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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**One Million Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values**

**REGISTRATION and MORE INFORMATION IS HERE:** <https://www.worldsummit.or.kr/rally/index.php>

Despite humanity’s best efforts to establish a world of lasting peace, our world still struggles with conflicts over territory and resources, religious and racial discord, the collapse of family values, climate change and other challenges.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely disruptive, often exacerbating tensions both domestically and internationally, while at the same time its economic impact has been disastrous. As governments have struggled to respond, they have often been forced to choose between their citizens’ health or economic survival.

The late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have spoken for decades about the vital need humanity to live together harmoniously, as one family under God. They have advocated and supported the philosophy of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values — a worldview that calls all of us to live together cooperatively, respecting each other’s dignity and value, and working together toward a common goal of a unified world of peace.

To emphasize these values — and thus address the problems facing our world in the 21st century — the Universal Peace Federation and its partners will be hosting a **One Million Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values** on August 8, 2020 at 9 PM Eastern.

This 90-minute virtual event, which starts at 10:00 am (Korean Standard Time will be a call to all people to renewal, emphasizing moral and spiritual values that are shared by all people and which are foundational to the achievement of lasting peace.

The main speakers for this interreligious, interracial and global rally will be offering their recommendations as to how we can move beyond not only the current COVID-19 crisis, but also the many other challenges we face as one human family, finding the way forward to bring an end to extreme poverty, overcoming inequality and discrimination, reviving multilateral institutions, and strengthening solidarity and cooperation among people of every race, religion, nationality, culture and political ideology. The rally program will open with the invocations of religious leaders representing the world’s major faiths.

Former UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the National Council on Climate and Air Quality in Korea Ban Ki-moon will give a welcoming address. There will be congratulatory messages from the Hon. Chuichi Date, former President of the House of Councillors of Japan, and the Hon. Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Keynote addresses will be given by H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal; the Hon. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister of Niger; and others in positions of national leadership around the world.

Finally, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, author of the recently published memoir, *Mother of Peace*, and host of this rally, will offer a keynote address that conveys a special message of hope to humanity for the realization of a heavenly unified world.

The online rally will be employing new technology, such as augmented reality through online platforms. More than 1 million participants from around the world are expected to join the rally online. The August 8 rally is the first of a series of these online “Rallies of Hope” to be held monthly through December 2020. The August 8 event, sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, will be convened in cooperation with the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) and the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP).

Subsequent events will be held in cooperation with the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED), and the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP).

The One Million Rallies of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values will thus bring together significant leaders from the fields of politics, religion, the media, economics and business, academia, other fields, and will thus serve as a platform for harmony and cooperation.

“The goal of these assemblies is to set a cornerstone for the realization of a world of proactive international and interreligious collaboration for the good of all people,” said Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation.