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UPF 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- UPF 4th World Summit on Peace
- UPF 8th Global Peace Tour
- United Nations International Day of Families
- Launch of “As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen”
- Declaration of the “Parent United Nations”
- United Nations International Day of Peace
- World Peace Blessing
- Inauguration of the UPF International Chair
- Declaration of Parent United Nations – Las Vegas
- Diplomatic outreach in New York & Washington DC
New York, USA: The UPF’s Fourth World Summit is held as part of the celebrations surrounding the 90th birthday of the UPF Founder.
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Lighting of Peace Candles by the UPF Presiding Council; interfaith dialogue; speakers from L: First Lady Ida Odinga, Kenya; Hon. Anwarul Chowdhury, UN; President Leonid Kravchuk, Ukraine

USA: World Summit service programs in the USA in partnership with the Points of Light Institute, founded by former Pres. George Bush, from top L: Washington DC; Oakland, CA; Homer, AK; Seattle, WA
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Mangolpuri, India

Concurrent with the World Summit, international service programs involving thousands of volunteers were conducted throughout the world, including this community health education.

Universal Peace Federation
Global Peace Tour 2009

The United Nations International Year of Reconciliation
The UPF Global Peace Tour 2009
THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RECONCILIATION

1. Albania 18. Denmark 35. Lesotho 52. Romania
3. Armenia 20. Finland 37. Malawi 54. Samoa
10. Brazil 27. Hungary 44. Netherlands 61. UK
12. Cameroon 29. India 46. New Zealand 63. USA
13. Canada 30. Italy 47. Norway 64. Uzbekistan
16. Cote D’Ivoire 33. Latvia 50. Poland
17. Czech Rep. 34. Lebanon 51. Portugal

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February—March: UPF Chapters worldwide hold events to mark the eighth Global Peace Tour, a tradition started by the UPF Founders in 2005. Many events were held in National Parliaments.

Global Peace Tour: Japan

Tokyo, Japan: More than 20,000 people packed into the Saitama Super Arena to celebrate the vision of One Family Under God.
Global Peace Tour: Philippines

Manila, Philippines: Dr. Hyun Jin Moon announces the launch of the Mindanao Peace Initiative in a special session at the Philippines House of Representatives.

Global Peace Tour: Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Students from 11 universities in Kuala Lumpur support of the “Power of 10 Sen” Peace Tour in Malaysia. Money raised was sent to help schoolchildren in Gaza, Palestine.
Global Peace Tour: Uruguay

Montevideo, Uruguay: UPF Uruguay Team with the Regional Chair Shin Dong-mo at the Peace Embassy in Montevideo following the Global Peace Tour and International Leadership Conference.

Global Peace Tour: Germany

Berlin, Germany: At rally at the Brandenburg Gate, Muslims, Jews, Christians, and people of other religions called upon their respective followers to work together for peace.
Global Peace Tour: France

Paris, France: Jean Francois Moulinet, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Dr. Yeong-cheol Song, and Mr. Patrick Jouan arrive at the headquarters of UNESCO for the Peace Tour event.

Global Peace Tour: Italy

Rome, Italy: The Peace Tour event was held in a conference hall in the Italian national parliament at the invitation of leading Italian political figures. It was a first for the UPF in this Catholic nation.
Global Peace Tour: United Kingdom


Global Peace Tour: Switzerland

Geneva, Switzerland: The Peace Tour was one of four events held during the year at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, where UPF is a leading NGO contributor.
Global Peace Tour: Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon: Sessions in Beirut on improved relationships among faith leaders; meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Ambassador for Peace Award.

Global Peace Tour: Mali

Bamako, Mali: Dr. Thomas Walsh and UPF Africa Regional Chair, Dr. Hee Sun Ji, discuss UPF with President Amadou Toumani Touré before a major interfaith celebration covered on national television.
Global Peace Tour: Cote d’Ivoire

Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire: Newly-commissioned Ambassadors for Peace at the Global Peace Conference in Abidjan

Global Peace Tour: Ukraine

Kiev, Ukraine: Among the guests in attendance were a former Prime Minister, the Department on Nationalities and Religion, former President Leonid Kravchuk, and UPF regional Chair Dr. Ohtsuka
UN HQ

Popular speaker and author Deepak Chopra (inset) asks the audience to rise to its feet and make a commitment to peace.

RUSSIA

Programs were held in MOSCOW, TVER, ROSTOV, VLADIVOSTOK, ST. PETERSBURG and EKATERINBURG.
ECUADOR

QUITO: Dr. Juan Vásquez of UNICEF addresses a capacity crowd at the Quito City Hall, followed by entertainment.

ISRAEL

JERUSALEM: International Families gather for a picnic and the signing of a “Declaration of Peace” for all families in Israel.
One of more than 40 celebrations was co-hosted by the Bahrain Ambassador to the USA in Washington DC.
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June: UPF delegates joined more than 3,000 top leaders of Korea for the celebrations surrounding the successful publication of Dr. Moon’s best-selling autobiography, As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen.

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June: President Alfred Moosic of Albania (inset) offers congratulatory remarks and a review of the book at the COEX banquet on behalf of all the UPF delegates.
The International Leadership Conference also examined the possible implications and impact of Dr. Moon’s peace principles on the pressing task of the re-unification of Korea.

ILC speakers (from top left): former Prime Minister of Zambia, Gen. Malimba Masheke; Hon. Chitrakka Yadav, Speaker of the House, Nepal; Dr. Oscar Alvarez (Costa Rica); and Hon. Fatak Al-Jamani, Member of the Jordanian Parliament.
An Interfaith Vision of Peace for a Parent UN

UPF-ICC Conference, Seoul, Korea • July 9-10, 2009

July: Above: Signing of the "Parent United Nations" declaration; below, UPF Ambassadors for Peace lead an Interfaith prayer ceremony to begin the event.

Speakers: the late Costa Rican President, Rodrigo Carazo; Mrs. Geetha Rajan (India), Dr. Hyung Jin Moon (Korea), Jose de Venecia, Jr. (Philippines). Below, some of the Asian delegation.
UPF Celebrates United Nations International Day of Peace 2009

SWITZERLAND

Geneva: The panel discussion on disarmament, and the Ambassador for Peace Awards

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India

Delhi: Participants at a disarmament symposium held at the UN Conference Hall in partnership with UNIC India
CARACAS: Volunteers of all ages joined in a day of service to beautify the grounds of El Buen Samaritano.

SYDNEY: UPF partnered with the “Ministry of Peace,” which has been observing Peace Day for many years.
KATHMANDU: Hon. Shanker Pokheral, Minister of Information and Communication, speaks at a downtown rally for peace.

VANNES: The local community collects clothing, bikes, furniture, toys and school supplies for a school in Togo.
HONG KONG: Choosin Ngaetheppitak, Head of Office, UNHCR Hong Kong, spoke about “Peacebuilding in today’s world.”
World Peace Blessing

October: 120 Couples from the UPF Ambassadors for Peace joined with almost 40,000 others to participate in the World Peace Blessing

The World Peace Blessing

Congratulatory remarks from former President Alfred Moosic, Albania, and a Muslim benediction from Hon. Sayed Ishaq Gailani, Afghanistan
The World Peace Blessing

UPF Delegates former President and Mrs. Ahmad Kabbah (Sierra Leone), Congressman and Mrs. Gobalakrishnan Nagapan (Malaysia), and interfaith couple Mr. Parvez and Mrs. Elilu Manzoor (Sweden) rededicating their vows.

The World Peace Blessing

Shortly before the beginning of the ceremony, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chung Hwan Kwak share about the meaning of the World Peace Blessing with Madam Gayatri Nepal (center), the first lady of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.
The Universal Peace Federation also hosted a conference on "The Significance of Marriage and Family for Peace in the 21st Century" including presentations on the Original Principle and blessing preparation.

The ILC speakers included, from top left: the Rt. Hon. Hamilton Green (Guyana), Rev. Hwang Sun-jo (Korea), Nichiko Yoshida (Japan), Mme. Gayatri Nepal (Nepal) and Sra. Graciela Rompani de Pacheco (Uruguay)
At the Cheon Jeong Gung, Father Moon reads "Owner of Peace, Owner of Lineage" outlining a vision for God's coming kingdom.
November: The inauguration of Dr. Hyung Jin Moon as the 2nd UPF International Chairman, and an acknowledgement of the work of his predecessors, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak and Dr. Hyun Jin Moon.

Dr. Thomas Walsh, the Secretary-General of UPF International, served as Master of Ceremonies, translated by Kentoku Hamasaka.
Among those offering congratulatory remarks were (from L) Mr. Taj Hamad (UPF International), Dr. Sun Jo Hwang (UPF Korea), and the Hon. Min Ha Kim (Ambassadors for Peace Korea).

In his inaugural remarks, the incoming UPF Chair Dr. Hyung Jin Moon said that the key to a lasting peace could only be through a profound change in the spiritual condition of humanity.
December: Over 1200 delegates gather for a special conference in Las Vegas, NV to declare the settlement of a “Parental United Nations.” It was Dr. Moon’s first speech in Las Vegas in 10 years.
In his speech, Dr. Moon said that peace must begin within each individual and each family, and said that America must redirect her footsteps to follow her destiny in God’s Will in the Pacific Rim era.

The program concluded with a demonstration of the power of “Chi” energy, with Dr. Dow-soon Lim calling upon audience volunteers to experience the reality of different spiritual energy levels.
Among members of Dr. Moon’s family in support were daughter Rev. In Jin Moon, Senior Pastor of HSA-UWC, who introduced her father; and son Kwon Jin Moon, seen here singing John Lennon’s *Imagine*. 
New York: The Ambassador of Qatar hosts a tea ceremony attended by H.E. Kim Won Soo, representing UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, and the Ambassadors of Russia, Norway, Nepal & Paraguay.
Washington DC: The Embassy of Liberia co-hosts the UN Day of Peace with UPF. Direct partnerships with the international embassies consistently produces much better turnout at UPF events.

Washington DC: The UPF Washington office joins other organizations in celebrating the UN International Day of Women with a program at the US Congress. Over 23 Embassies attended.
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