

# UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

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*Interfaith Peacebuilding  
Peace and Security  
Marriage and Family  
Culture of Peace  
UN & NGO Relations*



## OUR VISION AND MISSION

*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.*

### **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 comes through dialogue, cooperation and principled action.
- Service to others is the foundation of the good society.



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



Dr. Chang Shik Yang  
*Chairman*



Dr. Thomas G. Walsh  
*President*

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

*International Leadership Conferences, symposia, and peace councils offer opportunities for capacity-building among leaders from all sectors. Peace and security considerations are complemented by “track two” diplomacy and grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.*



Founding of the Universal Peace Federation: Lincoln Center, NY, September 2005

## INTERFAITH PEACEBUILDING

## PEACE AND SECURITY

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

## YOUTH AND SERVICE



### **DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION**

Interfaith conferences and forums challenge people from all faiths to identify universal aspects of their scriptures and traditions that can benefit all humanity. Interfaith dialogue encourages understanding, respect, and cooperation, recognizing that we are all members of one family under God.

### **INTERFAITH COUNCILS**

On local, national, and global levels, interfaith councils provide a platform for people of diverse faiths to contribute their wisdom and work effectively for peace alongside representatives of government, business, and civil society.

### **MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE**

Interfaith pilgrimages, consultations, and grassroots encounters in the Holy Land build understanding and respect among Jews, Muslims, and Christians.



### **A REALISTIC APPROACH**

UPF acknowledges the need for careful and measurable use of enforcement such as political, military, and civil power to sustain lasting peace. At the same time we strongly emphasize the pursuit of internal solutions that are essential to peacebuilding.



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.”

### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Northeast Asia / Korea
- South Asia / Nepal
- Middle East
- South Caucasus
- Balkans



### **FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

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.

### **STRENGTHENING FAMILIES**

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

### **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.



### **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**

UPF’s character education curriculum offers comprehensive moral education for students ages 6-18. Textbooks and teacher manuals feature stories along with interactive exercises.

### **RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE**

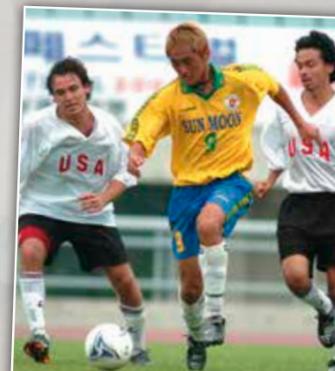
Service-learning programs bring together youth from different cultures and religions in order to promote mutual understanding and respect. Participants serve a community in need, visit religious and historic sites, and learn communication and team-building skills.

### **HUMANITARIAN AID**

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 projects aided people in *Haiti, Pakistan, Russia, India, and North Korea*.

### **SPORTS FOR PEACE**

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



# UN & NGO RELATIONS



## ECOSOC

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

## SUPPORT FOR UN INITIATIVES

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



## PARTNERSHIPS

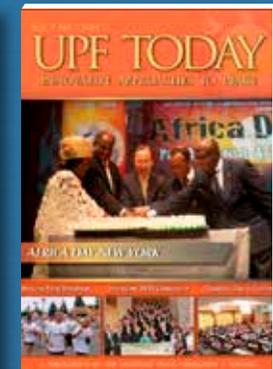
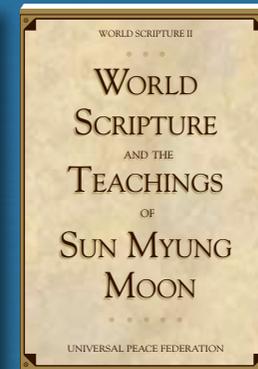
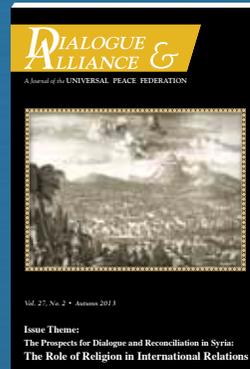
Together with the African Union, UPF organizes *Africa Day* celebrations in New York and around the world. In support of *World Interfaith Harmony Week*, UPF worked with interfaith

and faith-based NGO's to hold celebrations in 27 nations as well as at the UN General Assembly. UPF recommends the creation of an interreligious council at the United Nations.



Interfaith Week at the UN

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