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Highlights from events held in Senegal, Zimbabwe and South Africa in 2018

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A call for ‘interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values’ in Africa

**By The Washington Times
Special Sections Department**

In 2018, hundreds of public officials and local leaders of African organizations joined with the United Nations-based Universal Peace Federation (UPF) to promote the theme of harmony, universal values and mutual prosperity at events held in the countries of Senegal, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The inaugural event — the First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development — was held in Dakar, Senegal, on Jan. 18-19, 2018, at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Center.

Some 1,200 participants came from more than 60 countries in Africa for two days of presentations and discussions about “New Africa: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values.” Republic of Senegal President, His Excellency Macky Sall, addressed the summit as did dozens of government officials, parliamentarians, religious leaders, business executives and traditional rulers.

In her remarks, UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon introduced the concept of “Heavenly Africa,” which refers to the continent’s future as one that

realizes God’s ideals of peace, freedom, equality and happiness.

As part of her visit to Senegal, Mrs. Moon visited the historically infamous Gorée Island where she offered tearful prayers for the millions of Africans who lived, suffered and died under the scourge of slavery.

In November, UPF — which in July was elevated to “general consultative status” by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in appreciation for its services to communities around the world — organized two more similar-themed events: In Harare, Zimbabwe, a Peace and Family Festival and Blessing was held Nov. 21 in the capital’s 60,000-seat National Sports Stadium, featuring a message from Zimbabwe President Emmerson D. Mnangagwa. In Cape Town, South Africa, UPF and the Royal House of Mandela co-sponsored the “Africa Summit: Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela” on Nov. 22-24, which featured remarks from Chief Zwelivelile Mandela, the eldest grandson of the revered South African icon.

More events are being planned in Africa in 2019.



Republic of Senegal

Capital: Dakar

Government: President Macky Sall, Prime Minister Mahammed Dionne, Parliament

Population: 15.85 million (2017)

Per capita income: \$2,700 PPP (2017, est.)

Size: 76,000 square miles

Official languages: French, Arabic

Religion: Predominately Muslim, 7% Christian

‘Africa is a blessed continent’



By Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The following is excerpted from remarks given at the First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development in Dakar, Senegal, on Jan. 18, 2018.

I am so thankful to all of you because today we have gathered here in Dakar, Senegal, to open a new era in history. This beautiful continent of Africa is one that will become the new heavenly Africa that attends God as the center and can become the most prosperous continent in the world. Africa stands in the position of being the hero of the world. Africa is the birthplace of humanity.

Africa can become the heavenly Africa that attends God, becoming the light of the world. Africa is a blessed continent. Today, with the heart of a True Mother, and a True Parent, I have come here to pray and eradicate the historical



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More than 1,200 parliamentarians, tribal kings, and leaders of religious, youth and women’s organizations gathered from some 60 African countries for the Universal Peace Federation’s First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development in Senegal.

pain that this continent has endured so that this continent can stand once again in the providence of God and begin a new history....

I would like to begin a new era, an era of peace, an era where we share the heart of true love and living for the sake

of others, an era of living centering on altruism, where all of humanity can attend God as our parent. We can establish together a world of peace, equality, unity, and happiness. Together, we can realize the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. I believe in the African continent. Please

work together with me to realize this beautiful ideal.

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, are co-founders of the Universal Peace Federation and The Washington Times.

Constructive steps in the quest for peace in Africa

**By The Washington Times
Special Sections Department**

The First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development, held in Dakar, Senegal, Jan. 18-19, 2018, showcased the theme of “New Africa: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values.”

The conference was oriented around five objectives: (a) to promote a united, interdependent and prosperous Africa; (b) to advise leaders on the importance of universal values in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations; (c) to promote cooperation among all religious and cultural traditions; (d) to encourage mutual prosperity and peace in Africa through village-level development projects; and (e) to utilize the power of art and culture as instruments of peace.

In fulfillment of these objectives, the following issues and initiatives were introduced:

Interdependence: Strengthen

bonds of solidarity and promote mutual development by sharing knowledge and technology. Presentation topics included the New Village Movement (Saemaul), which played a significant role in rural development in South Korea after the Korean War, and coffee production using research and technology from the award-winning Hawaiian Queen Coffee farm, which was established by the founders of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

Mutual prosperity: Promote prosperity among all nations by breaking down barriers. A key presentation was on the International Peace Highway, a project intended to encourage global travel in a peaceful world. A memorandum of understanding was presented to participants to support the International Highway Project, also known as the “Peace Road” project.

Universal values: Promote the adoption of universally shared values through character education. A presentation was made about textbooks and teacher

manuals related to the UPF Character Education Program.

The First Africa Summit also launched three important peace initiatives to contribute to cooperation and human development at the national and continental levels:

- The International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP).
- The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).
- The International Association of Chiefs for Peace and Prosperity (IACPP).

The latter organization — for tribal chiefs — was created in recognition that “traditional rulers are the custodians of the land, people and traditions” and are highly respected and honored among their people.

The summit’s nearly 100 speakers, representing more than 60 African nations, addressed challenges facing the continent. Poor governance and corruption were at the top of the list, followed by poverty, terrorism, drug and human

trafficking, cybercrime, environmental issues and unemployment.

But there are signs of hope for unprecedented transformation: Foreign investment is increasing, the population is young, the lands are rich in resources, and the people are receptive to new technologies and digital communications. According to the United Nations, by the year 2100, four out of 10 people in the world will be African. The world is moving in the direction of Africa taking on a greater role as a bridge between Eastern and Western civilizations, and in her keynote address, UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon expressed her hope for Africa “to become the light of the world.”

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'I believe in this new Africa'



By His Excellency Macky Sall, Senegal President

The following is excerpted from remarks to the First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development in Dakar, Senegal, on Jan. 18, 2018.

Thank you very much, excellencies ... diplomats, ambassadors, religious and traditional leaders, friends and participants. By choosing Senegal to host its first summit in Africa, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) conveys its inclusive vision of a better world, a vision through peaceful dialogue and coexistence of people with respect for their diversity.

choice of life because the state of peace is certainly more compatible with the human condition than the state of war.... Rev. Martin Luther King said, "the greatest tragedy is not the strident clamor of the bad people but the appalling silence of the good people." Nothing, indeed, is more damaging to peace than silence, passivity, ignorance and resignation...

What unites us first of all is our humanity, beyond any form of religious, philosophical, cultural, ideological or other identification. Senegal, which welcomes you, is a country where 95 percent of Muslims live in perfect harmony with our Christian compatriots and traditional religions. Here in Senegal, among people living under one roof, some will get up to go to the mosque and others to the church. This explains why Léopold Sedar Senghor, a Christian, the first president of the Republic of Senegal, was able to be in power in Senegal for two decades with the majority of his fellow citizens supporting regardless of ethnic or religious considerations.

This harmony that we share, undoubtedly, with each of you, is being undermined today, not only by the war,

giving life to all men."...

There is more in common than you think — the bridge between Islam and Christianity. We could multiply the examples, and this means that the theory of the clash of civilizations, or ideas about the wars of religions, have no theological foundation, neither in texts nor in practice: We are all equal and at peace if we accept this foundation of equal dignity. On the other hand, what generates misunderstanding and antagonism, even violence, is rather the abusive interpretation of the divine word for purposes other than the true purpose.... That is why Africa, a continent that has suffered a trauma of five centuries of slavery and colonization, must stand firm against any racist and xenophobic claims — because all cultures and civilizations are simply of equal dignity.

In this spirit, I am delighted that the theme of this first African summit of the Universal Peace Federation highlights the emergence of a new Africa in the light of interdependence, inclusive prosperity and universal values. I believe in this new Africa. I believe in an Africa capable of taking care of itself,

Development Bank... the continent has 12 percent of global oil reserves, 40 percent of gold reserves, 85 percent of the chromium and platinum group metals reserves, 85 percent of phosphate reserves and over 50 percent of cobalt reserves as well as one third of bauxite, not counting the water and land reserves of a continent of 30 million square kilometers, home to 60 percent of arable land not yet exploited. Africa is not poor; it is rather penalized by the rules of unequal exchange. For this reason, Africa is calling for a more inclusive global economic and financial governance, a more sustained fight against illegal financial flows and a just compensation for its raw materials, especially in the mining and oil fields.

Of course, Africa needs to fight corruption as well. It requires fairer and more equitable contracts that protect both the interests of investors and those of the host country with qualified human resources and a well-educated youth aware of the realities of their time. Then Africa will take up the challenge of emergence.

