

## Bio



A dynamic global peace advocate, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon is the founder and chairman of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF). He created GPF to promote a compelling vision of peace based on universal principles and values shared by all the world's great religious and cultural traditions. He tirelessly advanced global efforts to develop a new paradigm for peace based on the vision of one family under God.

Dr. Moon has a lifelong passion for empowering young leaders. He has particularly inspired youth in emerging countries. He founded the global NGO, Service For Peace, in 2002, now established in 27 nations and recognized by the United Nations. Service For Peace provides service learning opportunities for youths of diverse backgrounds, who work together to address urgent social needs in their communities.

Dr. Moon is also a successful businessman, holding a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University. He is chairman of News World Communications, Inc.

He is a devoted outdoorsman who values the time he spends in nature as a source of rich spiritual renewal. A horseman for most of his life, he was a member of the Korean Equestrian Team in the Seoul Olympics and the Barcelona Olympics.

Dr. Moon was born in South Korea but has made the United States his adopted home where he is a citizen. He and his wife Jun Sook are the proud parents of nine children.

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## Principles and Values

Dr. Moon's unique perspective to peace integrates deep spirituality and practical measures. The foundation of his approach is the vision that all humanity is "One Family Under God."

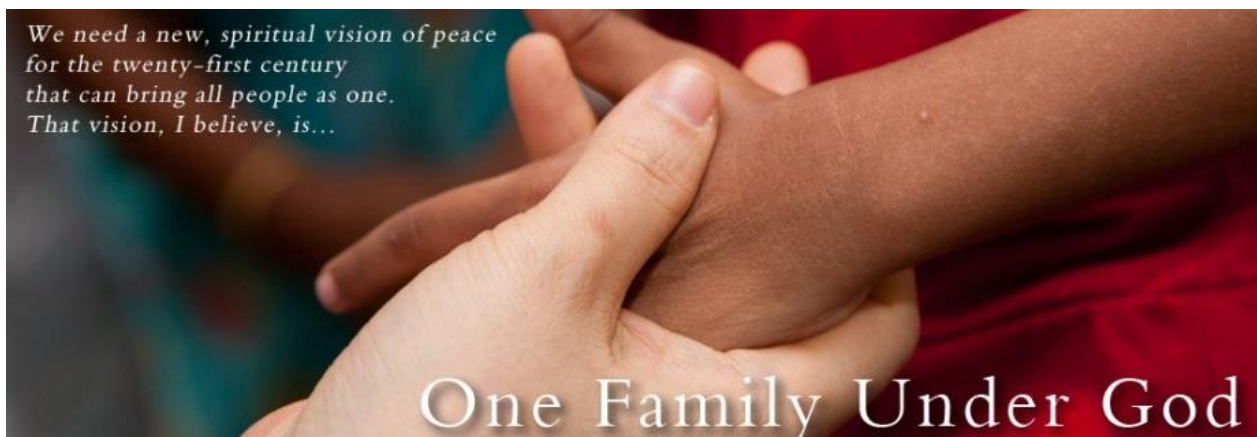
### *One Family under God*

*"We need a new, spiritual vision of peace for the twenty-first century that can bring all people of faith together as one. That vision, I believe, is One Family under God." ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon*

"One Family under God" means that all humanity originates from God, the creator of the universe. Thus we, as children of God, are members of one family. The fundamental teachings of major religions of the world lead to such a conclusion. It is a profound truth, that all people on earth are fundamentally related to one another beyond the race, religion, and nationality.

Originally, the family is a model of a peaceful world. As the primary socializing institution, family is the first school of love. Love is developed in relationships found in the family: between child and parent, sibling and sibling, husband and wife, and parent and child. Ultimately, love is the true measure of character. The family, therefore, is to be cherished and protected as the guarantor of human welfare and as the sacred bond that links one generation to the next.

One Family under God is a vision that transcends the barriers that divide the human family, and fosters love towards each member no matter their ethnic, national or religious background.



### ***Living for the Sake of Others***

*“There is something deeply spiritual in serving others. It is not something we should do only for a day, a month or even a year. It has to become a way of life.” ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon*

Service is central to Dr. Moon’s vision for peace. It is an essential part of the peace building and character development work of Service For Peace and the Global Peace Foundation. Service has brought warring tribes together, developed community driven initiatives, and empowered the disadvantaged. Dr. Moon said, “Imagine if young people from enemy nations worked side by side in service. Any misunderstandings and hatred that existed would fade away as they sweat, cry and laugh together with a common purpose and cause.

It is also a key part of education, particularly for the youth. In essence, service is a spiritual act motivated by intrinsic spiritual values such as compassion and responsibility. Through living for others, one comes to understand the value of others as well as oneself. As Albert Schweitzer, the doctor and missionary said. “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.” Service is the key to happiness.

### ***Moral and Innovative Leadership***

*“Moral leadership provides the roadmap for nation-building by outlining a vision rooted in universal aspirations, principles and values, while innovative leadership provides the methods through which that vision can be realized, by harnessing man’s natural creative need to advance the human condition. They are like the two sides of one coin.” ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon*



*The standard of leadership  
that I am advocating  
around the world  
is moral and  
innovative leadership.*

Recent history has seen examples of inspired leadership in the lives of such figures as Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Rev. Martin Luther King., Jr. Each found inner resources to bear the weight of institutionalized injustice. Each advanced a moral vision that overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles and then brought reconciliation through forgiveness. Gandhi's march to the sea, King's nonviolent civil disobedience, were innovative expressions of the transcendent vision expressed in America's founding Declaration, that "All men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."

