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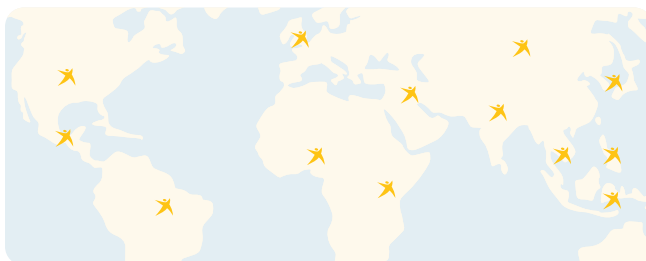
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A Message from Our Chairman

One Family under God: Forging a New Global Identity

Globalization promised to deliver a future of peace and prosperity, but it has focused purely on material values and needs. Understandably, it has faced a serious backlash, because it failed to recognize the importance of the moral and spiritual dimension necessary for an ethical and cohesive global society.

As a direct result, religiously framed extremist and reactive nationalist movements have sprung up among groups who fear that globalism will erase their cultural traditions and local identities. That is why the world is fragmenting around us, lacking any overarching, harmonizing vision.

Clearly, we need to forge a new global identity that can embrace and harmonize the positive elements of more localized identities. Such an identity must be rooted in the universal principles that all the great spiritual and ethical traditions share.

The world's great cultural spheres stand upon the foundation of the major faith traditions such as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism. The elements of truth which they express was a cohesive force that bonded local societies to have civilizational impact.

The time is ripe for a movement that can unite these traditions on universal principles and values and establish a similar civilizational impact on a global scale, that builds on the American ideal of One Nation under God and expands it to build One Family under God on the world level.

We all share common DNA. Beyond our external differences, we are, essentially, all members of one human family who share the same origin, the Creator God.

A transformative movement aligned with universal principles can renew hearts and minds, inspiring a vibrant new experience of how we relate with each other – to our fellow human beings, to the varied cultures of the human family, to the natural world that sustains us, and, ultimately, to the One God who is the source of our being and in whose image we are made.

All of these aspirations are contained in our simple yet profound vision statement “One Family under God.” The pursuit and achievement of these aspirations can lead to the transformation of nations, guided by transcendent principles and the values grounded in them, and the emergence of a civilization of peace. The vision of One Family under God shows us the pathway to true global unity in diversity and is the basis for future peace and prosperity.

Realizing such an auspicious dream is no simple task; it takes concerted action by those who embrace the dream and make the cause their own. Already the work is underway, through the initiatives of Global Peace Foundation and our many partners, developing effective models to transform communities and nations.

Those initiatives are engaging moral and innovative leaders, demonstrating that the vision of One Family under God can indeed be the catalyst to transform nations.



A Message from Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon
Founder and Chairman, Global Peace Foundation

“The vision of **One Family under God** shows us the pathway to true global unity in diversity and is the basis for future peace and prosperity.”

Global Leadership Council



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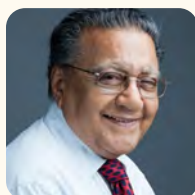
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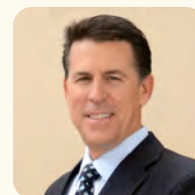
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President, Zanzibar (2000–2010);
Chairman, Africa Leadership Mission



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Values-Based Peacebuilding

Our Vision

The Global Peace Foundation applies a values-based approach to peacebuilding that emphasizes universal principles and shared values as a basis to address conflict, promote equitable and sustainable development, and engage all members of the human family as necessary and valuable contributors to building a culture of peace.

GPF field work is advanced in four key areas of focus, each supported by the conviction that all people belong to one human family with a shared origin.

Social Cohesion and Peacebuilding

GPF fieldwork brings together diverse stakeholders to further cross-community reconciliation, prevent violent extremism, and develop community-driven models of peacebuilding. This approach:

- Emphasizes principles and shared values to foster connection between different groups.
- Furthers dialogue and engagement to build trust and understanding.
- Equips community members with skills for problem solving and conflict management.
- Promotes peace as a basis for investment and economic development.
- Develops conflict management skills to further mutual understanding and common ground.

Character and Leadership Development

GPF places special importance on engaging youth and leaders in civil society, the private sector, educational systems, and government to provide moral and innovative leadership to meet complex social, political, and environmental challenges. GPF leadership projects and training:

- Build awareness of core leadership values: live for the greater good, dream big, take ownership, and teamwork.
- Promote holistic growth and good character as integral to education and leadership development.
- Transmit skills that cultivate character, creativity, and excellence.
- Demonstrate high ethical standards and model good behavior in leadership roles.
- Develop and apply effective and creative solutions to local, regional, and national issues.

Fostering Civic Virtue

GPF supports responsible, informed citizenship and works to strengthen the underlying values that foster social cohesion, robust civic engagement, and respect for essential rights and freedoms, including freedoms of conscience and religion. Through education, expert convenings of political and civil society leaders, and cross-cultural service initiatives, GPF works to:

- Increase recognition of our interconnectedness, inherent human dignity, and the need to respect essential human rights and freedoms.
- Empower civil society, especially faith communities, to engage as active citizens and participate in the public square at local and national levels.
- Cultivate service and volunteerism throughout all levels of society.
- Advance public understanding and protection of essential rights, including freedom of conscience and religion.
- Secure higher levels of sustainable peace, tolerance, and interreligious cooperation.

Pathways for National Transformation

All people are subject to national sovereignty in the modern world order. This includes the utilization of public resources and the authority to promote the general welfare through state-level action. GPF works to facilitate the growth of ethical societies and sustainable peace on a national level in collaboration with public, private, and civil society partners. Through these partnerships GPF works to:

- Increase recognition of universal principles and shared values as essential to an ethical nation.
- Create family-friendly policies and a social environment that supports strong families as the basis for nurturing ethical citizens.
- Promote healthy civic discourse toward the ideal of unity in diversity throughout society.
- Foster multi-sector collaboration to solve problems and build peace, stability, and prosperity.
- Establish pathways to peace and sustainable development on a national level.
- Foster greater civic engagement and participation in advancing shared national goals.
- Expand successful, holistic practices of peace and sustainable development to other nations.



Moral and Innovative Leadership

The framework of “moral and innovative leadership,” a signature priority of the Global Peace Foundation, is advanced and advocated in programs promoting good governance, community development, conflict resolution, educational innovation, women and youth empowerment, and multi-faith collaboration to benefit societies, nations, and ultimately the world.

Leadership is among the most important factors in defining the direction and success of human endeavors. Vision enables a leader to perceive what is possible, to look beyond the way things are and see how things could be. Transformational leaders embrace and model noble ideals and seek to create the proper precedents of how they may be manifested.

Technology and globalization are driving change at a breathtaking pace. Yet conflict and corruption still cripple human progress. Dramatically changing social norms, tensions among those of different ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds, and uncertainty about the future can lead to deep struggles about meaning, purpose, and identity—especially among youth.

To meet these challenges, moral leaders are guided by a vision that reflects the most fundamental human aspirations and conforms to universal spiritual principles that govern human life. A moral leader is someone who leads to serve, who leads through persuasion, and is guided by respect for ethical beliefs and values and for the dignity and rights of others.

Leadership is the quality to awaken in others the desire to follow a common objective. Innovative leaders look beyond convention and recognize the capacity of human creativity to address even the most intractable problems.

Global Peace Foundation Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon introduced the significance of moral and innovative leadership in a keynote address at the 2010 Global Peace Convention in Nairobi, noting “the urgency for a new generation of global leaders to make their mark in history. The deciding factor at such times is always moral and innovative leadership, on every level.”

Where We Work

The Global Peace Foundation in its field activities, in its educational initiatives, and in its regional and international conferences and conventions, affirms the common bonds and identity of all people, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or nationality.

With **initiatives in more than 20 nations**, the Global Peace Foundation is advancing multi-sector peacebuilding models as the basis for ethical, cohesive, and compassionate societies.

Americas

- Brazil
- Central America (regional)
- Guatemala
- Paraguay
- Uruguay
- United States

Africa

- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Tanzania
- Uganda

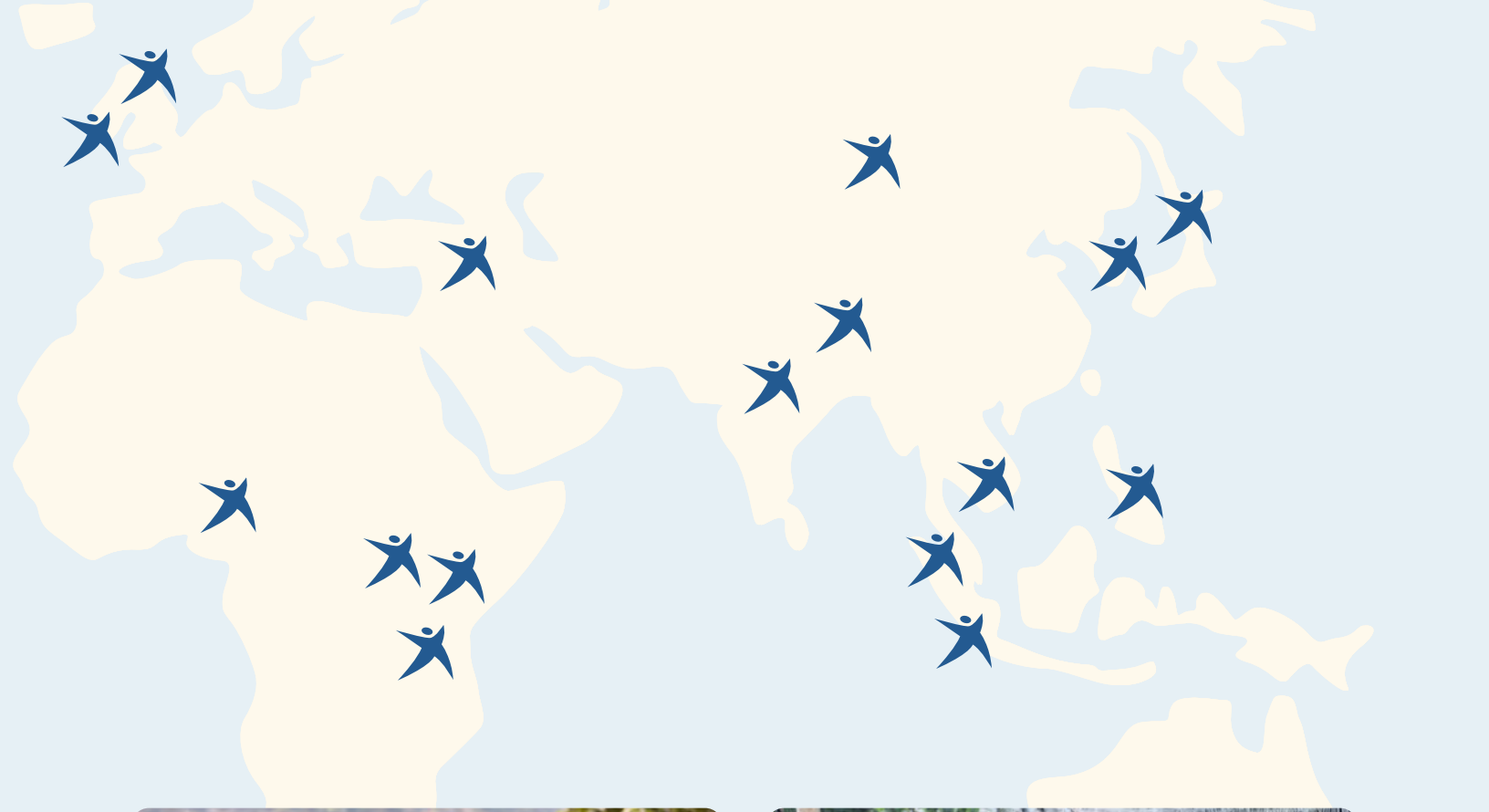
Asia


- Korea
- Japan
- Mongolia
- Philippines
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- India
- Nepal
- Cambodia
- Kurdish Iraq

Europe

- Ireland
- United Kingdom







In conflict zones as well as communities with longstanding divides, the Global Peace Foundation recognizes that effective peacebuilding initiatives require the full engagement and leadership of local stakeholders. GPF works with community members, faith leaders, and local officials on community-driven peacebuilding initiatives to establish dialogue, build trust, and forge lasting relationships by affirming **universally recognized principles and shared values**, which are the foundation for social cohesion on all levels of society.

Strengthening our shared identities and common aspirations as members of the human family establishes a basis to resolve identity-based conflict, often based on race, ethnicity, and religion. Engaging diverse local stakeholders with a **community-driven peacebuilding approach**, Global Peace Foundation facilitates understanding and reconciliation in communities disrupted by conflict and division.

Community Peacebuilding and Security



Community Peacebuilding Campaigns

The Global Peace Foundation has been working to address identity-based conflict and violence in Nigeria's Kaduna state since 2014.

Kaduna state has a long history of loyalties along religious, tribal, ethnic, political, and economic fault lines which have been turned into tools for polarization in recent years. Outbreaks of extremist violence, kidnappings, and property destruction have claimed many lives, displaced thousands of families, and undermined traditionally peaceful relations between Muslims and Christians.

With coordinated mediation meetings between community, tribal, and faith leaders, GPF's One Family under God campaign and other community peacebuilding efforts are rebuilding relationships and trust and advancing a path to sustainable peace based on shared principles and values among Christians and Muslims.

By patiently and respectfully listening to all sides, GPF is seen as a trusted collaborator in the peacebuilding process, which, in turn, allows the community to be open and forthcoming. Because of this earned trust, GPF can effectively consult without judgment and bias, helping all sides acknowledge the memories of others, encourage empathy, and change negative biases.

With the support of the U.S. State Department and Agency for International Development, GPF Nigeria has engaged Muslim and Christian leaders and traditional rulers, civil society groups, and community members, including women and youth who are vulnerable to violence, and helped them nurture connections and resiliency in their communities.

In May 2023 the **One Family under God Campaign for Peaceful Coexistence** began its ongoing radio campaign, which features two weekly 30-minute programs broadcast live via three radio stations. The program reaches an audience of some three million listeners across Kaduna, Nassarawa, Kogi, Niger, Plateau, Katsina, and Bauchi states as well as Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

Beginning in January 2022, GPF Nigeria conducted training workshops and peacebuilding activities in Nigeria's South-South region. Through consistent interventions, the region has seen a reduction in crimes, violence, and enmity among people of different faiths and ethnicities.

