Peace Begins in the Home

Introductory Guidebook GPW

Global Peace WOMEN
“Empathy, compassion, resourcefulness, aiding in reconciliation, and the ability to see what is best for the family and wider community are all strengths of women’s leadership. If these virtues can be established as the public ethic in our modern-day society, we will be able to find new and creative approaches to critical issues that have remained unresolved until now.”

GPW Chairwoman Dr. Jun Sook Moon

Global Peace Women (GPW) is a division of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF), a non-partisan, non-sectarian, nonprofit organization that promotes a values-based approach to peacebuilding guided by the vision of One Family under God. Because peace begins in the home, GPW promotes the extended family ideal to build healthy families; recognizes the indispensable value of women as daughters, wives, and mothers; uplifts the innate value of femininity; and encourages women’s transformative leadership in their families and in the greater community.
A peaceful world of One Family under God begins in the home, and women provide the unique care and nurturing that inspire compassion and empathy.

Why family and women?
Today’s focus on individual freedom and economic development has led to a neglect of the family. Family encapsulates the most intimate bonds of the human experience. Despite differences in personality and temperament, family members form loving and lasting relationships in a home environment that is promoted and guided through unique feminine love and support. Women therefore have a crucial leadership role in building peace in the family, the cornerstone of healthy societies, nations, and a prosperous and ethical world.

Why God?
Regardless of race, religion, nationality, or culture, all people are united as members of one family because we share a common heritage and origin. Our Creator endowed everyone with intrinsic value, dignity, and fundamental human rights, which are essential elements of peaceful and ethical societies.

“What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love your family."
- Mother Teresa

Global Peace Women advances the vision of establishing One Family under God through women-led initiatives that promote the extended family model and create an environment for peace to begin in the home, By empowering women to proactively transform themselves and their family members, GPW fosters healthy and happy families, uplifts the innate value of femininity, recognizes the indispensable leadership of women in the family, and spreads the culture of transformative service through networking, education, local and international advocacy, and community service projects.

Goals
- Engage women, partners, and stakeholders to create a supportive cultural and policy environment to develop the extended family model
- Provide opportunities to network with international counterparts and share approaches to promote family well-being
- Support women with education on the value of femininity and advocacy to develop healthy families and societies
- Empower women’s leadership in a culture of service for the larger community, and guide families to implement solutions to common challenges

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Women’s leadership in positive social transformation

Healthy and happy families become the heart of healthy societies as a foundation for all relationships. Through service projects, advocacy initiatives, and networking forums, GPW helps women to lead their families in giving back to the community and solving shared problems.

Sample projects: Global Women Leadership Conferences around the world, Living for the Sake of Others Award in Paraguay, Clean Cookstoves project in Nepal and Uganda

WHAT WE DO

GPW’s activities are organized along three focus areas: strengthening families, uplifting the unique qualities of women and their contributions to the family, and promoting women’s leadership in positive social transformation. GPW thus promotes, through workshops, networking forums, and advocacy, the value of women and recognizes their indispensable roles in the family.

Strengthening families

GPW supports the extended family model through education that cultivates intergenerational harmony, teaches conflict resolution for healthier familial relationships, and instills ethics and virtues within the family.

Sample projects: Family parenting program in Korea, Family Values workshops in Japan

Uplifting the value of femininity and women’s contributions to the family

Women have distinct physiological and intuitive qualities that are different but complementary to men’s. These aspects of femininity are an important social asset that should be cherished and respected.

Sample projects: Forum for stay-at-home mothers in Mongolia and Nepal, Healthy Marriage workshops in Japan

"You don’t need to be a social worker to make a difference in other people’s lives. Even a simple person with a compassionate heart can make a huge difference in this world."

- Sveckchya Lakoul, GPW Nepal family workshop participant
GPW Chapters are located around the world to help women in all walks of life develop a deeper understanding of their inherent value, establish strong families, and increase their capacity for making a positive difference in their communities. Because we are a growing community, GPW activities are present in, but not limited to, the following countries:

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*The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.*

- Confucius, Eastern Philosopher
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Sharing is caring: support us with in-kind and tax-deductible donations, and consider becoming a long-term sponsor.

Develop partnerships: work together to co-host events, educational programs, or projects.

Join our team: become a volunteer, intern, or GPW staff member in one of our offices around the world.

Spread the word: share about GPW with family and friends.

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