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This 2020-2021 Special Edition Activity Report summarizes the programs and initiatives of the Global Peace Foundation in the past two years, during which the world faced an unprecedented time of uncertainty as the COVID-19 global pandemic disrupted everyday lives and the well-being of communities everywhere.

By early 2020, all of the Global Peace Foundation's activities moved online and efforts globally were focused on providing support and aid during the pandemic. In 2021, most activities continued virtually while some transitioned back to in-person gatherings or hybrid events.

During this same period, we saw people join together in common cause, to figure out how to adjust to challenging circumstances - with social distancing, zoom school, tele-work, and home quarantines. We also witnessed remarkable human creativity to innovate new and unique ways to use various telecommunication platforms to continue reaching out, communicating, collaborating, and connecting.

As our highly interconnected world was impacted as never before, it challenged all of us to work together to forge innovative solutions beyond borders and our many differences. Throughout this time, we witnessed across the world ordinary people making heroic efforts with extraordinary compassion to help those in need. Indeed, we saw the collective power of the human spirit at work.

At the Global Peace Foundation, like everywhere, the pandemic forced us to adapt to the virtual environment. Once we did, we discovered ways to expand our efforts on both local and regional issues across all areas of our work, with increased participation both in total numbers as well in geographic reach and nations represented.

Of course, those programs and engagements were quite different from the past, as we have learned to connect virtually on platforms like Zoom, On24, YouTube Live, and Facebook Live. We had webinars, online trainings, online policy forums, virtual volunteer camps, and virtual volunteer opportunities. We even hosted the 2021 Global Peace Convention in a completely virtual environment, even including a virtual exhibition hall!

These experiences have only strengthened our capacity as a global organization to expand our reach and to impact more communities in the years to come. As our nations re-open, we will certainly utilize these new capacities as we continue to work with our stakeholders and partners – both in-person and virtually - to implement effective programs that address critical issues facing the human family.

On behalf of our Global Peace Foundation team, we extend our best wishes for health, safety and well-being to everyone in our global community.





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The global pandemic of 2020-2021 and beyond has reminded us of the uncertainties of human existence and our limitations in finding effective global solutions, regardless of the myriad international organizations created for just such a crisis.

While globalization has benefited humanity greatly through trade, travel, and communications, it has also led to increasing fragmentation and antagonism in the spheres of politics and, most importantly, values. Universal principles that guarantee human rights and freedoms are the foundation of a strong and resilient society.

Today, however, many have lost sight of those values and are turning to more extremist reactions, eroding liberty in significant ways. The cacophony of conflicting ideas about human identity and society have resulted in widespread moral confusion. It is important that we recognize which ideas will lead to a peaceful, harmonious future and which will dissolve social bonds, leading to chaos and anarchy.

Just as we understand that living in harmony with the laws of nature is necessary for sustaining life on our planet, so too aligning with the moral laws of the universe is necessary for finding meaning and fulfillment. True freedom is to recognize and live by those principles through which genuine human value and dignity are realized.

That is why freedom of conscience, the freedom to govern our existence and distinguish right from wrong, is so essential. All other freedoms, such as freedom of religion and expression, are an extension of the freedom to live according to one's conscience, which is the essential foundation for a truly free and ethical society.

Today human rights are being violated in many parts of the world in ways that deny freedom of conscience, human dignity, and innate value. North Korea is particularly notorious in this regard. Given the global ramifications of these issues, promoting freedom of conscience and religion, and a comprehensive solution to the peace, security and human rights issues on the Korean peninsula are key priorities of the Global Peace Foundation.

I have spoken and written of the Korean Dream, the dream of a country re-united on the foundation of universal principles and values, and the shared heritage of all Koreans. The impact of the principled reunification of the Korean people will benefit the peninsula and the East Asia region through greater peace, stability, and prosperity. It will be a light to the world, showing how even the most extreme division and conflict can be overcome.

Thus, we stand today at a crossroads. What principles, which values, will direct our lives and guide us to a better future? Our choices today will determine whether humanity takes the path to peace and prosperity or to further conflict and chaos. We, collectively, are the authors of this chapter in human history. The choices we make, the standards we set, and the leadership we exhibit will have far-reaching implications for the future.

Let us all commit to become the moral and innovative leaders who invest our passion, energy and talent to serve the greatest good for the benefit of all humanity.



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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



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OUR VISION

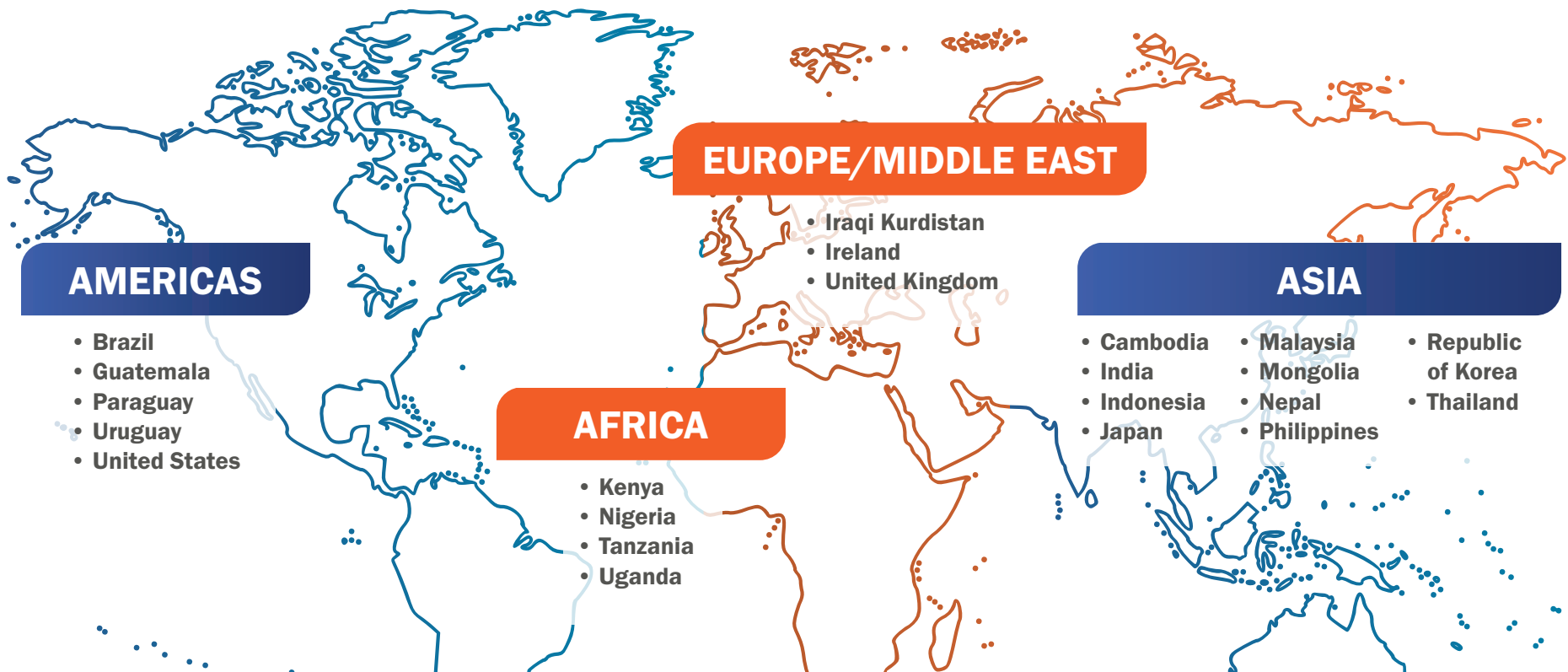
The Global Peace Foundation (GPF) promotes an innovative, values-based approach to peacebuilding, guided by the vision of One Family under God. We believe that this shared identity and our common aspirations as members of the human family establish the basis for sustainable peace. We affirm the importance of universally recognized principles and shared values as essential to building social cohesion within nations and the global community.

The Global Peace Foundation engages and organizes a global network of public and private sector partners who develop community, national, and regional peacebuilding models as the foundation for ethical and cohesive societies and nations.



Global Peace Foundation leadership, partners and supporters pose with Global Peace Awards winners at the 2019 Global Peace Convention in Seoul, South Korea.

WHERE WE WORK



Peacebuilding Practicum
in the United States.



Character education in Nepal.



Engaging village leaders in Nigeria on the
International Day of Peace.



Development projects in Malaysia.



One Korea Global Campaign.

VALUES-BASED PEACEBUILDING

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



Peacesharing Forum in Ireland.



Peacebuilding Practicum in the United States.

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



Former Latin American presidents discuss good governance and development priorities at the Organization of American States in Washington.

FOSTERING CIVIC VIRTUE


GPF supports responsible, informed citizenship and works to strengthen the underlying values that foster social cohesion, promote 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



Freedom of conscience and religion is the most essential of all human rights, the deepest expression of human dignity and freedom. If this primary freedom is not respected, other human rights will not be respected.

Through its Freedom of Conscience and Religion Initiatives, the Global Peace Foundation has championed and executed a range of multilateral initiatives that provide education, awareness, and advocacy in addressing international religious freedom violations and domestic religious liberty infringements. Some of these initiatives include a dynamic series of virtual forums and roundtable sessions hosted during the 2021 Global Peace Convention; Meet4Peace, a Middle East educational peace initiative for faith leaders; and the forthcoming “Did You Know: Your Faith Under Attack” podcast series, which aims to highlight the acute persecution of various religious groups around the world through engaging audiovisual storytelling.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ROUNDTABLE

As a staunch advocate for religious freedom around the world, the Global Peace Foundation is an active member of the International Religious Freedom Roundtable. GPF Vice President Dr. Paul Murray serves as the Roundtable co-chair, on the Roundtable's steering committee, and in the executive leadership level of the International Religious Freedom Secretariat.

The International Religious Freedom Secretariat and its Roundtables are comprised of representatives from non-governmental organizations who gather regularly to discuss international religious freedom issues on a non-attribution basis and propose joint advocacy actions to address the protection and promotion of freedom of religion, conscience, and belief around the globe.

The Washington, DC Roundtable convenes weekly virtual meetings which include senior staff from the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, the U.S. Helsinki Commission, the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, the International Religious Freedom Caucus, Members of Congress, and foreign embassies. With approximately 83 percent of the world's population now living in countries with high government restrictions on religion according to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, the goal of the Roundtable is to reverse the rising tide of restrictions on religious freedom that is spreading globally.



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 defectors 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.



Korea experts and human rights advocates discuss abuses by the North Korean regime at a roundtable in Seoul, South Korea.

U.S. CAPITAL AREA COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Capital Area Coalition for Religious Liberty organizes food drive to provide for those in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Through its active participation in the Capital Area Coalition for Religious Liberty, the Global Peace Foundation brings its diverse network of faith and civic leaders to the table to strengthen the vital work being done to address religious liberty issues in the U.S. Capital Area. GPF Vice President Dr. Paul Murray serves as the Coalition's Co-Chair.

This coalition is a growing network of faith leaders and organizations within the District of Columbia, in collaboration with partners from the greater Maryland and Virginia areas, with a distinct mission to identify, address, and lead efforts to combat the encroachment of state and federal courts into the religious freedom of houses of faith and faith-based organizations.

