THE Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace centered on universal spiritual and moral values. UPF and its network of Ambassadors for Peace bring universal, spiritual principles to the task of resolving conflicts and reconciling the divided human family.

International Leadership Conferences, symposia and peace councils offer opportunities for high-level consultations. These are complemented by “track two” diplomacy and grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.

UPF is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Founders:
Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The Sunhak Peace Prize recognizes individuals or organizations who have sacrificed for peace and honors them for their work. Peace is the highest and ultimate value sought by humankind throughout history. The Sunhak Peace Prize was founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, wife of the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, to continue the legacy left by her husband, who dedicated his life to promote a world where humankind thrives as “one family under God.” The first prize will be awarded on August 28, 2015 at the time of the anniversary of the passing of her husband.
WE are pleased to announce the 3rd World Summit on “Peace, Security and Human Development” to be convened on August 27-31, 2015 in Seoul, Korea. The World Summit is organized and sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The primary co-sponsor for the World Summit 2015 is the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee. Among the supporting partner organizations are the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the Washington Times Foundation, the Women’s Federation for World Peace, and the Segye Times.

A highly selective group of delegates from around the world will be in attendance, including current and former heads of state and government, religious leaders, women leaders, civil society leaders and parliamentarians.

There is a growing awareness among people throughout the world of the urgent need for innovative vision and bold leadership if we are to resolve the critical issues of our time. With this in mind, the World Summit will bring together world leaders whose individual and collective experience, wisdom and insight are needed if we are to build a world of peace and prosperity for all the world’s peoples.

In addition to the high-level sessions of the World Summit, delegates will be offered a wide range of opportunities to meet with high-level officials in Korea, representing the government, academia, and the private sector.

On August 28, 2015, all World Summit delegates are invited to attend, as special VIP guests, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, featuring the presentation of a $1,000,000 award to an individual or institution that represents the highest ideals and practices that contribute to a sustainable and lasting peace.

Sincerely,

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The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation, and prosperity. Peace is not simply the absence of war or a term that applies only to the relationships among nations. Peace is an essential quality that should characterize all relationships.

(Above) Interfaith Peacebuilding panel, Summit 2014, Seoul, August 2014. (R.) Celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week 2012 at the UN General Assembly
Today the world faces many conflicts: political, religious, economic and cultural. Too many families struggle with divorce, abandonment, abuse, poverty and neglect. As individuals, we recognize a fundamental weakness, preferring what is easy and convenient rather than what is right and just. What is the root of all these conflicts?

**Root Causes of Conflict**

Geopolitics, natural resources, environmental change, the global arms trade, and other factors have fueled and prolonged conflict as well as mutual mistrust and antipathy. Such prolonged conflict poses a fundamental challenge to world stability: how can such conflicts be transformed by longer-term peacebuilding efforts?

**Conflict Prevention**

Assessments of conflicts and social ills from spiritual or religious perspectives have not been included in the UN’s studies. UPF proposes to combine statesmanship and good governance with the wisdom of the world’s faith traditions and principles of spiritual practice.

**Peacebuilding**

“Timor-Leste became independent in 2002 after a prolonged conflict with Indonesia and among ourselves. We opted for dialogue, tolerance and reconciliation. After a commission heard all the witnesses and possible perpetrators of violations of human rights, we made a solemn agreement that the Timorese and Indonesian people will never again be harmed.”

–H.E. Kay Rala. Xanana Gusmão
Prime Minister, Timor-Leste
Security

UPF recognizes the need for careful and measurable use of enforcement such as political, military, and civil power to sustain lasting peace. UPF has been a leading exponent of “track two” diplomacy, with particular emphasis on the role and responsibility of religious and spiritual leaders to transcend historical self-interest and pursue the ideal of “One Family Under God.”

Amb. Christopher Hill
Dean, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, USA

“The roadmap for peace is long and difficult. To travel it successfully, we need to talk to each other with not only a higher degree of understanding but also a higher degree of civility, politeness and willingness to listen to the other point of view and give it due consideration.”

