

## ESTABLISHMENT RALLY FOR THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S PEACE NETWORK (GWPN)

**Note: The GWPN was originally called Abel Women's UN, as titled in the following speech.**

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Distinguished guests from 194 nations around the world, and dear leaders of the Women's Federation for World Peace, WFWP International!

I wish to extend my warmest welcome to the women leaders, the peace leaders, and the members of WFWP from 194 nations around the world, who have come to the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Korea to take part in the historical Establishment Rally for the 'Abel Women UN.'

From the early days, Rev. Moon and I upheld the Will of heaven and proclaimed the vision of peaceful world originally envisioned at the time of creation. We have come here today shortly after our busy providential schedule in America to create the 'Abel Women UN,' the mission of which is to realize the providential goal of creating on Earth the eternal peaceful world devoid of conflicts and wars.

As my husband Rev. Moon and I have proclaimed before, "Korea is the homeland of God." Therefore, the Establishment Rally for the 'Abel Women UN', which will play the providential role of leading the establishment of the new peaceful world, must take place here in Korea according to the Will of God.

### **Beloved women leaders from around the world!**

As you are aware, the humanity which was suffering from the aftermath of World War II founded United Nations according to the Will of God with the yearning for peace. In June 1945, representatives from 45 nations around the world gathered in San Francisco, America to join the 'UN Charter.' Now with 193 member nations, today the UN has developed into the only organization in the world with the purpose of maintaining the world peace.



Respected peace leaders from around the world!

But what is the reality today? UN has failed to prevent many wars during the past 60 years, including the Korean War. The Cold War has ended but the world still witnesses many wars of varying size that arise from the conflicts between rich and poor, between different races, and between different religions. UN has failed to fulfill its original mission to maintain the world peace according to its original ideal.

Since it was created because of compromise between America and Soviet

Union during the Cold War, UN was handicapped with limits from its birth in realizing world peace that transcends the scope of individual nation. That is why I have proclaimed that UN cannot escape the position of Cain from the perspective of God's Will. This is the reason why we urge that the renewal of UN is critical for the settlement of the eternal peaceful world which was originally envisioned at the time of creation. To accomplish this, I have already submitted a formal proposal for renewal to UN with Philippine as its representative nation. It proposes the creation of 'Inter-religious and International Peace Council' within UN. This council, as the Abel organization, will be the upper house whereas the current UN which has become the arena of competition between the member nations will be the lower house.

### **Respected peace leaders!**

UN has not been able to advance beyond the level of balancing the various interests of each nation. That is why we urge today that the new system of women's peace movement centering on NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) must replace the current male-centered system of GO (Governmental Organization) to overcome its limitation and to finally usher in the settlement of world peace. Since such women's peace movement can only be realized through the global cooperation which goes beyond the level of NGO, the establishment of 'Abel Women UN' is necessary.

When we look back, today's historical Establishment Rally for the 'Abel Women UN' began from the establishment of 'Women's Federation for World Peace', which was created as the spinal organization for women's peace movement according to the Will of Heaven. It was established in April 1992, at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, and it was attended by women representatives from some 70 nations and 150,000 Korean women leaders. For twenty years since its establishment, 'Women's Federation' has been constantly engaged in world peace movement through creating networks for peace movement centering on women in 160 nations around the world.

Also, the goal of 'Women's Federation' was not to remain as another women's organisation. Its goal was the global peace movement of new kind which had in its heart the providential goal of realizing God's Ideal World. It was different from the aggressive and political women's movement which sought to achieve their goals through conflicts.

For the past 20 years, the Women's Federation which started with such providential goal has experienced remarkable growth as it

operated and managed many supportive and educational programs around the world aimed at elevating the status of women and realizing the settlement of families based on True Love.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and I, as co-founders, have been creating foundations around the world since the creation of Women's Federation. Also, the peace movement was able to expand with the help of 1,600 Japanese volunteers who were sent to 160 nations around the world. Even now, it is advancing the reconciliations between nations, and various volunteer and educational programs around the world that transcend the barriers of races, religions, languages, and national boundaries. All of this is being undertaken in accordance with the message Rev. Moon revealed in his speech at the establishment of Women's Federation: "We must define what it is to be True Mother and True Wife through attending True Mother who is the victorious representative of all women around the world. We must realize the ideal families through True Love movement. Then, we must wage the movement to realize the True Love of 'living for the sake of others' in every part of the society so that we may realize the world peace.

Following a special address, I was invited to give at the UN Headquarters, New York, in September 1993, and three years of international humanitarian activities, WFWP was approved by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as an NGO with General Consultative Status.