GPF Nigeria also partnered with the Kukah Centers, Christian Counseling of Nigeria, and others to help kidnapping victims and their families recover from trauma and resist engaging in a cycle of reprisals and counter-reprisal attacks.



GPF Nigeria is working to address identity-based conflict by supporting dialogue and reconciliation among Christians and Muslims and victims of violence.

Mitigating Election-related Conflict

Multi-party elections and constitutional democratic systems have emerged as the prevailing model of governance in much of post-colonial Africa. Yet economic inequities, political exploitation of ethnic rivalries, and repression in resolving election disputes have led to growing election-related violence across the continent.

According to a 2018 report by the Wilson Center, over 100 elections were held in 44 African countries between 2011 and 2017, with almost all elections witnessing violence during some stages.

The Global Peace Foundation works to promote responsible, informed citizenship and strengthen the underlying values that foster social cohesion, promote robust civic engagement, and respect for the dignity and essential rights and freedoms of all people. GPF has advanced grassroots efforts to bridge political and ethnic divisions and engage youth in regions witnessing some of the worst election-related violence in Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania.

In Kenya since 2008, GPF has initiated a series of grassroots projects, including volunteer environmental mobilizations, youth leadership training, and education stressing character and citizenship widely adopted in Kenya's public schools. GPF Kenya collaborated with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue on a nationwide election violence prevention campaign to encourage youth to be agents of peace. GPF Kenya worked to counter extremism and division online with a counter-narrative social media campaign, "We are all Kenyans," to bridge divides of tribal loyalties. The campaign collectively reached 4.4 million viewers, over 10 percent of Kenyans online.

Efforts to mitigate political violence have been an ongoing focus for GPF Nigeria. Staff and volunteers have organized regular programs, including peacebuilding workshops and a radio series, to advocate for engaged and peaceful participation during the elections.

GPF Nigeria received funding from Irish Aid to convene meetings with representatives of major Muslim and Christian coalitions, including the Kaduna State Christian Association of Nigeria and the Kaduna State Jama'atu Nasril Islam, as well as women and youth leaders.

Acts of violent extremism in Tanzania are often related to elections, when political tensions rise among radicalized young people. GPF Tanzania has supported peaceful elections with a workshop, *Amani Yetu, Uhai Wetu* ("Our Peace, Our Life"), and a door-to-door campaign, *Kura Yangu Amani Yangu* ("My Vote My Peace"), in Dar es salaam, Dodoma, Arusha, and the Cost region.



GPF has also supported the electoral process in Central America. The 2023 **Leadership Beyond Elections** forum for presidential candidates in Guatemala City offered a framework for a peaceful electoral process in a region with a history of repression and authoritarian governance.

Elections are often flashpoints of conflict in Africa. GPF is supporting social media campaigns and workshops in Kenya, Tanzania, and Nigeria to educate youth to respect the electoral process.

Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism*

Violence prevention specialists and community leaders share a common goal: protecting our communities and families from targeted violence and mass casualty events like school shootings or attacks motivated by hate towards ethnicity, race, gender, religion, or culture.

Preventing targeted violence requires empowering community members with resources and knowledge to help those who might be radicalizing to violence to get the wrap-around support they need before a violent act is committed. Engaging members of the community—including peers, teachers, law enforcement, and community leaders—is critical for empowering those who observe concerning behavior to identify and prevent radicalization to violence and hate-fueled attacks.

Safe Communities, Safer Youth

In a GPF project funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, community and faith leaders in Prince George’s County, Maryland, and surrounding Washington, DC metropolitan areas have undergone training to recognize risk factors for radicalization and ways to prevent targeted violence and all forms of terrorism.

GPF project directors conducted community partner briefings, awareness-raising sessions, train-the-trainer sessions, and a social media campaign to educate community and faith leaders about the vulnerability of youth to radicalization and the risk factors that can lead to targeted violence and terrorism.

Violence Prevention through Capacity Development

Global Peace Foundation is a sub-awardee and implementing partner of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management on a threat assessment project to raise awareness among organizations and individuals in human services and other fields of targeted violence or terrorism threats and resources to strengthen local capacity for prevention. The program includes referral services training for government officials, law enforcement, community leaders, faith leaders, youth organizations, health sectors, educators, social workers, and NGO representatives on radicalization and behavioral threat assessment.

Additionally, media literacy and online critical thinking workshops for college and university students are enhancing skills to spot dangerous narratives, encouraging source verification to challenge misinformation, and supporting greater understanding of how the internet is used to spread propaganda.



*Global Peace Foundation’s targeted violence and terrorism prevention programs in the United States are made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships, opportunity numbers DHS-21-TTP-132-00-01 and DHS-22-TTP-132-00-01



Safeguarding Civic Space While Countering Financing Terrorism

GPF Tanzania is building an inclusive and effective partnership between local non-profit organizations and national financial stakeholders for risk assessment and prevention of terrorism financing as part of critical **Countering Financing of Terrorism** efforts.

There are currently no organized efforts or collaboration among the financial sector, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies to address the risks of inadvertent or intentional financing of terrorism or promote accountability to preserve the integrity of the non-profit and financial sectors.

GPF Tanzania’s ongoing project, **Safeguarding Civic Space while Countering the Financing of Terrorism**, which is funded by the Global Centre for Cooperative Security, draws participation from thirty key organizations and individuals with equal representation of men and women. The group is also strategically made up of leaders from a wide age range and a representative of people with disabilities to highlight the project’s dedication to accessibility and inclusivity.

The training provides insights into mitigation and prevention strategies and highlights the potential compliance dividends that can be realized through effective measures to defund terrorist operations.

An assessment of participants before and after the training showed a significant increase in knowledge after completing the program, with some 86 percent of the participants found to be “very knowledgeable” after the training about the risk factors of terrorist financing abuse in the humanitarian NPO sector.



Opposite: GPF is working in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region, with funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to support community action and provide training on the risk factors for radicalization.

Above: GPF hosts programs in Tanzania to ensure funding of social programs is not diverted to support extremist groups.

GPF Tanzania, UNDP Support Youth Peacebuilding in Volatile South

Recognizing the critical role that young people play in peacebuilding, GPF Tanzania is collaborating with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Prime Minister's Office to assist youth in meeting the unique challenges they face from peer groups and other social pressures.

GPF Tanzania and UNDP launched the *Vijana Na Amani 255* (Youth and Peace) campaign in May 2022 to provide peacebuilding education to youth, who constitute some 60 percent of the population in Tanzania. The campaign seeks to counter the threat of radicalization in the southern region bordering Mozambique through education, sensitization and leadership training, and entrepreneurship capacity building.

“Extreme poverty and gaps in the education sector have led to high rates of school dropouts,” according to a UNDP report on the project. “The economic environment is challenging, marked by a lack of information about available opportunities for young people. These challenges combined with other vulnerabilities have created a breeding ground for extremist groups to influence and recruit young people.”

The project's main activity, “to empower youth, address insecurity and prevent violent extremism, is carried out by peace clubs at schools and colleges,” the UNDP report said. “At the clubs, young people learn about peace and security concerns in their area, build capacity to tackle dis- and misinformation, and enhance social cohesion by encouraging exchanges with religious leaders, local authorities, and members of the community.”

GPF Tanzania is also partnering with the Prime Minister's Office of the government of Tanzania to support the *Dumisha Amani* Project, engaging community members in building resilience and preventing violent extremism in the southern border regions.

With an increasing need to counter the threat of violent extremism, the *Dumisha Amani* Project acknowledges the inherent strength and ability of youth, especially young women and girls. As a result, eleven peace dividend projects and four youth digital information centers have been developed by the country's young people in multiple locations adjacent to Mozambique's border.

The *Dumisha Amani* Project is funded by UNDP and showcases the growing partnership between GPF and the government of Tanzania.



“I had a limited understanding of what peacebuilding means before participating in these sessions. I used to believe that creating and maintaining peace was the sole duty of security institutions, like the army and police.”

Yusuph Mohamed

Student, Mbuyuni Secondary School in Mtwara

Multicultural Festivals Promote Peace and Social Cohesion

Globalization has led to growing cultural diversity among formerly homogeneous societies. Increasing travel, international commerce, and migration have presented challenges and opportunities among both host societies and emigrating people. The dynamics of this interaction can determine whether cultural groups remain segregated or integrate, whether societies are enriched by diversity or develop racial or ethnic fault lines that engender social inequalities and conflict.

Two island nations with strong nationalist traditions, Japan and Ireland, are adapting to growing cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity because of intermarriage, low birth rates, and more relaxed immigration policies. Since 2015, Global Peace Foundation Japan has sponsored the Multicultural One Family Festival to support immigrant populations as well as minority Korean, Chinese, and Filipino peoples who call Japan home.

GPF Ireland offered support for the annual Africa Day events as part of its commitment to strengthen communities, break down cultural barriers and empower Africans and other diaspora communities. The festival and celebration highlight the role of African migrants in Ireland and particularly the contributions of African migrants to the socio-economic development of Ireland.

GPF has sponsored peace festivals in the Philippines, Kenya, Paraguay, Indonesia, and Nigeria, showcasing cultural celebration and cross-cultural service as a “soft power” approach to mitigating conflict and as a strategic tool to create space for reconciliation across religious and ethnic divides in regions beset by conflict.



Supporting ‘Unity in Diversity’ in Indonesia

Indonesia’s guiding national philosophy of Pancasila, or “Unity in Diversity,” has played an important role in unifying a diverse population under common spiritual and ethical principles. GPF Indonesia’s signature **Peace!Project** helps Muslims, Catholics, Protestants, Hindus, Buddhists, Confucianists, and many other local beliefs develop a deeper understanding of their own and other religions and the values they all share in order to foster respect and friendship.

The annual **U-Gen Summit**, co-sponsored by GPF Indonesia and Citra Institute, hosts a youth-led “united generation” advancing aspirations of peacebuilding for the country. The 2023 U-Gen Summit welcomed students and professors from seven Indonesian campuses and underscored that the values of Pancasila can be applied not only in Indonesia but also in the world.



Opposite: GPF Tanzania is partnering with UNDP and the Prime Minister’s Office to provide peacebuilding education to youth in the southern border region.

Left and above: Festivals in Japan and Ireland and youth programs in Indonesia support peace in diverse societies.

Cross-Community Reconciliation: Bridging Divisions in U.S. Cities

Many cities across the United States are a complex rich mix of racial, ethnic, and religious communities. *E pluribus unum* (“out of many, one”), a motto on the Great Seal of the United States and adopted by the Continental Congress in June 1782, envisions a republic comprised of many peoples, united as Americans.

Yet historically, the stain of slavery, the Jim Crow era that institutionalized racial discrimination, and displacement and mistreatment of Native Americans during the nation’s westward expansion have had lasting repercussions in minority communities that continue to this day.

Underscoring the capacity of a self-governing constitutional republic to correct historical wrongs, the U.S. government, with public support, has taken necessary steps to advance a more free and just society, including the abolition of slavery with the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment (1865), Supreme Court rulings that rejected “separate but equal” justifications for discrimination (1954); the Civil Rights movement that led to the landmark Civil Rights Act (1964), and state and federal legislative actions addressing the rights of indigenous peoples.

But laws and restitution cannot by themselves resolve the impact of generational injustice. Neither can it rectify the abuse of power in the enforcement of laws. The healing of historical injustice is always complicated, yet understanding and learning from history is essential. Reconciliation is possible step by step as we work together to raise our ethical standards for a better future for our children and our children’s children. Community-driven peacebuilding brings out the humanity, empathy, and compassion needed to come to a resolution.

In partnership with Co-operation Ireland, Global Peace Foundation launched the Cross-Community Engagement (CCE) pilot program in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 2016. The CCE approach in Jersey City, part of the New York metropolitan region, was based on Cooperation Ireland’s thirty-year history of working with Protestant and Catholic communities. The project model was adapted to fit a diverse, urban U.S. context.

Based on the CCE model, GPF USA advanced a transformative project, infused with GPF’s core.

GPF’s Cross Community Engagement in Baltimore and the New York metropolitan region and reconciliation work among Native American peoples in Montana are reducing tensions and building bridges of understanding.

peacebuilding approach, entitled Cross-Community Reconciliation (CCR), first introduced in October 2019 in Billings, Montana, to bridge divisions, reduce racial discrimination, and increase empathy and understanding in Montana territories that are home to twelve tribal nations. The ongoing project fosters friendships across racial identities and changes perceptions that once stalled collaboration between Native and non-Native groups.

The CCR project is a collaborative effort of GPF, Riverstone Health, and the Native American Development Corporation among others. Participants later launched a podcast, “Unspoken Words: A Native Podcast,” to address issues in the indigenous community.



Baltimore Cross-Community Engagement Project

Sponsored by the Global Peace Foundation in partnership with Project Pneuma, a Baltimore-based non-profit, the Baltimore Cross-Community Engagement Project seeks to reduce racial discrimination, increase empathy and understanding, build bridges, strengthen relationships, and build confidence in our communities.

Program session topics included “Building the Foundation,” “The Art of Dialogue/Discourse,” “Drawing the Circle Wider,” “Our Shared Humanity/Identity,” “Our Neighborhoods,” “Ingredients for Resilience,” “What Does Race Mean to You” and the final session, “Call to Action.”

GPF is partnering with the United Way of Central Maryland in 2024 to convene the next phase of the project.



PeaceHub Campaign Study Series

The **PeaceHub Campaign** is a public awareness and educational program, uniquely designed for communities. The program is based on the Community-Driven Peacebuilding Series, an interactive program designed to foster understanding, respect, and social cohesion among diverse peoples and communities. It explores the root causes of potential conflict as well as principles and values that are broadly shared among the world’s faith and wisdom traditions and provides the basis for peace with case studies of community-driven peacebuilding.

This self-directed Study Series is designed for study groups, men’s groups, youth groups, women’s groups, and faith-based houses of worship. The four sessions underscore our shared human identity and foster an ethical awareness that all people belong to one human family.