In addition, the Coalition came together as a faith-based community to lead the distribution of more than 40,000 pounds of donated food through various houses of worship and food banks across D.C. and Maryland to feed those in need at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

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. Through education, awareness, advocacy, network development, and the promotion of grassroots solutions, the Alliance hopes to address issues and policies affecting First Amendment rights; to build a broad pluralistic constituency of citizens, regardless of religion, race, culture, or socio-economic background; and to demonstrate through grassroots solutions the power of self-governing ethical citizens engaged in solving problems facing our communities.



Global Peace Foundation served as an incubator for the First Amendment Voice Alliance, which advances public awareness of fundamental freedoms.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROTECTIONS


GPF leaders have served as vocal advocates engaging with the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships for guaranteeing religious freedom protections in the public square, and have participated in a non-partisan capacity throughout the last three U.S. administrations.

Among the principal functions of the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is partnering with civil society to organize more effective efforts to serve people in need across the country and around the world and optimizing the efforts of faith-based and other secular communities to do so.

In addition, the Office works to ensure that policy decisions and programs throughout the federal government is consistent with the policy set forth in the Executive Order with respect to faith-based and other community initiatives, and to bring concerns, ideas, and policy options to leaders for assisting, strengthening, and replicating best practices and partnerships, with faith-based and other community organizations.

2021 GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION – INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TRACK

The 2021 Global Peace Convention organized panels over three days covering Government Restrictions on Religious Freedom, Religious Freedom as a Human Right, and a convening of the South Korea Religious Freedom Roundtable. High levels of religious freedom promote peaceful democracies, tolerance, and interreligious cooperation. Despite the importance of religious freedom, it is denied or abridged in many countries. These interactive sessions brought together thought leaders representing academia, NGO's, government, and the faith community. The expert panels affirmed that freedom of religion and freedom of conscience are fundamental human rights and the foundation for peace in the world.



International dignitaries celebrate hopes for Korean reunification at a 2019 rally commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Korean Independence Movement in Seoul, South Korea.

The current conflict on the Korean peninsula has impacted security, development, and stability not only for North and South Korea but also Northeast Asia and the world. How the Koreans and the global community approach the peaceful reunification of the Koreas and build sustainable solutions for peace and prosperity in this region can serve as a model for other nations and regions.

Since 2010 the Global Peace Foundation has been promoting international support for Korean-led peaceful unification, envisioning 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.

ONE KOREA GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

BUILDING GLOBAL SUPPORT FOR A FREE AND UNIFIED KOREA

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

Given the global pandemic's impact on in-person events everywhere, in 2020 GPC continued its support of Korean reunification through the Virtual Forum Series: International Forum on One Korea. Convenings of prominent scholars, policymakers, journalists, and civil society leaders from Korea and the global community examined the new circumstances, identified new opportunities and developed a more specific roadmap for a free and unified Korea predicated on the ideals embodied in the ancient Korean ethos of *Hongik Ingan*, or "Living for the Greater Benefit of All Humanity."

2020 INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ONE KOREA VIRTUAL SERIES

- Realignment Amid Global Changes: New Opportunities for a Free and United Korea (August 2020)
- Free and Unified Korea: Northeast Asia Regional Collaboration (September 2020)
- Free and Unified Korea: Challenges and Opportunities Amid Dynamic U.S.-China-Korea Relations (November 2020)
- Free and Unified Korea: International Cooperation on Human Rights and Religious Freedom (December 2020)

Historic Opportunity for Korean Unification: Vision, Leadership, and Action

한반도 통일의 역사적 기회: 비전, 리더십, 그리고 실천

The Plaza Seoul, Korea



Korea experts examine Korean reunification as an approach to advance peace, security, and shared prosperity in the Northeast Asia region.

CONGRESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE AND POLICY FORUM: FREE AND UNIFIED KOREA: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

An online forum was convened concurrently in Washington D.C. (February 24) and Seoul (February 25), 2021. Legislators from both sides of the aisle in the U.S. Congress and South Korea's National Assembly called for bipartisan efforts to support a reunified Korea and to strengthen U.S.-ROK relations. Leading officials from the Clinton and Bush administrations, as well as Korean policy and grassroots leaders, explored critical issues and prospects of the U.S.-Korea policy under the newly elected U.S. administration.

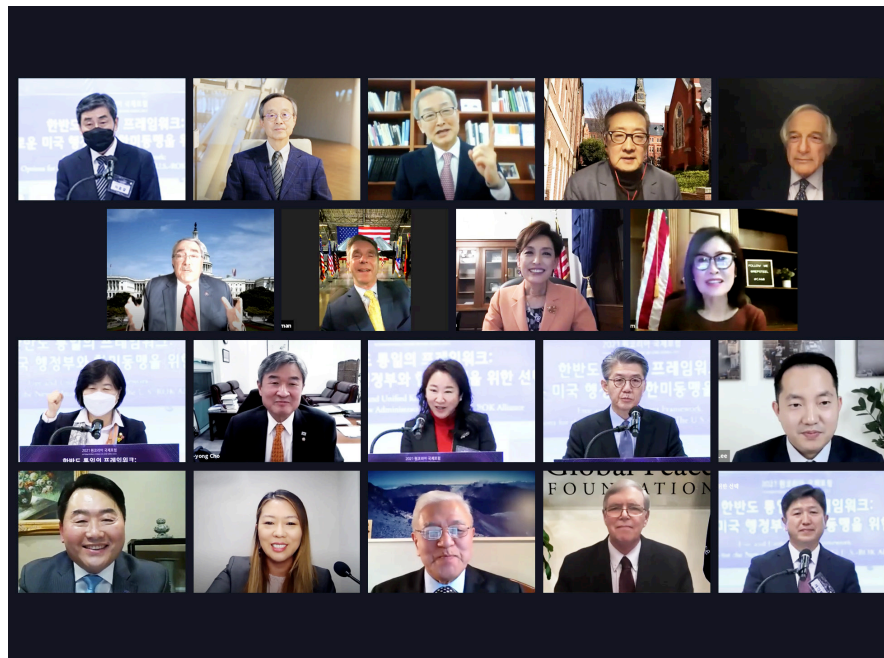
Special Remarks by Heritage Foundation Founder Dr. Edwin Feulner underscored the essential role of a vibrant civil society in building a free and united Korea. In his keynote address, Global Peace Foundation Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon affirmed, "A unified Korea, aligned with fundamental freedoms and human rights, should become the clearly stated and actively pursued policy of the U.S., South Korea, their allies and the UN. This would provide a clear end goal for Korea policy and a framework for all negotiations with the North. Focus on this end goal naturally requires a comprehensive approach that no longer compartmentalizes the nuclear issue from other issues such as human rights, governance concerns, and economic development."

MONGOLIA FORUM ON NORTHEAST ASIAN PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT AND KOREAN UNIFICATION

Mongolia has played a unique role in the work for Korean reunification. It has diplomatic relations with both North and South Korea and experienced a peaceful transition in the early 1990s into the nuclear-free, democratic nation it is today. Since 2011, it has convened important Global Peace Leadership Conferences and International Forums on One Korea focused on security, development, and the peaceful resolution of the conflict on the Korean peninsula. In October 2021, Mongolia hosted a six-part forum focused on advancing strategies for peace in Northeast Asia and discussions on the denuclearization and reunification of the Korean peninsula.



GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon (left) and Heritage Foundation Founder Dr. Edwin Feulner (right) give special remarks during a virtual forum.



Virtual forums on a Free and Unified Korea engaged U.S. and ROK Congressional Representatives and internationally renown Korea experts.



First democratically elected Mongolian President Ochirbat Punsalmaagin (left) and Former Mongolian Ambassador to UN Dr. Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan (right) discuss Northeast Asia peace and security.

KOREAN DREAM: A VISION FOR A UNIFIED KOREA

GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon published *Korean Dream: A Vision for a Unified Korea* in 2014. The book presents the division of Korea in historical context and outlines a groundbreaking approach for reunification that transcends the Cold War division, and places Korea's destiny not as a struggle of great powers but in the hands of the Korean people. The Korean Dream looks to the ancient Korean ethos of Hongik Ingan, or "living for the greater benefit of humanity," as a guiding principle to build a Korea that can benefit the world.

In 2020, a Centennial Edition of the Korean Dream was published in English and Korean, updated with a new section chronicling the ongoing work around the world since the publication of the first edition. The Global Peace Foundation applies this comprehensive, vision-based approach to the resolution of long-standing Korean peninsula issues.



Forums discuss the role of civil society for Korean reunification.

A KOREAN-LED MOVEMENT: ACTION FOR KOREA UNITED

While Koreans will need the support of the international community to achieve unification, the process must be Korean-led, as it is the Korean people themselves who must determine what type of nation that will be. “Korean-led” involves the efforts of the two Korean governments but, more importantly, the active engagement, participation, and leadership of the Korean people. The Korean people – in the South, North and diaspora – that are the most important stakeholders and should be the driving force in the movement for unification.

Global Peace Foundation Korea is a founding member of Action for Korea United (AKU), a grassroots coalition of more than 1,000 NGOs committed to advancing a vision for a peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula.

Unification is increasingly being examined, not as a distant dream for future generations, but as a realistic and a strategic approach to promoting regional stability, economic growth, and denuclearization of the peninsula. The brief 73-year span of political division cannot overshadow the five millennia of shared history, heritage and aspirations for unity and peace shared by all Koreans.



Leaders of Korean society commit to active participation in the work for a free and unified Korea.



GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon addresses a gathering of civil society leaders and activists.

BUILDING A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT FOR KOREA'S PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION

The 1919 Samil movement was a peaceful, people-led movement calling for Korean independence and the formation of a new nation that would be free, independent, democratic, and rooted in the *Hongik Ingan* ethos.

The Korean independence movement appealed to Wilsonian ideals of freedom and self-determination and profoundly influenced twentieth-century popular movements including India's movement for independence from British colonial rule, the U.S. civil rights movement, and South Africa's peaceful anti-apartheid movement.

The Global Peace Foundation commemorated the centennial of the Samil movement in 2019 with policy forums and celebrations over three days, culminating in a One Korea concert on the grounds of Korea's National Assembly. In August of 2019, more than ten thousand civil society leaders and activists packed a Kintex Hall for the Action for Korea United Assembly. AKU has taken on the unfinished cause of Korean self-determination and formed a unified nation that is true to its history, heritage and ideals.

AKU has continued its vital work amidst the pandemic, adapting to limitations on in-person gatherings throughout 2020-21. Virtual and hybrid meetings, forums, and trainings were organized to maintain the momentum of this vital popular movement.

In 2021, AKU sponsored retreats and a Korean Dream lecture series for South Korea's opinion leaders. Sessions were convened every week throughout 2021. Other new initiatives were launched including the founding of the Action for Korea United Professors Association.

We claim independence in the interest of the eternal and free development of our people and in accordance with the great movement for world reform based upon the awakening conscience of mankind."

— Korean Declaration of Independence (1919)



Engagement of Korean citizens. The Korean Dream emphasizes that the future of the Korean peninsula must be decided by the Korean people.

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

Building on the wave of Korea's global influence on music, drama, and culture, the One Korea Global Campaign has created a platform for music producers and artists, actors, and directors to raise their voices for Korean reunification, in ways that have enduring impact.