I am pleased to announce that on Feb. 2, 2018, Senegal will host the third funding conference of the Global Partnership for Education. This international meeting, co-sponsored by Senegal and France, will see the participation of President Emmanuel Macron from France and other eminent figures such as the secretary-general of the United Nations, president of the World Bank and heads of state. We will mobilize \$3.1 billion to support the schooling of millions of children around the world and to reduce ignorance and obscurantism.

Finally, the ideal of peace that brings us together here requires more than the absence of war. In this sense, His Holiness Pope Paul VI was right to state in *Populorum Progressio*, the first great encyclical entirely devoted to the development of peoples in 1967, that development is the new name of peace. I believe that our meeting this morning helps to amplify this message of peace through development, and I thank again Dr. Moon, as well as all the prominent members of UPF.



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Cheikh Mansour Diouf, President, Africa Summit 2018 Steering Committee, addresses the audience Jan. 18, 2018. Seated (left to right) Universal Peace Federation co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Senegal President H.E. Macky Sall and UPF International Chairman Dr. Thomas G. Walsh. Photo: UPF-International

Senegal shares this humanistic vision. We are thus happy to welcome you and we thank you for being so many gathered here.... I greet the memory of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, founding father of UPF, and pay tribute to his widow, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who continues with faith and perseverance in the service of universal peace. I would like to thank her for this trip to Africa but especially to thank her for this message of hope, which she has just delivered for the African continent.

Africa, the cradle of humanity, has been bruised by so many centuries of conflict, wars, and plagues.... More than a wishful thinking, peace must be a

but also by the turpitudes of fanaticism, ignorance and arrogance. Yet, in a remarkable continuity, the divine message, which is the source of the three revealed religions encompassing billions of individuals throughout the world, exalts the sacredness of human life. According to the Talmud, Sanhedrin 5, Mishna 5, "Whoever saves a life saves the entire universe." In Proverbs, Chapter 24:11, the Bible says, "Rescue those being led away to death," and the Qur'an says in Surah 5, Verse 32, "that anyone who would kill a person not guilty of murder or corruption on the earth is as if he had killed all men. And whoever gives him life is like

an Africa that thinks and acts by and for itself. Despite the burden of history and asymmetric relations, Africa is, overall, a stable, laborious and ingenious continent.... It must assert itself and be accepted as a stakeholder among the actors who define the dynamics of the present and the future. That is why Africa rightly claims the reform of global governance through the reform of the U.N. Security Council, among others.... We cannot continue to rule the world of 2018 with the rules of 1945.

On the economic front, it is established that Africa has invaluable wealth, and according to a study by the African

Senegal President, His Excellency Macky Sall, who opened the First Africa Summit in Dakar, received the UPF Leadership Good Governance Award, which recognizes excellence in leadership based on the core values of service to God and humanity and promoting harmony and cooperation beyond barriers of race, religion, nationality and culture. The award comes with a \$100,000 gift, which President Sall said would be donated to two organizations that serve children with disabilities, SOS Children's Villages and Centre Talibou Dabo of Grand Yoff.



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Clergy from several faiths, joined by Universal Peace Federation International Chairman Thomas G. Walsh (fourth from right), stressed interfaith cooperation as part of the solution to benefit Africa's families, communities and culture.

Africa's future: 'To serve humanity and amaze the world'

By The Washington Times Special Sections Department

The two-day First Africa Summit for Peace, Security and Sustainable Development, held in Dakar, Senegal, in January 2018, attracted some 1,200 participants and more than 100 speakers.

The conference began with the National Anthem of Senegal sung by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea and interfaith prayers by Imam Cheikh Ahmed Tidiane Cissé (Senegal) and Archbishop Johannes Ndanga (Zimbabwe).

Highlights included:

Cheikh Mansour Diouf, president of the Africa Summit 2018 Steering Committee, thanked Universal Peace Federation (UPF) co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as living "for peace and only for peace that she would like to share with all of humankind." He thanked Senegal President, H.E. Macky Sall, for convening the summit as an expression of his devotion to peace and also many members of the Senegalese government, traditional chiefs and youth leaders who lent their support to the event.

H.E. Dr. Nizar bin Obaid Madani, the minister of state for foreign affairs of Saudi Arabia, spoke about his nation's efforts to promote dialogue and realize peace and justice. The country stands against terrorism and extremism, he said. "We all believe in the ideals of peace and freedom. Saudi Arabia has a Public Investment Fund, which supports joint African-Arab projects for human development, fighting poverty, solving



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The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea performed at the Senegal summit.

conflict and standing against terrorism."

H.E. Dioncounda Traoré, president of Mali (2012-2013) and Africa co-chair of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), said that while the topic of peace has been tackled in many forums, UPF takes the unique approach that we are one human family created by God. Africa needs the will and determination to be the "New Africa," the president said. "New governance — leaders, local partners and international — and countries that uphold universal values, particularly integrity and honesty, are needed to guide the continent forward."

H.E. Mahamane Ousmane, president of Niger (1993-1996), said collective efforts to promote peace through interfaith

dialogue are "crucial for peace and to empower the family as the foundation for the society. ... Africa cannot develop without peace."

H.E. Maria Des Neves, prime minister (2002-2004), second vice president of the National Assembly of Sao Tomé and Príncipe, stressed education, especially for youth and women. "Educating the women is educating the universe," she said.

Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, known as "the mother of Afghan education" and a Sunhak Peace Prize laureate (2017), spoke about her work with the Afghan Institute of Learning and the education of millions of children and women, especially those who are refugees.

Dr. Robert Kittel, president of Youth and Students for Peace, addressed the

importance of character education and family values in nations.

Mr. Ok Gil Kim of the Korean Saemaul Headquarters (New Village Movement), talked about applying to African communities similar methods of cooperative activity that South Koreans used in the 1960s to rebuild their country after the devastation of the Korean War.

Dr. Michael Glantz, director of the Consortium for Capacity Building at the University of Colorado and an associate member of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), addressed the effects of climate change and its potential to unite nations to counter common problems.

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Dr. Thomas Walsh, chair of UPF International and chair of the World Peace Road Foundation, reported on the International Highway Project (Peace Road), a visionary call for nations to build a super-highway, free of tariffs and passports, to link the globe. This project was proposed in 1981 by Rev. Sun Myung Moon as a key element of a peaceful and free world.

Hon. Eric Houndete, vice president of the National Assembly of Benin, spoke about the need to strengthen the institutions for peacebuilding and outlined some concrete challenges that parliamentarians were facing in Benin.

Hon. Esther Chilenje, first vice president of the National Assembly of Malawi, emphasized the need for parliamentarians to adopt a spiritual approach to preventing conflicts and to gain trust from people in their constituency.

Hon. Aida Mbodj, a member of the National Assembly of Senegal in her fourth mandate, twice minister for Family and Women's Affairs, emphasized the role of the parliament in conflict prevention and economic development and spoke about the importance of women parliamentarians in defending the cause of women in society.

Interfaith cooperation stressed

More than 150 religious leaders attended the summit, and several addressed a session on faith and peace.

Imam Moussa Dramé, the central imam of Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast, stressed the need for interfaith work, saying, "If there is peace, then there is a path to development. We must go back to our role as religious leaders and establish a framework for peace and development."

Dr. Oumar Thiam of Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal, said, "We need cooperation between religious and political bodies that goes into the renewal of the families through marriage."

Other speakers were Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, the founder and president of the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe; El Hadji Mansour Sy, the co-president of the World Council of Religions for Peace, Senegal; and Col. Marcellin Zannou, the founder, l'Eglise du Christianisme céleste, Benin.

3 peace initiatives launched

The historic First Africa Summit concluded with the launch of three important peace initiatives, including:

- **The International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) Africa and Senegal's national IAPP chapter.**

Since the IAPP was founded on Feb. 15, 2016, at the National Assembly of Korea, IAPP chapters have been inaugurated in more than 70 nations. Thousands of parliamentarians have participated in events to discuss innovative solutions to poverty,

income inequality, job creation, environmental protection, youth education, and threats to human development and security. H.E. Moustapha Niasse, president of the National Assembly of Senegal, told the summit that it was essential that women participate in peace and conflict resolution in Africa.

- **The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).**

Founded in 2017 in Korea at UPF's International Leadership Conference, IAPD is an organization which, according to its own resolution, "affirms the unique and essential role that religions are called to play in bringing about a

governance. The IAPD should work with the government so the citizens can choose their leaders in free and fair elections... Religious leaders should be able to talk on behalf of the people. Only through free elections will Africa have development... There are 1.5 million refugees from South Sudan, DR Congo, Somalia and Burundi in Uganda. This is due to bad government in their countries."

Rev. Dr. Samson Olasupo Ayokunle, the president of the Christian Association, Nigeria, said: "All religions preach peace. Peace eludes us. Each day we hear of more violence. What is wrong?"