The study program affirms the natural desire for social connections and belonging, while exploring the dangers of excessive identification with a particular group. Just as we value unique qualities among family members, so the diversity of the human family can be an enriching source of strength and a basis for mutual respect and peace.

Once a group completes this training, it becomes a “PeaceHub,” a local resource to address sources of conflict and problems in the community. PeaceHubs cultivate social cohesion and peace by bringing diverse stakeholders together to collaborate on social innovation and civic projects.

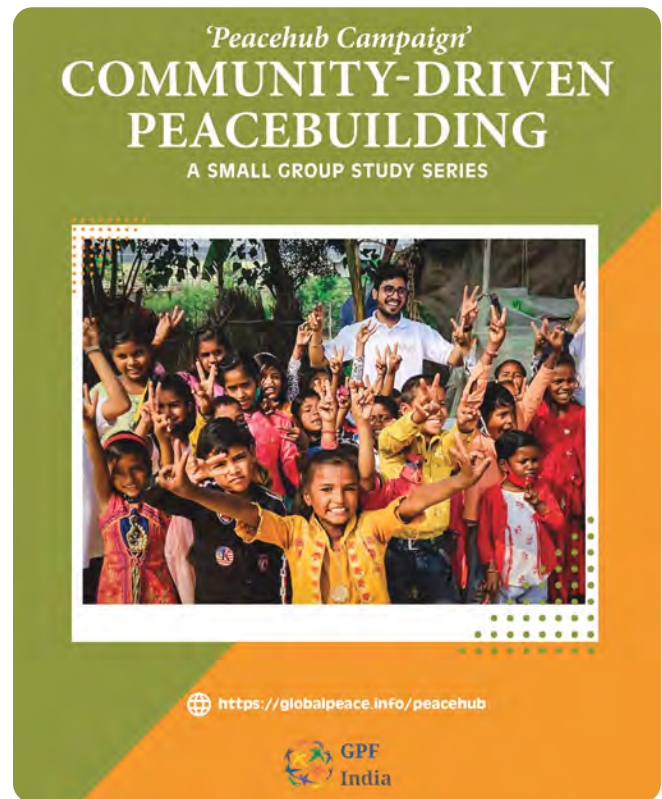
The four sessions collected within the workbook are focused on the mindset and work of peacebuilding on a grassroots level. Peacebuilding activities address the root causes or potential causes of violence and create a societal expectation for peaceful conflict resolution and social cohesion. This is education or training to cultivate a desire, vision, and understanding of peace, peace in our hearts,



in our families, our neighborhoods, in our communities, and in our nations.

This group process provides tools and mechanisms for resolving conflict, reducing potential violence, increasing social cohesion, and furthering a harmonious future for our children. The training builds social cohesion by educating citizens to be vigilant, aware, and able to promote peace and resolve conflicts within neighborhoods and the larger community.

With support from GPF India, the PeaceHub Campaign has been adapted to address many of the ethnic, religious, and caste-based challenges that lead to conflict and division in Indian society.





Free and Unified Korea



A Korean-led, Globally Supported Movement for Unification

The volatile state of the Korean peninsula, the global security threat posed by a nuclear-armed North, the civil and human rights violations committed by the North Korean regime, and the unfinished work of self-determination for the Korean people make Korean reunification an urgent international priority today.

Since 2010 the Global Peace Foundation has been promoting a Korean-led, globally supported unification movement for a free and unified Korea that is nuclear-free and upholds freedom, democratic values, the rule of law, and human rights as an urgent, not a distant goal, based on the shared identity and cultural heritage of the Korean people.

A Korean-led Movement for a Free and Unified Korea



Since 2010, Global Peace Foundation has been advancing a comprehensive approach to resolving the division on the peninsula, based on the unifying ideal of Hongik Ingan, “to live for the greater benefit of humanity,” that has guided the Korean people throughout their history.

As a lead organizer of Action for Korea United (AKU), a coalition of more than 1,000 civil society organizations, GPF Korea has been supporting diverse public education and humanitarian campaigns, and building a popular movement in South Korea engaging grassroots community leaders, K-pop stars, artists, and noted public figures.

“Korean-led” involves the efforts of the two Korean governments but, more importantly, the active engagement and leadership of the Korean people. The Korean people – in the South, North, and diaspora – are the most important stakeholders and should be the driving force in the movement for unification.

In October 2023, citizens assembled across South Korea for unification festivals to commemorate Korean National Foundation Day. Sponsored by the Global Peace Foundation, the ROK Ministry of Unification, Peaceful Unification Advisory Council, Seoul Metropolitan Government, and Taekwonship, the **2023 Korean Dream Festa for Korea United** launched in Seoul, with festivals also hosted in Gyeongnam, Daejeon, Busan, Chungnam, Gwangju, Jeonbuk, and Daegu.

A total of some 100,000 citizens participated in the nationwide events with the aim of realizing a unified Korean nation, which can contribute to world peace.



The 2023 festival is part of the larger **2025 Korean Dream 10 Million Campaign**, a citizen-led grassroots unification campaign to advance peaceful unification through mass mobilization of Koreans and global supporters. The program will culminate in the 80th anniversary of Korean independence on August 15, 2025. Organizers are working to engage one million participants in 2024 and ten million in 2025.

Korean Diaspora Support

Ethnic Koreans living abroad represent an important voice to bring attention to the cause of Korean reunification and North Korean human rights abuses. During the 1919 Korean Independence Movement, the Korean diaspora played a critical role in drawing global support and articulating the ideals of a new nation. Likewise today, ethnic Koreans living abroad can be a powerful force in the work of building a united, free, and just Korea.

Alliance for Korea United (AKU) USA is a coalition of Korean American organizations and individuals advancing the cause for a united Korea that fulfills the historic ideals and aspirations of the Korean people. There are some 1.7 million ethnic Koreans living in the United States, the second largest Korean diaspora population after China.

AKU USA has joined with the Global Peace Foundation as a sponsor and partner for forums, education programs, policy initiatives, and community engagement projects. AKU USA works to build consensus and support for a unified Korea, to strengthen the long-standing partnership between ROK and USA, and to deepen the bonds of friendship connecting the Korean and American peoples.

Action for Korea United Japan represents Korean diaspora communities in Japan committed to Korean reunification. Among the largest diaspora communities, Japanese Koreans have brought international attention to North Korean abductions and human rights abuses.

GPF Korea, AKU, and other partners are expanding efforts to build consensus among Koreans for peaceful unification through a host of projects. The 2023 **Unification Practice Leaders Conference, New Civilization Unification of the Korean Peninsula, and Korean Dream Crew Exhibition Team** seek to build citizen participation to realize the Korean Dream.

The **Unification Practice Professors Association and Korean Dream Literary Association** support efforts to cultivate next-generation talent in advance of the future integration of the two Koreas. **Diaspora Peace Forums** also host historic site and cultural heritage tours for expatriate Koreans to expand and develop a national unification movement.



Korean Dream: A Vision for a Unified Korea

GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon's 2014 *Korean Dream: A Vision for a Unified Korea* presents the division of Korea in historical context and outlines a groundbreaking approach for reunification that transcends the Cold War framework and places Korea's destiny not as a struggle of great powers but in the hands of the Korean people.

Dr. Moon offers a paradigm for peaceful unification rooted in the founding principles and national identity that have made Koreans one people for millennia.

The centennial edition commemorating the March 1, 1919, Korean Independence Movement was published in English and Korean and updated with a new section chronicling the ongoing work around the world since the publication of the first edition. This vision is inspiring a global, Korean-led citizen movement for the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula.

Opposite: Public rallies and lectures in the Korean diaspora community build support for unification.



Other ways of engaging Korean young leaders and professionals include a national student unification security paper contest, Global Korean Dream Postcard Illustration Exhibition, and training of unification education instructors for the next generation. The Korean Artists Association also presented a **Unification Exhibition** to express the shared vision of a unified homeland.

In addition, the *Korean Dream* magazine covers major news, opinion, and interviews that highlight the opportunities, as well as the obstacles, to advancing the process of a free and united Korea.



Major Media Report ‘Korea’s Unification Best Solution for Stable Northeast Asia’

Global Peace Foundation Chairman Hyun Jin P. Moon is widely recognized as a leading advocate of peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula. Korean and international news agencies have favorably reported on GPF conferences, rallies, and cultural events supporting a free and united Korea. The *Korea Times*, Yonhap News Agency, *Asia Times*, *Weekly Donga*, *Korea Daily*, *Korea Economic Daily*, *Radio Free Asia*, and *VOA Korea* have led with supporting reports of GPF’s One Korea Global Campaign, including, “Korean Dream: towards a Unified Korea,” “Korean Unification Movement Launched at National Assembly,” and “Thousands Gather in Seoul to Support Korean Unification.”

In an October 2023 interview with the *Korea Times* and other news agencies in Seoul, the GPF chairman said, “World leaders are now realizing that the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula is the only and the best way to deal with the nuclear proliferation issue, as well as the destabilization in Northeast Asia.”

Left: Grassroots efforts, art exhibitions, rallies, and academic forums support Korean-led unification efforts.

Opposite: Global support is critical for the unification process.

A Global Movement for a Free and Unified Korea

International consensus led to the end of apartheid in South Africa and has contributed to progress in major areas such as sustainable development, poverty eradication, national independence, and human rights.

To build global consensus for Korean reunification as a path for peace, human rights, and expanded prosperity in the region, GPF has been a lead organizer of the One Korea Global Campaign.

The campaign has been promoting international support for a free and united Korea as a urgent priority, building upon the common language and shared history and cultural heritage of Koreans living in the North and South.

Global Peace Foundation has co-convened international conferences on the challenges and opportunities of Korean unification, as well as supported educational and humanitarian campaigns and civil society partnerships to bridge divisions and raise awareness of approaches to, and significant implications of a free and unified Korea.



International Forum on One Korea

Over the past decade, the Global Peace Foundation, Action for Korea United, and partners have been consistently promoting international support for nuclear-free and Korean-led peaceful unification.

The International Forum on One Korea is an ongoing symposia working to build global consensus for Korean-led peaceful unification that transcends political division and ultimately disengages the Korean peninsula from Great Power rivalries.

During these dedicated convenings Korean National Assembly members, U.S. congressional leaders, international diplomats, Korea experts, and human rights advocates examine geopolitical obstacles and opportunities for reunification of the Korean peninsula and advance policy proposals for regional and global security.

Today the world faces dramatically new circumstances, such as the intensifying US-China relations, destabilizing wars in Ukraine and Israel/Palestine, and South Korea's polarizing political divisions. These new circumstances can have far-reaching social, economic, and geopolitical consequences impacting the global order and point to the need for a new and more comprehensive approach to advance the agenda of a free and unified Korea.

Human rights experts and North Korean escapees also bring attention to the brutal realities of repression, starvation, imprisonment, and executions of Koreans living in the North. The forums call for an international “human rights up-front” approach to pressure the North Korean regime to observe fundamental human rights protocols.

Scholars from Russia, China, Japan, Mongolia, the European Union, and the United States also analyze the economic implications of unification. Despite short-term challenges of integrating different economic systems, experts say unification presents many dividends, including access to untapped natural resources in the North, an expanded workforce and market to support the South's dynamic industry, and commercial development with an economic corridor linking the Korean peninsula with China, Russia, and Southeast Asia.

In addition to recent International Forum on One Korea convenings in Washington, Seoul, and New Delhi, dedicated sessions on security, human rights, and economic development were hosted both virtually and in-person during the 2023 Global Peace Convention in Manila.

Policy makers, Korea experts, and human rights advocates stress the urgency of resolving the division of the Korean peninsula.



GPF Hosts North Korean Young Leaders Assembly in Washington, New York

North Korean escapees shared harrowing experiences of repression and human rights abuses with policymakers and diplomats in meetings in Washington, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia, hosted by the Global Peace Foundation.

The September 2023 North Korean Young Leaders Assembly sought to inform policymakers about the realities of DPRK human rights violations and urge more robust international action to help protect fundamental rights in the DPRK.

“Today, I met with young North Korean defectors who suffered under Pyongyang’s human rights violations and abuses,” said U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield in a statement on social media. “I am humbled by their courage and thankful for their continued human rights advocacy. The Security Council cannot be silent on this matter of international peace and security any longer.”

The escapees testified to more than 90 diplomats and staff from different countries at a roundtable hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to the United Nations. The North Korean delegation also visited U.S. Senate and congressional offices, met with the director of the Korean Peninsula at the White House National Security Council, and shared insights with officials from the U.S. Department of State.

For the first time in six years, the issue of North Korean human rights was reintroduced in the UN Security Council in August 2023. Both U.S. and ROK ambassadors mentioned the delegation in their statements and urged UN members to play a responsible role within the UN with respect to North Korean human rights violations.



Mongolia Forum on Northeast Asian Peaceful Development and Korean Unification

Mongolian and South Korean parliamentarians, international diplomats, and Korea experts examined lessons of Mongolia’s experience since its peaceful separation from the Soviet bloc in early 1990, transition to a market economy, and adoption of a new constitution in 1992.

The Mongolia Forum on Northeast Asian Peaceful Development and Korean Unification convened in June 2023 to explore Mongolia’s role as a developing, non-aligned, democratic nation in the region.

Commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of Mongolia’s nuclear-weapon-free status, the forum underscored the significance of the nation’s peaceful relations with both North and South Korea, as well as China, Russia, Japan, and the United States. Mongolia thus can play a significant diplomatic role in advancing prospects for a free and united Korea and for peace in the region.



Left: North Korean escapees in Washington describe the hardships of living under the North Korean regime.

Above: Mongolia can play an important role in advancing peace in the region.



Freedom of Conscience, Belief, and Religion



The right to freedom of conscience, belief, and religion stands as the cornerstone of all human rights, encapsulating the core values of human dignity and autonomy. Preserving this fundamental freedom indicates a society’s commitment to safeguarding all other human rights; conversely, if this right is jeopardized, it signals a broader threat to individual rights and liberties, regardless of where one lives or station in society.

Through its **Freedom of Conscience, Belief, and Religion initiatives**, the Global Peace Foundation has developed and implemented numerous multilateral strategies to educate and raise awareness about these fundamental rights, and advocate for solutions to international religious freedom violations and domestic religious liberty transgressions.

