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Your Excellency Mr. Eliasson:

On behalf of the planning team of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the part you played in making the special event in the General Assembly on February 14, *United for a Culture of Peace through Interfaith Harmony*, a resounding success.

1500 people attended, including some 500 high school students and 195 international flag bearers, most from the UN staff or local colleges. We heard inspiring remarks from you, the President of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, and representatives of UNESCO, Missions and NGOs expressing the role of interfaith harmony in the peaceful settlement of disputes. We listened to a Symphony of Peace Prayers from 11 world traditions. We were uplifted by wonderful music, including the voices of children. And we all joined together in a call for peace sent to every UN Member and Observer State as its flag was raised.

Your informative and insightful remarks were a key component to the spirit of joy and unity that filled the great hall, eliciting such comments as:

This was my first exposure to the day of "Culture and Peace" at the UN, so it was as memorable for me as it was for our students! You cannot imagine the expressions on their faces as they told me (prior to boarding the bus) of how meaningful the experience was and how it was a highlight of their lifetime, and so on. Their enthusiasm was truly off-the-charts! [...] All of the prayers, thoughts and actions in the direction of peace prevailing on this Earth were anchored in the collective consciousness and will reflect back on our planet in a powerful way!

Dr. Jo Anne Murphy, Office of Global Learning, Fairleigh Dickinson University

United for a Culture of Peace Through Interfaith Harmony was a beautiful and inspiring stand and celebration for Peace! Thank you for showing us once again that we are one in heart and spirit. I am so happy I could join you by way of UN TV and our interconnected spirit. The Culture of Peace is on the move and its light shines through you. Well done!

David Wick, Pathways To Peace

This year's Interfaith Harmony was indeed United for a Culture of Peace! The symphony of prayers filled the room with cultures proclaiming their faith and solidarity. The voices of children and fresh beginnings permeated GA Hall with an exalted heart and the hope of a world renewed. The energy and color of the flag procession amalgamated the power and presence of the enlivened creative movement [...] towards the Millennium Development Goals.

Georgina Galanis, Institute for Balkan Relations

May the United Nations continue to serve humanity in this spirit, anchoring a culture of peace throughout 2013 and beyond.

May Peace Prevail on Earth,

Monica Willard

Monica Willard
President, RNGOs
United Religions Initiative

Deborah Moldow

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Vice-President, RNGOs
World Peace Prayer Society

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H.E. MR. VUK JEREMIĆ

President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

The Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations

Present

UNITED FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE
Through Interfaith Harmony

The United Nations
General Assembly Hall

Thursday, February 14, 2013

10:00AM to 1:00PM

Co-Sponsored By:

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations
The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations
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The Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations
The World Peace Prayer Society/The Goi Peace Foundation

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May Peace Prevail on Earth



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14 FEBRUARY 2013 • UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL • 10:00am-1:00pm

UN WEBCAST: <http://webtv.un.org/watch/united-for-a-culture-of-peace-through-interfaith-harmony/2165451739001/>

Pre-Program

Video of World Interfaith Harmony Week Events,

produced by Korean Conference on Religion and Peace (KCRP)

Singers from Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, 3 songs a capella

Program

Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Gail Bindley-Taylor, UN Department of Public Information (Master of Ceremonies)

Music: **Katrina Saporsantos, Soprano** from the Philippines - *"Payapang Daigdig," "It's a Wonderful World"*

Part I The Role of Interfaith Harmony in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes

H.E. Angela Kane, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Philippe Kridelka, Director, UNESCO NY Office

H.E. Byrganym Aitimova, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Fr. Mark Arey, Director, Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

H.E. Libran N. Cabactulan, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Republic of the Philippines

Ms. Kiran Bali, Chair, United Religions Initiative Global Council

H.E. T. Hamid Al-Bayati, Permanent Representative, Mission of Republic of Iraq

Dr. Patrick Ho, Secretary General, China Energy Fund Committee

Part II Symphony of Peace Prayers

Mrs. Masami Saionji, Chairperson, The World Peace Prayer Society/Byakko Shinko Kai

