

Women's Federation for World Peace, Europe

4th European WFWP Conference: Empowering Women to create Alliances for a Culture of Peace, fulfilling the UN MDG # 3: Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women

Dignity of Women in context with Peace building (Dignity goes Peace)

Dear International President Lan Young Moon, Dr. Kruse, Honourable Dignitaries, Women Leaders and Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Members of our European Women's Federation for World Peace I would like to welcome you warmly and Thank you for joining us for the 4th Conference on the Dignity of Women, as we explore and highlight this year the significance of creating “ Alliances to Establishing a Culture of Peace, thus fulfilling the UN MDG # 3 “.

The previous 3 conferences were graciously hosted twice by the Woman's Federation in Austria and last year by the Women's Federation in France.

This year we thank the Women's Federation in Germany for inviting us to Dresden!

It is the fourth time that we can welcome our International President to Europe, Pres. Lan Young Moon, who joined us this year together with her husband Dr. No Hi Pak.

Let us give them a warm round of applause.

It was Kofi Annan who said clearly that, without fulfilling the MDG # 3, we will not be able to fulfil any other MDG.

This is a very bold and insightful statement to make, which may be has met with some eyebrow rising among our masculine gender representatives, I could imagine.

I am confident that the proceedings of this conference will support his statement considerably, and will bring forth a blue print for dissemination to all the women in our respective countries.

The dream of a peaceful world, where the beauty and harmony of humanity and nature can be expressed fully, is very much alive in the hearts of men, women and children and the realization that peace does not only lie in the hands of political leaders has long infiltrated the human mind.

A Peace Treaty between two nations is an important step, we still wait for it in Israel and Palestine, Iraq and USA. A little while ago my children rented the film “The Hurt Locker”, directed by Kathryn Bigelow, a woman film director, which is telling the extreme tension, the Bomb Disposal Unit is facing every day in Iraq, and brings the insanity and cruelty of war into our homes.

But reaching a Peace Treaty does not guarantee peace in the communities or families, as we can witness every day many violations of humane principles in our own countries.

A dream remains only a dream, if there is no clear goal and structure. We need to foster consideration for the well being and human rights of our brothers and sisters of the

Human Family. Living as “World Family” and with respect towards family members, is the only solution to prevent us from neglecting each other and will halt the cycles of conflicts.

Recognizing the rights of others and protecting their well being without exception, just as mothers care for all their children, opens our minds to the possibility of resolving conflicts in a peaceful way.

With this motherly viewpoint miracles will happen.

Conflicts and violence begin in the hearts and heads of people. Constructive solutions have their roots in the experience of security, respect and love in the family unit.

A healthy family unit is indeed a cornerstone for security and prosperity, a model for global management system and burden sharing.

The family unit has not yet been allowed to blossom and shine to its full extent.

Historically a balance of masculinity and femininity has not existed; woman and feminine qualities have not been understood and valued efficiently. History has been mainly about “His Story”, therefore we need to write “Her Story”.

We do have some wonderful examples from past and present, and as women of today, we are the actors.

Therefore this weekend we will delve deeper in to the content of how to encourage and strengthen women to rediscover their value of original femininity, connecting to the original dignity and establishing one’s identity as a woman as a first step towards inner peace.

We will find that the inner development stands in direct connection with our ability to influence society. So next, we will see how we can with our individual and different capabilities and interests benefit society and create a culture of peace.

Men alone have not succeeded with creating a peaceful world and need now to include the feminine aspects and values. These new forms of leadership will change the structure of our society and give value to “giving and protecting life!”

Thirdly we will learn about the way of forming alliances to secure the culture of peace. We believe in the potential of each human being to live in peace, as we did experience how it can grow, if we address and nurture it.

Before science held several false assumptions, one, that everything is separate and 2nd that evolution takes place through struggle and that emotions do not influence the outer world, only brain activity.

However, it has been found that we are all connected, with one another and with nature, and there is evidence that human beings are happiest when living together in peaceful cooperation, honouring these connections with our hearts.

Therefore one secret of our feminine strength lies in forming alliances and working together to secure peace, development and prosperity in the human family.

In the last session therefore, will have the chance to see in how many different ways women contribute according to their personal desire and capabilities to creating a culture of peace, a tradition of true love and harmony by forming different alliances.

So, once again, a very warm welcome to our 4th Women's conference here in Dresden and I wish that you will have an unforgettable weekend with many deep insights and new possibilities that opened up for you and the women whose lives you will touch in your countries.