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The role of women in bringing peace, security and sustainable development was discussed at the Senegal summit.



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Three peace initiatives were launched at the Senegal summit, including the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

world of lasting peace, a world in which people of all nationalities, ethnicities, races, cultures, and worldviews live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation, as one family under God."

Bishop Odette Kouman, the founder of the International Mission of Grace, Ivory Coast, said: "New Africa means that we are not going to reconstruct Africa. We need to have another vision. ... As the cradle of humankind, Africa has a heavy responsibility to bear. ... We need to create a climate of peace. If we don't put God at the center, how can we achieve our objectives?"

Archbishop Christopher Tsubita of Uganda said: "Peace cannot be achieved without the will to offer good

We, the religious leaders of this generation, if we were preaching the right direction and guidance, there wouldn't be violence in the streets. I challenge the religious leaders. We must give to our followers the words and the means which will culminate with peace. If we are going to have peace in Africa, there must be right education in our churches, mosques and places of worship."

El-Hadj Sultan Ibrahi Mbombo, senator, Cameroon and King of Bamoun noted that "poverty can undermine human morality." Quoting President Macky Sall's remarks that "Africa is not poor," he said, "(Africa) has enormous natural resources and economic potential to protect it from poverty. It is up to us and us alone to do

everything to use them properly." He denounced all forms of terrorism and defended the Islamic faith. "Islam has nothing to do with terrorism... I am a devout Muslim myself, and when I observe certain acts of these criminals, I am certain that we do not read the same Qur'an, since nowhere in this Holy Book, in no verse, is it asked to rape women, to take people as hostages, to slaughter people and to blow up children with bombs claiming to defend the cause of Islam."

- **International Association of Chiefs for Peace and Prosperity (IACPP).**

Traditional rulers are the custodians of land, people and traditions. They are highly respected and honored among their people. By working together, centering on the universal principles of peace, they play a critical role in protecting the institution of the family and social harmony as well as the purity of the environment.

Chief Theko Khoabana, Kingdom of Lesotho, said, "Together we shall bring a new Africa; united we stand, divided we fall. ... Most of Africa was invented in 1960 when 17 African nations gained their independence. Each country has been independent for almost 60 years. Where does Africa stand economically and socially in the eyes of the world? No African can walk anywhere in the world with their head held high. We are told this is a continent with vices, crime and corruption. That must change. It is important that we protect our lands from misuse and sale to foreign entities. All we have is the land. Land does not grow, but the population does."

H.E. Agbéyomé Kodjo, prime minister of Togo (2000-2002), called for Africa, the cradle of humanity, to become a continent "proud of its identity and its authentic values." He said that "Africa is a powerful continent in all respects," however, "the soil, the subsurface and the seabed contain enormous wealth that fuels the greed of the Western powers." He described the mission and role of Africa as a mother "to serve humanity and amaze the world."

Rt. Hon. Professor Aaron Mike Oquaye, Speaker of the National Assembly of Ghana, said, "Africa is facing a new paradigm; the problem is that most of Africa still follows the old colonial paradigm, which is that Africa would produce the raw materials and the colonial powers would produce the finished products. The new paradigm must see Africa with its own industry and be self-sufficient."

Cheikh Mansour Diouf read the Dakar Peace Declaration, which was unanimously approved and adopted by the participants.

This article is excerpted from a report by Dr. William Selig and Dr. Robert Kittel, both of UPF International, published in January 2018. For more details, please go to upf.org.



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Mayor Augustin Senghor welcomed Universal Peace Federation co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to Gorée Island.

On Gorée Island, a prayer for freedom

**By The Washington Times
Special Sections Department**

With profound sorrow for the centuries of human suffering caused by the enslavement of millions of African people, Universal Peace Federation co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon traveled to Gorée Island, off the coast of Senegal, to pray for liberation and emergence of a new, heavenly Africa.

Upon their arrival on Jan. 19, 2018, Mrs. Moon and her party were greeted by local children and Gorée Mayor Austin Senghor. They visited the island's House of Slaves and its "door of no return," which are part of a museum and memorial about the Atlantic slave trade of the 15th to 19th centuries. Mayor Senghor later honored Mrs. Moon with a Gorée Pilgrim Award.

In her speech at the First Africa Summit the previous day, Mrs. Moon said, "The continent that I believe has suffered the most is the African continent."

On Gorée, she offered a prayer for the ancestors who had endured this bitter history with the belief that there will be a new, heavenly Africa free from suffering. She then announced she will be donating the Victoria Boat to the island so that it may be used to bring islanders

quickly to the hospital on the mainland of Senegal.

Mrs. Moon's prayer on Gorée:

"Heavenly Parent! How many long years have passed as you worked hard and took a sorrowful course to find your sons and daughters? We know of the history that has pained Heaven many times because of humankind's ignorance. Heavenly Parent! Nevertheless,

you never gave up on us. Thus, you were able to find the victorious True Parents, for whom you had wished for so long. When all the people of the world are reborn through the True Parents and can be called 'my son, my daughter,' there will be such happiness and delight on that day.

"Heavenly Parent! The True Parents, True Mother, the only begotten daughter

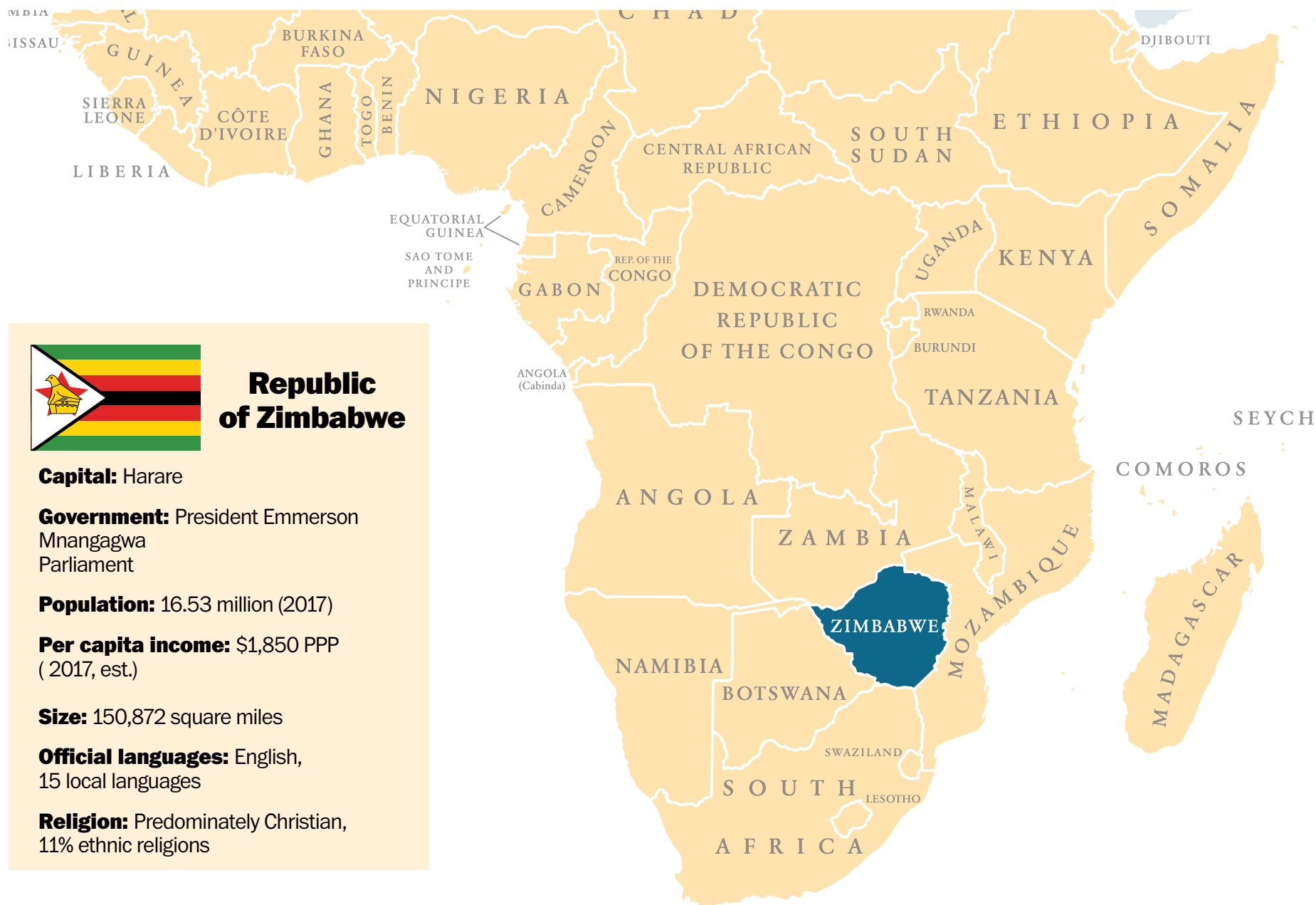
of God, has come here today. Christianity did not know your deep will or Jesus' essence and they left a sorrowful history here in Africa and on Gorée Island. Where did Jesus' words of 'Love your neighbor as yourself' go? How could they treat people in this way because of differences in skin color? Please remember the people of Africa who have endured and waited for more than 500 sorrowful years.