Indigenous: Tuwe Huni Kuin, Huni Kuin Community, Brazilian Amazon

Baha'i: Carolina Vasquez, Baha'i International Community

Buddhist: Ven. Seong Won, Director of Social Affairs of Korean Zen Buddhism

Christian: Rev. Kathleen Stone, United Methodist Church

Hindu: Swami Parameshananda, Bharat Sevashram Sangha

Humanist: Lucy Schmitz, National Ethical Service, Ethical Culture Society

Jain: Apeksha Vora, Youth Member of Anuvrat Global Organisation (Anuvibha)

Jewish: Rabbi Michael Weisser, Free Synagogue of Flushing

Muslim: Imam Izak-EL M. Pasha, Masjid Malcom Shabazz

Sikh: Jatinder Singh, Regional Director of United Sikhs

Zoroastrian: Nina Mistry, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America

Jon Blond, Flute

Music: **UN International School Junior 4 Choir** – *"Shalom"* (with violin), *"Assalam alaykum wa alayna/May I Be an Instrument of Peace," "Bwana Awabariki"* (with drums)

Part III World Peace Flag Ceremony

Mr. Hiroo Saionji, President, The World Peace Prayer Society/Goi Peace Foundation

The flag of each Member and Observer State is presented, carried by a national representative whenever possible.

The country name is announced and all repeat, "May peace be in [that country]."

Chris Farrell, Piano

Music: **Unity Made Visible Interfaith Choir** – *"We Are a Testimony/May Peace Prevail on Earth," "This Little Light of Mine," "Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Closing Appreciation: **Ms. Monica Willard**, President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations



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President, 67th United Nations General Assembly

Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Gail Bindley-Taylor Sainté, Master of Ceremonies

United Nations Department of Public Information

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Katrina Saporsantos, Soprano

"Payapang Daigdig" • *"What a Wonderful World"*

Part I: The Role of Interfaith Harmony in the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes

STATEMENTS

Mr. Philippe Kridelka

Director, UNESCO Liaison Office New York

H.E. Ambassador Byrganym Aitimova

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations

Rev. Father Mark Arey

Director of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations,
The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

H.E. Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan

Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the UN

Ms. Kiran Bali

Chair of the United Religions Initiative Global Council

H.E. Ambassador T. Hamid Al-Bayati

Permanent Representative of the Mission of Iraq to the United Nations

Dr. Patrick Ho

Secretary General, China Energy Fund Committee



Part II: Symphony of Peace Prayers

INTRODUCTION

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Chairperson, The World Peace Prayer Society and Byakko Shinko Kai

PRAYERS, READINGS, INVOCATIONS

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Zoroastrian: Nina Mistry, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America

Musical accompaniment by Jon Blond, flute

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Junior Four Chorus of the United Nations International School

“Shalom” “Assalam Alaykum Wa Alayna / May I Be an Instrument of Peace”

“Bwana Awabariki”

Part III: World Peace Flag Ceremony – May Peace Prevail on Earth

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Hiroo Saionji

President, The Goi Peace Foundation and The World Peace Prayer Society

FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS

The flags of each of the 193 UN Member States and two Observer Missions will be presented.

All are welcome to join in saying: **“May peace be in _____.”**

Musical accompaniment by Chris Farrell, piano

MUSICAL FINALE

Unity Made Visible Interfaith Choir

“We Are a Testimony / May Peace Prevail on Earth” “This Little Light of Mine”

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

CLOSING APPRECIATION

Ms. Monica Willard

President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić

President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Vuk Jeremić was elected President of the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 June 2012. At the time of his election, he was serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, an office he held starting on 15 May 2007. Throughout his five years as Foreign Minister, Mr. Jeremić was actively engaged in the work of the United Nations, representing his country at key sessions of the General Assembly and the Security Council. He led the Serbian delegation at high-level segments of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2008, 2010 and 2011), at the annual General Conference of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and at high-level meetings of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

Fluent in English in addition to his native Serbian, Mr. Jeremić holds a Bachelor of Science degree in theoretical physics from Cambridge University (United Kingdom) and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (United States). Mr. Jeremić was born in Belgrade, and is married to Nataša Jeremić. An avid tennis fan, he is currently president of the Serbian Tennis Federation.

Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor Sainté

Information officer, NGO Relations Cluster of the Department of Public Information at the United Nations

Gail Bindley-Taylor Sainté, a native of Trinidad & Tobago, is a broadcast journalist serving as the Information Officer in the NGO Relations Cluster of the Department of Public Information at the United Nations (UN) Secretariat since June 2008.

Ms. Bindley-Taylor Sainté began her broadcasting career in Guyana and then worked in both radio and television in Trinidad & Tobago prior to joining the UN. In 1983 she joined the Caribbean Unit of the UN Radio Service where she worked in various capacities for over 21 years. In 2002 she was assigned to the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [UNMEE] as Head of Public Information and Spokeswoman. Back in New York, she returned to the Radio Service first as Senior Radio Producer for the Caribbean and then as Senior Producer for programmes to Asia. In 2007 she became Spokeswoman for the 61st President of the General Assembly, H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa. She is currently the DPI Focal point for Women.

Mr. Philippe Kridelka

Director, UNESCO New York Office

Philippe Kridelka was appointed Director UNESCO Office in New York and Representative to the United Nations, and assumed his post in 2010. A native of Belgium, he joined the Belgian Diplomatic Service in 1987, and subsequently served in posts in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Warsaw, Poland, at the European Union-World Trade Organization (WTO), as Diplomatic Advisor to the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, in the Republic of Singapore and in the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam. Mr. Kridelka was appointed Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Belgium to UNESCO in 2005 and served as Director of Cabinet, Office of the Director General of UNESCO from 2009-2010. Mr. Kridelka holds a Master's Degree in Law.

H.E. Ambassador Byrganym Aitimova

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations

Amb. Mrs. Byrganym Aitimova was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in February 2007. Prior posts include Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and before that Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Italian Republic, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the State of Israel, Senator of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Minister on youth affairs, tourism and sport, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Chairman of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Secretary of the Republican youth organization, First Secretary of the regional youth organization, teacher at public school. She is married with two children.



Rev. Father Mark Arey

Director of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Father Mark Arey is currently the Director of the Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as the Secretary to the Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America. Fr. Arey has a M. Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and a M.S. from Loyola College in Pastoral Counseling. In his 34 years of ministry he has previously served the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese as the Director of Leadership 100 and Executive Director of Communications, as well as served five Parishes as a Pastor. He has extensive experience in writing, translating and public speaking.

H.E. Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan

Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations

Prior to his current appointment as the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN, Amb. Libran N. Cabactulan served as President of the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. He also served as Assistant Secretary for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation in the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs after his posting in the UAE as the Ambassador from December 2003 to July 2009. A career diplomat, he served at the Philippine Mission to the UN in Geneva and twice at the Philippine Mission to the UN in New York (1986-1990 and 1995-2000). He had also been assigned in the Philippine Embassy in Brussels and the Philippine Consulate General in Sydney. In Manila, he served as Executive Director of the Office for UN and Other International Organizations (UNIO), Executive Director for Consular Affairs, Special Assistant and Senior Special Assistant to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Ms. Kiran Bali

Chair of the Global Council, United Religions Initiative

Kiran Bali MBE JP is a young inspirational leader who has achieved great heights in a short space of time. She has dedicated almost two decades of her life pioneering creative interfaith programs, championing gender equality and leading community cohesion projects. A practising Hindu as well as Interfaith Minister, she the youngest global chairperson to lead the United Religions Initiative (www.uri.org). As one of the youngest Magistrates in the UK and a social entrepreneur, Kiran has received numerous honors including the MBE from Queen Elizabeth II. Underpinning her efforts is her commitment towards a socially cohesive society, based on productive partnerships, and the principles of acceptance, justice and mutual respect.