The Unification Song campaigns held since 2015 have produced numerous popular songs. Korea's prize-winning composers and lyricists, together with famous K-pop bands, have created a new genre of music supporting reunification, including the song featured at the closing meeting at the Inter-Korea summit in 2018. In 2017, Grammy Award-winning producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis produced "Korean Dream" together with American vocalist and songwriter Peobo Bryson and a global team of recording artists from the U.S., South Korea, Australia, and the Philippines.

One K Concerts have been organized to promote the peaceful reunification of Korea, while highlighting the implications of peaceful reunification for global peace. Concerts have been organized in 2015 and 2017 in the Philippines, and in 2019 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Korean Independence Movement in South Korea.



BTS performs at a One K Concert.



One K Concerts featuring leading K-pop artists build popular support for unification.



A One K Global Peace Concert was organized in Philippines generating global attention and support on the issue of Korea reunification featuring K-pop groups including ASTRO (left) and Psy (right). Grammy Award producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis join K-pop and Filipino artists (center) during the concert finale.

In June 2021, “Number One Korea” was released. It is a song composed by Kim Dong-chan to express the dreams and hopes of overcoming COVID-19 and realizing a unified Korean peninsula. Even though large concerts could not be organized during the pandemic, music television shows hosted song competitions and other creative ways to continue the musical initiatives for Korean reunification. Other cultural initiatives in recent years have also supported Korean reunification, including art exhibitions, a Korean Dream Classic Concert, and street music or drawing festivals to create awareness in popular gathering locations throughout Korea.



Korea Reunification songs and music videos are released by various composers and performers. 2021 “Number One Korea” was released.



“One Dream, One Korea,” written by celebrated South Korean composer Hyung-suk Kim, was performed by 30 K-pop musicians.

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 USA

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. Historically, the Korean diaspora community in the United States has been an instrumental base for the Korean Independence Movement. Today, Alliance for Korea United USA represents Korean diaspora communities in the United States committed to Korean reunification.



Alliance for Korea United USA Executive Vice President Andrew Sul interviews leader of the Action for Korea United Professors Association.



Alliance for Korea United USA President Richard Lee at a forum on challenges and opportunities for a unified Korea.

AKU USA has joined with the Global Peace Foundation as a sponsor and partner for international forums and conferences that advance a comprehensive approach to Korean reunification. Through forums, education programs, policy initiatives and community engagement projects, AKU USA works to build consensus and momentum in support of 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.

The Korea Legacy Project, an ongoing AKU USA YouTube series, features experts, policy makers and civil society leaders debating current affairs, reflecting on Korean American history, and educating and engaging Korean Americans about the “Korean Dream” of a unified homeland.

AKU USA co-organizes a volunteer program called “Imagine Your Korean Dream!” that paired university-age students fluent in English with a Korean student for weekly online discussions about Korea’s history, culture, and traditions, while promoting social advocacy for Korean reunification.

ACTION FOR KOREA UNITED JAPAN

Koreans living in Japan altogether number more than half a million people, including those with Japanese citizenship who emigrated before the division of Korea in 1945; their descendants; North Korean defectors, and others.

Global Peace Foundation Japan supports Action for Korea United Japan's efforts to shed light on the grave human rights violations taking place in North Korea and to promote the importance of the peaceful resolution of Korea's division to resolve these serious issues.

Action for Korea United Japan Chairwoman Eiko Kawasaki is herself a survivor of and vocal activist against North Korea's oppression of its people, particularly those lured to North Korea from Japan decades ago with promises of



Japanese residents remember those lured to North Korea from Japan decades ago at a ceremony in Niigata, Japan.



Action for Korea United Japan Chairwoman Eiko Kawasaki, a survivor of North Korean deception and repression, addresses a forum in the United States.

freedom and material prosperity only to experience a life of privation, denial of basic freedoms, and discrimination as immigrants.


The Botnam Street Renewal Project in December 2021, co-organized by the Global Peace Foundation Japan, engaged families and organizations working on human rights issues in North Korea. Participants gathered at the port city of Niigata, the departure point for ethnic Koreans who were lured to North Korea decades ago with false promises. Program participants planted willow trees on Botnam (which means “willow” in Korean) Street. They also shared stories about the exiled families to raise awareness in Japan about the plight of those remaining in North Korea.

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021 – INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ONE KOREA

The International Forum on One Korea hosted some 75 scholars, policy makers, civil society leaders and human rights activists in nine sessions over five days addressing Peace and Security, Human Rights and Governance, and Economy at the August 6-15 Global Peace Convention, held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Dozens of experts from China, the ROK, Japan, Russia, Mongolia, India, the UK, and the United States evaluated the complexities of resolving the North Korean threat, prospects of regional economic integration, and recent developments toward peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula.





*Global Peace Women (GPW)
engages women on all levels to advance
peacebuilding from the home to the world.*

The Global Peace Foundation recognizes the central role of women in peacebuilding on all levels: from the home to the community, nation, and world. Moreover, we acknowledge that service-minded women are true leaders and peacebuilders.

Our approach to women's leadership encourages women to cultivate their service-mindedness while providing skills and opportunities to build peace in their families, communities, and world. We work in close collaboration with our partner organization, Global Peace Women (GPW), to provide mentorships, networking platforms, and ongoing enrichment programs to foster international connections, share innovative ideas and mutual support.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

We are living through unprecedented times. It has been profoundly difficult for our families, our societies and our world. But, let us not focus just on the challenges and pain. Let us look outward and find ways to serve together, and in doing so, we can bring healing and hope.

The pandemic has revealed how the well-being of family fundamentally affects the health and wellness of all people. What does your family mean to you? Family is precious. When times are good, it is where we thrive and share happiness with loved ones. When times are hard, our families can be the place where we offer support and draw strength from each other. Through every season of life, I believe, the family can be an enduring source of gratitude, service, and love.

Over the past year, women have especially stepped forward to selflessly love and care for their families and communities. They are transformative teachers of peace both in the family and in society.

Let us celebrate what we have accomplished, and also reflect on the question, "What more can we do?" I am certain that together, with our collective strength of service, heart and care, we will get through these times, and we will create a brighter, greater future. Let us embark on the next step of this journey to build a peaceful world of One Family under God, one family and one community at a time.

I want to thank each of you for your selfless investment. Even in the face of challenges, you continued to offer families, communities, and the world service, gratitude, and love. Our individual and collective efforts laid the foundation for what we achieved over the past two years, and ensure our forward momentum in the years ahead. I am looking forward to continuing to work together towards a common vision of a world where every man, woman, child and family can pursue their utmost potential in peace.



Dr. Junsook Moon

Chairwoman of Global Peace Women



GPW launching ceremony in 2011 at the Global Peace Convention in Seoul, South Korea.

Global Peace Women was established as a division of the Global Peace Foundation in 2011, recognizing the importance of women in peacebuilding. Over the next decade, Global Peace Women developed initiatives and models to strengthen families, uplift the unique value and dignity of women and advance women's leadership through education, networking and service.

In 2020 Global Peace Women became an independent non-profit organization, carrying on its focus of empowering women in their families, communities and world to advance peacebuilding guided by the vision of One Family under God. Global Peace Foundation and Global Peace Women continue to work closely to develop models of values-based peacebuilding.

In the years 2020 and 2021, the pandemic emphasized the importance of families as the bedrock of our well-being. The importance of women's leadership in the family and local communities was clear. Despite the unique challenges of the times, women adapted and innovated, connected and collaborated, seeking ways to bring relief and hope to their communities.

PEACE BEGINS IN THE HOME INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

The Peace Begins in the Home (PBIH) is an international movement that highlights the central role of the family in building peaceful communities and nations. The Family Stories Campaign and the Family Volunteers for Peace initiative are part of the movement.

FAMILY STORIES CAMPAIGN

The Families Stories Campaign collects moving stories of families from around the world. From appreciating parents or a role model to recounting how families overcome challenges, campaign stories are a reminder of the power and importance of family.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, we collected inspiring family stories, reminding us of the strength, inspiration, and growth that happens within families. Particularly stories submitted during the pandemic demonstrated how families sustain hope and resilience.

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE

Global Peace Foundation joined Global Peace Women to launch the Family Volunteers for Peace initiative in 2021. The initiative encourages families to become agents of spreading the culture of service and peace through volunteering together.

Families from 17 nations submitted family volunteer stories throughout the year. Many families volunteered for the first time together through the initiative.

On International Volunteer Day on December 5, the first Family Volunteer for Peace Festival was held virtually, showcasing four winners of the Family Volunteer for Peace Story Contest, cultural performances, and a call to action for families to become agents of peace. With 25 representative nations, the colorful and uplifting display of family volunteers demonstrated the power of family service to meet local needs, bring the family closer together, and teach important family values.

Featured stories during the Family Volunteers for Peace 40-Days Campaign.



ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

We recognize that women have a unique role in the family and larger society. Therefore, GPF works to support how women can become peacebuilders both in the home and in their communities and nations.

GLOBAL PEACE WOMEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The international GPW Leadership Academy (GPWLA) launched in 2017 as a three-part leadership training and capacity-building program. These women leaders develop and implement unique community service projects as the capstone of the leadership practicum. In the process, they learn core values of leadership, identify personal strengths and skills like communication, budgeting, project management, and documentation.

GPWLA projects have tackled a range of local issues ranging from mitigating gender-based violence and cultivating financial resilience, strengthening girls' access to education, and supporting mental health.

GPWLA has a network of 100 women leaders supported by GPWLA's ongoing enrichment programs.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AND WEBINARS

During the pandemic, GPWLA launched an Enrichment Program, a weekly webinar that fostered cultural exchange and skills sharing workshops on public speaking, internal and external communications, curriculum development, and partnership building.

WEBINARS: WOMEN-LED PEACEBUILDING FROM HOME TO SOCIETY

Global Peace Women (GPW) convened a Webinar Series entitled "Women-led Peacebuilding from Home to Society" from February to June 2021. Women leaders shared their expertise and experiences. Sessions highlighted women-led initiatives and practical solutions to help women and families positively change their communities and world.



Global Peace Women seeks to empower women to actively pursue peace on all levels of influence providing enrichment and skills development programs for aspiring women leaders and opportunities to share emerging program ideas and best practices.



LOCAL INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS

Global Peace Foundation has supported women around the world as they address local issues concerning women and families and continue to advance women's leadership on all levels.

