignity, and empowerment as central to community transformation.

In addition to these proposals, Dr. Rai recommended further structural enhancements to sustain the committee’s momentum. These included conducting more meetings annually, establishing a Secretariat, setting up a designated office, introducing periodic reporting mechanisms, and promoting the publication of best practices from faith-led development efforts. These recommendations aim to build a sustainable, action-oriented platform that delivers real impact on the ground.

The launch concluded with a collective pledge from all participating faith leaders to work together in the service of India’s communities. As the sun set over the Ganga, the participants joined the serene Ganga Aarti, a powerful symbol of spiritual unity and shared purpose.

The formation of MFACC marks a significant step forward in aligning spiritual leadership with sustainable development. With a unified vision and a commitment to coordinated action, the committee begins its journey with deep moral grounding and practical intent. GPF India remains steadfast in its resolve to collaborate with partners across sectors, translating shared values into lasting, inclusive change.

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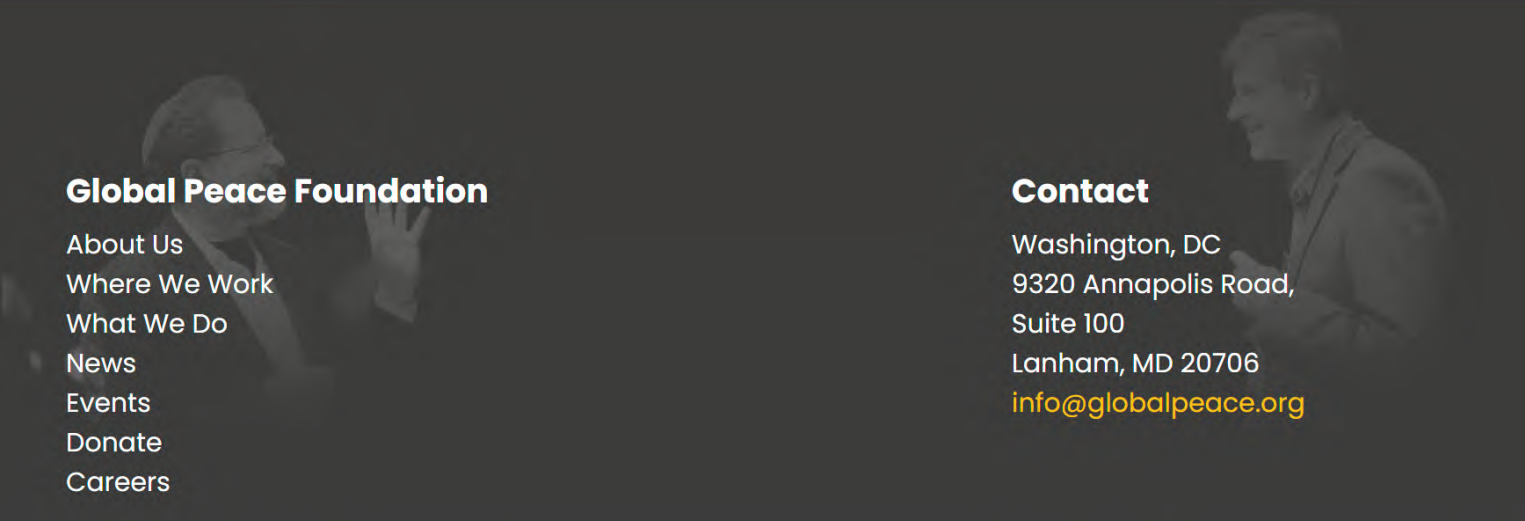
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