

Absolute Values and Planning of UPF Canada's Annual Conference in Toronto

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Toronto, Canada—"Absolute Values and Planning of UPF's Annual Conference" was the focus of UPF-Canada's monthly meeting.

The meeting, which took place on May 7, 2016 in Toronto, began with an invocation followed by Rev. Mitch Dixon, co-chair of UPF-Canada's Central District, reading a speech by UPF Founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon entitled "Absolute Values and the New World Order." The speech, which was given on August 20, 1992 on the occasion of the 19th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) and the 8th Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) conference held in Seoul, Korea, was a powerful reminder of Rev. Moon's unique vision for the world and his profound understanding of the importance of unchanging, absolute values.



Rev. Moon said, "In every culture, religion should be the conscience, setting the standard of public righteousness. While each religion has pride in its own teachings each has universal elements, which come from God. The one God is the God of all religions. Therefore, religions must purify themselves and

elevate themselves through universal principles. The central value in religion is true love, which can be described by the teaching, ‘Live for the sake of others.’”

“The source of this universal principle is God. In creating the universe, God invested Himself totally for the sake of His creation. Throughout history, it is God who has been continually sacrificing Himself in order to save fallen human beings, who have been living just as they desire. The prophets, saints and sages who knew God’s will have followed God’s principles in their own lives.”

Rev. Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have dedicated their lives to living for the sake of others and to realizing world peace, where humankind lives as “One Family Under God.” He spoke about the role of academics in building God’s kingdom: “The role of scholars for the sake of the New World Order is very important. To insure a well-rounded education for individuals, close communication between all segments of society is necessary. People must constantly cooperate with one another in order to raise up individuals who can develop civilized families, churches, schools and society. The greatest task of our generation is the problem of how to implement this well-rounded education in our pluralistic global village.”

“You scholars are the treasure-house of knowledge in this society. Your students learn more from the person you are than from the knowledge you teach. Students imitate the teacher’s habits, learn the teacher’s attitudes about society, and are deeply influenced by the teacher’s sense of values. You professors must always, in the teacher’s position, become desirable examples for the future. Your mission, which is to set up a new cultural tradition rooted in the absolute value of true love, is a precious thing.”

Concluding his speech, Rev. Moon spoke about two important projects, one was the compilation of a new encyclopedia by the International Cultural Foundation, and the second was the creation of the World University Federation. Both of these projects are part of Rev. Moon’s vision for a “global village culture of the future.”

After the reading, there was a lively discussion. Rev. Stoyan Tadin commented that the path to human perfection must be understood within the framework of God’s historical providence. Rev. Dixon emphasized that the true freedom of every human has its foundation in absolute, unchanging values. Dr. Hoossen Auckberaallee, co-chair of UPF-Canada’s Central District, added that every person must find their own faith and understand the religious values that give us purpose and meaning.

Auth. Qamrul Khanson, the recording secretary of the Central District, shared the Islamic perspective regarding Rev. Moon’s statement that “God has been continually sacrificing Himself in order to save fallen human beings.” Mr. Khanson made the point that God is absolute and the Creator. “He provided all venues for humans to be morally fit but humans are the ones who sacrificed the good values over bad habits thus making God displeased by their action.”

Rev. Moonshik Kim distributed information about the second Sunhak Peace Prize and discussed the nomination of a candidate from Canada. The Peace Prize was founded by Mrs. Moon. The award reflects her profound desire to continue her husband’s legacy. The first award ceremony was held in Seoul, Korea. The deadline to submit nominations for candidates for the second edition of the prize is June 30, 2016.

Rev. Dixon then reviewed preparations for UPF-Canada’s upcoming annual conference, which will be held in September.