ASIA

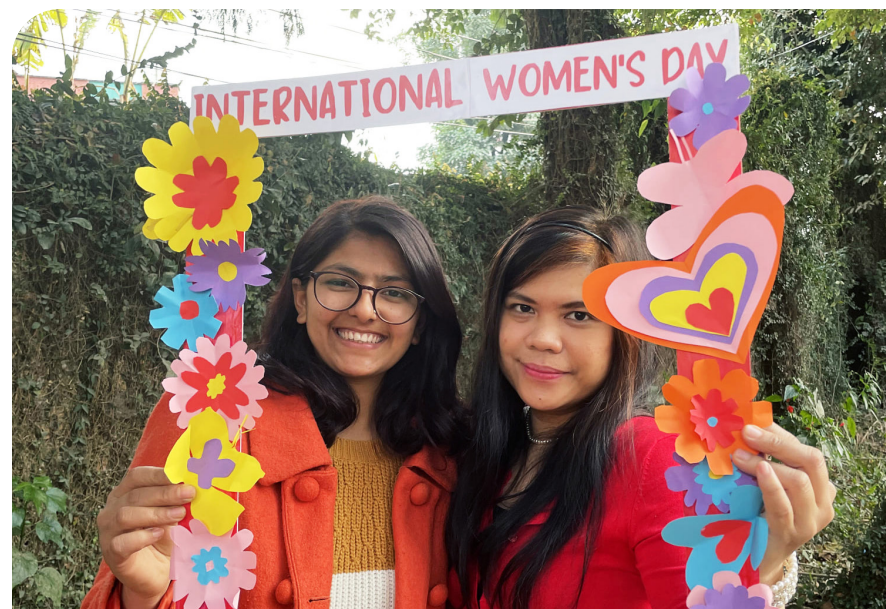
Philippines, Nepal, Korea, Japan, Mongolia

- Emergency Relief for Families in Need during COVID-19 Lockdowns
- Family Volunteers for Peace Projects
- Moral and Innovative Leadership Practicums
- Economic Mentorship and Training for Women
- Multicultural Family Support
- Out-of-school Support for Families and Educators
- International Women's Summit

AMERICAS

Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, United States

- Emergency Relief for Families in Need during COVID-19 Lockdowns
- Psychological Support for Adolescents and Families
- Monthly Family Support Webinars and Small Group Sessions for Parents and Educators
- My Plaza, My Park for Peace
- Living for the Sake of Others Awards
- Family Volunteers for Peace



GPW and GPF Nepal celebrate International Women's Day.



GPW Philippines and partners donate books to reopening schools on International Literacy Day.



GPW chapters in Africa seek to uplift and empower women in peacebuilding through promoting peace in the home and society, engaging women in local decision making, and providing opportunities for economic empowerment.

AFRICA

Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria

- Empowering Women's Engagement in Local Decision-Making
- Economic and Livelihood Training and Emotional Support for Mothers
- Peace Begins in the Home Education in Schools and Villages
- "I Stand for Peace" Social Media Campaign and Workshop
- Family Volunteers for Peace initiative
- Gender-Based Violence Prevention Trainings and Advocacy
- Peace Begins in the Home workshop



GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TRACK

Global Peace Women hosted the GPW Plenary and a best practices workshop during the Virtual GPC 2021. The Plenary addressed the significant efforts made by Global Peace Women to address the unique challenges of the global pandemic, while charting a course for future peace and development.

The best practices workshops featured seven interactive workshops on a variety of peacebuilding areas from youth leadership, drug abuse prevention, Korean reunification, family volunteering, psychological support for families and adolescents, and more.



Global Peace Foundation is building grassroots networks for peace in regions beset by conflict.

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. Hence, 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 building understanding and reconciliation in communities disrupted by conflict and division.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PEACEBUILDING

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PEACEBUILDING CAMPAIGNS IN NIGERIA

Violent conflict in southern Kaduna in recent decades has claimed many lives, displaced families, and destroyed properties. Fear and mutual suspicion accelerated by the involvement of internal and external actors has turned the region into an epicenter of bloody violence.

Kaduna has a long-standing history of loyalties along religious, tribal, ethnic, political, and economic fault lines which have been turned into tools for polarization over the decades. Rebuilding relationships and achieving constructive change has been a herculean task in southern Kaduna. For peacebuilding to occur, the restoration of relationships serves as a prerequisite for peace.

The Global Peace Foundation has been working in Kaduna state since 2014, advancing concrete steps toward peace in an area where sectarian violence has disrupted everyday life. A series of ethno-religious killings and counter-killings in 2016 between members of Nigeria's indigenous populations and the predominantly nomadic, Muslim Fulani people made headlines for what would be remembered as the "Southern Kaduna Killings."

GPF Nigeria immediately addressed the crisis with coordinated mediation meetings between leaders from both sides and key stakeholders spanning several months and many districts. As the crisis escalated, GPF initiated its "One Family Under God" campaign and other community peacebuilding efforts. Their mission is to collaborate with diverse community members including faith leaders, women, and youth on the path to sustainable peace based on common principles and shared values.

GPF Nigeria Country Director Rev. John Joseph Hayab and Sheikh Halliru Maraya, the Northern Coordinator for GPF Nigeria, have worked closely with community leaders to bridge divisions in Nigeria, which is equally divided by Christians and Muslims. With the support of the Robert Bosch Stiftung, U.S. State Department and United States Agency on International Development, GPF Nigeria launched multiple community-level efforts to build lasting peace and mitigate grievances that often lead to violence. In 2020 and 2021, multiple projects were implemented to prevent violence between herders and farmers as well as to support religious freedom by emphasizing shared values and nonviolent communication. The projects 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.

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 move forward in their lives. GPF Nigeria expressed solidarity and support for victims of violence and discouraged those affected from beginning a cycle of reprisals and counter-reprisal attacks, while providing food and hygiene assistance.



GPF Nigeria Country Director Rev. John Joseph Hayab.



Sheikh Halliru Maraya, the Northern Coordinator for GPF have worked closely to bridge divisions in Nigeria.

By patiently and respectfully listening to every group and community, GPF is seen as a trusted collaborator in the peacebuilding process, which, in turn, allows the community to be open and forthcoming with their stories. Because of this earned trust, GPF has gained an in-depth understanding of the conflict and effectively consult without judgment and bias. The process helps all sides to acknowledge the memories of others, encourages empathy, and changes negative biases held on each side of the divide.

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND MITIGATING ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICT

In nations divided by tribal and ethnic loyalties and threatened by political corruption, joblessness, and extremist ideologies, elections can become flashpoints for violence. The Global Peace Foundation's work in several nations involves mitigating election-related conflict. Local and national efforts 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.

Presidential elections in Kenya in 2007 led to the worst outbreaks of violence since Kenya's independence from Great Britain in 1963. Violent outbreaks killed thousands, displaced hundreds of thousands, and left millions of dollars of property damage in its wake.

Since that time, Global Peace Foundation has consistently worked to counter identity-based conflict, and has initiated a series of grassroots projects, including volunteer environmental mobilizations that crossed ethnic boundaries, youth leadership training, and character and creativity education widely adopted in Kenya's public schools.

GPF supported peaceful national elections in 2012 and 2017 with a National Youth Summit and grassroots efforts to bridge ethnic identities and foster Kenyan patriotism. In 2017, Global Peace Foundation Kenya collaborated with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue on a nationwide election violence prevention campaign to encourage youth to be agents of peace. With the assistance of Google/YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, GPF Kenya helped counter those promoting extremism and division online. "We are all Kenyans" was a theme of the counter-narrative social media efforts to build resiliency across divides of tribal ethnicities. The data from the campaign contributed to the report "Between Two Extremes"

GPF has supported peaceful elections through youth educational campaigns emphasizing civic participation in Nigeria (left) and Kenya (above).



and collectively reached 4.4 million viewers, over 10% of Kenyans online. Global Peace Foundation Kenya is collaborating closely with government agencies, civic leaders, and various partners to prepare for a peaceful 2022 election.

In Nigeria, election-related violence and kidnappings heightened the concerns about outbreaks during the 2015 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. Evaluation of GPF Nigeria's election violence prevention project demonstrated an increase from 25% to 96% of community members agreeing that people of different faiths could work together to reduce tension and violence in their communities. Similarly, the project demonstrated an increase in community members perception that leaders are working to build trust and bring their community together – from 38% to 97%. The project also significantly boosted community members knowledge about the dangers of election violence, from 18% to 93%. These outcomes were achieved through extensive community engagement and participation.

Again in 2021, GPF Nigeria collaborated with the Jema'a Local Government Area chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria to establish a dialogue with Southern Kaduna youth. Security professionals, representatives from the major political parties, and other community leaders appealed to the youth to maintain a peaceful attitude during the election season and affirmed that each person had the right to vote for whomever they wanted into office. They were also warned against using violence or intimidation, or being used by politicians during the election season.

ADVANCING SOCIAL COHESION

Recent events around the globe highlight the impact of identity-based conflict and the need for new approaches for achieving “unity in diversity.” The Global Peace Foundation believes shared values and a common purpose and vision can be an essential foundation for building societal cohesion in environments of significant social diversity.

In December 2021, the Global Peace Foundation in partnership with Vision Africa hosted an “Inclusive Security Dialogue” in Abuja for diverse Nigerian leaders to explore comprehensive strategies for peace and security in Africa’s most populous nation. Key stakeholders representing major ethnic, religious and cultural constituencies, and anchored by the active participation of the Sultan of Sokoto and former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, engaged in frank, respectful dialogue on the serious and contentious issues that are currently tearing Nigeria apart. These respected statesmen, elders, and faith leaders called for an end to politicizing security, for the start of a national reconciliation process, and committed to ongoing engagement in this inclusive security dialogue initiative.

In April 2021, a delegation of Kenyan parliamentarians focused on conflict mitigation and social cohesion held meetings at the Global Peace Foundation Seattle office to explore collaborative efforts. Several months later, a delegation of the Kenya’s National Commission on Integration and Cohesion (NCIC) was hosted at the Global Peace Foundation’s Washington, DC office. NCIC is a statutory body established in 2008 that promotes diversity, processes that alleviate all forms of ethnic discrimination, as well as peacebuilding initiatives that uphold human dignity. As a result of these meetings, GPF Kenya has now formalized a working partnership with NCIC to mitigate election violence and build social cohesion.

The Global Peace Foundation continues to work with government representatives, faith leaders, community leaders, and other civil society leaders on efforts to strengthen national cohesion in Nigeria and Kenya.



A delegation of the Kenya's National Commission on Integration and Cohesion at the Global Peace Foundation's Washington, DC office.

TOWARD NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION IN LATIN AMERICA



Former Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo (far right) and other former heads of state participate in a conference on Latin American political, social, and economic priorities in Washington.

Global Peace Foundation partners closely with the Latin American Presidential Mission and the Paraguayan think tank Instituto de Desarrollo del Pensamiento Patria Soñada (IDPPS) to bring together heads of state, academics, social scientists, and civil society leaders to address pressing issues and support good governance, peace and development throughout Latin America.

The Latin American Presidential Mission (LAPM) 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. LAPM carries out a variety of activities throughout the Americas and includes nearly two dozen democratically elected former presidents committed to strengthening good governance, sustainable development, social stability, and national cohesion.

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 universal 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.

ALL-LIGHTS VILLAGE



All-Lights Village (ALV) is a long-term community-based peacebuilding program of the Global Peace Foundation. What began as a solar lamp and street light project for remote communities with limited access to electricity has now grown into a community-based development model promoting family and community self-reliance. Access to a clean, dependable light source in the hours of darkness has resulted in improvements in security, education, business, and health.

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.

ALV engages with the community stakeholders and focuses on public participation to enhance community assets in improving the quality of life in the community. The All-Lights Village communities help identify development priorities and how solar energy can best address those priorities. To that end, it 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.

The All-Lights Village project in the Philippines provides solar lighting in remote regions as part of a comprehensive peacebuilding and development program.

CROSS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODELS

Cities across the United States are often a diverse mix of racial, ethnic, or religious communities. Latent tensions arising from misunderstandings or perceived identity-based threats can remain hidden from view until triggered, posing a risk to the security and stability of the whole city.