"Beloved Heavenly Parent! Today, in the name of True Parents, I liberate the sorrowful spirits of Gorée Island, and through a spiritual workshop conducted by Heavenly Parent, they can be resurrected as good spirits and return to earth and be with their descendants so that Africa can become an Africa that can realize the dream of one human family centered on Heavenly Parent and become the light and lamp of the world. Let us cooperate enthusiastically to achieve a world of no more conflict, suffering or war — one world of complete harmony and unification centered on Heavenly Parent.

"I liberate and proclaim this in the name of True Parents. Aju!"

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Republic of Zimbabwe

Capital: Harare

Government: President Emmerson Mnangagwa
Parliament

Population: 16.53 million (2017)

Per capita income: \$1,850 PPP (2017, est.)

Size: 150,872 square miles

Official languages: English, 15 local languages

Religion: Predominately Christian, 11% ethnic religions

Tens of thousands attend Peace and Family Festival in Zimbabwe capital

By The Washington Times Special Sections Department

Some 50,000 people participated in the Peace and Family Festival and Zimbabwe HyoJeong Cosmic Blessing in Harare, Zimbabwe, which was held as part of an effort to promote harmonious relationships across religious, political and cultural barriers both within Africa's nations and as a continent.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder with her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), gave the keynote address to the rally on Nov. 21, 2018, which was held under the theme of "Peace Starts With Me." She also oversaw a Blessing ceremony for numerous representative couples as well as all other participants, saying it represented "Heaven's love for Africa" and so "the wrongs of history can be reversed."

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who personally welcomed Mrs. Moon and her party to his residence on Nov. 20, provided remarks to the tens of thousands of couples and families who

gathered in the National Sports Stadium.

"I am reliably informed that the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is an organization that complements the United Nations in promoting lasting peace. It is in this spirit that I commend you on your goal to create God-centered families as a basis for healthy communities, stable societies and a peaceful world," President Mnangagwa said in remarks delivered by his longtime colleague and elder statesman, Masvingo Provincial Affairs Minister Josiah Dunira Hungwe.

Organizers, including Rev. Bakary Camara, chairman of FFWPU Africa, and Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, president of the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe and chairman of trustees for FFWPU in Zimbabwe, ensured busloads of students, families and friends could attend the rally, which was held on a particularly hot afternoon. Participants who came to the stadium were treated to a box lunch; they and others who tuned in from their homes and businesses could enjoy the presentations and popular entertainers such as Kudzi Nyakudya, Hope Masike and Kuda Mutsvene.

"Everyone wants happiness and a world of peace. Yet, we live in a world where war, division and violence are commonplace. Everywhere, cultures are clashing; ethnic teams or religious communities are fighting," FFWPU Zimbabwe said in its invitation to the rally.

"When we see starving people stricken by poverty, women struggling to escape the chains of domestic violence, and the neverending crimes worldwide, the problems of the world seem insurmountable. It becomes difficult not to ask, 'Where do we go from here?'"

Solutions "begin with the quiet revolution inside each of us," the organizers said. "In a time when our world and nations are engulfed in disunity, Mother Moon is reminding us that we are greater than our differences. She encourages us to come together as brothers and sisters to take a step in unison toward peace. Let's start peace together, as one family under God."

This article is drawn from materials at the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (familyfed.org) and FFWPU Zimbabwe (zpf.org).

By Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The following is a translation of Dr. Hak Ja Han's remarks from Nov. 21, 2018, at the National Sports Stadium in Harare, Zimbabwe, at the Peace and Family Festival.

You who have received the Blessing today have gained the qualifications to go through the door to enter heaven.

Human beings, whether in the past or the present, have longed for a united world of peace. Yet that dream is steadily growing more distant. The 200-some nations that hold the 7.6 billion people of the world have borders.

The United Nations came into being 70 years ago for the sake of peace and unity. However, that U.N. has been unable to fulfill its responsibilities. We are living in a world today in which conflicts and barriers between religion, ideology and culture are steadily increasing. How can we achieve a unified world?

We cannot achieve this with human efforts or human knowledge alone. This is why we must understand and know the Creator of this universe, God.

The Blessing event today becomes the path for a united world. Humanity must discard all the customs of the past and find the path heading toward a unified world centered on God. Several rivers converge to form a great waterfall and that great stream of water eventually leads to the great ocean. There can be no hope in things that do not follow

‘We must know and understand the Creator of the universe, God’



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God's cyclical laws of nature.

For the past 2,000 years, since Jesus went to the cross, Christian culture has dominated the world. Yet until now, Christians did not know Jesus' essence. They did not know who they should

be waiting for in order to welcome the Messiah.

Blessed families who have received the Blessing today, I said that it is through the True Parents that we can have today's Blessing. What is the

ultimate destination of Christians and people in other religions? If they wish for a peaceful, united world, they must have the qualifications to attend our Heavenly Parent, the owner of peace.

You who received the Blessing today have received the qualification to be a citizen of Cheon Il Guk, the place where Heavenly Parent can embrace us. However, with this comes responsibilities.

European Christians spread Jesus' name to the world. Yet, they did not know Jesus. Jesus clearly said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." However, those who went out into the world put the interests of their own nations first and harmed many nations. In particular, they did many wrongs here in Africa. They were bent solely on their own interests and the interests of their own countries.

The only ones who can correct the past wrongs in history are True Parents. Earlier I said several rivers converge to form a waterfall, which leads to the ocean. Likewise, all religions must head toward the same destination as well — that great ocean. The people who can guide all religions to that great ocean are True Parents and God's only begotten daughter, True Mother.

I pray that all the Blessed couples born here today will become eternal, true Blessed couples who can open the doors to the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven.

A Blessing prayer for Zimbabwe and its people

By Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

The following is a translation of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's prayer from Nov. 21, 2018, at the National Sports Stadium in Harare, Zimbabwe, during the Peace and Family Festival, Zimbabwe Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing.

Most precious and high Heavenly Parent!

Because Adam and Eve, who were to have become the ancestors of all humankind, did not obey Your will, for us to see this day, God, our Creator, had no choice but to lead the long providence of restoration through indemnity, in accordance with Heavenly Parent's principles of creation. It took God 4,000 long years to carry out the providence of restoration through indemnity and finally send Jesus Christ to become the True Parent of humankind. But the people of Israel and Mary, who gave birth to him, were unable to fulfill their responsibilities. This resulted in Jesus going the way of the cross; yet, he promised to return. The Blessed families who will receive the Blessing here today are the fruit of the blood, sweat, and tears You have shed during the sorrowful history of the providence of restoration.

Through Your ideal of creation, You

wanted to love and embrace all people as Your children. Yet the ancestors that had responsibility failed to fulfill it, and 2,000 years passed as we waited for the day Jesus Christ would return. Heaven, however, can no longer work through a people that fails to fulfill its responsibility. This is because such a people have indemnity left to pay.

It was only after 6,000 years that You were able to send Your only begotten daughter who could be called "My beloved daughter."

As a result of this, in 1960, True Parents finally appeared. Therefore, until now, hundreds of millions of couples in the spiritual and physical worlds have been Blessed and have expanded the realm that You, our Heavenly Parent, can occupy. Today, You have sent Your only begotten daughter, the True Mother, to Africa, a continent hurting with much bitter pain, and to Zimbabwe, in particular, a country You love so much, to bless the virtuous men and women gathered here today.

Fallen people cannot go to their Heavenly Parent without being reborn and resurrected through the grace of the Blessing given by True Parents. By this, I mean they cannot become Your children. Today's Blessing Ceremony is therefore an occasion



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Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa welcomed Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to his residence in Harare on Nov. 20, 2018.

in which people in both the spiritual and physical worlds are participating. I pray that through those who are receiving the Blessing today, everyone can know that today is a new start for a history that went wrong.

The Blessed families who received the Blessing today have a responsibility. This is not just for one's family; each couple needs to become tribal messiahs that share the grace of the Blessing with their neighbors and tribes. Please bear in mind that the true owners of Zimbabwe, which has the meaning "the venerated house of Christ," are all of you who received the Blessing here today.