H.E. Ambassador T. Hamid Al-Bayati

Permanent Representative of the Mission of Iraq to the United Nations

Dr. T. Hamid Al-Bayati was appointed Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations in April 2006. He worked as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs and Bilateral Relations from 2004-2006. He was elected Chair of the UN Third Committee related to Social, Economic and Human Rights from 2006-2007, Vice President of the General Assembly 2007-2008 and Chair of the Sixth Committee dealing with legal issues during 2008-2009.

Dr. Al-Bayati was elected Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission for the year 2011, and presided over the Substantive Session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission in April 2011. Dr. Al-Bayati obtained a Bachelors degree from Baghdad University, a Masters degree from Cairo University, and a PhD from Manchester University.

Dr. Patrick C. P. Ho, M.D., FACS, GBS, JP

Secretary General, China Energy Fund Committee

Dr. Ho was born in Hong Kong, and educated in the United States. He returned to Hong Kong in 1984 to teach eye surgery at the Hong Kong Chinese University, as Professor of Ophthalmology. In 1995, he was appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress to plan for the first Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government. He was the vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute. In 1997, he became a member of the HKSAR Urban Council, and chairman of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. In 2002, he joined the second term HKSAR Government as a Cabinet Member and the Secretary for Home Affairs. He retired from his cabinet post on 1 July 2007. In 2000, Dr. Ho co-founded and became the Deputy Chairman and Secretary General of the China Energy Fund Committee in Hong Kong, a non-profit, non-governmental think-tank and platform for public diplomacy, dedicated to cultural diplomacy and energy safety. It has been accorded special consultative status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.



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Mrs. Masami Saionji

Chairperson, The World Peace Prayer Society and Byakko Shinko Kai

Masami Saionji is the Chairperson of Byakko Shinko Kai (www.byakko.org), The World Peace Prayer Society (www.worldpeace.org), and The Goi Peace Foundation (www.goipeace.or.jp). Descended from the Royal Ryukyu Family of Okinawa, she continues the movement for world peace through the universal prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* initiated by her adoptive father, Masahisa Goi. As a spiritual leader, she lectures globally and has written over twenty books including *The Golden Key to Happiness, You Are the Universe, The Earth Healer's Handbook, and Vision for the 21st Century*. She is an honorary member of the Club of Budapest and has received various peace and leadership awards. She and her husband live in Tokyo, and have three daughters all working for peace.

Mr. Hiroo Saionji

President, The Goi Peace Foundation and The World Peace Prayer Society

Hiroo Saionji is the President of The Goi Peace Foundation (www.goipeace.or.jp) and The World Peace Prayer Society (www.worldpeace.org). In 2005, he launched the initiative for "Creating a New Civilization," enrolling global organizations as well as youth. The great-grandson of Prince Kinmochi Saionji, who was twice Prime Minister of Japan, he travels the world promoting dialogues and initiatives for peace. He also serves on the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Cultural Heritage and Art Research. He has received various awards, including the Social Education Distinguished Service Award from the Ministry of Education, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan in 2010.

Ms. Monica Willard

President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations

Monica Willard is the UN Representative for the United Religions Initiative (www.uri.org), a grassroots interfaith organization with members in 83 countries. She is currently serving as President of The Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations (www.rngo.org), an ongoing NGO committee since 1972, that brings together diverse religious, spiritual and ethical non-governmental organizations for programs, prayer services and special events. Since 1997, she has helped DPI organize the annual International Day of Peace student observance at the United Nations, and serves as Co-chair of the International Day of Peace NGO Committee. She was Chair of the 49th Annual DPI NGO Conference.

PRESENTATIONS

Video of World Interfaith Harmony Week Events

Produced by the Korean Conference on Religion and Peace (KCRP), this collection of photos and videos from all over the world shares how The World Interfaith Harmony Week has been celebrated in the world. It includes the first celebration at the **United Nations** General Assembly Hall in 2012. It demonstrates our on-going effort and commitment from various NGOs and religious groups in the world to foster interreligious and intercultural understanding and cooperation to promote peaceful coexistence and harmony.