Global Peace Foundation in partnership with Cooperation Ireland, launched the Cross-Community Engagement (CCE) pilot program in Jersey City, New Jersey in 2016. Stakeholders included the U.S. Administration on Children and Families and many local social service providers and community organizations.

The CCE approach in Jersey City, part of the New York metropolitan region, is based on Cooperation Ireland's 30-year history working with Protestant and Catholic youth and encouraging interaction, dialogue, and practical collaboration within Northern Ireland and between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The project model was adapted to fit a diverse, urban U.S. context.

CCE takes a proactive approach in the prevention of conflict and extremism, with an emphasis on youth leadership development. CCE engages small groups of diverse youth. It fosters long-term peacebuilding

and positive youth leadership development through a series of workshops, field trips and activities designed to build cross-cultural relationships.

Through a facilitated community mapping process, youth design and implement a community service or social enterprise project to address a need in their own community—putting their acquired leadership skills into practice. By the end of the program, youth gain resume-worthy training, community development expertise, and real-life entrepreneurial experiences in implementing a social enterprise project – as well as making new friends and strengthening community connections.

Based on the CCE model, Global Peace Foundation advanced a transformative project called Cross Community Reconciliation (CCR), first introduced in October 2019 to bridge divisions among a racially diverse community in Billings, Montana.

The CCR project is a collaborative effort of GPF, Riverstone Health, and the Native American Development Corporation among others to reduce racial discrimination and increase empathy and understanding in Montana territories that are home to twelve tribal nations. The first phase was successfully conducted in 2020 with plans for a second, expanded phase.

Working with COVID-19 restrictions and shutdowns, the project extended to nearly a whole year, with participants, facilitators, and stakeholders expressing interest in continuing the project indefinitely.

Participants have continued to live out the mission of the project by launching a podcast called “Unspoken Words: A Native Podcast” to address issues in the indigenous community. The project has also led to plans for the creation of a Peace and Reconciliation Committee for the city of Billings. GPF Montana plans to continue the project from 2021 to 2022.

The Cross Community Engagement efforts have now been expanded into Baltimore with a goal to increase community resilience by reducing racial bias and strengthening connections amongst community members from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.



Global Peace Foundation's Cross Community Reconciliation is bridging divisions among a racially diverse community in Billings, Montana, home of twelve tribal nations.

PREVENTING TARGETED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM

Global Peace Foundation received prior U.S. Department of Homeland Security funding for Countering Violent Extremism in New Jersey through Law Enforcement and Community Leaders Training of Trainers and Community Engagement, funded by the FY16 DHS CVE Grant Program. To successfully implement the program, GPF collaborated with a significant group of NJ law enforcement, state agencies and community partners. Together with its partners, GPF made progress to prevent violent extremism/targeted violence and to strengthen connections between law enforcement and community members – including the NJ Office of Attorney General, NJ Office of Homeland Security, FBI, faith communities, universities and schools, local NGOs, and other stakeholders in New Jersey.

GPF's prior project was nationally recognized by the National Counterterrorism Center and presented at their summer 2019 national conference as a community terrorism /targeted violence prevention 'best practice' project. From 2017-2019, GPF hosted 77 trainings and community engagement events, reaching 5,675 people.

The Global Peace Foundation was awarded a second grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2021 to launch a project in Prince George's County, Maryland to increase local community awareness and understanding to prevent radicalization and mobilization to targeted violence and all forms of terrorism. The objectives of the project are to raise the awareness of local community members to the threat of targeted violence and terrorism and the radicalization to violence process – including resources for violence prevention. The project is being implemented over the course of two years.

Global Peace Foundation has also led efforts to raise awareness of and prevent violent extremism across its portfolio, including in Kenya, Tanzania, and Indonesia.

In Kenya, GPF has have implemented online digital literacy education and social media counter narrative campaigns with funding from Google and other donors. GPF Tanzania examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on extremist narratives in East Africa and the Horn of Africa. The project was supported by Hedayah Center and contributed to a larger study being undertaken by the Center. In Indonesia, GPF implemented on the Millennial prevention campaign reaching 6 universities and over 1,000 youth with support from UNDP through Convey Indonesia. The curricula have been adapted for training deliveries and presentations at conferences, convenings and professional development events, and tailored to fit the local contexts and audiences in European and African countries. In project evaluations, participants reported significant increases in ability to recognize, prevent, and take appropriate action to counter violent extremism.



Global Peace Foundation's Urban Peacebuilding Project works with elected leaders, law enforcement, and minority communities to identify and mitigate early signs of violent extremism in the United States.



Programs in Indonesia (left) and Tanzania (right) engage youth focusing on factors that may prevent recruitment into extremist activities or organizations.

CREATING PEACE HUBS

The PeaceHub Campaign is a much-needed public awareness and educational program, uniquely designed for communities. Currently being piloted in the U.S., particularly in the Washington DC Capital Region, 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 and 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 solve problems in the community. PeaceHubs cultivate social cohesion and peace by bringing diverse stakeholders together to collaborate on social innovation and civic projects.

JAPAN'S MULTI-CULTURAL ONE FAMILY FESTIVAL

An island nation with strong nationalist traditions, Japan is adapting to growing cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity because of intermarriage, a historically low birth rate, and more relaxed immigration policies. Since 2015, Global Peace Foundation Japan has sponsored multi-cultural festivals to support immigrant populations as well as minority Korean, Chinese, and Filipino peoples who call Japan home.

International communities from Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Philippines, Korea, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and many others celebrate the diversity of human culture with international food, traditional performances, and booths with unique cultural exhibitions.


Due to the global pandemic, no in-person festivals were sponsored in 2020-2021. Planning for future festivals in 2022 and beyond is ongoing, subject to health and safety protocols.



Multi-cultural festivals support immigrant populations as well as minority Korean, Chinese, and Filipino peoples who call Japan home.

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021: VALUES-BASED PEACEBUILDING TRACK

The 2021 Global Peace Convention in August examined the roots of extremism and strategies for resolving conflict. The nine sessions hosted during the convention included Strengthening Social Cohesion, Community Peacebuilding, Interreligious Peacebuilding, Empowering Youth, Global Ethics in Community Peacebuilding, Preventing Violent Extremism, Countering Violence and Misinformation during the Electoral Process, Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy Tools, and Cohesion and Solidarity.



Educators and practitioners gather in Ireland for a Peacesharing Forum.

Transforming education is a process of redefining learning to develop the character competencies and future workplace skills that are in high demand by employers and to prepare students to have a positive influence on their world.

An education ecosystem with inputs from the community, employers, and parents contributes to an engaging learning environment with social supports to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, cross-cultural understanding, and peaceful schools and communities. Students learn digital technologies, explore entrepreneurial enterprises, develop real-world problem-solving skills, and build core values of leadership and integrity. Transforming education is necessary to create employment opportunity and economic development, societal and political stability, and ethical societies free from corruption.

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

DEVELOPING HYBRID EDUCATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

Schools were some of the first institutions to close their doors when the global pandemic sent many countries across the world into lockdown.



Global Peace Foundation chapters responded swiftly, moving online to address the dramatically shifting educational landscape. Starting in April 2020, chapters in Kenya, Uganda, Paraguay, and the Philippines commenced a series of forums to address challenges facing teachers and administrators as well as provide support for students.

The forums shifted the conversation from the looming fear of a “lost year” and a never-ending list of challenges to seeing the pandemic as an opportunity, an accelerated process for transforming education. Teachers, students, administrators, and ministries have been encouraged to look beyond the pandemic and to envision the future of education, rather than be overwhelmed by the present circumstances.

The forums developed into the Transforming Education Webinar Series in 2020-2021, designed to address country-specific needs and challenges. The forums involve stakeholders from all sectors of each nation: Ministries of Education, administrators, educators, students, parents, international

agencies, and private sector participants like Oracle and Microsoft.

Global Peace Foundation has developed a platform for discovery and real-time problem solving like remote instruction, access to technology, continuing education, and teacher and student mental and emotional health. The process of moving away from traditional brick and mortar learning has required intense collaboration for all members of the community.

In 2021, GPF hosted virtual convenings in Brazil, Uganda, and India to address adolescent developmental challenges relating to shuttered schools, and the need in much of the developing world to adopt technological innovations that support hybrid learning. Meeting these challenges is a collective responsibility, bringing together teachers and administrators, industry professionals, supportive NGOs, and technology companies to make it a reality.

GPF hosted virtual convenings in Kenya, Uganda, Paraguay, the Philippines, Brazil, Uganda, and India to support online and hybrid learning as a result of the global pandemic.



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FUTURE-READY EDUCATION

Career opportunities favor graduates with global competencies and digital literacy, especially in the new frontiers of the virtual environment.

Global Peace Foundation programs empower students to use science and technology to solve real world problems. GPF partners with leading technology companies who provide hands-on trainings through the Cisco Academy, Andela's Teen Code, Oracle Academy, and IBM's Teachers Try Science amongst others to equip teachers and students with technological skills, interdisciplinary learning, and practical knowledge that prepare them for the twenty-first century workforce.

The global pandemic has underscored the need for readiness in online access, quality of education and well-being of students and teachers. The need for moral and innovative leadership has never been more pertinent as educators rethink ways to prepare their students for the world of automation, artificial intelligence, robotics, the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), and climate change, as well as responding to social issues of inequality and relating beyond differences.



Through virtual conferences and the bi-annual Global Peace Convention in August 2021, Global Peace Foundation supports thought leaders who explore new trends, ideas, policies, and innovations to prepare students to be successful in all aspects of their lives and have the agency to contribute to the creation of flourishing societies.



Digital literacy is essential for youth to prepare for the twenty-first century workforce.

Education systems desperately need to be innovative to adapt to fast-paced change, when 65 percent of students entering school now will end up in jobs that do not yet exist. According to the World Economic Forum, a “skills revolution” could open a host of new opportunities. Therefore, responsive education approaches are necessary to ensure that students are future-ready to be successful in all aspects of their lives.

CHARACTER & CREATIVITY INITIATIVE

Developing integrity, communication skills, leadership capacity and entrepreneurial innovation are important components of the education of the ‘whole child.’

Students globally are graduating with university degrees and failing to find employment. This youth unemployment bulge has a negative impact on economic development, peace, and security. Schools are being called upon to transform their school cultures and develop graduates who are well-balanced. Employers at all levels are seeking ethical and innovative employees who can work effectively with others, solve problems, and build trust with co-workers, peers, clients, and customers.



GPF's Character and Creativity Initiative (CCI) aims to provide experiential training in values and entrepreneurship for students in secondary schools. It was first initiated in Kenya in 2011 and has since been introduced in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Uganda, Nigeria, Brazil, Paraguay, and the United States.

The Character and Creativity initiative offers a comprehensive framework of quality standards whereby students and staff cultivate competencies in integrity, compassion, ethical online and offline conduct, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and “hands-on” peacebuilding skills. Outside the United States, this area of focus is often viewed as an antidote to corruption.

Employers' top priorities are no longer high test scores, but rather creative, innovative, and entrepreneurial employees, reliable, independent, and able to learn on the job. CCI intervention directly addresses these skill sets through the improvement of teachers' practices, such as ensuring a student-centric environment which can provide for the ability to create two-way, diverse, and critical dialogues.



Educators in Indonesia (left) and students in the Philippines (below) develop soft skills of problem solving, teamwork, and leadership capacity through GPF's Character and Creativity initiative.