Our God above! How long have You waited and endured to see this moment! Now, starting from this place, the entire continent of Africa will become Heavenly Africa, centered on God and this nation will become Heavenly Zimbabwe. I ask once again that You lead the way in establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, where blessed families live will with freedom, equality, peace and happiness on earth, and with joy and glory in heaven. I pray and proclaim all of this in the name of the True Parents. Aju!

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, are co-founders of the Universal Peace Federation and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.



Zimbabwe entering new ‘era of economic rejuvenation’



**By His Excellency
Emmerson Mnangagwa,
Zimbabwe President**

The following are President Mnangagwa's remarks on Nov. 21, 2018, at the National Sports Stadium in Harare, Zimbabwe, during the Peace and Family Festival, Zimbabwe Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing. Masvingo Provincial Affairs Minister Josiah Dunira Hungwe delivered the remarks.

On behalf of the Government and people of Zimbabwe, and indeed on my own behalf, I welcome you, Madam Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and your delegation. I commend you on choosing my country, Zimbabwe, to preach peace, reconciliation and family unity.

You are, indeed, welcome to fulfill your mission of preaching unity, peace, love, harmony and cooperation in Zimbabwe, as they constitute the fundamental bedrock for human advancement, a better world and an improved quality of life across all sectors of human endeavor.

I am reliably informed that the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) is an organization that complements the United Nations in promoting lasting peace throughout the world. It is in this spirit that I commend you on your goal to create God-centered families as a basis

Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) that promotes cooperative peace building, the International Chiefs Association for Peace and Prosperity (ICAPP) that aims to address rural, socioeconomic and political problems.

Furthermore, it is sweet music to my ears that your organization has several award-winning programs such as the Heavenly Africa Project, the Sunhak Peace Prize that is equivalent to the Nobel Peace Prize, and many other awards that promote education among the youth and the observance of family values.

with our New Dispensation, characterized by the quest to attain a Middle Income Economy by 2030 with a per capita income of 3,500 USD, underpinned by increased investment, job-rich economic growth and freedom from poverty. I, however, remain alive to the fact that attaining such a goal calls for a discerning spirit, a corruption-free citizenry and unity of purpose, buttressed by peace, love and family unity.

Here in Zimbabwe, we are on a thrust to rebuild the country across all economic sectors, a process that requires diligence and hard honest work, tolerance of each other's views and self-belief. It is, therefore, vital that we transform the attitudes, way of doing business and the material existence of our people.

More importantly, we need to understand the times and discern the opportunities availing themselves to us, as we seek to revive the economy. In support of this, 1 Chronicles 12, verse 32 states, and I quote: "... men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do — 200 chiefs, with their relatives under their command."

This clearly testifies to the importance of the ability to discern the times and leverage them for successful economic takeoff.

“ I am exhilarated by the fact that your arrival in Zimbabwe coincides with our New Dispensation, characterized by the quest to attain a Middle Income Economy by 2030 with a per capita income of 3,500 USD, underpinned by increased investment, job-rich economic growth and freedom from poverty.”

for healthy communities, stable societies and a peaceful world.

I am advised that you are currently visible and operating in 194 countries worldwide. Your organization has developed several affiliates, such as the Universal Peace Foundation (UPF) that encourage all religions to dialogue and cooperate for peace, the International

I am advised that, since the North and South Korean conflict in 1953, the FFWPU, under the leadership of the now-late Rev. Moon and yourself, played a pivotal role in ensuring that South Korea had a new beginning, setting the stage for its phenomenal growth.

I am exhilarated by the fact that your arrival in Zimbabwe coincides

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To that end, your coming on Zimbabwean soil during my Presidency in this country marks a new beginning for Zimbabwe and an era of economic rejuvenation. We will, therefore, take a leaf from the successful story of your great country by relying on the inspiration you are giving us.

We were once under colonial rule by the British, and we took up arms to liberate our country. During the war to liberate ourselves, we were all united towards one purpose to gain freedom in order to determine our own destiny. We created democracy where there was no democracy, we fought for peace where there was no peace, and we labored to achieve unity where there was no unity.

However, we continue to experience problems associated with the failure to accept one another and to unite and work together. I, therefore, exhort you all to follow the good example of our predecessors such as Nelson Mandela of South Africa and Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, just to mention a few, who endured many years of suffering and yet remained focused on the need to build peace and tranquility in Africa.

We pray for a common vision towards stable and sustainable

economies across the continent. At the family level, we continue to face several problems that threaten our desire for peace and harmony. These include challenges of substance abuse, sexual abuse of minors and early marriages, divorce and family disintegration, among other problems.

My Government has set up a Peace and Reconciliation Commission that, among other things, superintends over our efforts to unite and forgive each other over the conflicts and misunderstandings of the past. To that end, I will continue to blow the sirens of peace and unity, which have become my trademark ever since my inauguration from the 24th of November 2017. I have resolved to continue preaching the need for peace, love, unity and forgiveness. Furthermore, I have taken my crusade to religious institutions. Just like other political party leaders, I have also taken my crusade to rallies under the auspices of my party, ZANU-PF. To further institutionalize the above, my Government will also consider a request to declare this day, the 21st of November, as “The National Day of Peace and Family.”

As the President of the Republic, I am well aware that we cannot achieve development and progress without peace. Peace is the source of our happiness, our growth and our future. I reiterate the sentiment from the FFWPU



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Archbishop Johannes Ndanga, founder and president of the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe and a key organizer for the Peace and Family Festival, said the event was a starting point to “give peace a chance” and help Zimbabweans build their capacity to dialogue, solve problems, overcome grievances and create a stable, healthy and prosperous nation.

that peace begins with me, peace begins with my family. I accept all the blessings and good wishes that come with your visit in my country.

Before I conclude, I say Congratulations to all those whose marriages are being rededicated on this glamorous

occasion. I wish you happy marriages, filled with peace and love!

I thank you.

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa was sworn into office on an interim basis in November 2017. He won election to a five-year term in July 2018.



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Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa, as delivered by Minister Josiah Hungwe (pictured left)



Republic of South Africa

Capital: Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial)

Government: President Cyril Ramaphosa, Parliament

Population: 56.72 million (2017)

Per capita income: \$13,090 PPP (2017, est.)

Size: 470,900 square miles

Official languages: English, 10 local languages

Religion: Predominately Christian, 1.4% Muslim, 1.2% Hindu



Pursuing peace and mutual prosperity in Africa

Honoring the legacy of Nelson Mandela



By The Washington Times
Special Sections Department

Some 1,000 political, tribal, community and faith leaders came to Cape Town, South Africa, in November for a two-day conference to remember the legacy of South Africa President Nelson Mandela and discuss pathways to peace, reconciliation and prosperity on the African continent.

The event was co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and Royal House of Mandela. Among the speakers were UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon; Chief Zwelivelile “Mandla” Mandela, eldest grandson of the

anti-apartheid icon, Member of Parliament and leader of the Royal House of Mandela; Hon. Baleka Mbete, Speaker of the Parliament of South Africa; Hon. Roger Nkodo Dang, President of the Pan African Parliament; and current or former political officials from dozens of African nations.

Working on this conference “has

other as members of “one family under God”; encouraging people to live unselfishly “for the sake of others”; using dialogue to build mutual trust and respect; and solving problems in a framework of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, Dr. Walsh said.

“Madiba,” as Mandela is affectionately called, set an example of dia-

logue in his years as a statesman, said Speaker Mbete.

new world, she added. H.E. Dang, who is a member of the National Assembly of Cameroon, also praised the reasonableness of Mandela’s leadership style and noted that he is still “alive through his works” and those who “think like him.”

The two-day conference at the Cape Town International Convention Center tackled issues such as good governance, forgiveness and reconciliation, poverty, economic development, environmental degradation, education, conflict resolution and interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

Key figures assisting in the Africa Summit were UPF Vice President Tageldin Hamad; Dr. Katherine Rigney, Regional Chair, UPF Africa; Adama Doumbia, UPF Regional Secretary for Africa; Dr. Dong-ho Cho, Regional President West Africa; Rev. Bakary Camara, Regional President East Africa; Dr. Paterne Zinsou, Secretary-General, UPF for West Africa; Dr. Young Ho Yun, Secretary-General of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification; and Prof. Yeon-ah Moon, president of Women’s Federation for World Peace International.

...“I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”

– Nelson Mandela, April 1964, shortly before he was sentenced to life imprisonment for sabotage under South Africa’s apartheid laws.

been truly a true labor of love,” said Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, chairman of UPF International.

“To build a world of peace, we must all contribute across the sectors of government, religion, civil society, traditional rulers, academia, women, youth, artists, the media working together, collaboratively, cooperatively,” he said.

