

## Peace Starts with Me Rally in Madison Square Garden New York a Great Success

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*A special peace gathering held at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan, New York (USA), on July 15*

### **Peace Starts with Me Rally in Madison Square Garden (New York) Successfully Held with over 20,000 Participants from 43 Nations**

The present time is 3 pm, on July 15. A sea of 20,000 people gathered at the Madison Square Garden, located in the heart of Manhattan in New York City. In the aftermath of the September 11 terror attacks, one must customarily pass through a series of strict security measures to enter a large-scale event venues in New York. With over 20,000 participants, it took almost two hours for everyone to pass through the metal detectors and other security protocols.

Upon entering the event venue, we could see on the right side of the stage, a joint choir formed by 2,000 people from 70 churches was singing “Peace” in chorus. The theme of this occasion is, “Peace Starts with Me.”

At this event held by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), Trump Administration Evangelical Advisory Board Chair Pastor Paula White, U.S. House of Representatives member Yvette Clarke, former U.S. Congressman Dan Burton, former Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks with North Korea Ambassador Joseph DeTrani, FFWPU International President Sun-Jin Moon, and Women’s Federation for World Peace International President Yeon-Ah Moon were in attendance.

FFWPU revealed that “outside of American VIPs, key political figures and religious leaders from 43 nations participated together at this special peace gathering in New York. Notable attendants included religious leaders from Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Native American religions; and with participants from over 100 churches, the total number of attendants reached over 20,000.”

Over 500 youth and students wore matching “Hyojeong(孝情)”-printed T-shirts, and were seated toward the rear center of the event venue. Most of these youth and students are second generation members born from the couples joined together at the 2075 Couples’ Marriage Blessing conducted by FFWPU Founders Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon at the Madison Square Garden in 1982. One student from Philadelphia reported to have been participating from a Hyojeong Workshop from July 14...