Freedom of Conscience, Belief, and Religion



Global Peace Foundation has collaborated with human rights and religious freedom advocates to raise awareness of growing religious persecution around the world and advocate for robust governmental policies to protect freedom of conscience and worship.

These initiatives encompass a dynamic array of forums, roundtables, and international summits hosted in Guatemala, Brazil, Costa Rica, Panama, Poland, Nigeria, Taiwan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Notable efforts included the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in the UK, the FoRB Europe initiative, the Guatemalan Religious Freedom Roundtable hosted by President Alejandro Giammattei, the International Religious Freedom Summit-Taiwan, and efforts in Afghanistan that assisted the persecuted following the reemergence of the Taliban regime, partnering with countries like the U.S., UAE, Poland, Germany, and Brazil to relocate over six hundred families.

International Religious Freedom

Passionately advocating for worldwide religious freedom, the Global Peace Foundation fosters important partnerships and closely collaborates with the International Religious Freedom (IRF) Secretariat. Global Peace Foundation Vice President of Religious Freedom Initiatives Dr. Paul Murray plays a significant role serving as their board vice chair and chairman of the **Global Academic Council** and holds pivotal roles with the weekly Washington, DC-based IRF Roundtables, IRF Summits, and regional IRF Secretariats along with incubating country-specific roundtables.

These initiatives facilitate gatherings of NGO representatives, key U.S. officials, members of Congress, and international experts to deliberate on religious freedom issues and jointly advocate for enhancing and protecting religious liberty worldwide.

In June 2022, the Global Peace Foundation joined more than 70 international human rights and religious freedom organizations as co-conveners at the **2022 International Religious Freedom (IRF) Summit** in Washington.

The summit highlighted significant bipartisan agreement on the issue of international religious freedom, with featured speakers that included Biden-administration ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom Rashad Hussain, U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and former Trump administration Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Dr. Paul Murray served as moderator for the first-ever Civil Society Congress convened on June 28. Delegates of organizations and religious communities presented difficult accounts of religious and ethnic repression around the world, including Christian, Uighur Muslim, Tibetan Buddhist, and Falun Gong adherents in China, who have specifically been targeted for “organ harvesting” by the Chinese government.

“As religious freedom continues to decline around the world,” Dr. Murray told the summit, “the civil society community is well positioned to provide insight and creativity in reversing the negative trends. For the first time in history, the international religious freedom movement is providing solutions from an exceptionally diverse religious perspective.”

The Global Peace Foundation has worked for more than a decade in Nigeria to counter extremism and identity-based conflict through grassroots engagement of Muslim and Christian faith leaders and traditional rulers.

Nigerian Christian and Muslim leaders who have worked closely with GPF and its One Family under God Campaign presented sobering accounts of ongoing conflicts that target Christian leaders and communities, as well promising advances in areas where extremism and violence have cost lives and disrupted communities.

“Nigeria faces an existential challenge because of the narrow identities of politics, ethnicity, wrong interpretation of religion, and corruption,” said Bishop Sunday Onuoha, Founder and President of Vision of Africa and executive director of Nigerian Interfaith Action Association.

The summit concluded with the signing by Nigerian faith leaders of the “**Declaration for a Peaceful and Secure Nigeria**,” condemning the use of violence and coercion “to spread or hinder political or religious views and identities, or to demean ethnic, regional or tribal affiliations.”

The Declaration called for “a necessary and ongoing dialogue [that] must be inclusive and open to an expanding number of stakeholders to ensure that all voices are heard and government will be based on mutual consensus and respect, as well as protection of individual rights.”

Opposite: The International Religious Freedom Summit highlighted ongoing threats to fundamental rights.

Right: Nigerian religious leaders report on worsening conflict and condemned the use of violence to target people of faith.



“Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion... [and] to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.”

UN Declaration of Human Rights 1948

Korea International Religious Freedom Roundtable

The Korea International Religious Freedom Roundtable was launched in Seoul, South Korea in 2019. Protections for religious freedom are virtually nonexistent in North Korea. As noted in the 2014 UN Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, “There is almost complete denial of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, as well as the right to freedom of opinion, expression, information and association.”

The UN inquiry noted that the regime in North Korea continued to arrest, physically abuse, and execute individuals engaged in almost any religious activities. The inaugural roundtable included high-level escapees from North Korea and previously incarcerated pastors, university professors, government representatives, and civic leaders. A second Korea International Religious Freedom Roundtable was held in 2021 as part of the virtual Global Peace Convention.

GPF representatives joined the IRF Summit in Taipei in September 2023, highlighting Taiwan’s role as a leader in the region for religious freedom. The Summit held discussions addressing ongoing crises in Nigeria, Inner Mongolia, India, China, and North Korea.

U.S. First Amendment Voice Alliance

The First Amendment Voice Alliance seeks to encourage Americans to understand and exercise their First Amendment rights and responsibilities as self-governing citizens through a collaborative campaign of education, awareness, and advocacy. The Global Peace Foundation served as an incubator for the First Amendment Voice Alliance and continues to work with the Alliance on its vital programs.

The First Amendment Voice Alliance has launched a comprehensive national campaign that reaffirms and promotes U.S. First Amendment rights and responsibilities. The Alliance is addressing issues and policies affecting First Amendment rights; building a broad pluralistic constituency of citizens, regardless of religion, race, culture, or socio-economic background; and demonstrating through grassroots solutions the power of self-governing ethical citizens engaged in solving problems facing our communities.

Top: Rev. Kenneth Bae, the longest-held American in North Korea, addresses the religious freedom roundtable.

Below: First Amendment advocates meet in Philadelphia.



Religious Freedom Protections

Leaders from GPF have actively engaged with the **White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships** during their monthly meetings, advocating for religious freedom protections in the public square and have participated in a non-partisan capacity throughout the last four U.S. administrations.

GPF engagement and meetings with governors, faith-based organizations, and community leaders have played a crucial role addressing religious liberty issues at both the state and national levels. These ongoing conversations seek to foster mutual understanding, build bridges of cooperation, and enable the formulation of efforts that strike a balance between upholding individual freedoms and meeting societal needs.

As societal values change, religious rights must be neither marginalized nor misused. Engaging key stakeholders ensures that diverse perspectives are considered, potential conflicts are anticipated, and solutions are crafted in a way that respects the fundamental right of religious liberty while addressing emerging challenges.



Educating Emerging Leaders on Religious Freedom and Human Rights

The Global Peace Foundation plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of religious freedom and human rights advocacy through its religious freedom internship program. Recognizing the importance of nurturing young talent, an internship provides unparalleled opportunities nationwide for rising undergraduate and graduate students. These students, representing diverse backgrounds, faiths, and disciplines, are given a unique platform to engage directly with global challenges, work alongside leading experts, and contribute to projects that have a tangible impact on communities worldwide.

Building coalitions and partnerships is critical to ensure fundamental rights are widely recognized and protected.

By partnering with academic institutions, policymakers, and grassroots organizations, the Global Peace Foundation ensures that the internship program is practically relevant and academically rigorous. Students are exposed to a blend of theoretical learning, fieldwork, and policy-driven advocacy.

GPF's extensive network and reputation for championing multi-faith engagement and advocacy places interns at the forefront of global efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights. This harmonious blend of practical experience and academic enrichment ensures that the next generation of advocates is well-informed and deeply committed to the cause. These invaluable opportunities are provided by the Global Peace Foundation's Religious Freedom Initiatives.



GPF partners with academic institutions, policymakers, and grassroots organizations to support global efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights.



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Transforming Education



Transforming Education is a GPF initiative that highlights the pivotal role of educators, institutions, and policymakers as catalysts for change through the transformation of people, not structures.

For more than a decade, the Global Peace Foundation has been engaging educators to integrate character and creativity, entrepreneurship, and twenty-first century workplace skills into school culture. GPF believes that quality education is a powerful tool to create cohesive communities. Empowering teachers, administrators,

and students with the knowledge, tools, and values that allow them to thrive in diverse environments is a building block of peaceful societies.

Ministries of Education in the Philippines, Kenya, and Uganda, and growing networks of educators in India and Brazil, have endorsed the vision to transform education in the Global South by the target goal of 2050, ensuring that holistic and moral character development becomes the cornerstone of education, preparing future generations to thrive and cultivate meaningful and purposeful civilizations.

Transforming Education: A New Paradigm



Education in the twenty-first century stands at a crossroads. From Africa to Asia and South America, educational models that once stressed values, character, and civic responsibility have been displaced by a factory-like school system based on knowledge acquisition, rote memorization, obedience, and uniformity.

This nineteenth-century model, driven by the workforce demands of the Industrial Revolution, often undermined family traditions and values, languages, and character-centric practices essential to moral development that early education once was founded on.

Transforming Education seeks to reforge the connection between education and its original moral and community-oriented foundations of character and values, which are essential for leadership and innovation in today's interconnected and rapidly changing society. The skills and knowledge young people acquire must also be relevant to the evolving workplace and enable them to become innovators, thinkers, team builders, and problem-solvers.

Foundation of Character

Character, conscience, vision, values, and guiding principles are all imperative in personal development and the advancement of a peaceful, cohesive, and just society. Vision acts as a binding force among people, while universal principles provide a foundation supporting this vision and a consistent reference for virtuous human conduct across diverse cultures.

If core universal principles serve as the “North Star,” then conscience acts as the internal compass steering the choices and decisions that align with the foundational principles.

Education should begin a transformational journey where learners grasp the weight of guiding principles, discern the role of their conscience, and remain dedicated to consistent character development to discover purpose and meaning in their personal lives, society, nation, and world.

Transforming Education is a journey, guided by character and conscience, where values of empathy, resilience, and innovation are meticulously instilled by educators, families, and social networks.

Transforming Education in the Global South: Toward 2050

With some 1.8 billion young people worldwide between the ages of 10 and 24, and nearly 90 percent living in the Global South, educators have an urgent responsibility and opportunity to meet the present needs of youth and to guide the aspirations of the world's future leaders.

The Global Peace Foundation's latest initiative, **Transforming Education in the Global South: Toward 2050** (TEGS: 2050) supports the holistic development of both educators and students. This approach not only addresses the evolving needs of society but also promotes the comprehensive growth of educators into moral and innovative leaders who model good character.

Collaborating for Values-Driven Education

TEGS: 2050 is a blueprint for educational transformation through the transformation of people, including educators, parents, policymakers, and communities, all collaborating to weave the principles of holistic development and values-driven education back into schools with moral and innovative leadership and character development.

This approach is actively developing in regional educational institution models specifically tailored to address the unique challenges and needs of the Global South. In 2022 and 2023, ground-breaking national-level advancements were achieved in the Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, and India. These efforts were advanced in major educator workshops, trainings, and congresses, collectively convening more than 1,000 educators and institutional leaders across the Global South—all dedicated to furthering the mission of TEGS: 2050.

In April 2023, Global Peace Foundation hosted the Global Peace Leadership Conference, **“Transforming Education for the Future: Character, Creativity, Mindset, and Skills,”** in New Delhi. The conference followed a 2022 UN Transforming Education Summit that cited a “global crisis” in the quality and relevance of education. Panelists across three sessions in New Delhi set forth essential priorities for educators.

GPF's education initiative, **Transforming Education in the Global South: Toward 2050**, seeks to renew the the focus of education on the development of character.



- **Incorporate** a student-centric approach to education focusing on personal and skill development and acquisition of knowledge.
- **Promote** inclusive education for economically disadvantaged youth and students with disabilities.
- **Encourage** experiential learning that builds compassion and promotes socio-emotional and cognitive development.
- **Emphasize** activity-based learning that integrates the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals into education to inspire students to promote sustainability.

GPF Kenya is a main organizer for the **Great Places to School (GPTS)** program, a research-based rating system that identifies both primary and high schools whose innovative learning environment and overall school culture contribute to the development of the holistic child.

GPTS is equivalent to an annual report card that provides accurate, objective, and transparent information about the performance of individual schools that is not easily available anywhere else.

The GPTS project assists parents in choosing a school for their children through comprehensive reports comparing local schools and their unique features that contribute to nurturing a holistic student. The third Great Places to School Gala in January 2023 conferred awards in eleven categories.

GPF Kenya's 2023 **Transforming Education Summit and Awards** program recognized exemplary educators who experienced exceptional personal transformation through ongoing holistic development training. Inspired by the educators' workshops, administrators and school faculty are gaining support to help their students further integrate lifelong character and holistic development into all levels of education to raise future ready generations guided by values and character.

As the transformation journey progresses, the change in educators and students begins to appear in the institutional culture, methodologies, and technology applications. The narrative transitions from a solely academic focus to a people-centered approach, where the emphasis is on preparing students for real-world challenges and future prospects. As educators evolve into effective leaders through personal growth and character development, they become the torchbearers of change through those they positively influence.

Supporters of the summit included the Kenya Ministry of Education, Standard Group PLC, SKY Girls Kenya, Oracle, World Vision Kenya, eMobilis Mobile Technology Institute, UNESCO, and Plan International Academy.



To change the purpose and mindset of education TEGS: 2050 prioritizes educating a whole generation, not just students in one school. By working together across different regions in the Global South, educational leaders can share resources and knowledge, and learn from each other to promote the holistic development of educators and students alike.

Using project-based learning in schools can help students solve real-world problems and become innovators. Also, digital platforms can create global classrooms, breaking down geographical barriers and promoting learning together from different parts of the world.

Educating for Peace

GPF believes that quality education is a powerful tool to create peaceful societies. Empowering teachers, administrators, and students with the knowledge, tools, and values that allow them to live in diverse communities is a building block of peaceful societies.

The years 2022 and 2023 saw milestone achievements to advance TEGS: 2050 in the Philippines. The Department of Education in Region 3 adopted the model and coined it “UKIT MARANGAL.” The three-phase program included a Training of Trainers attended by 100 leaders throughout the region; specialized sessions for higher educational institutions in September 2023; the Philippines November 2023 Summit with St. Paul University; and the November 2023 Transforming Education Forum, gathering some 2,500 educators in the Philippines alone.