Core concepts include: seeing each

logue in his years as a statesman, said Speaker Mbete.

“He was a leader who would listen, process, consider and come back with a response that showed that he cared ... I think we need many more Madibas in that respect,” she said. He also took a special interest in Africa’s youth for he saw how the younger generations were open-minded and willing to embrace the

‘We must know that God, our Creator, is ... our Parent’ *To achieve peace, transcend race, transcend religion*

By Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

Beloved guests from home and abroad, in particular, the high-level dignitaries from 32 nations, ladies and gentlemen.

Today, I have thought deeply on how we can achieve true peace. Just in this nation and continent, many righteous people have worked for a world of freedom and peace. In particular, at this time when 100 years have passed since the birth of the great Nelson Mandela, we are all thinking about how to realize his endeavors. Today, the problems are occurring throughout the world. Large nations and small nations wish for peace. However, the walls of race, religion, ideology and culture — these numerous walls and borders — continue to increase.

Do you think that we as human beings can find the answer and conclusion to this? We must know clearly who the owner of this universe is. It is God, our Creator! He is our Heavenly Parent. The Creator had a dream. Thus, he created all things in the universe and then created Adam and Eve who could become the first ancestors of humankind. He gave them the responsibility to go through the growth period. Responsibility.

Adam and Eve should have matured from within the position of being absolutely united with God. However, they were unable to do so and created the world of people today with their many problems.

The Creator is an omniscient and omnipotent being. From start to finish, God is the same. He is a being that absolutely cannot fail. The problem is that in accordance with the principles of creation, he gave people responsibilities. Therefore, Heaven had no choice but to lead the difficult and tough history of the providence of restoration through indemnity.

How difficult must it have been? It took indemnity through a long 4,000 years for Jesus Christ, whom God could call “My son,” to be born. God’s only son. God had created a man and a woman. Then, the person who gave birth to God’s only son, and the surrounding people should have helped Jesus meet God’s only daughter. However, they did not fulfill that responsibility. Jesus came after 4,000 years to be the True Parent of humankind. Yet, the people who sent the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to the cross believe they will receive salvation through the blood of the cross. How wrong is this? We have seen through history the

indemnity that was paid by the people who sent the True Father to the cross.

When Jesus died, he said he would come again. He said he would return and hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. He was saying he would become the parent of humankind. In that case, Heaven had to prepare a nation for the birth of God’s only daughter who had gone unfound during Jesus’ time. Thus in 1943 in Korea, God’s only daughter, True Mother, was born, the mother of the universe and humankind who can liberate all the people of today.



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I am sure everyone here today has a family. No matter how great a man is he cannot have a child without a woman. This means that the birth of life begins with the woman. However, the history of civilization and of Christianity until today has progressed oriented around males. When we look at our present state, which has progressed oriented around males, something is lacking; it is not balanced. Only through the True Family does humankind have a future. Thus in 1960, True Parents manifested through the Holy Wedding. For humankind, this was an event full of hope. However, Christians did not know about this incredible miraculous event. Through the manifestation of the True Parents many African countries gained liberation from colonial regimes.

After Jesus went the way of the cross, Christianity began with the resurrection of the Holy Spirit through the work of the Apostles. In the beginning, they went through severe persecution. Christianity became active after official recognition in Rome in 313 AD. It spread

from Italy throughout Europe until it arrived in England. Then, centered on England and the surrounding nations, Christianity spread to the world.

These people also did not know Jesus’ essence. How could they carry the teachings of Jesus to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” yet, due to differences in skin color and differences in race, begin the slave trade? They were selfish and only thought of the benefit to their own countries as they took everything away from the colonies.

In the end, instead of becoming a

civilization that spread Christianity, they became a civilization that plundered. Through this, Europe may have flourished externally; however, internally, mentally and spiritually, they became perverse. Thus, around World War II, communism began to dominate and spread throughout the world.

Even without an environmental foundation because we are the True Parents, we had no choice but to save the world through America, which represented the democratic world. Therefore in 1975, we went to America and educated the people saying, “America is sick and I have come as the doctor. The families in America are on fire and I have come as the firefighter.” Heaven blessed America so it could create a foundation for the original returning Messiah. This was for the sake of the world.

However, America had forgotten its responsibilities. The destruction of the family, corruption of youth through degenerate culture, drug problems... Communism was just around the corner, yet no leader could protect America. At this

time, as the True Parents, we established The Washington Times as a conservative paper. Consequently, all the nations in danger of communist regimes taking them over received protection through The Washington Times. One example of this is Nicaragua.

The world was gradually heading toward an unpredictable state of instability. However, Christianity was asleep. In this situation, starting from the bottom, through blood, sweat and tears, we sent many young missionaries throughout the world. Many missionaries are here on this continent too. Especially here at an event hosted by UPF is Kathy Rigney, who is responsible for this continent. She came to Africa as a missionary in 1975. Since then, she has been working hard for this continent.

We call people who know True Parents’ ideology “shikgu” [family members]. They emulate True Parents and ceaselessly put into practice the true love of living for the sake of others and are Heavenly Parent’s children. There have been great people on this continent too, in particular, Nelson Mandela! I know how much he wished for freedom and how much he loved peace. The problem is that throughout the world people have pursued world peace through human strength and efforts; yet, the conclusion is still far away.

Humankind must know the cause. The owner of this universe is the Creator, God. There is no answer if you are separated from God, the Heavenly Parent. Therefore, Heavenly Parent had no choice but to wait for the birth of True Parents, as victorious humans, during the long 6,000-year providence. This is because fallen humankind cannot go directly into God’s presence. The family tree is different. Thus, through receiving the Blessing from True Parents, you must be in the position of fulfilling your responsibilities, in order to become Heavenly Parent’s true children. When we look at the 7 billion people of the world, I have worked hard to create an environment in various spheres so people can quickly learn about Heaven’s providence. Amongst those, the core is the Blessing. We have dreamed of one human family centered on God. Yet, we did not know the way to make this happen. There are over 200 nations in the world. Small nations and large nations have both put the interests of their own nation first. The United Nations, established 70 years ago, has made effort to fulfill that role; however, we are unable

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‘Let us cultivate our youth for peace on this very day’



By Chief Zwelivelile Mandela

We are gathered here at the foot of Table Mountain, a beacon on the tip of the African continent that is millennia older than humanity and a defining feature of this beautiful city of ours.

For those incarcerated on Robben Island [as political prisoners] such as ... my grandfather, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandi ... Table Mountain stood out as a beacon of hope and a promise that they, too, will rise above the stormy seas of occupation, banishment and suffering. For many of those incarcerated on Robben Island, this enduring symbol was a solace in the darkest hours... as their hearts echoed the divine cry, “I lift up my eyes to the mountain. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Today, we gather here from all over the world to honor the life and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandi, a colossal mountain among men. His life and legacy will, like this mountain, continue to inspire us and stand as a symbol of what is best in us. To stand firm for justice, to be relentless in the pursuit for peace and to be a true champion of human dignity and a voice for the voiceless... people in Western Sahara, in Palestine, in Syria, in Kashmir.

His historic struggle has inspired many to also dedicate their lives to serving the human family and to give hope to the hopeless, to care for the destitute and to build a heavenly highway to a world where we can all live together in

peace as one family and as equals before God Almighty.

This gathering in tribute of Madiba is also a manifestation of the colossal contribution of two great visionaries of our time, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, whose work now extends over 155 countries and has touched the lives of many in the quest for peace, human development and prosperity. Their work demonstrates that we can and must work for the common good, transcending the barriers of race, culture, gender and class. The Universal Peace Federation brand has become

humbled as the Mandela Royal Family by your contribution and your generosity in upholding the life and legacy of the father of our nation and our global icon. This Africa Summit is the highlight of celebrating 100 years of the life and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandi announced by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa.

We dedicate the next 100 years to the youth of our country, of Africa and of the world.

May the memories of Madiba ...that we recollect honor and celebrate over the course of this Africa Summit con-

and in every village. Let his name echo from their lips in every valley, that his name be heard from every mountain-top.... You, too, are the torchbearers of his legacy and the values he espoused... We, as the Mandela family, may regard him as a member of our family, but it was always clear for him that his political home was the African National Congress....

Today, you are here to make breaking ground in honoring the life and legacy of Madiba in this Africa Summit a reality.... God bless Africa. God bless the Africa Summit.



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Some 1,000 political, tribal, community and faith leaders came to Cape Town, South Africa, in November for a summit co-sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation and Royal House of Mandela.

synonymous with peace as they have parliamentarians for peace, traditional leaders for peace and prosperity and religious leaders for peace.

