

New Zealand Ambassadors for Peace celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week

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Auckland, New Zealand—Ambassadors for Peace commemorated World Interfaith Harmony Week by visiting the worship centers of three faiths.

On February 11, 2017, UPF-New Zealand organized the visits to the three worship centers, where the hosts each shared their vision of interfaith outreach and how it applies to their activities.

Through these visits, the UPF-New Zealand network of Ambassadors for Peace and friends could have an experience of interfaith in action.

The places of worship were very diverse: Christian Presbyterian, Buddhist Soka Gakkai, and Sikh.

Like many developed countries, New Zealand has become very multicultural, so interfaith and intercultural understanding is essential to promote friendship and harmony.

The UPF group was very warmly received at each venue. Speakers described their faith vision and activities and explained how they felt they were making a contribution to their community.



At each site, after the formal address we were able to meet individually with the host community members, further cementing friendships.

At the conclusion of the day we collectively felt that this way of commemorating World Interfaith Harmony Week was very valuable for our interfaith work and that we should make it an annual event.