Addressing the 2023 Global Peace Convention in Manila, GPF Vice President for Education Dr. Tony Devine presented education policy recommendations that he previously introduced during the C20 webinar in April 2023 and in earlier working groups hosted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Dr. Devine said education must:

- **Invest** in transformative competencies: character and values, growth mindset, skills and relationships, and new knowledge.
- **Align** education curricula at all levels to match societal needs and workforce.
- **Engage** cross-sector stakeholders (Ecosystem Approach) to support continuous professional development to improve the quality of education.

Moving towards 2024 and beyond, continued emphasis on moral and innovative leadership training for educators will play a vital role in realizing the TEGS: 2050 vision. These efforts are not only important for the Philippines but also serve as a model for the Global South, demonstrating the power of education to foster resilient, ethical, and innovative leaders which paves the way for continued purpose-driven work and impact in nations such as Kenya, Uganda, India, Paraguay, and Brazil.

Opposite: Transforming Education Summits in Kenya and Nigeria emphasized character, creativity, and leadership skills.

Right: GPF education initiatives are expanding nationwide in Nigeria and in the Philippines, with support from the Philippines Ministry of Education.





Families and Women in Peacebuilding



Families form the foundation for peace in communities and among nations and are a fundamental building block of society. Peace begins in the home. Strengthening families is an essential part of GPF's peacebuilding work.

The family is an intimate part of the human experience, the primary place of care, nurture, and learning, the first school of love where foundational lessons of values, relationships, and character are learned. The lessons learned in the family form crucial foundations of moral and innovative leadership that can extend to the community, society, and world. GPF's peacebuilding work highlights the

family imperative in peace and development, advancing efforts to protect, strengthen, and engage the family as agents of peacebuilding.

Women play an essential role in fostering peace in the family, which extends to the communities and the world. GPF supports a global network of women, providing training, mentorship, and convenings and programs that advance, recognize, cultivate, and engage the unique leadership qualities of women in the peacebuilding process on all levels, from the home to the world.

Empowering the Family as a Peacebuilding Agent

The family is often overlooked for the social, economic, leadership, and peacebuilding contributions that it makes. GPF strengthens, engages, and empowers the family as a crucial agent for peace and development in all its efforts, including international conferences, local advocacy, trainings, and programs.

Monthly webinars, hosted by Area Mujer, the women and family division of GPF Paraguay, draw on regional experts and engage participants from across Latin America, covering topics that provide helpful information and tools for families—from mental health, diabetes and heart disease prevention, family financial literacy, challenges and opportunities for women in public leadership, and cultivating spirituality in the home.

In Nepal, age-targeted leadership programs, Moral and Innovative Leadership Workshops for secondary students, Global Peacebuilders Leadership Program for university-level students, Project Saksham for primary students, and Project Shakti for adult women provide training to cultivate character and values for leadership that contribute to personal, family, and professional development. The trainings emphasize that for long-lasting impact, the family should be engaged in peace and development initiatives.

Recognizing that women have a crucial role in developing the social fabric and peace in the family, communities, and society, GPF Nigeria has made concerted efforts to engage and empower women in their ongoing peace and development efforts through peacebuilding and leadership training and financial and livelihood skills development. GPF Nigeria hosted training sessions to establish Women’s Cooperative Societies for Economic Empowerment in December 2023. Women from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds were introduced to the principles, purpose, and benefits of cooperative societies for economic advancement. Ten Women’s Cooperative Societies were established in 2023, and GPF Nigeria and the Christian Rural and Urban Development Association also continued their partnership, sponsoring a financial literacy workshop in January 2024.

GPF supports women and girls through dedicated international convenings highlighting women’s leadership, education to support personal and professional development, and community economic cooperatives to reduce poverty and empower women with marketable skills.



Similarly, GPF Tanzania's UNDP-funded peacebuilding program to mitigate violent extremism has trained women in rural communities in conflict mitigation training and also effective parenting strategies.

The training recognizes that parents, particularly mothers, are not only effective early warning detectors but important contributors to mitigating hot conflict as mediators, mentors who can help their children and youth process challenges in constructive, non-violent ways.

In Kenya, the Women Against Terrorism program was launched in October 2022 by the anti-radicalization group Epuka Ugaidi with the collaboration of GPF Kenya, the Embassy of Slovakia, the National Counter Terrorism Center, Integrated Initiatives for Community Empowerment, Aga Khan University Hospital, and the International Centre for Research on Women. Global Peace Foundation was present to emphasize the role women play in fostering peace from the family to the world.

In global efforts to advance a free and united Korea, forums, conferences, workshops, and festivals acknowledge the family as the cornerstone for advancing the Korean Dream, the school where the ethos of Hongik Ingan is taught from generation to generation, imparting how individuals and families should live to benefit the world.



A Message from Dr. Junsook Moon
Chairwoman, Global Peace Women

‘The Family Imperative’

The state of our world today could draw dark clouds of fear and hopelessness. However, I found that no tempest can quell the spark of peace that burns in the hearth of the home, steady and ready to light the way.

“Peace begins in the home,” coined in the formative stages of Global Peace Women, reminds us of this elementary place of peacebuilding—the family. The family is a deeply personal, first-hand experience of peace. Investing in our children is investing in the future good of humanity, a very real affirmation of the infinite value and unlimited potential that resides in each person.

At the end of the day, beyond accolades, wealth and titles, what remains are the people we have raised, the relationships and love that we have cultivated, and the legacy of good that we leave.



A Global Women’s Network

Global Peace Women is an international network of women committed to advancing Global Peace Foundation’s values-based approach to peacebuilding, starting in the home and expanding to communities, nations, and the world. Global Peace Women works as part of the Global Peace Foundation’s peacebuilding work to strengthen families and foster women’s leadership.

This international network of women provides enrichment programs, mentoring opportunities, and a leadership program focused on understanding and applying values-based peacebuilding, and cultivating the unique qualities and strengths of women’s leadership that are essential to peace in the home and peace in the world.

The network works to foster appreciation for the complementary roles that men and women play in the peacebuilding process, seeking to cultivate skills to effectively work together in this shared endeavor of peace.

GPW Webinar Series

In 2023, Global Peace Women hosted an enrichment webinar series, building up to the Global Peace Convention, to explore best practices and case studies of family-based approaches to a variety of issues related to peace and development, from community uplift, mental health, diabetes prevention, and regional peacebuilding. Speakers from Uruguay, Brazil, Indonesia, the United States, Nigeria, South Korea, and Nepal shared local and regional experiences, with discussions creating approaches that were applicable to the world.

Sunshine Family Volunteers for Peace

Sunshine Family Volunteers is an initiative launched in 2021 by Global Peace Women to encourage families to invest in peace in their homes and communities through serving together. Sunshine Family Volunteers trains local coordinators and team members on team development, project implementation, and monitoring, as well as important family-strengthening skills like communication, cooperation, and values education. The goal is to cultivate peace in the home and extend it into the communities and



nation, as families become active local peacebuilders.

Across 17 nations, coordinators and team leaders train families to design and implement local volunteer activities, but most importantly, to reflect on how working together as a family to put values into action through service helps the parents and siblings grow closer together and bring peace in the family and in turn to their communities and nations. Projects include community consignments to recycle clothing; support for a local orphanage with food, books, and social engagement; and family-organized neighborhood park clean-ups and gift-giving. The volunteer project also hosts skills training for women with disabilities, supports the education of vulnerable children, and raises funds to provide for families in need.

Women in Peacebuilding

GPF strengthens and engages women and girls through dedicated international convenings, trainings, enrichment programs, mentorship, and support to develop family-based solutions to advance peace and development. Efforts highlight the unique qualities of women's leadership, provide education to support personal, family, and professional development, and contribute family-based support for mental and physical well-being, economic development, social cohesion, regional and community peace, and good governance.

Throughout November 2023, GPF Tanzania collaborated with local stakeholders and women's football clubs in Dar es Salaam to advocate for safeguards in response to violence against women and girls in sports. Recognizing the detrimental impact of community social norms on female players, which contribute to stigma and violence against women, GPF Tanzania implemented targeted interventions in collaboration with representatives from the Tanzania



Football Federation, Tanzania Women Football Association, National Sports Council, Tanzania Football Coaches Association, Masala Princess CEO, and Evergreen Queens General Secretary.

Volunteers in India and Nepal are addressing an integral area of health, safety, and dignity with women and girls. Menstrual hygiene can be a taboo topic for many countries around the world, but it remains a contributing factor to healthy families, communities, and economies. GPF India and GPF Nepal have been hosting ongoing awareness workshops and pad distribution efforts to teach women sustainable methods and access to feminine hygiene.

In Paraguay, Global Peace Women's annual "Living for the Sake of Others" Awards ceremony honored outstanding women for their years of hard work, leadership, and dedication to their communities and Paraguayan society. The ceremony was held in the Bicameral Chamber of the National Congress and included distinguished representatives from all three branches of government and from the Ministries of Women, Education, and Public Health.

Noted women from Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, Cuba, and Paraguay convened in May 2023 for a virtual conference to uplift women in the region as catalysts for peace and development. Global Peace Foundation, in collaboration with Legacy of the Americas and Global Peace Women Uruguay, hosted speakers and presenters who addressed the role of women in politics as a force to tackle corruption, provide education and protection of children, and enhance economic freedom and self-sufficiency among women through entrepreneurship.

Top: Families participate in the Peace Begins in the Home campaign and the chairwoman of GPW at a fundraiser for North Korean families.



Youth Leadership Development



As emerging leaders, **young people can play a critical role in peacebuilding**, starting in their local communities. GPF youth programs, including the Global Youth Summit, Global Peace Leadership Corps, and Global Peace Volunteers, provide platforms for youth peacebuilding, cross-community, and intergenerational dialogue, leadership development, and capacity-building.

By showcasing practical peacebuilding models and GPF's unique values-based approach, these programs empower youth leaders to play an active role in their local communities, as well as make significant contributions to peacebuilding, security in conflict zones, and policymaking.

Global Peace Leadership Corps

At the 2009 Global Peace Convention in Manila, GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon called for the creation of a “Global Peace Corps” as a premiere international volunteer association to raise young leaders.

In 2023 the convention returned to Manila and in his keynote address Dr. Moon announced the launch of the **Global Peace Leadership Corps** as an important force in transforming nations and addressing global challenges.

“The goal for Global Peace Leadership Corps is to tap into the idealism of youth,” he said, “and give it the tools to become the moral and innovative leaders who can promote social transformation through service, development, and peacebuilding projects.”

The program aims to equip young people with the skills and knowledge needed to tackle some of the world’s biggest challenges. Focusing on important areas like conflict resolution, cultural understanding, and sustainable development, the Global Peace Leadership Corps will help young leaders to become capable of addressing global issues with both confidence and creativity. Through activities including workshops, seminars, and hands-on projects, participants will learn how to lead efforts that promote peace in their communities.

A major feature of the Global Peace Leadership Corps is the chance for participants to work with both local and international experts. These collaborations are meant to spark new ideas and solutions for the challenges faced by communities around the world.

By addressing real-world problems and aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Global Peace Leadership Corps provided a valuable platform for young leaders to develop the skills they need to make a lasting difference.



Right: Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon officially launches the Global Peace Leadership Corps in Manila. Global Peace Leadership Corps addresses Korean reunification during an international summer camp in South Korea. Youth gather in the Philippines for a Global Peace Leadership Corps workshop on Training Tomorrow’s Peacebuilders.



Global Youth Summit

Tens of thousands of student leaders participate in the annual **Global Youth Summit**, the largest gathering for young leaders from the Philippines and Southeast Asia that aims to engage and inspire the world's future change makers.

Held at the SM Arena in Manila and hosted by Global Peace Foundation and SM Cares—the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of SM Prime Holdings Inc., the largest retailer in the Philippines—the summit inspires thousands of young minds by providing a space where they can share their ideas and utilize their diverse skill-sets to develop new approaches to important challenges in areas of education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, deforestation and plastic waste pollution, and civic participation.

“We want to develop leaders who are morally competent, innovative and proactive in coming up with solutions that can help make the world a better place,” said SM Cares Program Director for Children and Youth, Royston Cabuñag.

In 2023 the Global Youth Summit expanded to four cities in the Philippines, with cultural performances highlighting the rich heritage of the Philippines and fostering a sense of cultural competency among participants. A diverse cross-section of the youth from the region found a shared commitment to sustainable development and other creative approaches to social and human development. The Summit will convene simultaneously in 17 locations across the country in 2024, with each site focusing on a specific UN Sustainable Development Goal.

With its strategic alignment with the UN SDGs and its expansive reach across the Philippines, the Global Youth

Summit is taking a significant step in empowering youth to take the lead in creating a sustainable and prosperous future for all.





Global Peace Volunteers

Volunteerism and service learning play a significant role in promoting peace and fostering a sense of responsibility towards communities and societies. Service learning addresses community needs while underscoring the impact of service on each volunteer and on society. Through volunteerism and service, individuals gain valuable experiences and develop understanding of the importance of empathy, compassion, and active citizenship in creating a more peaceful world.

Global Peace Volunteers (GPV) provides valuable opportunities for emerging young leaders to identify universal values, forge cross-cultural relationships, and gain leadership skills while making real impact. Since 2010, Global Peace Foundation has convened Global Peace Volunteer camps as part of its larger leadership development program. GPV camps provide a platform for youth to exchange ideas and engage in experiential learning that develop character and leadership skills. Participants learn and apply the GPF Values Framework: Living for the Greater Good, Dream Big, Ownership, and Teamwork. The workshops aim to uplift youth as innovative leaders for peace and development.

GPV training has featured in-depth discussions and exercises to cultivate qualities of moral and innovative leadership, workshops to share best practices, outdoor adventure training, and local community service projects.

The rigorous program seeks to equip participants not only with leadership skills such as public speaking, program organization, resource development and management, but also character competencies such as confidence, relationship building, conflict resolution, and practical applications of values.

GPV service work has included the **Peacebook Library Project**, the **EnglishEd Project**, **GreenEd** (Environmental Teaching) **Project**, the **One Book One Love Project**, and other community development work in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Cambodia.

GPF Youth Programs Inspire Service and Innovation in India and Nepal

GPF India and GPF Nepal sponsor ongoing programs that empower youth to lead service and peacebuilding efforts in their communities. GPF India leadership workshops train young volunteers to become mentors for transformative projects like **WASH**, a water, sanitation, and hygiene education program that teaches children essential sanitation techniques.