A good tree bears good fruits and just as our global icon and hero has become a symbol for millions around the world, so too has the work of UPF received wide acclaim. We salute you and are

tinue to educate and inspire generations to come ... Let us cultivate our youth for peace on this very day.

On Nov. 22, 1997, in his address to the Men's March in Pretoria, my grandfather reminded us that I called our children and youth in particular “our greatest treasure, they are our future.”

Let them tell his story in every city

Chief Zwelivelile “Mandla” Mandela, eldest grandson of South African icon Nelson Mandela, is a Member of the Pan Africa Parliament in South Africa and leader of the Mvezo Traditional Council. The phrase “Madiba” reflects affection and respect for the late South African icon.

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to become one. We are unable to unite as one voice.

Then what must we do? The answer is simple. We must transcend race; we must transcend religion; and we must know that God, our Creator, the Heavenly Parent, is our parent, and the ones who will help us to stand in our Heavenly Parent's presence are the True Parents.

This is why the Family Federation finds the Blessing important. Nations

who have been enemies have united with one heart through the children of these nations and through the Blessing. The true family movement is the only shortcut to a world of peace and, in particular, the basic unit for realizing the kingdom of heaven on earth. The only way to become a child whom Heavenly Parent can embrace is through receiving the Blessing. Through this Blessing and through the true family movement, you yourself will become tribal messiahs and can liberate your ancestors. Therefore, today your ancestors who wish to go the path of the Blessing through you have filled this hall to the brim.

Ladies and gentlemen, today's gathering is not a common one. I pray that you will bear in mind that this is a miraculous day in history in which we realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humankind's wish. There can be no completion through ignorance. You must learn. Clinging to the past cannot bring a hopeful future.

Ladies and gentlemen, what will you do? Will you create an Africa that is the light and the lamp in front of the world as a nation and a continent that has received the Blessing and has been reborn through True Parents? In the Bible, there is a passage stating that “the first” will

be last and “the last” first. Know that you who have received the Blessing are in this position. I pray that you become people who understand the truths of history and the providence properly and go forward together with God's only daughter, True Mother.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation. This excerpt is from remarks made at the “Africa Summit: Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela,” on Nov. 22, 2018, in Cape Town, South Africa.

Embracing Africa's chiefs in peace, development

By The Washington Times
Special Sections Department

The essential role of traditional rulers in the economic and cultural development of South Africa and other nations was the subject of one of the panels at the Africa Summit: Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela.

When Nelson Mandela was released from prison in 1990, one of his priorities was to meet with traditional leaders, said Chief Zwelivelile “Mandla” Mandela, the eldest grandson of the South African anti-apartheid icon.

“He believed traditional leaders needed to be playing a key role in our political transformation of a new dawn, and in this regard, he called on many to get a good education. He believed education was a weapon that could be utilized to change the world ... [and] he wanted to ensure that traditional leaders were highly educated so they would be able to play a meaningful role in the development of society.”

Even 25 years into our democracy, the rural areas of South Africa remain shortchanged, said Chief Mandela, who is president of the Universal Peace Federation’s (UPF) International Association of Traditional Leaders for Peace. In Madiba’s birthplace, for instance, the community still lacks clean, drinkable water and proper sanitation, he said, using the term



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Dozens of traditional rulers, such as Chief Mwanta Ishima Sanken'i VI of Zambia (front row, second from right), attended the Africa Summit in Cape Town in November.

of affection for South Africa’s first elected black president.

Solutions, according to the panelists, include strengthening unity among chiefs and traditional rulers, voluntary intermarriage between people of differing tribes, and cultivating a stronger determination to downplay political divisions. “Remember, we are all one nation, under God,” one chief said.

Engaging local leaders — and showing respect for their many

histories of good governance — is also paramount, said Chief Mwanta Ishima Sanken'i VI of Zambezi, Zambia.

“We are not witches. We are not wizards. We are partners in national development,” Chief Ishima told the audience, who roared with approval.

“Most of your chiefs, as you can see from Chief Mandela to all of us, we are able to express ourselves in English because we are university graduates. So please stop demonizing us as people that are backward and not

educated,” he said, waving his high-tech mobile phone.

“We thank UPF for recognizing us,” the Zambian king added. “As traditional leaders, we are the custodians of peace... we do not want to remain behind. As chiefs, we want to be the agents of development of change in promoting the legacy of Nelson Mandela for peace and development.”

Chief Ikosi Sipho Mahlangu, chairman of the National House of Traditional Leaders in South Africa, urged chiefs to embrace the theme of the Africa Summit, citing Nelson Mandela’s long legacy with traditional leaders.

“South Africa was a country that was oppressed for a very long time. Madiba led the struggle from prison, not alone but with his comrades in arms and all of us who are behind him. We are today facing another kind of struggle ... still fighting for economic freedom” and other problems like youth unemployment, poverty, domestic violence and disempowerment of women, said Chief Mahlangu.

Traditional leaders have a greater role to play in continental affairs, rather than being on the periphery, he said. “God has given us the fertile land to be the food basket of the world... We are living under the guidance of Almighty God, who says to us in the Book of Proverbs 16:3, ‘Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established.’ ”

‘This was the indomitable Mandela’

By Hon. Jacob Francis Mudenda

The quintessential truth of the luminary legacy of the extraordinary stature of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela is immeasurable ... He was carved out as a leader exuding a passionate perseverance and a lingering tenacity of purpose. In that regard, President Mandela was able to endure 27 years of incarceration at Robben Island with a high degree of equanimity which baffled his tormentors and fellow inmates. Only a stalwart imbued with a clarity of vision and mission to accomplish the freedom of the human spirit from the shackles of colonialism and racial segregation could remain stuck in the mode of hope, that virtue which conquers the forces of despair. This was the indomitable Mandela ...

Madiba, as he is affectionately known, was able to achieve this phenomenal human specter of an unconquerable campaigner for social justice because of his fidelity to the humanistic just cause which was totally engrained in his political DNA ... Madiba furthermore depreciates in humility the idea of false adulation when he acclaims to the world that: “I am not a saint, unless you think a saint as a sinner who keeps trying ... Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again ... The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.”

All these profound statements by Madiba signify a leadership whose hallmark is humility, the acceptance of one’s strengths and weaknesses.

It is the antithesis of an oligarchic leadership which currently is the bane of leadership in some countries the world over....

As leaders in our various spheres of human endeavor, let us embrace Madiba’s humble leadership as a legacy. Madiba was a disciple of transformational and transformative leadership. He advocated for the leadership that makes a difference in the world for the better, a world where there is peace through justice and fairness... Think of the coups that bedevilled several African countries soon after independence. The leadership of those historical eras left a trail of untold human and property destruction as well as the vandalization of human rights and freedoms. Such naked leadership is anathema to Madiba’s

transformational and transformative leadership which predicates the qualitative life of people as its foundational value. Thus, the significance of our leadership must be adjudged by the extent to which we lose our life in order to gain it in the service of others for their betterment. As leaders, therefore, we ought to strive to serve rather than seek to be served. Africa needs servant leaders.... Such a leadership will make Madiba truly rest in eternal peace...

Honorable Jacob Francis Mudenda is Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe. This excerpt is from his remarks on Nov. 23, 2018, at the Africa Summit: Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela.

2 African innovators win 2019 Sunhak Peace Prize

**By The Washington Times
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A Somali woman seeking to end the sexual mutilation of millions of girls and a Nigerian financial leader whose innovations in agriculture have expanded food security to countless African farmers have been named recipients of the 2019 Sunhak Peace Prize.

Actress and model Waris Dirie, founder of Desert Flower Foundation, and Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, president of the African Development Bank, will share a \$1 million prize, according to organizers who announced the laureates at the “Africa Summit: Honouring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela,” held in Cape Town, South Africa, in November.

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established in 2015 by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in honor of her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, to recognize individuals and organizations that have had an extraordinary impact for peacebuilding.



underwent female circumcision as a little girl. The act — now called female genital mutilation or FGM — commonly involves an adult slicing away most or all of a girl’s clitoris and other genital parts with a knife or razor, without anesthesia and with adults holding the girl’s legs open while she screams. FGM complications include infection, bleeding, emo-



appointed as the first Special Ambassador to the United Nations for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation, and she continues to spread the message that FGM is not part of any religious tradition, but violates the human rights of girls and women, is dramatically harmful to its victims and can lead to sickness and death.

in 2013, she established the first Desert Flower Center to assist with genital reconstruction for FGM victims. Today, there are centers in Paris, Berlin, Stockholm and Amsterdam. In addition, because the FGM practice is typically carried out for “financial benefit” to families if they plan on selling their daughters, Ms. Dirie and her allies have stepped up education, literacy and job training efforts as a way to end FGM. In recent years, Ms. Dirie has worked to build a school in Sierra Leone and launched companies in Ethiopia and Kenya.

