

## Albania: International Day of Family

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**FFWPU Albania:** On May 15, 2015, UPF and FFWPU Albania Fier organized an event in the City Hall of Fier City. There were over 60 participants including the City Mayor, officials from Prefectures, School Directors, and Ambassadors for Peace. The goal of the event was to share and support the objectives of UPF International and United Nations, raise awareness between officials, inhabitants about the treats of the family institution and to collaborate with Ambassadors for peace.

After a video presentation about UPF activities on international level, Mr. Gani Rroshi gave a presentation with title “Promoting a Marriage – Friendly Culture”. Through the presentation, Mr. Gani Rroshi expressed that even though they are already professionals dealing with many kind of vulnerable groups of the society, (like autistic or orphan children), it is not recognized that healthy young people need to receive education in order to create a happy marriage and family. Mr. Gani also emphasized the responsibility of leadership by questioning participants how they could promote marriage and family values. The presentation was clear, easy to follow so the participants could take it and think about its message.

It was really amazing from Mayor’s side Mr. Baftjar Zeqo, who after the presentation promised to support one or two projects on promoting marriage and family on city level by becoming a model for other cities to follow. He asked Fier Ambassadors for Peace to prepare projects and he will immediately support.



On this occasion, UPF Fier also appointed 6 new Ambassador for Peace, who previously received education on principles of UPF.

There was a great contribution from the local Ambassadors for Peace for the success of this event, especially Mrs. Mirela Cepele – the Chairwoman of Fier Peace Council, who beautifully moderated the event, Mr. Myzaljen Hoxha who gave a very poetic and meaningful message about the importance of this day and the family. Also the event was supported by the presence of Rev. Gi Young Shin – special Envoy of UPF founders to Albania and Kosovo and Mr. Sokol Rexhepi – the Secretary General of UPF Albania and gave also the closing address and encouraged all Ambassadors for Peace, especially those newly appointed to study more about UPF principles and also join the FFWPU Marriage Blessing Ceremony next year.

After the event, the old and new Ambassador for peace went together for a coffee and the City Mayor also joined.

Members of Fier city continuously have been investing and supporting on the background for the realization of the event, especially Mrs. Suzana Sulajmani who is the Secretary of Fier Peace Council.

Special thanks to them all.



### **Tirana Peace Council celebrates International Day of Family**

About 100 ambassadors for peace, WFPW Albania core members and Family Federation members gathered on Sunday, 17 May to commemorate the UN International Day of Families. Mr. Sokol Rexhepi, UPF Albania secretary General opened the event underlining the importance of the IDF and reading the message of UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki Moon for this day.

He was followed by a short artistic program performed by Universal Peace Academy students in Albania and local members. The main speech was presented by Mr. Katarzyna Minollari, WFPW Albania chair. She spoke on “Creating a Family Culture” introducing the new idea of familiarchy as an alternative way of family ruling. A system that respects the rights and responsibilities of all family members.

In the end Hon. Gaqo Apostoli, one of the first AfPs appointed from Albania gave closing remarks and sang “The Power of Love” for the pleasure of all participants celebrating the Family Day. Also four couples received the Ambassadors for Peace title as a reward for their excellent family life.