–Amb. Christopher Hill
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Topics to be discussed:

Intra-state Conflicts

Most conflicts today occur within rather than between states, with people from different ethnic groups, religions, or political allegiances fighting each other. UPF invites leaders of opposing sides for dialogue in the presence of a neutral party. Grass-roots activities such as friendly football matches, cultural programs, and service projects help build understanding and respect among young people.

Freedom & Democracy

While welcome winds of democracy have been blowing across the globe, freedom should be accompanied by transparency and protective security.

Regional Security

Regional initiatives include both high-level consultations and grassroots programs in the Middle East, Northeast Asia, South Asia, the Balkans, and the South Caucasus.

Hon. Dan Burton
Former Member of Congress, USA

“We are confident that with a unified effort among faith-based organizations, families can be strengthened with a God-centered approach that reduces divorce and immorality. A new level of cooperation can be made real among the Abrahamic faiths. And, the mounting wave of terrorism and other security challenges will be rolled back.”

—Hon. Dan Burton
Former Member of Congress, USA
Human development needs to be seen in relationship to peacebuilding and a broadened vision of human security that complements social, political, and economic components. Furthermore, virtues such as honesty, generosity, courage, fortitude and empathy are core strengths or capacities that are needed in order for a social system to function well and result in political, social and economic development.
Global Economic Crisis

A new era of fiscal responsibility is needed to address the root causes of the world’s financial and economic crisis and address underlying ethical issues.

Family & Human Development

The family is the foundation of human societies the world over. Strong, stable, healthy family systems contribute significantly to the health and well being of the society and the nation, positively impacting areas such as education, health care, business, citizenship and civil society.

Sustainable Development Goals

A comprehensive understanding of development includes social, political, and economic components. Civil society organizations, NGOs, private sector philanthropists, voluntary associations, and faith-based organizations can be valuable partners with governments and inter-governmental organizations in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

(Left from top to bottom) UPF program at the United Nations in partnership with the UN Alliance of Civilizations and the Global Citizen Forum. UPF–Zambia held a cleaning campaign in Lusaka as a contribution to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the independence of Zambia.
The Sunhak Peace Prize was founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the wife of the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon. This award reflects her profound hope of continuing the legacy left by her husband, who dedicated his entire life to promoting a realm of peace, prosperity and coexistence in which people can thrive as “one family under God.” He lived by the motto “walking in the shoes of servant with the heart of a parent, shedding sweat for earth, tears for humankind and blood for heaven.”

The peaceful world that humankind longs for can only be built upon a comprehensive foundation of peace among nations and peace among religions. Beginning with protecting family values and the sanctity of marriage and with cultivating mature human character, peace is grounded in individuals and families and expanded throughout the globe. Reconciliation, coexistence and cooperation between diverse groups of people, representing differing values and interests, as well as care for the environment are all key ingredients of the peace envisioned by Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

Moreover, peace is the highest and ultimate value sought by people throughout history. Many righteous and capable individuals have dedicated themselves and sacrificed their lives for this noble ideal.

The Sunhak Peace Prize recognizes individuals or organizations who have dedicated themselves for the cause of peace and honors them for their work, thereby lighting a beacon of hope that can shine upon each person on earth who yearns for a world of peace.

The award ceremony is held on July 17 by the lunar calendar, which marks the anniversary of Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s passing, in order to honor, bestow and perpetuate his legacy.
The Leadership and Good Governance Award is presented by the Universal Peace Federation to individuals and organizations manifesting the highest standards of excellence in leadership integrating professional excellence and practical wisdom with moral and spiritual principles. Candidates from all fields and realms of governance are nominated for the award, including leaders from religion, government, non-governmental organizations, corporations, and educational institutions. Past recipients have included current and former heads of state and government, parliamentarians, and significant religious leaders throughout the world.

Previous Awardees (partial list):

H.E. Zivko Budimir
President, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2011–2015)

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister, United Kingdom (1979–1990)

H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
President, United Nations General Assembly (2011–2012)

H.E. Hamid Karzai
President, Afghanistan (2001–2014)

H.E. Johnson Toribiong
President, Republic of Palau (2009–2013)

H.E. Goodluck Jonathan
President, Nigeria (2010–2015)

Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga
Prime Minister, Kenya (2008–2013)

H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich

H.E. Hamid Karzai
President, Afghanistan (2001–2014)

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