Young leaders who attend GPF India training programs and Moral and Innovative Leadership workshops often go on to participate in other projects like **SMILE**. Launched by GPF India in 2018, the project aims to empower the children and families of underprivileged areas of India with the opportunity for equal education and skill-based training.

Since 2010, Indonesia's Global Peace Volunteer camps have enabled emerging young leaders to gain leadership skills through cross-cultural service. Global Peace Volunteers support educational and environmental projects and other community development work in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Cambodia.

In 2023, GPF India partnered with DAVIET to commemorate International Youth Day with a workshop, “Peace, Food Security, and Sustainable Agriculture,” highlighting the pivotal role of young people in the peacebuilding process.

GPF India also facilitates peacebuilding workshops for youth, including the 2023 **Peacebuilding and Leadership Training** at Peace Public School, Kottakkal, Kerala. The sessions encouraged students to live for the greater good, dream big, take ownership of their dreams, and develop teamwork for peace in their communities.

GPF Nepal’s **Global Peacebuilders Practicum** is a platform for participants to develop their leadership skills through learning, engaging, and creating a positive impact in their communities for building peace. Young leaders develop their capacity for peacebuilding through experiential and service learning.

The Practicum partners with Global Peace Women to encourage participants to become agents of change and catalysts for transformation within their families, communities, and nation through their advocacies and civic engagements.

GPF Nepal’s **Moral and Innovative Leadership Workshops** are a staple program organized with the collaboration of Global Peace Women to provide a platform for young leaders to discuss their shared values, grow their network, and nurture a mindset of “thinking globally and acting locally.”

Leadership Training Supports Youth in Kenya, India, and Indonesia

GPF Kenya’s **President Fellowship Program** and GPF India’s **Youth Circle Dialogue** provide civic education and tools to facilitate peacebuilding and cooperation for community development. The President Fellowship Program seeks to empower young people to identify issues within their communities and lead subsequent campaigns to provide civic education to promote positive social change.

The annual fellowship brings together talented youths from each of the Kenya’s 47 counties. The program includes intensive training, mentorship from community leaders, service programs, professional experience, and community exchange programs to promote cohesion anchored on the youth.

The 2023 **Young Bridging Leaders Challenge** is a ground-breaking international online leadership workshop raising the peacebuilding capacity of youth. Young



leaders from Indonesia, India, Nepal, Cambodia, and the Philippines work with their school advisers to foster peace and stronger youth leadership in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Global Peace Foundation Indonesia, in collaboration with Asosiasi Kepala Sekolah Indonesia, Natalie in the Light Initiative, Skillistan, and Transformation First Asia all contribute to this transformative online practicum.

GPF India worked in collaboration with the American Center, U.S. Embassy-New Delhi, to organize the eleventh **Youth Circle Dialogue** program, a structured series of interactive discussions to explore intersections of peace. The program strives to empower young leaders with the knowledge, skills, and viewpoints to foster social cohesion and shape a more harmonious society.

The 2023 session explored the intriguing nexus of “Peacebuilding and Space Exploration.” Organizers explained that space serves as a powerful symbol of global cooperation and unity, and it can facilitate peacebuilding efforts in several ways, including international cooperation, shared resources, inspiration for solutions to global challenges, and more.

The program was chaired by two distinguished panelists: Dr. Markandey Rai, Chairman of GPF India and Senior Advisor at UN-Habitat, and Dr. Sanghamitra Dutta, Program Executive at NASA. The dialogue also featured the participation of William Cammet, Science, Technology, and Space Officer at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi; and Darryl Butch Woolfolk, Public Diplomacy Officer at the U.S. Embassy-New Delhi.

Leadership training for youth fosters peace and cooperation, and interactive dialogue to address the roots of conflict.



Development and Service



Volunteer service and community development are important components of sustainable peacebuilding. Global Peace Foundation engages community members and local organizations as assets and partners to find sustainable solutions to development priorities.

Through workshops, training, enterprise development, and cross-cultural service initiatives, GPF is building vibrant communities, fostering self-reliance, and supporting entrepreneurial empowerment.

GPF's ongoing, **community-driven programs** are operated mainly on the local and regional levels and work to address many of the underlying issues that have historically led to tensions and conflict.

As part of the long-term, everyday work of peacebuilding, GPF aims to empower people to lead in exploring innovative approaches to meet local economic and environmental challenges.

Community Development and Peacebuilding

Health care, education, economic opportunity, and security are all measures of developed societies. Poverty and underdevelopment, in contrast, limit human potential and create social stresses that can flare into conflict.

The Global Peace Foundation recognizes the inherent value and dignity of all people, regardless of economic or social status, as members of one human family. GPF and partnering organizations have introduced innovative models to support social development and forestall conflict in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

People and communities need to be the primary decisionmakers in the control and use their assets, as well as in approaches to address social development and opportunity. The Global Peace Foundation seeks to strengthen peoples' voices while providing resources and partnerships to foster economic and social development.

Education is a basic right and essential for poverty reduction, gender equality, maternal health, child mortality reduction, sustainable development, and peace. According to UN estimates, an estimated 300 million youth and adults lack basic literacy skills necessary for success in life. Limited access to education disproportionately affects minorities and indigenous people.

Malaysia's Orang Asli, or "original people," live in remote regions of the Malay peninsula, with little access to necessities such as clean water, electricity, and education. Many Orang Asli children struggle with low literacy skills, which limit future opportunities.

Since June 2020, GPF Malaysia has been bringing out-of-classroom learning to the Orang Asli children through the **Mobile School** in partnership with ECM Libra Foundation. The Mobile School enables community teachers to conduct learning sessions within the village, utilizing Play-Based Learning, STEM activities, and arts and sports to foster interest in learning.

GPF Malaysia also introduced cost-effective and easy-to-use solar lights to address the daily energy needs of Orang Asli families. After installing solar lamps and charging stations, families can illuminate their homes at night.

GPF Malaysia received the **JCI Malaysia Sustainable Development Award** in 2022 and the **ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Leadership Award** in 2023 for helping to empower communities, make them more sustainable, and provide new opportunities for Malaysian villages in need.



GPF Indonesia provides continuous community service opportunities for young volunteers, leaders in society, and teachers and mentors to connect to other people in their communities and develop new leadership skills.

GPF Indonesia partnered with Widyatama University in February 2023 to provide training on entrepreneurship and agricultural product innovation in West Java. By engaging community members and local organizations as partners, GPF is helping to foster self-reliance, support entrepreneurial innovation, and improve the long-term economy of local farmers.

GPF Brazil and local partners are part of a national youth council body, Conjuve, that defines youth policy in the country. During the pandemic, GPF Brazil adapted its efforts by hosting virtual international panels of educators, entrepreneurs, and youth advocates to foster peacebuilding and youth enterprise.

More recently GPF Brazil has been working in cooperation with the municipality of Goiania, churches, grassroots organizations, and others to support equal opportunities for all people, to generate income, and to encourage ethical lives and good citizenship that will benefit the nation.

With funds provided by the Consul for Teens and Children's Affairs of the city of Goiania, GPF Brazil was invited to apply its peacebuilding methodology through its **LEAM (Leadership and Development by Music)** project, first established in December 2016 to address the vulnerability of youth caused by family instability, drugs, and poverty.

The program now includes seminars on restorative conflict, preparatory courses for entering university study, introductory courses on the job market and courses on family values, volunteerism, international relations, and the role of youth in democratic development in the country.



Opposite: GPF Malaysia is supporting underserved communities in remote regions through the Mobile School, clean water systems, and solar energy.

Right: Volunteer projects in Indonesia and Brazil, and programs to support at risk youth, stress personal values for success in life.

Health and Hygiene

GPF volunteers have worked to provide short- and long-term health and hygiene education in local communities in Mongolia, Malaysia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Kenya, Tanzania, and Nigeria.

GPF India's WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) demonstration at the S.M.I.L.E Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Learning Center in Delhi in July 2023 educated children on the proper way of washing hands. Volunteers distributed soaps and other personal care products among the families living in the area to help them take initiative toward maintaining proper hygiene and sanitation.

GPF Malaysia's WASH program for the Orang Asli community provides education on water management and hygiene. Many Orang Asli communities, especially women and girls, spend hours every day collecting water from their water source. This exhausting chore is not only time-consuming but takes a physical toll on them. With a submersible DC-powered water pump and solar panels, poly-pipes deliver water from the source to each of the villager's houses.

Proper waste management make a significant impact on a long-term health of residents and is among the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. In Kathmandu, Nepal's capital city, massive amounts of waste are produced and accumulate in landfills.

GPF Nepal engages experts in solid waste management and hosts workshops to assist residents, municipal authorities, and entrepreneurs to develop sustainable and hygienic practices, such as separating organic and nonorganic waste, composting and vermicomposting, a process of using micro-organisms to turn kitchen waste into nutrient-rich humus. Another key program is the **Menstrual Health Hygiene Management** project which aims to educate girls on women's health and teach them to make eco-friendly pads.

GPF Cambodia's **GreenEd** program has taught young people the importance of ecological responsibility, while the **Safe Water Safe Bottle** project has provided primary school students with clean drinking water, reducing plastic bottle use through reusable water bottles.

Right: GPF India's WASH program educates children on proper hand washing; GPF Nepal's women's hygiene program teaches girls to make eco-friendly pads; GPF Nepal's solid waste management includes vermicomposting, a process of using micro-organisms to convert waste into nutrient-rich humus.





All-Lights Village Supports Comprehensive Community Development in Remote Regions

Launched in the Philippines in 2012 as a solar lamp and street light project for remote communities with limited access to electricity, GPF's All-Lights Village (ALV) has grown into a long-term community-based peacebuilding program. A development model promoting family and community self-reliance, the All-Lights Village project combines solar technology with clean water solutions, education, income generation, and public-private partnerships to improve the overall quality of life, build social cohesion, and mitigate sources of conflict and the appeal of extremist ideologies.

All-Lights Village communities help identify development priorities and how solar energy, entrepreneurship training, conflict mediation, or agricultural investments can best address those priorities. The project seeks to raise self-reliant owners of local communities supported by international donors motivated by shared values that uphold the dignity and worth of every person.

All-Lights villages are supporting communities in Malaysia, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Cambodia, Nepal, India, Indonesia, and the Dominican Republic.

Top: GPF coordinates the distribution of solar lights to remote communities and critical aid to those affected by natural disasters.



Disaster Response

Recent global disasters have emphasized the need for policies and strategies for disaster prevention, preparedness, and mitigation. Natural disasters affect millions of lives and test the capacity of governments to deliver critical aid to victims.

Civil society support is critical, and the Global Peace Foundation has included disaster preparedness and response among its priorities in bi-annual Global Peace Conventions. Experts assess lessons and best practices that require coordination of international resources to reach victims and alleviate suffering from natural disasters.

GPF has coordinated volunteer mobilizations and humanitarian responses to some of the most devastating natural disasters in recent years, including the earthquake that struck the Noto Peninsula in Japan on January 2024; Typhoons Odette (2021), Ulysses (2020), and Haiyan (2013) that struck the Philippines; the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, and the catastrophic 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and Fukushima nuclear power plant meltdown in Japan.

Youth play an important role as first responders in the aftermath of natural disasters. GPF joined with members of the Asia Pacific Peace and Development Service Alliance to train and coordinate youth volunteers for the **Rise Nepal Shelter of Hope Campaign** after the 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Kathmandu and the surrounding areas. GPF young leaders and project volunteers also provided essential support in other disaster relief efforts.

Environmental Sustainability and Peace



Critical environmental impacts of human population growth, industrial development, and resource mismanagement are significant factors affecting peace and security. According to a 2022 UN report, *Conflict and Climate*, some 90 percent of the world's refugees originate from countries that are impacted by climate change.

“While climate change impacts every single square meter of this earth, it does not impact everyone equally,” noted the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the report. “Compounded droughts, flooding, locust plagues, environmental degradation, and poor governance are all leading to an increasingly precarious and complicated situation for tens of millions of people.”

Creative, collaborative efforts are needed on every level to reduce environmental degradation and build sustainable practices to protect the earth as the essential home for the human family.

Since its founding, the Global Peace Foundation has worked to educate and engage citizens to take action to care for the environment. In Kenya, GPF's 2009 **Nairobi River Peace Initiative** gathered tens of thousands of volunteers to clean the endangered Nairobi River.

In Nepal, GPF's **Rivers of Peace Campaign** has hosted public awareness and environmental service projects to restore and preserve the Bagmati River in collaboration with concerned NGOs and government agencies, and local volunteers. These creative and cooperative efforts, first begun in 2010, seek to preserve the sacred river for future generations.

Desertification is a global threat not only to agriculture and forests but also to respiratory health even in distant populations. Desertification can also contribute to political and social disruption due to food and water insecurity.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that by 2030 “Africa will lose two-thirds of its arable land if the march of desertification is not stopped.” According to the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative, Africa loses three million hectares of its forests a year.

GPF Kenya's **Million Tree Growing Campaign** seeks to combat desertification and enhance Kenya's forest cover through tree planting activities in various regions. The campaign is implemented in partnership with the Chandaria Foundation, Standard Media Group, UNICAF, Kenya Forest Service, and other key stakeholders in the environmental conservation sector.

As part of the campaign, GPF Kenya establishes tree nurseries in schools and universities to provide seedlings for reforestation. This approach not only promotes environmental conservation but also provides an opportunity for young people to learn about the importance of environmental sustainability and take an active role in promoting it.

Mongolia, a country with a large nomadic population that depends on its land to survive, faces grave challenges as desertification continues to claim the steppes and grasslands. According to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, “over the past 30 years, approximately a quarter of the land area has turned to desert, with some 850 lakes and 2,000 rivers completely dried out.”

Working with GPF chapters in both Kenya and Mongolia, the Global Peace and Development Service Alliance has made significant strides in propagating the growth of indigenous and fruit trees, with some one million trees planted in Mongolia by My Club and GPF volunteers.

GPF Tanzania worked with local volunteers and stakeholders, including the Environmental Conservation Community of Tanzania, to support the **Vijana Na Amani (Youth for Peace)** campaign, which seeks to raise young people as leaders, protect the environment and support families.