TEACHER TRAINING

Training of teachers and educators remains an essential mandate for governments, NGOs, education stakeholders and STEM organizations to develop the professional capacity to prepare students for success in the workplace and as productive citizens.

Learning has often been perceived to be for students only, without a priority for training and skills for teachers and educators to inform them of new innovative cultures in education, twenty-first century curricula, trending technological advancements, and the need to incorporate creativity in the syllabus to ensure “whole-student” education.

Over the last decade, the Global Peace Foundation has trained more than 25,000 educators with support from Ministries of Education, regional and local governments, and partnering corporations and universities. In response to the global pandemic in 2020-21, Global Peace Foundation's Capacity Building Online Workshops for teachers and school principals provided guidance and support for educators to transform their school cultures by modeling and building integrity and nurturing creativity in response to specific concerns in the school and home environment that severely affect school morale and the academic climate. The workshops addressed the new role of the teacher as an agent of change, a master facilitator, a role model, a great collaborator, a moral and innovative leader, and one who is good at relationship building with their students, fellow teachers, parents, and community members.



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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

UN World Teachers' Day is held annually on the 5th of October to recognize teachers around the globe.

Teachers can have a lasting and influential impact on the life arc of a student by passing on knowledge, values, and ethics. GPF recognized this most critical contribution during an October and November 2021 series of virtual convenings on the theme “The Role of Teachers in Transforming Education Globally.”

Panels based in Kenya, Uganda, Northern Ireland (UK), Republic of Ireland, Philippines, USA, Paraguay, India, and Iraqi Kurdistan, with international participation, shared classroom experiences, the challenges presented by the pandemic, and innovative approaches that defined teachers as “designers of learning,” and stressed the teacher-student-parent work relationship as a key to more effective education outcomes.



GPF Vice President of Education Dr. Tony Devine addresses a conference.

KENYA'S 'GREAT PLACES TO SCHOOL' INITIATIVE

Kenya's 'Great Places to School' (GPTS) initiative is a research-based rating program to identify and recognize schools whose innovative learning environment and overall school culture contribute to the development of the total child.

A project of the Global Peace Foundation and Standard Media Group in partnership with Kenya Private Schools Association, Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa, Opinion Track Ltd, Moringa School and Safaricom, GPTS is equivalent to an annual report card which provides accurate, objective information about the performance of individual schools.


In December 2021, top secondary schools in Kenya were recognized at an Awards Gala Dinner in Nairobi. Top-performing schools were awarded in various categories, including Character and Creative Talent; STEM Education; Career Development and Entrepreneurship; Governance; Health and Personal Hygiene; Extracurricular and Sports Activities; Academics; and Safety and Security.



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GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION TRACK

The 2021 Global Peace Convention, hosted virtually in August, included a three-day forum, *"Transforming Education through Values, Innovation and Future Ready Skills."* Seven dedicated sessions engaged educators, policy makers, and private sector leaders, and registered participants from around the globe to examine future trends in education, innovations in hybrid learning due to the ongoing pandemic, adapting to the post-pandemic learning landscape, and approaches to support at-risk youth who lack social supports and baseline technology to meet the demands for the twenty-first century workplace.

A young woman wearing a black hijab and a yellow patterned top is speaking into a microphone at a conference. She is looking towards the camera with a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing other people in a meeting setting.

Global Peace Foundation supports youth development through leadership training, service learning, and cross-cultural international exchanges.

Youth driven by a noble vision can tackle many of the longstanding crises facing humanity today with their energy, passion, and ability to dream beyond the current reality. Through its leadership and development initiatives, the Global Peace Foundation is committed to building a global network of moral and innovative young leaders to transform communities, nations, and the world.

Young professionals currently make up approximately one billion of the world's population. As emerging leaders, young people can play a critical role in peacebuilding, starting in their local communities. The Global Peace Foundation provides leadership development programs for youth to build and gain confidence to become these peacebuilders, while connecting and engaging with youth from all over the world.

Its signature programs include the International Young Leaders Assembly, Global Peacebuilders Practicum, Global Peace Youth Forum, Global Peace Youth Leadership Challenge, and the GPF Chapters' youth programs. Each provides platforms for youth peacebuilding education, 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. In this way, GPF actively supports youth inclusion in peacebuilding, security, and policy-making, making significant contributions to issues raised in the UN Security Council Resolution 2250. Thus, youth can solve real, local issues and problems while simultaneously advancing a global culture of peace and shared prosperity.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

GLOBAL PEACE VOLUNTEERS

Global Peace Volunteers (GPV) is a global youth-based network of young leaders representing the diversity of the human family and all disciplines of human endeavor. They stand on the common ground of shared principles and are committed to the path of reconciliation, overcoming barriers, and building sustainable peace. The undergraduate program fosters a culture of altruism, volunteerism, and inclusiveness that transcends religion, race, and nationality.

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 activities 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 the youth as innovative leaders for peace and development.

In 2020 and 2021, the GPV camps were comprised of mostly virtual but some in-person programs for the GPV network. In 2020, GPF Philippines with the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation collaborated to conduct a campus tour

and competition to promote safe and supportive learning environments. The same year, GPF Indonesia held a GPV Camp in partnership with Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) to bring together youth from different religious backgrounds to learn how to dialogue and work together across divides.

In Cambodia, Global Peace Volunteers initiated three projects including the Peacebook Library Project, the EnglishEd Project and the GreenEd (Environmental Teaching) Project. To further the work of these impactful initiatives, there was an online recruitment program to train volunteers for these projects in 2020.

In September 2021, Global Peace Foundation Indonesia, with its partners, hosted a Peace Camp to develop leadership skills for aspiring young leaders at a three-day retreat. The program in Surabaya led participants from Karang Taruna, a local youth organization, through a series of character-building and team-building activities. The program included a peace circle session to test their problem-solving abilities and equip leaders to serve their communities. In addition, participants learned that facing challenges and limitations can lead to growth and help develop the skills to become a leader.



Global Peace Volunteer camps in Indonesia and Malaysia aim to uplift youth as innovative leaders for peace and development.

BUILDING DIALOGUE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING SKILLS

Experiences and relationships formed during young adulthood have been proven to impact one's attitudes and behaviors throughout life.

Giving youth the skills and experience of engaging in dialogue with people from different backgrounds prepares youth to act as peacebuilders in their various circles of influence. While the issues differ from nation to nation, the moral, innovative leadership framework provides a platform to discuss and implement strategies that address local community needs and problems.

In Nigeria, GPF currently organizes an important youth leadership program between the local Kuje and Garki communities to address identity-based conflicts. The youth leaders act as liaisons between their respective local communities to foster mutual understanding and trust among people from different ethno-religious backgrounds. An outgrowth of GPF's more general peacebuilding activities, the youth program shows promise in developing a culture of dialogue and respect across ethnic and religious divides among the next generation of Nigerian leaders.

The "Grow 3 Leaders Challenge" is a GPF collaboration with TransformationFirst.Asia and piloted with leaders from the Global Peace Foundation's chapters in Asia. This program aims to guide young professionals to influence positive changes in their workplace using twelve effective leadership behaviors and tools learned during 6 to 8 weeks of collaborating together as a group called a "collab," a term coined from the words collaboration laboratory."

With the conclusion of the pilot program, GPF is planning to adapt the challenge program to complement the Global Peace Foundation's youth leadership educational framework.

In December 2021, GPF Kenya held the second virtual Global Peacebuilders Summit under the theme "Youth Engagement in Peacebuilding." The event concluded the year-long Global Peace County Ambassadors program for 100 highly motivated young leaders drawn from all over Kenya. The mentorship program covered important topics including leadership, peacebuilding, entrepreneurship and climate action.

During the Global Peacebuilders Summit 2021, the participants' projects were featured as a part of the Virtual Exhibit Hall. The program has since been rebranded as the President's Fellowship, becoming a regional platform where African leaders can inspire and mentor the next generation of young leaders.



GPF Kenya ran a year-long Global Peacebuilders program culminating in a virtual Global Peacebuilders Summit in December 2021.

GLOBAL PEACEBUILDER PRACTICUM

The Global Peacebuilder Practicum is a premier partnership-driven leadership development program that empowers promising young leaders to positively impact communities, nations and the world. Emphasizing the importance of vision, service, and entrepreneurship as the foundation of moral and innovative leadership, young leaders join a challenging two-week interactive program in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, engaging with globally significant leaders and institutions.

The program includes participation at the International Young Leaders Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, forums with development experts at the World Bank and with U.S. policy makers at the Capitol in Washington, and lectures on American democracy at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Young leaders selected for this prestigious practicum acquire first-hand experience in leadership, join a lasting global leadership network and build a platform to tackle critical issues affecting the global community.

GPF sponsors an annual convening of youth leaders and young professionals from around the world with the International Young Leaders Assembly held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS ASSEMBLY

The International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) is an annual convening of university student leaders and young professionals from around the world for interactive programs at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Participants meet with UN host missions, learn important leadership skills, and collaborate on strategies for sustainable peace and development.


The IYLA highlights the importance of moral and innovative leadership in realizing the vision of one human family transcending boundaries of race, ethnicity, and religion. Participants consider the mission of the United Nations as the preeminent international representative body, and the leadership required to effectively achieve the ideals of the UN's founding Charter. The IYLA particularly explores the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all" as part of the UN's 2030 Agenda.

In 2020, IYLA's UN program was canceled due to global travel restrictions. Instead, different components of the IYLA program were integrated into the many online youth forums and programs through 2020 and 2021. These largely culminated in the preliminary programs of the 2021 Global Peace Convention.



GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021: GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH FORUM

Global Peace Foundation's first entirely virtual Global Peace Youth Forum (GPYF) was held July 31, 2021, with more than 1,600 pre-registered participants from 23 countries under the theme of "Youth inclusion and leadership in peacebuilding for sustainable development." The virtual forum, held in separate segments for Asia and the Americas to facilitate the different time zones, gathered more than 26,500 combined post reach and views on Zoom, Facebook, and On24. The program also had a total post engagement of 5,936 on Facebook and Twitter in which the participants shared their takeaways on the topic using the hashtags #GlobalPeace and #GPY2021. The forum also highlighted the top 6 entries of the iPeacebuilder 1-Minute Challenge showcasing young peacebuilders around the world who are contributing to shaping an inclusive culture of diverse youth as substantial constituents in peacebuilding processes.

A photograph of two young men, GPF volunteers, working on a wooden structure. One volunteer is on the left, wearing a blue t-shirt and a yellow beanie, holding a power drill. The other is on the right, wearing a blue t-shirt and a grey cap, using a hand tool. They are both smiling and focused on their work. The background is a clear blue sky. The image is framed by a green curved border at the top and bottom.

GPF volunteers apply their skills to support local communities.

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 challenges. 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.

The global pandemic in 2020 and 2021 changed how this happened on a global scale. Through it all, GPF worked to develop new ways to deliver service and aid to local communities, including through utilizing online forums and campaigns.

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Education is a basic right for all children and essential for poverty reduction, gender equality, maternal health, child mortality reduction, sustainable development, and peace. Limited access to education disproportionately affects minorities and indigenous people in remote areas in the Philippines. Recognizing the need to provide special assistance to these communities, GPF Philippines GlobALS has been serving as a state-approved provider of the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System since 2011.

