

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 16:45 – 18:00 CET**

## **How can the Korean Cultural and Religious Heritage contribute to a Rapprochement and Unification on the divided Peninsula?**

Moderator: **Mr. Heiner W. Handschin**, Coordinator, IAPD Europe and Middle East

### Speakers



- **Rev. Dr. William A. McComish**, Dean emeritus, Geneva St. Peter's Cathedral; author of the Geneva Spiritual Appeal, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Prof. Dr. Eun Jeong Lee**, Professor & Director, Institute for Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- **Dr. Thomas Selover**, President, Sunhak UP Graduate University; Co-coordinator, International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP)
- **Ms. Carolyn Moser-Handschin**, International Vice President, WFWP; Vice-President, UN NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva, Switzerland

For 70 years the people of Korea have been divided through a painful separation affecting individuals and families in an unprecedented way. Yet, Korea is known for its remarkable religious and cultural background, that brings to East Asia a unique potential for peace and human development. On the occasion of the UN Interfaith Harmony Week, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, a primary association of the Universal Peace Federation, is raising a timely question: 70 years after the Korean War, how can the Korean cultural and religious heritage contribute to a rapprochement between North and South Korea? Furthermore, with the Women's Federation for World Peace, the panel will consider ways in which women can support the process of peace and reconciliation on the divided Peninsula.

**Registration: <https://eume.upf.org/wihw2021>**

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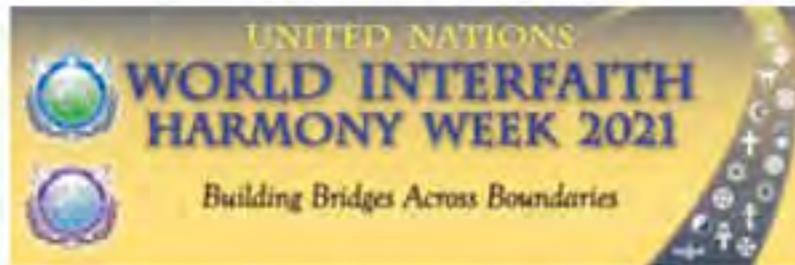
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# WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

The Official UN Observance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of February



The Universal Peace Federation's Offices for UN relations in Vienna and Geneva and the Interreligious Federation for Peace and Development IAPD - Europe, are pleased to invite you to an online webinar commemorating the World Interfaith Harmony Week 2021.



**Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 15:00-18:00 CET**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session: 15:00 – 16:15 CET**

## **Interfaith Cooperation as a basis for Social Cohesion**

Welcome and Introduction: **Mr. Peter Haider**, President, UPF Austria

Moderator: **Ms. Heather Wokusch**, Author, Educator, Public Speaker

### Speakers:

- **Dr. Joshua Sinclair**, Medical Doctor, Filmmaker, Professor of Comparative Theology
- **H.E. Aftab Ahmad Khokher**, Ambassador of Pakistan to Austria and the UN in Vienna
- **H.E. Lourdes Gisela Antonia Victoria-Kruse**, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic
- **Ms. Anja Kruse**, Film and Television Actress, Author of "My Way with Buddha"

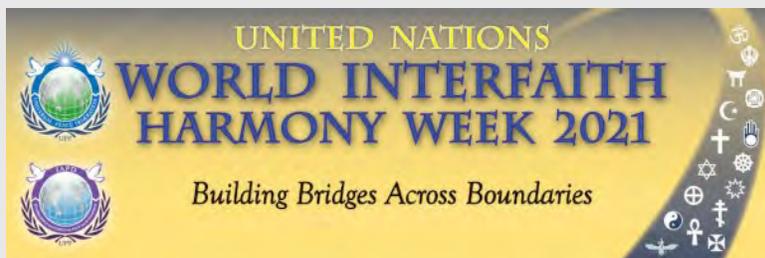
The [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#) was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010 by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan, and unanimously adopted by the UN on October 20, 2010. Henceforth, the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week. The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative, started in 2007, that called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments: Love of God and Love of the Neighbor - without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The two commandments are at the heart of the three Monotheistic religions and provide the most solid theological ground possible. World Interfaith Harmony Week events were organized in the UN in Vienna in [2020](#), [2019](#), [2017](#), [2016](#), [2015](#), [2014](#), and [2013](#).

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**Registration for the Zoom Webinar on 5 February 2021 for World Interfaith Harmony Week**

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