As these examples demonstrate, the qualities of moral and innovative leadership are universal and not exclusive to one religion, nation, race or culture. Peace needs such leaders who are driven by a vision that embrace all humanity, and willingly commit their lives in pursuit of this vision.

### ***Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms***

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."  
The Declaration of Independence, United States of America*

The Declaration of Independence of the United States defined the modern notion of fundamental human rights and freedoms. First and foremost, it acknowledges the Creator as the source of inalienable rights and asserts that no human institution can violate these rights and freedoms. In turn, the Constitution outlines a system that recognizes the primary authority of the people. Particularly, the first Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the freedom of expression and religion.

Second, it asserts that all people are created equal. The Declaration pronounces equality as an intrinsic value linked to the Creator. Accordingly, one nation under God does not require a particular racial makeup, cultural or religious background, but is built upon transcendent principles, intrinsic values and self-evident truths.

Dr. Martin Luther King appealed these principles in his powerful speeches that reached beyond sectarian difference. He said that the civil rights movement was not just a struggle for African-American equality but the pursuit of a timeless ideal rooted in the fundamental principles that shaped America's founding.

These values set forth in the founding principles of America have set a global precedent to protect and promote the essential freedoms of conscience, worship, and speech around the world. They also laid the foundation for our modern notion of human rights, and have become a shield against tyranny and corruption.

## Projects

Dr. Hyun Jin Moon is founder of three significant initiatives that advance peace through service and education. Inspired by the vision of one family under God, these projects are gaining international recognition and developing networks of visionary leaders committed to peace.

**Service For Peace** | <http://www.serviceforpeace.org/>

Service For Peace supports models of community driven development and brings people of all backgrounds to work together to fulfill a common vision of peace. Founded upon the understanding that the value of living for a common good is shared with all people and faiths, Service For Peace empowers people as agents of peace through the transformative power of service.



Service For Peace (SFP) began in 2001 in Korea and in 2002 in the United States. Realizing the need for improving communities worldwide, Service For Peace has expanded into 27 nations, introducing people of all ages to the rewarding experience of bringing renewal to their communities and nations through service, learning, leadership development, and sustainable improvements.

- **Communities of Peace:** Communities of Peace are the foundation for all Service For Peace programs, initiatives, partnerships, and volunteer activities. Our Communities of Peace are essentially our partner communities. It is our belief that community development should be an inclusive and long-term process that requires both internal and external support.

Service For Peace is founded on the notion that when people serve together for the greater good, they develop greater understanding and trust; a growing sense of community. Communities of Peace are simply communities where an ethic of service prevails, where residents work together to address those needs that have been prioritized by the community. In each of the developing nations where SFP is active, our local staff members have identified specific communities where SFP will work with residents to support projects that the community has identified as part of a long-term development plan.

- **Global PeaceMakers:** Global PeaceMakers connects volunteers from all over the world—including local volunteers who are the backbone of all of our development work within communities—to Service For Peace’s long-term partner Communities of Peace. Global PeaceMakers provides unique, authentic and unforgettable educational service experiences.

### Global Peace Foundation | [www.globapeace.org](http://www.globapeace.org)

Founded in 2007, the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) promotes and celebrates persons and programs that contribute to reconciliation, mutual respect, harmony and cooperation among all people, as One Family under God. The Global Peace Festival Foundation is committed to a multi-sector collaborative approach, and works with a wide range of partners on specific initiatives related to the three focus areas of interfaith partnerships, family strengthening, and service. Major initiatives include:



- **Global Peace Festivals:** GPF's signature initiative, the Global Peace Festival, is much more than a celebration. Diverse partners are engaged in developing social impact programs, leadership conferences, and a significant festival that celebrates peace efforts and achievements of diverse peoples. Global Peace Festivals have drawn more than a million peace-minded citizens on six continents since 2007.
- **Education:** Because education is vital to human social development, GPF sponsors significant initiatives in leadership education, character education, and peace education. These include Global Peace Leadership Conferences (GPLC), International Young Leaders Summits, and Character Competencies Programs.
- **Service and Development:** Recognizing the importance of advancing a culture of service, particularly among youth, GPF and its partners promote a wide range of initiatives that tap the creativity of the human spirit and the transformative power of service.



- **Environment:** Since 2008, GPFF has advanced a range of environmental initiatives in Asia, Africa and South America, including groundbreaking projects to clean the endangered Nairobi River in Kenya and Baghmati River in Nepal. GPFF has also initiated tree-planting and reforestation projects in Paraguay, the Philippines, and Mongolia.
- **Family Strengthening:** GPFF supports the values of family integrity found across human cultures and encourages government and public policy support for marriage and responsible parenting.
- **Interfaith Partnerships and Conflict Resolution:** GPFF is committed to resolving conflict and building genuine and sustained collaboration, especially among leaders of the world's faith traditions which uphold universal principles and values that form the basis of our common human identity.

**Global Peace Youth Corps** | <http://www.igpyc.org/main.php>

The Global Peace Youth Corps (GPYC) is a global network of conscientious young leaders. GPYC is committed to educating and raising young people to become moral and innovative leaders.



GPYC strives to positively impact youth culture by bringing together young leaders of all faiths, cultures, nationalities and ethnicities under common principles, values and aspirations. The youth culture of today will determine the future direction of humanity. Many great leaders in history developed their passion and convictions while they were young. That is why GPYC programs provide opportunities for young people to develop their character.

Projects and Programs of GPYC include: leadership development, community driven social impact projects and an annual youth leadership summit