Guatemala, from the Nahuatl word Cuauhtēmallān or “place of many trees,” is also losing much of its forest every year. Reforestation is essential to protecting the environment and quality of life for the people of Central America.

In Latin America, GPF Brazil completed the first state of the environmental project, **Exploring the Geographical Space I Inhabit**, in March 2024. The collaborative program between students, teachers, and mentors from the community helps young people appreciate the unique qualities of their environment and how to become good stewards of the earth.

GPF Cambodia partnered with Khemara English Debate Society and environmental experts to host an Enviro-Debate Open in 2023 as an awareness-building platform to debate environmental issues such as corporate social responsibility, individual consumption, fast fashion, and carbon footprints.

GPF alliances with government ministries and leading environmental organizations combine expert, cutting edge research and experiential learning to support next-generation leaders committed to preserving the earth for future generations.

Opposite: Students support GPF Kenya’s Million Tree Growing Campaign to combat desertification; top right: volunteers plant trees in Mongolia; middle: former Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo supporting Reforestando Guatemala; bottom: GPF Cambodia hosts Enviro-Debate Open.



International Convenings



The Global Peace Foundation, with support from government ministries and civil society partners, hosts international convenings to develop innovative responses to complex political and social challenges affecting nations, regions, and the international community.

The bi-annual Global Peace Convention, regional Global Peace Leadership Conferences, and Peacesharing Forums advance multi-sector action agendas to explore and implement **peacebuilding, educational, and community-based development models.**





Global Peace Convention



The Global Peace Convention is an international bi-annual assembly of policy experts, educators, and political and civil society leaders to share best practices and develop collaborative strategies in areas of peacebuilding, education, entrepreneurship, sustainable development, environmental care, youth and women empowerment, and other fields of social impact.

GPF's signature convenings have been hosted in Manila (2009), Nairobi (2010), Seoul (2011), Atlanta (2012), Kuala Lumpur (2013), Asuncion (2014), Manila (2017), and Seoul (2019).

The global pandemic in 2020-2021 disrupted all travel and in-person gatherings, and the 2021 convention was thus re-conceived to engage global stakeholders entirely in a virtual environment, greatly expanding the scope and worldwide participation.

The **2023 Global Peace Convention, "One Family under God: Vision for National Transformation and Lasting Peace,"** again expanded the format and outreach of the event through hybrid gatherings beginning on November 1 and concluding with the convening of international leaders in Manila on December 11-14.



GPC 2023 engaged thousands of participants from 94 nations and addressed key issue areas to improve security, address root causes of conflict, affirm rights of faith and conscience, strengthen resilience and cohesion in communities, and support meaningful participation of women and youth in decision-making.

In-person events in the Philippines included the Global Peace Youth Festival, International Forum on One Korea, Educators' Congress, and Global Peace Awards Gala. GPC 2023 is the third bi-annual convention hosted in the Philippines since the inaugural assembly in 2009.

Delivering the keynote address, Global Peace Foundation Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon assessed the trajectory of societies that lose a unifying moral framework and shared acceptance of absolute values.

“The world’s great cultural spheres stand upon the foundation of major faith traditions such as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, and many others,” the GPF chairman said. “The elements of truth which they expressed was a cohesive force that bonded local societies to have civilizational impact.”

Among the key outcomes, GPC 2023 launched a national model for transforming education in the Philippines. This groundbreaking effort implemented by the Global Peace Foundation in collaboration with the Philippines Department of Education is shifting the conversation from the conventional industrial education model towards its values-driven origins. In the Global South, where most of the world’s youth resides, a holistic education model focuses on character development, relationships, skills, and knowledge application.

Concluding the 2023 Global Peace Convention, GPF leaders and partners officially launched a new initiative, the **Global Peace Leadership Corps**, as an international, cross-cultural peacebuilding and service program. Through the Global Peace Leadership Corps, a new generation of young leaders can develop and apply values of global citizenship and service for the greater good in the cause of peace.

The Global Peace Convention explores innovative responses to conflict and underdevelopment, engaging peace builders from government, business, academia, and faith communities.



Global Peace Awards

The Global Peace Awards were first conferred in 2011 at the Global Peace Convention in Seoul, South Korea, to honor government, civil society, and faith leaders whose exemplary efforts have substantially advanced the vision and mission of building a world of peace and shared prosperity.

Global Peace Awards underscore the importance of moral and innovative leadership, an ethic of public service, and a willingness to transcend boundaries of religion, ethnicity, culture, and nationality.

Challenging conditions that limit human potential and social development, award winners demonstrate lives of integrity and a sustained commitment to realizing a world of peace. Their efforts, while diverse, reflect a mutual commitment and shared vision to realize a more peaceful world as One Family under God.

Global Peace Awards recognize efforts in diverse areas of endeavor, reflecting the breadth of work necessary to realize a world of peace so essential in our world today. **In December 2023, distinguished leaders were awarded at the Global Peace Convention in Manila.**



Interfaith and Spiritual Leadership Award

Reverend Father Joseph Mutie
Chairman of the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya



Culture of Peace Award

Bum Hun Lee
President of the Korean Fine Arts Association



Moral and Innovative Leadership Award

Dr. Margarita Ballesteros
International Cooperation Office,
Department of Education, Philippines



Outstanding Service Award

Dr. Markandey Rai
Chairman of GPF India



Legacy of Service and Peace Award

Dr. Manu Chandaria
Chairman and CEO, Comcraft Group, received by
Ayushi Chandaria, Granddaughter



Legacy of Service and Peace Award

H.E. Marco Vinicio Cerezo
Former President of Guatemala



Strengthening Families Award

Conchita Chanyungco
Vice President of Global Peace Women
in the Philippines



Innovative Scholarship for Peace Award

Dr. Nicholas Eberstadt
Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy
at the American Enterprise Institute



Philanthropy and Corporate Citizenship Award

Steven Tan
President of SM Supermalls

Peacesharing Forum

Organized by the Global Peace Foundation and Belfast-based Co-operation Ireland, Peacesharing Forums address peacebuilding and education as related disciplines in fostering peaceful societies and raising future responsible citizens.

While local and regional conflicts can have many root causes, dialogue, relationship building, and trust-building are needed in the process of moving from conflict to peace. Peacesharing Forums identify four distinct phases in this process including:

- Peacekeeping, a process of separating antagonists through agencies such as UN peacekeepers.
- Peacemaking, or diplomatic efforts to resolve differences.
- Peacebuilding, such as post-conflict efforts by government and civil society stakeholders to resolve root causes and bring lasting reconciliation.
- Peacesharing, a process to impart lessons from the experiences of resolving conflict in different political and social contexts.

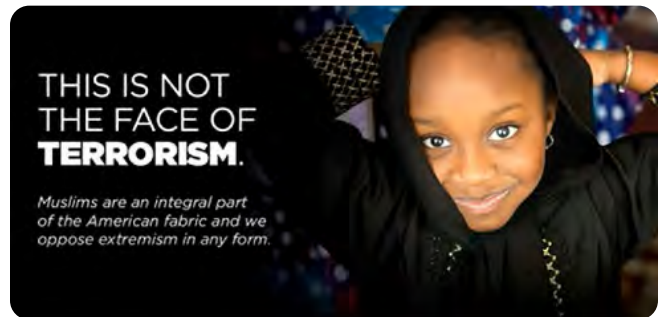
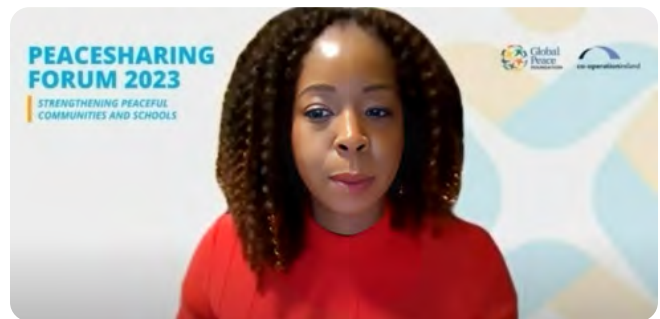
In March 2023, educators, peacebuilding advocates, and survivors of extremist violence explored approaches to strengthening peaceful communities and classrooms at a virtual Peacesharing Forum, “Strengthening Peaceful Communities and Schools.”

The two-day program addressed evolving priorities faced by educators, the growing impact of social media on youth and its potential as a tool for peacebuilding, and the role of NGOs in mitigating conflict and fostering sustainable peace.

Co-operation Ireland Chief Executive Peter Sheridan said effective schools and education programs can empower youth with knowledge, skills and good character, “altering young people’s attitudes and beliefs about peace and violence. UN Resolution 2250 recognizes the essential role of young people in preventing and resolving conflicts and sustaining peace.”

The forum also addressed national efforts to renew education in the context of the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit in New York. Ministries of Education in partnership with the Global Peace Foundation have introduced new education frameworks to promote lifelong learning and the development of skills to enable students to thrive and positively impact their communities.

Opposite: Global Peace Awards were conferred at the 2023 Global Peace Convention in Manila.



Other panels brought focus to the growing influence of social media among youth and the associated risks of radicalization and the social impact of political violence and lasting wounds of survivors, families, and communities.

The Peacesharing Forum also included workshop-style training to support safety and security in schools, the workplace, and community. Participants earned a certificate after completing the professional development workshop.

Above: Peacesharing forums are valuable opportunities to learn from the experiences of moving from conflict to peace.

Global Peace Leadership Conference



Global Peace Leadership Conferences (GPLC) are strategic, multi-sector convenings of the Global Peace Foundation and partners that address urgent regional challenges and work toward collaborative solutions within a framework of shared values and moral and innovative leadership.

These expert convenings provide space for government and private sector leaders and innovators to develop effective and original responses to the challenges of conflict and underdevelopment. GPLCs have been convened in Malaysia, Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Kenya, Nigeria, Mongolia, Tanzania, Uganda, Northern Ireland, Brazil, and the United States.

The **Global Peace Leadership Conference Indo-Pacific 2023, “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Vision for Advancing Human Consciousness and Peace”** hosted more than one thousand peace advocates both virtually and in-person in New Delhi on April 11-13, 2023. Faith leaders, educators, and civic leaders from the Indo-Pacific region and around the world called for “a unifying vision that affirms the self-evident, transcendent truths that define our common humanity, grounded in universal principles that support fundamental human rights and the spiritual and moral essence of all people.”



The conference addressed focus areas of Youth Empowerment, Transforming Education, Values-based Peacebuilding, and Environmental Conservation. Basing its sessions on the sacred teaching of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam from India's Upanishads, meaning "the world is one family," the conference adopted the **New Delhi Declaration** at the proceeding's conclusion.

The Declaration highlighted "the strength of a united humanity to inspire civil societies to take up the task of healing the world and propagating greater consciousness of shared human welfare, of Creation, and of God."

The signed Declaration committing to action steps to address challenges of poverty, the environment, and other key 2030 Sustainable Development Goals was presented to the Civil 20 India 2023 and the G20 Summit, hosted in India in September.

The **Global Peace Leadership Conference, "One Family Under God: A Vision for a World of Freedom and Peace,"** in Pampanga, the Philippines, in December 2022 included dedicated sessions on Transforming Education, Women's Empowerment, Corporate Social Responsibility, Peace and Security, and the Role of the Media in Peacebuilding, and Conflict Management, and Prevention.

Former Philippine President Gloria Ayorro told the conference that the pandemic of 2020, continuing tensions on the Korean peninsula, the outbreak of conflict in Ukraine, and divisions over the Taiwan Straits again threatened the international order. The former president said "the world is looking for global leadership that will show the way to a world of freedom and peace."

The three-day leadership conference had two dedicated sessions on Interreligious Peacebuilding. Noting that in much of the world the free exercise of religion is either threatened or even banned, panelists affirmed the rights of conscience and the important role of the faith community in fostering respect for the rights and dignity of all people.



Opposite: The 2023 GPLC in New Delhi engaged more than a thousand peace advocates from the Indo-Pacific region and around the world. The New Delhi Declaration urged civil societies to "take up the task of healing the world and propagating greater consciousness of shared human welfare."

Right: The 2022 GPLC in the Philippines addressed education reform, women's empowerment, corporate social responsibility, and peace and security.

Special Projects



Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission

The **Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission (LACPM)** was launched as a project of the Global Peace Foundation at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2012. Over the past decade, it has become one of the world's leading associations of former heads of state. The LACPM includes nearly two dozen democratically elected former presidents committed to strengthening good governance, sustainable development, social stability, and national cohesion.

Former presidents have joined human rights experts, educators, and business leaders in forums addressing regional issues such as the independence of the judiciary, threats to democratic institutions in Latin America, development opportunities through investments in science and the green economy, regional security, and youth culture in context of the battles with drug trafficking.

Latin American Forum of Ideas

In a historic milestone for the region, the Global Peace Foundation and Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission were co-sponsoring organizations in the August 2023 Latin American Forum of Ideas in Asunción, Paraguay.

This prominent gathering brought together former Presidents from Paraguay, Guatemala, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Argentina, Costa Rica, Panama, Chile, and Mexico. The forum also hosted the distinguished current president of Paraguay, Mario Abdo, and the president-elect, Santiago Peña, to promote progress and peace in the region.

Landmark Cooperation Agreement in Central America

The Esquipulas Foundation and the Ecosystem for Social Transformation, which includes the Global Peace Foundation Central America, FUNDAECO, and the Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission, signed a groundbreaking Cooperation Agreement in April 2024.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchú and former Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo were present as honorary witnesses, highlighting their support for the initiative, which is set to strengthen inter-foundation collaboration. Inter-foundational agreements are crucial for strengthening Central American integration and peace, essential elements for sustainable development. By fostering collaboration between these foundations operating in the region, the partnership will facilitate joint projects, collaborative research, and academic exchanges, optimizing available resources and knowledge.



Latin America-U.S.-Asia-Pacific Forum

In June 2024, political leaders and policy experts sought to encourage greater international cooperation at a major forum, “Perspectives for Greater Economic and Cultural Engagement: Latin America-U.S.-Asia-Pacific Region,” in Coral Gables, Florida. The event was organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission, Fundación Esquipulas, Global Peace Foundation, Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación, Instituto de Desarrollo del Pensamiento Patria Soñada, Chaco Vivo, World Affairs Council Miami, and the Conservative Coalition for Climate Solutions.

