## WFWP France: Mother's Heart Meditation: Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week

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In 2010, the United Nations inaugurated the first World Interfaith Harmony Week. This year, to celebrate this initiative, the Women's Federation for World Peace France organized an evening of prayer and meditation called "Mother's Heart" on Tuesday, February 2nd. This meeting was held by Zoom, and we were 40 participants.

"Mother's Heart" is an initiative of WFWP France. It aims to bring together people of different faiths to pray and meditate together on the important

subjects of everyday life. These issues affect our families, our communities, our societies and ultimately our world. We are often helpless in the face of the challenges of our daily lives and the problems of the world.

We believe that the power of prayer together will have a positive impact on achieving peace, harmony and happiness in ourselves and in our environment.



Three speakers, representing the three monotheistic religions, spoke on texts of their choice. Ms. Tirzi Martin was born and raised in Israel in the Jewish tradition. She graduated in Comparative Religions from the Barrytown Theological Seminary in NY. She spoke for Judaism.

Next, Dr. Andrianina Andrimanjato, founding member of the Peace and Harmony Development Association and Deacon of a Malagasy Protestant church in France, commented on texts for Christianity.

Finally, Mrs. Soraya Ayouch representing Sufism in connection with the Tarika Kadiryya Boutchichiyya analysed a poem by Ibn Arabi.

Ms. Ilonna Dedours, moderator for the evening, concluded with an excerpt from the Mémoires of Rev. Sun Myung Moon "As a peace-loving Global Citizen."

Finally, we meditated and prayed together for the situation of the world today.

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