

True Father Launches Substantial Abel UN at the Manhattan Center, New York City

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True Father launched the "Substantial" Abel UN at the Manhattan Center

In 2000, True Father's proposal to renew the United Nations through incorporating an interreligious peace council launched the United Nations Providence. The following year, True Father began the Ambassadors for Peace program. In 2003, he established the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC), and in 2005, on the occasion of the UN's 60th anniversary, he founded the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The core objective of these combined initiatives was "to work cooperatively with the United Nations and to serve and support that institution as it seeks to fulfill its own global mission."

Two years later, on September 23, 2007, True Father launched what he termed the "Substantial" Abel UN. Conducted at the Manhattan Center in New York City, the inauguration brought together representatives from 192 nations seated at UN-style conference tables. Flags and regalia added to the atmosphere.

True Father's [keynote address](#), augmented by extemporaneous comments, lasted three hours. In it, he referred to UPF as "an Abel-type counterpart to the UN" and to the new initiative as the "Peace UN." He expressed hope that it would "lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world ... to fulfill the heavenly will of creating 'One Family under God.'" Finishing at 11:00 p.m., True Father penned an approximately thirty-foot calligraphic message that read, in Chinese characters, "May the Sovereignty of the God of True Love, the Sacred Reign of Peace, Last Forever." He then struck a gong, sealing the evening's proceedings.