The 2019 Sunhak Peace Prize also honors Dr. Adesina for his 30 years of efforts to tackle the enormous problem of food security in Africa.

Born in 1960 in the city of Ibadan, Nigeria, Dr. Adesina won recognition in many schools, including Purdue University in Indiana, where he earned his doctorate in agricultural economics in 1988.

Dr. Adesina’s career has included multiple high-level leadership appointments, including Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development in Nigeria and. In 2010, he was named one of 17 global leaders to lead the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals. In 2015, he was elected as the eighth president of the African Development Bank.

As a trusted innovator, especially in finance and farming techniques, Dr. Adesina has worked to expand rice production, attract private investment for the agriculture sector and increase the availability of credit for millions of African farmers.

In 2006, he organized the Africa Fertilizer Summit, one of the largest gatherings to address Africa’s food issues; this meeting led to the adoption of the Abuja Declaration on Fertilizer for the African Green Revolution and the goal of eradicating hunger in Africa by 2030.

As the African Development Bank’s president, he is energizing the “High 5 Strategy” to light up and power Africa, feed Africa, industrialize Africa, integrate Africa, and improve the quality of life for the people of Africa.

To build “an era of peace and coexistence in the 21st century, we have to bring Africa’s development and human rights issues to the world’s consciousness and solve these issues together, as a global family,” Dr. Hong told the Cape Town summit. The 2019 laureates’ “sacrificial journey will bring a great opportunity for people around the world to uplift the vision of love for humankind,” he said.



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Hundreds of African dignitaries gathered for the two-day Africa Summit in Cape Town, South Africa, in November.

The 2019 laureates — who will be honored in a ceremony in February 2019 in South Korea — are both examples of how “one person’s braveness and leadership can steer the world’s communities one step closer to world peace,” Dr. Il-sik Hong, chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, told the Cape Town summit.

Ms. Dirie, born in 1965 to a goat-herding nomadic family in Somalia,

tional trauma and lifelong problems with scarring, childbirth and sexual function.

When Ms. Dirie grew into a beautiful teenager, she was invited into the fashion world where she became a world-class supermodel.

In 1997, she broke her silence about her traumatic FGM experience and made a public commitment to stop the cruel and harmful practice worldwide. That same year, Ms. Dirie was

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution banning the practice of FGM; its goal is to eradicate it completely by 2030. In 2013, as a direct result of Ms. Dirie’s advocacy, 15 African Union member countries ratified the Maputo Protocol, which lists FGM as a harmful practice that must be ended.

In 2002, she created the Desert Flower Foundation to oppose FGM, and

Interfaith and Peace Blessing Ceremony

Cape Town International Convention Center, Cape Town, South Africa, Nov. 24, 2018



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon entered to officiate at the Blessing Ceremony.



Clergy leaders from multiple faiths offered a welcoming prayer.



Dr. Moon sprinkled Holy Water on the representative Blessed Couples.



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Dr. Prophet Samuel Radebe of the Revelation Church of God welcomed hundreds of participants to the interfaith ceremony.



South African singer Khanyo Maphumulo gave an inspiring performance.



Children and Blessing participants joined Khanyo Maphumulo on stage.



One of the happy couples who attended the Blessing Ceremony.

Looking ahead: ‘Vision 2020’ seeks to deepen foundation for world peace

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After the death of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon in September 2012, his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, began actively leading the movement they founded to achieve substantial gains through “Vision 2020.” This comprehensive and global initiative seeks to fulfill Rev. Moon’s hopes and dreams for humanity by the year 2020, which marks the centennial of his birth.

Mrs. Moon has urged the worldwide community of the Family Federation of World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), along with numerous affiliated faith-based nonprofit organizations, to take up the challenge to embody that dream, build upon it and turn it into a living reality that speaks to the aspirations of many. Within that dream are the keys to

resolving the threat of extremist terrorism, nuclear conflict, protecting marriage and family as inviolable institutions and remediating threats to land, air and sea. This is the essence of Vision 2020, she said, adding that making one’s dreams real takes faith, hope, confidence — and a good plan.

A key element of Vision 2020 is to cultivate rapport with a multisector network of thought leaders in 43 nations, setting forth a stronger and innovative foundation for a rapidly expanding global peace movement. In an age of mass revolt against corruption, political correctness, nation-state leaders for life and unelected global bureaucrats, the people of every continent hunger for freedom, faith and family — unchanging pillars of civilization. By educating in these focused areas, the Universal Peace Federation, one of the lead affiliate organizations founded by the Rev. and Mrs. Moon, has invited each country’s opinion leaders to consider how

they can contribute to a peaceful world.

In the United States, every local FFWPU community has been partnered with two other nations in a relationship of friendship and support, including holding the “Marriage Blessing” ceremonies Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon pioneered. The goal of these Vision 2020 partnerships is to create a principled, mutually profitable relationship in which everyone benefits and grows. Their ultimate vision is to restore nations based on God-centered families.

The secret to achieving such a large vision is to digest the plan as a community, not as individuals or families, Mrs. Moon has recently said. Rev. Moon oversaw many hundreds of diverse projects in his lifetime, and it was impossible for one person to carry out the many directions that he gave, she said. However, each person can pick some aspect of his vision and, together with others, invest in it.

Thus, individuals can answer God’s

call today by making their home a base camp for God and reaching out to friends and neighbors on behalf of peace, beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, nationality or creed. Engaging in meaningful relationships through shared passions with our neighbors and friends from around the world will make for a stronger global family or, as Rev. and Mrs. Moon describe it, “one family under God.”

With the attitude that “we are in this together,” communities across the United States are partnering with both developing and developed nations around the world in mutually beneficial relationships to impact the future. A shared concern, faith-based orientation and passion to build a better world will drive the commitment to learn from and work with each other to find lasting solutions.

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10 projects for a ‘heavenly’ Africa



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The King Protea, known for its colorful, crown-like appearance, is South Africa’s national flower. It is said to symbolize change and hope.

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The concept of “Heavenly Africa” — in which the continent becomes known as a global example of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values — was first described in the First Africa Summit, held in Senegal in January 2018.

The following 10 projects are proposed by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and its supporters towards achieving the United Nation’s Sustainable Development

Goals and to create a culture of peace.

1. International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. This international network of current and former parliamentarians was created in 2016 to harness the experience and wisdom of these leaders to bring resolutions to territorial disputes, religious conflicts, racial conflicts, environmental degradation, violent extremism and poverty.

2. Interreligious Association for Peace and Development. This international network of religious leaders

was created in 2017 to address divisive tendencies within religions and promote dialogue, mutual respect and cooperation among faiths. The IAPD also seeks to connect religious leaders with leaders of government, civil society and the private sector so foundations of morality and the vision of a good society can be imbued in human activities.

3. International Association of Chiefs for Peace and Prosperity.

Officially launched at the Africa Summit held in November 2018, this organization seeks to develop a network of peace-loving African chiefs and traditional rulers to lead efforts to strengthen social harmony, good marriages, prosperous communities and a healthy environment.

4. New Africa (Saemaul) Movement. Modeled on a key driving force behind the Republic of Korea’s post-war economic development, the movement establishes companies and community networks based on the qualities of diligence, self-help and cooperation.

5. Medicine and health care. In this broad arena, both Eastern and Western medical practices are valued; physical and spiritual health are promoted; and clean air, pure water and nutritious foods are emphasized.

6. International Peace Highway (Peace Road). Envisioned in the 1980s by the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, this international, intercontinental road

project — which would use tunnels and bridges to permit people to travel from Africa’s Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York City — seeks to encourage unprecedented global tourism and cultural and economic exchange.

7. Sunhak Peace Prize. This biennial \$1 million prize was established in 2015 by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in honor of her late husband’s lifelong dedication to peace. Sunhak laureates are selected for their extraordinary efforts to improve the lives of millions of people.

8. Hawaiian Queen Coffee. This award-winning coffee farm, located on the Big Island of Hawaii, has produced high-quality, 100-percent Kona coffee for more than a decade. The ideal growing conditions for this coffee — high altitudes, tropical climates and rich soil — are found in certain African nations, making it feasible to successfully transfer the expertise and techniques for Hawaiian Queen Coffee to new countries.

9. Hyojeong Character Education. This project for schools, colleges and universities promotes character education that stresses a “filial heart” (hyojeong) toward others and qualities such as altruism, compassion, honesty, respect and public service.

10. True Family Values Movement. A prime mission of this project is to uplift the institution of marriage and family and introduce the interfaith Marriage Blessing ceremony as a way to encourage harmony and understanding among the world’s faiths.

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