World Summit 2020: Universal Declaration of Peace

The Heavenly Unified World is a global community of peace-loving citizens whose tireless efforts in the areas of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values help resolve the conflicts and discords caused by religion, ethnicity or nationality; it is a community that transcends national boundaries or ethnicity and is characterized by a new order of cooperative peace grounded in true love, living for the sake of others. Beginning with 2020, a new century that transcends the challenges caused by national self-centeredness will usher in the Heavenly Unified World, a community grounded in interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values seeking to realize peace through cooperation in the areas of politics, the economy, ethics, media, culture and so on.

Hence, on the occasion of the World Summit 2020, convened in Seoul, Korea on February 2-8, 2020, and dedicated to the theme of “Realizing Peace and Reunification of the Korean Peninsula through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal,” we, the more than 10,000 participants in this historic Summit, and representing 193 nations, as well as a wide diversity of cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races, and including current and former heads of state and government, government ministers, parliamentarians, first ladies, religious leaders, academicians, media professionals, business leaders, and youth, support the realization of a heavenly world of peace and wish to resolve as follows:

We acknowledge respectfully the leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and her late husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012), and their great vision of peace of one family under God, an ideal they strove to achieve throughout their lives; and,

We recognize appreciatively the work of the Universal Peace Federation as a leading non-governmental organization, affiliated with the United Nations, and we applaud its efforts to bring all humanity together in collaboration and harmony through a wide range of partners and subsidiary associations committed to dialogue, service to others, conflict resolution and peacebuilding; and, with this in mind, we hereby affirm and resolve as follows:

To support and strengthen the six primary associations of the UPF that have been formed as instruments of peace, and which work as parts of one unified whole, guided by principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, each with unique vocations that contribute to humanity’s well-being, which are:

1. The International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) which is a society of current and former heads of state, including also first ladies and gentlemen, dedicated to using their wisdom and experience toward providing solutions to global problems
2. The International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) which brings together parliamentarians from across the world, representing a wide range of perspectives and experience, who deliberate together collaboratively, for the sake of peace

3. The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) as a global assembly of religious and spiritual leaders and faith-based organizations committed to dialogue and cooperation, and to providing wise, prudent and innovative spiritual leadership for peace

4. The International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), a community of scholars, intellectuals, educators who apply their knowledge, insights and talents toward building a better world for all people and future generations

5. The International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED), which brings together corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, investors who leverage their knowledge, relationships and capacities to promote human development, poverty eradication, and mutual prosperity for all people

6. The International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) taps into the substantial significance of the media, across a wide range of platforms, including both print media, social media, books, film and journal, for the sake of informing, edifying and educating citizens of the world.

To collaborate together constructively in a search for solutions to our world’s problems, including climate change, poverty, crime, corruption, family breakdown, and inadequate access to nutrition, health care, new strands of viruses threatening the wellbeing of citizens, and quality education.

To promote ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, as essential components of peacebuilding and development.

To consider the formation of a steering committee to explore the establishment of an Asia Pacific Union of nations dedicated to peace and human development. This initiative – the Asia Pacific Union – was proposed during the Japan Summit and Leaders’ Conference in Nagoya, announced during the Asia-Pacific Summit in Cambodia (Phnom Penh declaration) and supported through various declarations such as the Niger Declaration (Africa Summit 2019) and the Santiago Declaration (Latin America and Caribbean Summit 2019).

We commit ourselves to the goals and objectives, on this day, February 4, 2020.