GlobALS learners have the opportunity to receive elementary and high school diplomas through accreditation and equivalency programs as well as vocational training to learn skills for employment or to start a business.

The 2020-2021 pandemic interrupted in-person learning for the GlobALS program, but GPF Philippines provided virtual education for people enrolled in the GlobALS program. Instructors connected with learners via Facebook Messenger, while in rural areas that have no access to the internet, the Department of Education and GlobALS learners primarily used radio-based instruction for those unable to attend face-to-face lessons.

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 carry out learning sessions within the village, utilizes Play-Based Learning, STEM activities, arts and sports to foster interest in learning.

GPF Malaysia also introduced a cost-effective and easy-to-use SunKing Home solar light to address the daily energy needs of Orang Asli families. After installing solar lamps and phone chargers in households across 6 Orang Asli villages in Pahang, families can illuminate their homes at night.

Community Development efforts for Global Peace Foundation Brazil bring together a wide network of partners to focus on intercultural relations, education innovation, and youth entrepreneurship. GPF Brazil and local

partners are part of a national youth council body, Conjuve, that defines youth policy in the country. Recent activities have reached some 54,000 youth in Brazil and 100,000 young people in 12 countries and resulted in the development of 4,000 businesses.

During the pandemic, GPF Brazil adapted its efforts by hosting virtual international panels of educators, entrepreneurs, and youth advocates throughout 2020-21 that explored efforts to foster peacebuilding and youth enterprise. These webinars led by GPF Brazil highlighted the vital role of youth, women, entrepreneurs, and educators in community development and peacebuilding not only in Brazil but sought to offer inspiration, hope, and tools to identify and address both the unique challenges in Latin America and around the world.



GPF-supported early childhood education in Malaysia.

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND AID

We have been deeply moved by the everyday heroes, volunteers, and partners who worked to serve families in need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time, disaster response encompassed both traditional types of activities following natural disasters and efforts to help educate people about the COVID-19 pandemic and the many different ways to protect communities and lives throughout this unprecedented crisis.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

GPF Tanzania volunteers actively helped communities stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. They collaborated with Community Voices in Focus (CVIF) to launch an awareness campaign that called on communities to follow five steps based on WHO guidelines to prevent further infection: handwashing, not touching faces, coughing etiquette, physical distancing, and staying home or seeking medical assistance when feeling sick.

GPW Uruguay worked with the organization Madrinhas por la Vida to empower 40 single mothers with information on COVID-19 prevention and sanitation kits for creating a healthy environment at home. Five volunteer psychologists also provided over 200 free counseling calls for women with disabilities and their families.



GPF Philippines responded to community needs by fundraising and distributing necessities during the global shutdown. In addition, throughout 2020 and much of 2021, the chapter provided relief packages to families and frontline workers affected by lockdowns and exposure to dangerous conditions during the pandemic. The Korea Export and Import Bank partnered with GPF Korea and GPF Philippines to hand out face masks and face shields in ten cities in the Nueva Ecija province as part of the All-Lights program.

In April 2021, Global Peace Foundation Nepal began “Project Samudayik Sewa” (Community Service) to provide food packages for daily wage workers and their families who were suffering due to COVID-19 lockdowns. The project sought to inspire families to support each other by providing them with hope and acts of kindness.

NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Even while the pandemic grabbed headlines, at least twenty-eight people lost their lives in a storm that left hundreds more injured in the districts of Bara and Parsa in Nepal in March 2021. Called to action, volunteers with Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Nepal and partner, Youth Legend Nepal, organized a fundraising campaign, “Click for a Cause.”

In 2020, Global Peace Foundation Philippines and their partners engaged in emergency response efforts to aid those affected by Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco). The typhoon hit Luzon hardest, taking the lives of over seventy people and destroying thousands of homes. Through this campaign, many of these families received assistance in the form of emergency supplies, including food and medicine, water purifiers, and solar lanterns.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

As awareness and concern for the environment grows, Global Peace Foundation and its global network of leaders have been at the forefront, integrating environmental restoration as a vital part of local service projects and youth leadership programs.



Tree planting and seedling care to combat desertification in Mongolia and ongoing teaching campaigns in Cambodia (right) support responsible environmental management.

For countries like Mongolia and Kenya, one large area of focus for this year has been on reforestation efforts. Working with Global Peace Foundation chapters in both countries, the Global Peace and Development Service Alliance (GPDSA) has made significant strides in propagating the growth of indigenous and fruit trees. Thus far, 1 million trees have been planted in Mongolia by My Club and GPF volunteers.

In Tanzania, Global Peace Foundation (GPF) worked with local volunteers and stakeholders, including the Environmental Conservation Community of Tanzania, to clean up the beaches of Mbezi Beach. The event gathered youth from Dar es salaam to volunteer and clean the beach area. As part of the Vijana Na Amani (Youth for Peace) campaign, which seeks to raise young people as leaders and changemakers in Tanzania, local volunteers for this beach clean-up promoted protecting the environment and supporting the families in the community.

In Cambodia, GPF runs GreenEd, an environmental teaching project that teaches young people the importance of ecological responsibility. A related and ongoing environmental campaign sponsored by GPF Cambodia is the Safe Water Bottle project. The project aims to reduce plastic bottle use and provide primary school students with safe drinking water with reusable water bottles.



HEALTH AND HYGIENE

An area that became even more relevant with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2020 and 2021, Global Peace Foundation volunteers worked to provide health and hygiene education and build structures to support both in local communities.

A number of GPF chapters had already been engaged in health and hygiene education programs but with the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapters in Mongolia, Malaysia, Cambodia, the Philippines, and a number of African nations such as Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria placed a greater emphasis on educating people on the importance of handwashing as part of its programs.

GPF in Nepal and India have also worked to help local women to deal with issues surrounding menstruation by providing education, training as well as providing homemade sanitary napkins. This continued throughout 2020 and 2021, particularly as part of GPF's disaster relief response to the 2021 typhoon in Nepal. GPF provided hygienic products for women managing menstruation to families in Bara and Parsa.



GPF provides health and hygiene education programs in Mongolia, Nepal, Malaysia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Kenya, Tanzania and Nigeria.

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2021: PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE TRACK

The 2021 Global Peace and Development Service Forum plenary session at the Global Peace Convention 2021 was the culmination of a series of regional buildup summits, capacity building and action in Africa, the Americas, and South and Northeast Asia.

The three-hour forum spotlighted organizational experts and best practices in the thematic issues of the sustainable development goals including the environment, peacebuilding, employment and youth enterprise in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



Global Peace Conventions are convened around the world. Pictured is the 2010 Global Peace Convention in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Global Peace Foundation, with support from government ministries and civil society partners, hosts international convenings to bring attention to peacebuilding and development priorities around the world. The bi-annual Global Peace Convention, regional Global Peace Leadership Conferences, and the recently inaugurated Peacesharing Forum advance multi-sector action agendas to test and implement peacebuilding, educational, and community-based development models.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENINGS

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION

The Global Peace Convention is a 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, 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 accordingly re-conceived to engage global stakeholders entirely in a virtual environment, greatly expanding the scope and worldwide participation. Drawing on cutting edge technology, the simulated conference environment presented users with a dazzling level of options to engage their specific interests, enable networking and one-on-one engagement, explore booths in an Exhibition Hall, find support at a live Help Desk, and obtain instant background on speakers and work related to their presentations.

Global Peace Convention 2021 convened from August 6-15 on the theme “Moral and Innovative Leadership in Peacebuilding for Our Changing World,” and featured plenaries, forums, roundtable discussions, and formal and informal networking sessions. Thousands of participants from over 100 countries joined over 40 sessions addressing critical aspects of peacebuilding and approaches from which to transform humanity's greatest threats and challenges into opportunities to build a better future for all people.

One of the key focus areas of the Global Peace Foundation is building consensus on unification and reconciliation between North and South Korea and defining the character of a new, unified Korean nation. Highlighted as a model from which to both learn and apply critical lessons in peacebuilding, the work towards a free and united Korea has engaged leading scholars, human rights experts, peace advocates, and a growing citizens' movement.

Experts from the Republic of Korea, the United States, Japan, Russia, Mongolia, India, China, and the United Kingdom evaluated the complexities of working towards peaceful Korean unification, viable options to address North Korean security threats, prospects for regional economic integration, and ways to draw attention to the many human rights and humanitarian issues affecting the Korean people.

Utilizing cutting-edge technology, the 2021 Convention, “Moral and Innovative Leadership in Peacebuilding for Our Changing World,” was entirely virtual, greatly expanding the scope and worldwide participation.



MAIN PLENARIES

The Convention's concluding Main Plenary on August 15 featured diverse speakers and interactive presentations highlighting many of the priorities addressed during the convention, including innovations in education, international religious freedom, empowerment of youth and women, and innovative approaches to peacebuilding.

Former President of Guatemala H.E. Marco Vinicio Cerezo; Bishop Onuoha Sunday, founder and President of Vision Africa; and Chief Robert Joseph, a Native American hereditary chief and founder of Reconciliation Canada gave special remarks highlighting the importance of leadership in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world and in raising the next generation of peacebuilders in our homes, institutions of learning, and in popular media.

GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon delivered the keynote speech of the Convention. He spoke about the many challenges faced by the global society, including political and ideological polarization, authoritarianism, as well as the many threats to human rights, particularly the freedom to follow one's faith or conscience.

"Our time features a cacophony of conflicting ideas about human identity and society, from the nature of the state to individual identity and gender relations," the GPF chairman said. "The result has been widespread moral confusion. That is why we need clarity in the principles, values, and vision which could guide us through this impasse in human history. It is important that we understand which ideas will lead to a peaceful, harmonious future and which will dissolve social bonds, leading to chaos and anarchy."

"[T]he vision that can guide humanity to world peace is none other than One Family under God. It builds off the idea of God's sovereignty as the source of all human rights and freedoms as well as expanding those ideas to the level of family. It recognizes the relational nature of our human existence and how family shapes and forms our worldview. It acknowledges the value of diversity and recognizes the Creator as the common thread that holds all humanity together; just as good parents are the glue that keeps their often contentious and competitive children united in love within the ideal of family."

"Most importantly, it raises humanity's spiritual consciousness of the moral laws that should govern a truthful, righteous, and good life beyond the barriers of ideology, religion, ethnicity, race, or even nationality. It challenges us to rethink our paradigms and look beyond the failures of the past to what could be possible in the future, if we only dare to dream big."



Former Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo addresses the convention remotely during the main plenary.



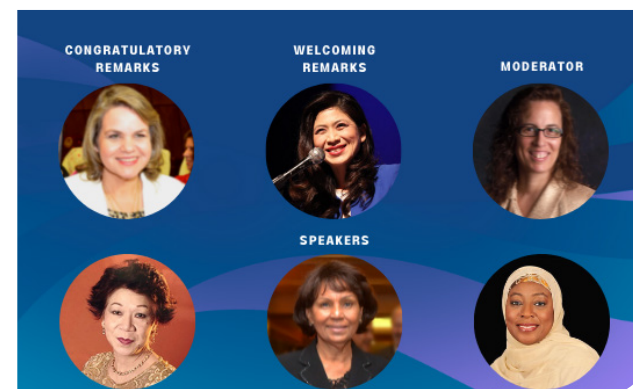
International women leaders addressed participants in the Global Peace Women Plenary on the theme “Service-minded Women Advancing Peace in the Home and World During Unprecedented Times.” In the last two years, lockdowns, school closures, and the challenge of working and schooling at home have highlighted more than ever the essential role women have always played in the home, community, and world in times of need.

