

## In Our World We Are Confronted with Tragedies, It Is Easy to Feel Overwhelmed

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Peace Starts with Me - Festival, Vienna, Austria, Keynote Address and Inspiration



In our current globalized world where we are confronted with daily tragedies it is easy to feel overwhelmed and disempowered.

The Peace and Family Festival co-sponsored by WFWP EU, brought together people from all over Europe and the Middle East. Through a celebration of arts, music and inspirational words we highlighted the diversity and creative power of our generation. It is only together that we can create a culture of peace.



FFWPU Europe and Middle East Regional Chair Dr. Michael Balcomb introduced the goals and purpose of the festival. Dr. Balcomb expressed his belief that just as men and women have dreamed of peace, God has also been dreaming of peace. As Dr. Balcomb explained, just as the coming spring cannot be stopped, so it is with the coming era of peace. The history of darkness is about to end and the history of peace is about to begin.

Dr. Hak Ja Han 'Mother' Moon delivered the keynote address, encouraging everyone in attendance to become a shining light in Europe, helping actualise a world of peace as one family under God, by realising and practising that 'peace starts with Me'



She spoke lovingly but firmly, acknowledging those who are actively working for peace in the world, and encouraged us to uphold the culture of living for the sake of others - the culture of true love - by living as one human family centring on Heaven. She said that such a way is the only way for humanity to realise a true world of peace.

Mother Moon and her late husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, WFWP founders, have and are working tirelessly to call on leaders of all fields to join together to work as one family under God. They have established the SunHak Peace Prize to honour and support men and women making outstanding contributions in refugee medical care, education for women and girls, food security and the effects of climate change.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother of 14 children and over 40 grandchildren, Dr. Moon has spoken on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, the United Nations, the Kremlin, the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, Madison Square Garden in New York, the World Cup Stadium in Seoul and most recently at the invitation of President H.E Macky Sall at the new Presidential Convention Center in Dakar, Senegal.

WFWP and FFWPU are working to build a network of families from every race, religion and culture, united in the belief that entered on God's love, happy marriages and successful families are the cornerstone for solving the most fundamental problems of society.