This convening expanded collaboration opportunities between these dynamic regions through two important panel discussions: Economic Freedom Model in the Asia-Pacific Region and Strategic Geopolitical Green Cooperation.

Speakers underscored the importance of international cooperation in times of global challenges and reaffirmed leaders’ commitment to foster a more prosperous and sustainable future. The active participation of prominent figures and experts provided a valuable space for dialogue and joint action, promising a lasting impact on economic and cultural relations between the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region.

Opposite: Latin American Forum of Ideas convenes in Paraguay.

Top: Leaders from Latin America, the U.S. and Asia-Pacific region gather in Florida and the Esquipulas Foundation and the Ecosystem for Social Transformation sign a historic Cooperation Agreement.



IDPPS Think Tank in Paraguay

Instituto de Desarrollo del Pensamiento Patria Soñada (IDPPS) is a GPF-affiliated think tank established in 2009 in the South American nation of Paraguay. Comprised of prestigious intellectuals and multidisciplinary thinkers, IDPPS analyses the most critical economic, social, and political issues facing the nation and proposes solutions based on scientific data and guided by shared principles and values.

With the goal of transforming Paraguay into a model nation, IDPPS holds forums and round tables and publishes numerous white papers, proposals, and proclamations for use by decision makers in government, business, and civil society at large.

Africa Leadership Mission on Peacebuilding, Young Leadership, and Service

The **Africa Leadership Mission on Peacebuilding, Young Leadership, and Service** was inaugurated at the Global Peace Leadership Conference in November 2013, convened by the Global Peace Foundation and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to advance regional peace and conflict management and facilitate national and regional integration.

Modeled on the Latin American Presidential Mission launched in 2012 in Atlanta, the African Leadership Mission engages former heads of state and research institutions in collaborative efforts to advance new approaches to peace and development in Africa.

Founding members of the Africa Leadership Mission included co-chairs Seychelles founding President Sir James Mancham and former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo. Other leaders endorsing the initiative included Zambia's founding President Kenneth David Kaunda, former Ethiopian President Girma Wolde-Giorgis, former Zanzibar President Amani Karume, African philanthropist Dr. Manu Chandaria, and, former Global Parliamentarian Chair of United Nations Habitat-Kenya Dr. Markendey Rai.

“As statesmen in the region, as leaders from all segments, we have the moral responsibility of addressing conflicts through moral and innovative leadership,” Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga told a 2015 leadership conference in Zanzibar. Pledging support for the Africa Leadership Mission on Peace-Building, Young Leadership and Service, the prime minister said, “As statesmen, we possess skills and knowledge that have accumulated from years of service. Service above self is generally agreed to be a better way to ensure stability and progress in society.”



Indo-Pacific Leadership Forum

The 2023 Global Peace Leadership Conference in New Delhi announced the formation of the **Indo-Pacific Leadership Forum**, a multi-sector network of leaders commissioned to advance action steps presented in the New Delhi Declaration.

The Indo-Pacific Leadership Forum will work to foster partnerships with civil society organizations to create a global coalition with a shared vision for peace and prosperity, education, and environmental conservation in furtherance of the 2023 C20 policy recommendations.

Highlighting the strength of a united humanity, the Leadership Forum will seek to inspire civil societies “to take up the task of healing the world and propagating greater consciousness of shared human welfare, of Creation, and of God, and to uplift human consciousness and peace for achieving the goal of One Earth, One Family and One Future.”



Left: Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni (left) and former Zanzibar President Amani Karume.

Right: The Indo-Pacific Leadership Forum established at the 2023 GPLC in New Delhi.

Around the World At-a-Glance

AMERICAS

United States of America

Key initiatives in the United States address religious freedom and terrorism prevention nationwide, as well as cross-community reconciliation between diverse populations in Montana and Maryland. GPF USA participates as a co-convener in the International Religious Freedom summit held in Washington D.C. annually.

Brazil

Youth leadership programs invite partners in Brazil to provide education and networking opportunities that empower young people to lead their communities toward peace. GPF Brazil partners with the Federal University to coordinate the educational project “The Environment in which I Live” in local municipalities, engaging students and faculty in uplifting local communities.

The “Conversations that Connect” program is transforming school culture by incorporating a restorative conflict methodology for peace. “Pills of Peace” provides leadership development seminars to young entrepreneurs. Additionally, GPF Brazil conducts an ongoing sports project in vulnerable communities, providing scholarships to youth in Goiania to participate in programs that bring communities together as One Family under God.

Guatemala

GPF Central America joined by the Esquipulas Foundation, FUNDAECO, and the Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission hosted a series of initiatives that promote leadership beyond ideologies, dialogue, exchange of ideas and political debate, responsible citizenship based on a culture of peace, and eco-development for national and regional transformation. Initiatives such as Leadership Beyond Elections and Proposals to the Electoral Law, Active Citizenship (Training for young people), BKT (access to scholarships), “Reforestando Guatemala” (Reforesting Guatemala), a campaign that has planted millions of new trees since 2009, are among other efforts to build a country and a region of opportunities.

Paraguay

In a historic event that marked a milestone for the region, GPF and its affiliated organization, the Latin American and Caribbean Presidential Mission, hosted the 2023 Latin America Forum of Ideas in Paraguay’s capital city, Asunción. Promoting dialogue and collaboration, the forum served as a space for political leaders to work together toward the well-being of the Latin American people. GPF Paraguay, as well as GPF Brazil and GPF Central America, carry out a wide array of ongoing conferences and webinars featuring women’s leadership in peacebuilding, character education, and moral and innovative citizenship.

Uruguay

GPF Uruguay collaborates with Global Peace Women to host online conferences highlighting women’s leadership in peacebuilding, moral and innovative entrepreneurship, and healthy families as the building blocks of peaceful societies. The international online forums feature speakers and participants from across Latin America. GPF carries out educational activities through the affiliated Uruguay Leadership Conference and is the founder of Legacy to the Americas, a hemispheric-level youth movement that educates emerging leaders centering on universal principles and moral values.



AFRICA

Kenya

GPF Kenya plays a pivotal role in fostering peace during Kenya’s elections by collaborating with stakeholders in dialogue forums, education workshops, and cross-tribal sports events. Through initiatives like Leap Hubs, GPF Kenya empowers numerous young Kenyans with moral integrity and innovative leadership skills, supporting them in successful entrepreneurship ventures. Transforming Education Bootcamps enhance the capabilities of educators and administrators, promoting a holistic approach to education that emphasizes values of peace and unity. The President Fellowship Program is an ongoing initiative that equips young leaders with patriotism and essential skills to foster cross-cultural cohesion in diverse communities, contributing to national unity.

Nigeria

Multifaith collaboration, youth leadership development, and economic empowerment workshops for women are cultivating community-driven peacebuilding in Nigeria. GPF Nigeria has been instrumental in the formation of several Peace and Reconciliation Committees. The committees are made up of leadership from across faith traditions, representatives from the government and security agencies, and place particular emphasis on including a diverse group of women and youth. GPF Nigeria launched the One Family under God radio program in 2022, broadcasting to a million Nigerians on topics ranging from peaceful elections, interfaith collaboration, and youth leadership.

Tanzania

GPF Tanzania’s ongoing projects uplift young leaders and engage communities in protecting the environment, preventing violent extremism, and safeguarding civic space in partnership with the Prime Minister’s Office of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania along the border of Southern Tanzania and Northern Mozambique. Vijana Na Amani (Youth and Peace) and Dumisha Amani (Promoting Peace) are signature programs of GPF Tanzania in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme. These innovative youth-led peacebuilding programs mobilize residents to participate in peacebuilding training workshops. GPF Tanzania has established more than 75 Peace Clubs in schools across the nation.

Uganda

Ugandans from all walks of life stood together against violent extremism through the Uganda for Peace Campaign initiated by GPF Uganda in 2023. The campaign seeks to empower religious, cultural, and security leaders with education and knowledge from peacebuilding experts to prevent the rise of identity-based conflict in the Rwenzori region. GPF Uganda’s ongoing work in transforming education has led to the creation of several Peace Clubs in secondary schools and ongoing workshops for teachers and students fostering a holistic approach to education.



ASIA

Cambodia

Youth leaders from GPF Cambodia are mobilizing through the “One Book One Love” project to provide accessible education. The project has donated thousands of educational materials and mobilized hundreds of volunteers and stakeholders to take ownership of the challenges in their communities. In addition, youth leadership has been an important focus in shaping youth to become moral and innovative leaders through various trainings, seminars, and workshops that equip them with essential knowledge and experience. GPF Cambodia’s “Green Lights” project is spreading environmental awareness to society while engaging citizens in sustainable actions for the future.

India

Moral and innovative leadership workshops raise young leaders with a focus on a culture of service through peace clubs, multifaith programs, and dialogue circles. The ongoing S.M.I.L.E. (Sustainable Means of Inclusive Lifelong Empowerment) program trains young mentors to provide education to children in vulnerable communities in India. Facets of Faith is another signature project by GPF India that invites a religiously diverse group of youth to participate in a tour of places of worship followed by engaging group discussions that explore values shared across their many faith traditions.

Indonesia

GPF Indonesia’s “Peace! Project” is helping youth develop a deeper understanding of their own and other religions and the values they all share. The country’s motto, Unity in Diversity, demonstrates the incredible variety and longing of the people to bridge religious and cultural divides. GPF Indonesia’s annual U-Gen seminar and Focus Group Discussion partners with local universities to host a forum for students to delve into topics that balance faith, love of country, and the essential need to coexist and thrive with people of different religious beliefs to achieve the 2045 Golden Indonesia Vision.

Japan

The annual Multicultural One Family Festival supported by GPF Japan, local partners, and embassies fosters understanding and cross-cultural cooperation among Japan’s growing multiethnic population. GPF Japan hosts the Peace Design Forum and other Northeast Asia regional forums discussing the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula, and in 2021 was a partner in launching the Budnam Street Renewal Project. The program plants

new willow trees and built a monument on a memorial walkway in remembrance of the human rights violations and freedoms lost to those who were victims of the North Korean Repatriation Project.

Malaysia

Since 2014, GPF Malaysia has empowered the Orang Asli (indigenous people) community by providing access to clean water, sanitation, education, and solar electrification, as well as training in regenerative farming. This long-standing commitment to improving rural sanitation and water access earned GPF Malaysia the 6th ASEAN Leadership Award on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication in 2023.

Mongolia

Much of Mongolia is affected by desertification. With water sources drying up and threatening traditional nomadic life, GPF Mongolia’s “Model Village” project is planting hundreds of trees every year and building fences to protect the revived pastures from animals and sandstorms. The annual Mongolia Forum is hosted by GPF Mongolia to discuss the role of economy and tourism for Northeast Asia peace and development and strategies and prospects to advance a free and united Korea. Mongolia enjoys peaceful relations with both North and South Korea, as well as China, Russia, Japan, and the United States and thus can play a significant diplomatic role in advancing peace in the region.



Nepal

GPF Nepal empowers young leaders through ongoing programs that foster a culture of service, moral and innovative leadership capacities, and education on environmentally sustainable practices. The Global Peacebuilders Leadership Program and Moral and

Innovative Leadership Workshops support Nepalese youth in becoming global citizens while contributing to their local communities. GPF Nepal's Project Saksham promotes positive personal transformation through values education for volunteers and children. Launched in 2023, the Green Homes: Green Kathmandu project is bringing sustainable solutions to families battling waste management, severe water pollution, and worsening air quality through education on rooftop gardens, recycling methods, and environmentally friendly sanitation products.

Philippines

Creating a national model of Transforming Education, GPF Philippines works closely with the Philippines Department of Education to facilitate groundbreaking training and workshops for educators and administrators to drive a holistic approach to education. In-person and online forums invite collaboration for the ongoing Character and Creativity Initiative, providing experiential training in values and entrepreneurship for students and faculty in secondary schools. The Philippines also hosts the annual Global Youth Summit, gathering thousands to learn and talk about the Sustainable Development Goals. GPF has worked for over a decade to provide solar technology, clean water solutions, and education through the All-Lights Village project, which has empowered families in the rural areas of the Philippines.



South Korea

Key initiatives for GPF Korea focus on a free and unified Korean peninsula. The International Forum on One Korea invites experts from across the globe for panels and discussions on regional security, human rights, and new policies that can support a prosperous Korea uniting both North and South. Concerted efforts by GPF and Action for Korea United advocate for the One Korea Global Campaign, a grassroots movement for a united Korea led by the Korean people. Activities include the Korean Dream Art Exhibition, the Korean Dream History Forum, and numerous forums and festivals inviting civic engagement in the movement for a unified Korea.



EUROPE

Ireland

The Peacesharing Forum is a signature annual partnership program between GPF Ireland and Co-operation Ireland that addresses peacebuilding and education as related disciplines in fostering peaceful societies and raising future responsible citizens. The international multi-day workshop explores the phases of peacebuilding based on the turbulent history of religious conflict that faced Northern Ireland.

Thank You!

Dear friends and supporters,

The Global Peace Foundation has grown to embrace dynamic new peacebuilding ventures around the world thanks to dedicated efforts with our many partners, which include government ministries, nongovernmental and faith-based organizations, educational institutions, foundations, businesses, and individual donors. This 2024 report presents a comprehensive account of the important progress in peacebuilding that we have achieved together.

Initiatives to advance character and creativity education; transcend religious and ethnic divisions in regions of conflict; promote environmental sustainability; build models of community-based development; and support transnational service learning are all guided by the vision of One Family under God and implemented with GPF's values-based approach.

In this twenty-first century we are still confronting perilous challenges around the globe, and the decisions we make and actions we take can have generational consequences. Conflict and corruption, environmental degradation, poverty, and other social pathologies are not inherent and immutable; they can be solved with a clear and empowering vision, resolute determination, and creative, collaborative action. Indeed, we share a moral responsibility to uplift and honor the dignity, fundamental rights, and well-being of our entire human family.

Let us recommit to the cause of building peace, in our own lives, in our communities, and in our nations—toward a new civilization of freedom and peace in our shared home on this earth.

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