“As we face these emerging challenges, we have had to wrestle with how to find meaning in the sacrifices and turmoil around us,” said Global Peace Women Chairwoman and GPF Co-Founder Dr. Junsook Moon. “We have had to transform crisis into opportunity and turn despair into hope. I invite you to find ways through which we can reach for deeper reserves of gratitude, service, and unconditional love in our daily lives. Global Peace Women strives to develop education, projects, and initiatives that support women so we can nourish ourselves, our families, communities, and the world with these gifts.”

GPF Chairman Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon delivers the Convention Plenary keynote address.



Women's Plenary keynote address was given by Global Peace Women Chairwoman Dr. Junsook Moon.



Speakers at the 2021 Global Peace Women Plenary (top row left to right) Hon. Lilian Samaniego, Dr. Soonok Kang, and Mrs. Rachel Murray. (second row left to right) Global Peace Women International Advisory Council Members Dr. Nona Ricafort, Dr. Eva Latham, and H.E. Dr. Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo.

GPC TRACKS



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ONE KOREA

Dozens of experts from China, the ROK, Japan, Russia, Mongolia, India, the UK, and the United States evaluated the complexities of resolving the North Korean threat, prospects of regional economic integration, and recent developments toward peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula during an August 6-14 convening of the International Forum on One Korea. Some 75 scholars, policymakers, civil society leaders, and human rights activists participated in nine sessions over five days on Peace and Security, Human Rights and Governance, and Economy.



VALUES-BASED PEACEBUILDING

Nine sessions explored aspects of Values-based Peacebuilding during the 2021 Global Peace Convention, including Strengthening Social Cohesion, Community Peacebuilding, Interreligious Peacebuilding, Empowering Youth, Global Ethics in Community Peacebuilding, Preventing Violent Extremism, Countering Violence and Misinformation During the Electoral Process, Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy Tools, and Cohesion and Solidarity.

While acknowledging threats of extremist recruitment, panelists described many significant and successful projects to prevent radicalization of youth, including strengthening the ability of mothers to work with their children to choose nonviolence, utilizing social media platforms in creative ways to spread a message of peace, developing local programs to promote opportunity and build consensus around shared values, and supporting free elections by engaging youth in the electoral process.



FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION

Panels over three days including Government Restrictions on Religious Freedom, Religious Freedom as a Human Right, and the South Korea Interreligious Freedom Roundtable affirmed that freedom of religion and freedom of conscience are fundamental and the foundation for peaceful societies.

High levels of religious freedom promote peaceful democracies, tolerance, and interreligious cooperation, panelists said. Despite the importance of religious freedom, it is denied or abridged in most countries.

“Religious freedom is a litmus test of all human rights,” said Ján Figel’, Former European Commissioner and Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief. “It is the deepest expression of human dignity and freedom. If this most inner freedom is not respected, the others will not be respected.”



WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

The Women's Leadership track of the Global Peace Convention highlighted the important role of women in navigating the unique challenges of this time and showcased the diversity and power of service-minded women working together towards peace.

Members of the Global Peace Women (GPW) International Advisory Council addressed the sobering realities of more than a year since the outbreak of the global pandemic, recognizing the heroic efforts of women around the world who supported families in efforts to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for all.

The Best Practices Workshop showcased diverse peacebuilding efforts led by service-minded women and guided by a family-based approach.



TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

The Transforming Education Track included seven dedicated forums addressing regional and local education priorities in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, India, Africa, the Americas, and globally in sessions over three days.

Panelists called the global pandemic “a wakeup call” that has underscored the need to turn an unprecedented disruption in education into an opportunity by rethinking and reimagining education. Peace education, service learning, revitalization of community support, and technological capacity are all needed to prepare future-ready youth.

Panelists said collaboration among teachers, students, parents, and community leaders is a key to meeting the education challenge of preparing students for success in the twenty-first century and fostering a peaceful society.



PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

The 2021 Global Peace and Development Service Forum was the culmination of a series of regional buildup summits, capacity building, and action in Africa, the Americas, and South and Northeast Asia. Service and volunteerism across all national, ethnic, and ideological boundaries are a catalyst for peace. Building regional and national service alliances can support development, entrepreneurship, and opportunity, enabling volunteers to learn new skills and develop an ethic of service to others. Experts and field managers examined best practices in the areas relating to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including the environment, peacebuilding, employment, and youth enterprise during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Youth social enterprise competition projects from the South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Northeast Asia highlighted the energy and passion of young entrepreneurs to meet social challenges.



GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM

Diverse panelists shared experiences and encouraged youth to raise their voices for positive change and innovation during the Global Peace Youth Forum 2021 Asia and America segments on July 31, 2021. Speakers stressed the importance of breaking stereotypes and prejudice, and emphasized the significant contributions of youth leadership, participation, and advocacy for building peace and a better world. In both the segments, youth and youth leadership were identified as drivers of change, peacebuilding and impact.



GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT

Some 6,400 youth from Asia, Africa, North America, and Europe examined youth collaboration in addressing key UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the ninth Global Youth Summit, convened virtually on August 13-14 as part of the 2021 Global Peace Convention.

The two-day summit addressed the most critical issues related to five goals—SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being; SDG 4: Quality Education; SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 2: Zero Hunger; and SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. The topics were selected through a poll that involved 1,996 youth respondents and was presented by some of today’s industry leaders, changemakers, and social media influencers.

The Global Youth Summit, a recipient of the 2020 Gold Anvil Award, is an annual event that provides a platform for youth leaders to come together to explore innovative solutions to many of the issues affecting them. It is a joint program partnership of SM Cares and the Global Peace Foundation Philippines.

GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Global Peace Leadership Conferences (GPLC) are strategic, multi-sector convenings of the Global Peace Foundation and partners, bringing together leaders from government, business, academia, the non-profit sector, and faith communities to address pressing regional challenges and work toward collaborative solutions within a framework of moral and innovative leadership. GPLCs have been convened in Tanzania, India, South Korea, Nigeria, Mongolia, Northern Ireland, Uganda, Brazil, and the United States.

Leading public officials, heads of state, educators, media representatives, and faith leaders examined the unique social and political challenges presented by the global pandemic at a two-day East Africa Global Peace Leadership Conference, “Transforming Societies for Sustainable Peace and Development,” on July 30-31, 2020.

Originally planned for Nairobi, the 2020 GPLC engaged participants globally through a virtual convening across multiple time zones, exploring values-based responses to the challenges presented by the pandemic and affirming the singular relevance of moral and innovative leadership in education and peacebuilding in East Africa.

More than 1,600 participants from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, USA, UK, and other countries joined the remote conference, underscoring the global urgency of strengthening social resilience and mitigating potential conflict due to the stresses arising from the pandemic.



The importance of shared values and shared human experience in the context of the global pandemic was addressed by several speakers, as well as concerns with the rise of hate speech and tribal conflict, even among educated youth in Africa.

The live streaming conference also underscored the urgent relevance of innovative instructional approaches not only to adapt to the pandemic but also to address rapidly changing skills and competencies required in the twenty-first-century workplace.

The four-session Education Track of the conference addressed key themes, including Transforming Education During and Post Pandemic; Character, Creativity and the Skills Essential for Future-Ready Education; Innovative Strategies for Education Implementation; and Education as a Whole of Society Approach through Collaborative Partnerships.

Educators, IT leaders, and media professionals from East Africa and around the world explored new learning models and practices, both in response to the global pandemic and to address shortcomings in technology and educational capacity that leave many youths behind.

The conference was organized by Global Peace Foundation, the Kenya National Cohesion and Integration Commission, and Standard Media Group PLC.



Global Peace Leadership Conferences (GPLC) are held around the world and are major convenings that address critical issues. A GPLC was convened in Abuja, Nigeria where the One Family under God campaign was launched.

PEACESHARING FORUM

Organized by the Global Peace Foundation and Co-operation Ireland, a Belfast-based peacebuilding organization, the Peacesharing Forum addresses 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. The Peacesharing Forum identifies 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 a March 24-25, 2021, virtual Peacesharing Forum, “Forging a New Frontier in Peacebuilding and Education,” six unique panels addressed the impact of the Covid pandemic on peacebuilding and teaching approaches, and the structural and demographic challenges of remote and hybrid learning.

The forum engaged more than a thousand registered participants, with experts, policymakers, and peace advocates emphasizing the needs of youth in a rapidly evolving twenty-first-century environment.



Peacesharing Forums highlight best practices and lessons learned in mitigating conflict and sustaining peace in a post-conflict environment.

Panelists from Nigeria and international bodies from West Africa and the United Kingdom addressed the ongoing violence in Nigeria and youth-based strategies to mitigate conflict. Although youth are at the heart of the violence, both as victims and perpetrators, they are largely excluded from the solutions to that violence. Panelists encouraged actions to deepen resilience and engage youth in positive social change, so youth don't have the tendency to fall into violence or extremism.

Throughout the two-day program, experts shed light on the needs, challenges, and goals involved in the difficult process of transitioning the educational ecosystem into a digital landscape that will answer future needs.

Education and IT professionals discussed how digital technologies and the recent explosion of connectivity present risks of extremism, cyberbullying, threats to security, and privacy violations, especially for youth and educators.

Through cooperation, equitable deployment of resources, and an ethos of innovation, peacebuilding specialists, educators, students, and parents will be able to create a fostering environment to ensure that youth have the skills and competencies to be successful in all aspects of their lives.

2020-2021 BY THE NUMBERS

3,895
HOURS OF
PEACEBUILDING
CONTENT OFFERED




ENGAGED
9,160,234
PARTICIPANTS



FROM ACROSS **130** NATIONS

1,144
PARTNERING
ORGANIZATIONS



261
PROGRAMS ORGANIZED



1,840
SESSIONS



1,890
SPEAKERS

2021 VIRTUAL GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION



76 BOOTHS
4,503 VISITS

9,340

ENTERED THE VIRTUAL CONVENTION

15,770

HOURS OF CONTENT ENGAGEMENT



24,060

CONTENT VIEWED



60
PARTNERS

41
SESSIONS



256
SPEAKERS



122
COUNTRIES

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

I would like to conclude this 2020-2021 Activity Report by thanking all our volunteers, supporters, staff, board members, and our many partners around the world for your outstanding, steadfast efforts throughout this unprecedented time.

2020 and 2021 will be remembered as the pandemic years that impacted the entire human family. But we will also always remember the countless examples of heroic service, compassion for others, and ingenuity in solving problems exhibited in communities around the globe. And we are proud of the significant contributions that our Global Peace Foundation team, together with you, have made throughout these past two years.

The positive impacts of our collaborative programs in building peace and cohesion in diverse communities, promoting education innovation, and empowering women and youth, clearly demonstrate the profound importance of uplifting our common humanity and tapping the power of the human spirit.

Our path forward is interconnected on every level. The many challenges facing our families, communities, nations and world today require us to draw upon our shared values, common humanity, and inner strength to resolve conflicts and build peace.

From all of us at the Global Peace Foundation, we thank you for your continuing efforts and contributions throughout 2020-2021. We are excited for all the opportunities that will open in 2022 and the years ahead.



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