

# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE

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**O**UR human family's great saints, sages, spiritual leaders, philosophers, visionaries, mothers and fathers, statesmen, and people of conscience from all walks of life have longed for and worked for peace. The hope of all ages has been for a unified world of peace.

We cannot abandon this hope and we must not fail to take all necessary steps to assure that the legacy of so many noble predecessors is fulfilled. In this way our children and all future generations will come to know a world of peace and only peace.

This is the purpose of the Universal Peace Federation and the mission of the Ambassadors for Peace. Thank you for your investment for the cause of peace.

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# OUR VISION & MISSION

*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 along with principles of good governance.*

## **CORE VALUES**

- We are one human family created by God.
- The highest achievements of men and women are rooted in spiritual and moral development.
- The family is the “school of love and peace.”
- Peace is fostered through dialogue and cooperation.
- Service is the foundation of reconciliation.



Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon  
*Founders, UPF International*



Dr. Sun Jin Moon  
*Chair  
UPF International*

## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PEACEBUILDING**

UPF and its global network of *Ambassadors for Peace* bring universal, spiritual principles to the task of resolving conflict 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.

# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE



## **WHAT IS AN AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE?**

Ambassadors for Peace (AFP) are leaders in all walks of life, dedicated to building a worldwide community of peace through applying the principles of peace of the Universal Peace Federation.

The award honors achievement and signifies a new appointment to a mission to serve the common good.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Ambassadors for Peace are part of a global network of leaders representing the religious, racial and ethnic diversity of the human family, as well as all disciplines of human endeavor. They stand on the common ground of shared principles and are committed to the path of promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building peace.





# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE



## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Ambassadors for Peace have shown strong leadership qualities in their sphere of activity such as religion, politics, media, academia, business, the arts, civil society, and,

- Affirm UPF's vision and principles of peace
- Exemplify the ideal of living for the sake of others.
- Transcend racial, national and religious barriers.
- Serve as members on national, regional and global peace councils promoting and safeguarding world peace.
- Support the work of UPF in one or more areas of focus as outlined on the following pages.



# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE INTERFAITH PEACEBUILDING



## **DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION**

Interfaith conferences and forums challenge people to identify aspects of their scriptures and traditions that can benefit all humanity while also affirming their religion's identity. Interfaith dialogue encourages understanding, respect, and cooperation, recognizing that we are all members of one family under God.

## **INTERFAITH COUNCILS**

Peace is advanced when religious leaders bring the resources of heart and conscience to the tasks of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. On local, national, and global levels, interfaith councils enable people of faith to contribute their wisdom and work effectively for peace alongside government, business, and civil society.

## **MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE**

Interfaith pilgrimages, consultations, and grassroots encounters in nations throughout the Middle East including in Israel and the Palestinian Territories build understanding and respect among Jews, Muslims, and Christians.



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## PEACE AND SECURITY



### **CONSULTATIONS & SYMPOSIA**

In many parts of the world addressing security issues is a necessary step toward peace. UPF's *Office of Peace and Security* brings decades of experience and expertise to peace initiatives in the Middle East, East Asia, South Asia, Africa, and the South Caucasus.

Working with UPF's *Office of Embassy Relations*, they hold symposia with diplomats, government officials, think tanks, academics, and international NGOs.

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Human rights, including religious freedom, are secured not merely through laws but by raising awareness that we are one human family with a common spiritual and moral heritage.

### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Northeast Asia
- Middle East
- South Asia
- South Caucasus



# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



## **STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES**

Marriage, parenting, and the family are the foundations of human development and building blocks of society. Educational programs consider the personal and social benefits of marriage, promote a marriage-friendly culture, teach relationship skills, and encourage spiritual growth through relationships.

## **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

The core of education is the cultivation of heart and character, which gives children a solid foundation for growth and development. UPF's character education curriculum offers comprehensive moral education for students ages 6-18. Textbooks and teacher manuals feature stories about moral development and interactive exercises.

## **WORLD PEACE BLESSING**

Participants in World Peace Marriage Blessing ceremonies make a sacred promise of mutual love and faithfulness. International and interreligious couples pledge to bridge divides of culture, race, and religion for the sake of peace.



# AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE YOUTH AND SERVICE



## **RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE**

Experiential learning programs bring together youth from different cultures and religions in order to promote mutual understanding and respect. Participants serve a community in need, visit religious and historic sites, and learn communication and team-building skills.

## **HUMANITARIAN SERVICE**

In response to natural disasters, UPF provides donations and volunteers to help with immediate relief and longer-term cleanup. After the tsunami in *Japan*, youth cleaned debris from homes. When *Thailand* was struck by floods, volunteers brought food and water to stranded survivors and cleaned an Islamic school. Other recent projects aided people in *Haiti*, *Pakistan*, and *India*.

## **SPORTS FOR PEACE**

Young people from diverse backgrounds compete as teams in sports such as football. Coaches focus on respect and sportsmanship to promote personal development and community cohesion.



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## UN & NGO RELATIONS



### **A UNITED NATIONS NGO**

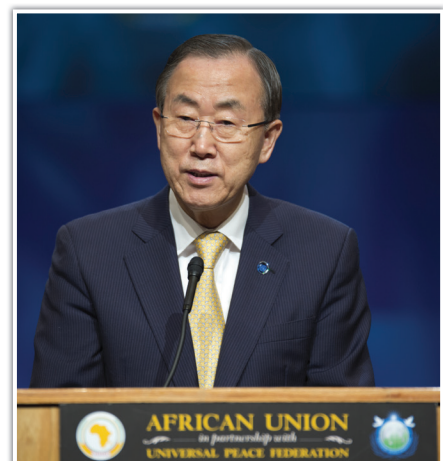
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### **SUPPORT FOR UN INITIATIVES**

- World Interfaith Harmony Week
- Women's Day
- International Day of Families
- Global Day of Parents
- International Day of Peace

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Together with the African Union, UPF organizes *Africa Day* celebrations in New York and around the world. In support of *World Interfaith Harmony Week*, UPF works with interfaith and faith-based NGOs to convene programs at the UN and in many nations.







# AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE

The Universal Peace Federation acknowledges as *Ambassadors for Peace* those individuals whose lives exemplify the ideal of living for the sake of others, and who dedicate themselves to practices which promote universal moral values, strong family life, interreligious cooperation, international harmony, renewal of the United Nations, a responsible public media, and the establishment of a culture of peace.

Transcending racial, national and religious barriers, the *Ambassadors for Peace* contribute to the fulfillment of the hope of all ages, a unified world of peace wherein the spiritual and material dimensions of life are harmonized.

The Universal Peace Federation is proud to hereby recognize as an *Ambassador for Peace*,

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