Our WFP Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East, which has been held every year from 1997, has attracted much interest and participation from women leaders of the twenty-some nations in the Middle East. Now it has expanded and given birth to more concrete activities in the field, which I am glad to be able to report.

At the end of June this year, WFP sponsored the 16th annual Middle East conference, which was held in conjunction with the UN Offices in Geneva, on the subject of "Children Affected by Conflict and Disaster: Prevention, Protection, Healing and Empowerment." The contribution by speakers representing UN organizations of their expertise in several relevant fields, combined with the active participation of several UN ambassadors, counselors, and international NGO representatives, led me to feel that such meetings have the potential to offer real solutions to the healing of our world if the conclusions reached can be acted upon.

'Women's Federation' is not only engaging in active relief efforts to help those who are struck by natural disasters and famines, but it is also helping the children and women of North Korea. These endeavors have been very successful.

I extend my sincere gratitude to those who have helped the Women's Federation to stay on its track.

However, 'Women's Federation' now must advance even further. It must go beyond the next step, to walk the path of the creation of peaceful world through joining the forces together with other NGOs and women leaders of the world. The establishment of 'Abel Women UN', which will go beyond the level of women NGO and bring the governments around the world together, is necessary, and it is also the command of God which must be obeyed.

I make a solemn declaration for the establishment of 'Abel Women UN' which will help all the women around the world to realize this historical mission and expand the scope of women's movements to the entire world.

### **Beloved women peace leaders!**

In today's world, where must the humanity go? The problems that the humanity faces today can only be resolved through the ideals of True Love centering on God, and the ideal of 'One Family Under God' which Rev. Moon and I, have been teaching all our lives from the moment we received the teaching from heaven. For this ideal alone is the only

path that will lead the humanity to the world of everlasting peace and happiness.

We live in the age of historical crossroad. We live at the age of cosmic revolution where the ideal heaven which God so desired from the moment of creation must now be firmly established through uniting the spiritual and the physical world. It cannot be delayed anymore. The heaven has already declared January 13, 2013, to be the 'Foundation Day.'

Therefore, the humanity must now humbly obey the command of heaven. Following the guidance of True Parents who is leading the heaven's providence as the substantial self of God, the King of Peace, we must live out the rest of the time with strong determination.

### **Beloved women leaders!**

The course for the humanity has been set. Now that we have the D-day, which was given by the heaven through True Parents, what reason is there for us to hesitate? Heaven will bless your endeavors in establishing the peaceful world centered on 'Abel Women UN.'

However, I would like to emphasize once again that the priority of 'Abel Women UN' should be the true family movement of living for the sake of others, based on true love, carried out in conjunction with proper values education. War and conflict arise from selfish motives of desiring to take others' land, possessions, or the like by force. On the other hand, peace arises from investing oneself for the sake of others, that is, giving based on true love.



Those leaders who turn their faces away from the new realities of the world, or who fail to see them, will be wiped away by the changes coming upon us like a Tsunami. I believe the time has now come for us to step forward boldly and receive new opportunities and values.

### **Beloved women leaders!**

Women are not there to help or to be protected by men; rather, they are independent individuals who, as representatives of the feminine aspect of God's nature, are meant to make men more complete and manly. Centering on True Love, women are the precious partners of love to men. In terms of value, men and women are absolutely equal beings.

Men and women who unite through the True Love of original ideal share the same position. Also, they attain the right to be with each other wherever they may be. Furthermore, they attain the ideal right of inheritance, where each other's properties will belong to each other equally.

Thus, men and women, who are brought into oneness through original love under God's ideal of true love, have been created to become completely equal beings, centered on true love, by sharing not only the same rank and the right of participation but also their possessions with one another.

Therefore, men and women do not need to confront or contend with each other, for they do not need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions, or roles of the other or to covet those things and take them by force. Instead, by giving what they have to the other with true love and completing the other, they can become united as a greater whole and share in one another. In the 21st century, women should play a major role in world history by serving as one of the wheels of the engine pulling forward the construction of a peaceful world together with men. Going beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building the century of love and the peace culture, and their role will be more important than ever before.

I sincerely ask you to walk the path of True Mother, the path of True Wife, the path of True Daughter, and the path of True Women Leader who will build the unified world where freedom, peace, and happiness in its truest sense overflow.

Let us all walk the path of the true mother, true wife, true daughter, and true woman leader, who can construct a unified world overflowing with true freedom, peace, and happiness.

Thank you.