Symphony of Peace Prayers

The Symphony of Peace Prayers (SOPP) is an inter-religious, inter-spiritual annual peace prayer event, first held in 2005 at Fuji Sanctuary in Japan. This unique prayer ceremony brings together people from different faiths, traditions and cultures to pray with one voice for peace on Earth. In 2008, the first SOPP ceremonies were held outside Japan. Since then, the SOPP has been celebrated worldwide, with thousands more joining the SOPP network each year.

The World Peace Flag Ceremony

In this global celebration of the oneness of the human family, everyone is invited to offer a call for peace in each Member State and Observer Mission of the United Nations, both honoring and transcending national and ideological boundaries, while giving voice to our common wish for global peace and harmony. Beginning with the universal invocation, "May peace prevail on Earth," all are invited to recite, "May peace be in (name of country)" as each country's flag is presented. The Flag Ceremony has been performed at peace events all over the world and annually at the UN student observance of the International Day of Peace. In today's special ceremony in the General Assembly, many UN staff members, international college students and others will raise the flag of their own country. www.worldpeace.org.



PERFORMING ARTISTS

Singers from Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

Singers from Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations have performed together for many years at the UN and other venues around the world, songs composed by Sri Chinmoy (1931-2007). In 1970, then Secretary-General U Thant invited spiritual leader Sri Chinmoy to conduct twice-weekly non-denominational peace meditations for delegates and staff at UN Headquarters in New York. For 37 years he brought his multifaceted inspiration to the United Nations family through meditations, lectures, concerts, art exhibits and special programmes, and the Singers are honoured to continue in this spirit.

Katrina Saporsantos, Soprano

A native of the Philippines, operatic soprano Katrina Saporsantos has sung for important international music festivals; performed in solo recitals, opera, chamber music, and orchestral concerts; and premiered works by classical and living composers. She has sung for Philippine Mission and Consulate and the South African Consulate events; at the HCUND Ambassadors' Ball; and the Global South-South Expo for the UNDP. She is a graduate of the University of the Philippines and the Manhattan School of Music. She is on the faculty roster of the Children's Orchestra Society, where she teaches Chorus, Musicianship and Voice. She is accompanied by Filipino pianist Benjamin Dia.

Jon Blond, Flute (Symphony of Peace Prayers)

Jon Blond, the founding member of Karma Fund Band, has spent all of his adult life exploring the Earth's most wild Class 5 rivers. He brings an energy unique among musicians and an international vision to his music, having traveled to the most remote places on the planet and channeling energies of nature with his flute. These mystical and magical sounds which have been gaining worldwide recognition are shared with you today.

Junior Four Chorus of the United Nations International School

The Junior Four Chorus of the United Nations International School is a group of nine and ten year old boys and girls that meets each week to experience their love of singing in an ensemble. The chorus performs for a number of occasions within the school, at the United Nations and at other venues in the New York City area. They have recently sung for the Secretary General Ban Ki Moon at his visit to the school. The chorus represents and celebrates the many diverse cultural traditions within the student body and fosters the guiding principles of the school. The chorus is directed by Sharon Joyce Tan, a soprano and music specialist, and assisted on the piano by Jasmina Petricic.

Chris Farrell, Piano (The World Peace Flag Ceremony)

Chris Farrell is a Grammy-nominated composer and founder of "Sounds of Peace," a record label dedicated to creating music for healing and wellness. As a master piano tuner he is keenly aware of how subtle changes in vibration and energy create harmony in our world. His inspiring, heart-centered meditative piano compositions are created in the moment. Through music, meditation and awareness he gives voice to the deep connections that unite us as a human family. He has served as the Executive Director of the Foundation for Universal Sacred Music and the Music Director for the World Peace Prayer Society. Recently, Chris has garnered national attention as the composer for Michelle Obama's audiobook, *American Grown: How the White House Kitchen Garden Inspires Families, Schools and Communities*.
www.soundsofpeace.com.

Unity Made Visible Interfaith Choir

Unity Made Visible (UMV), now in its eighth year, is a Bedford Hills organization formed around the common goals of The Antioch Baptist Church of Bedford Hills, the American Muslim Women's Association, the First Presbyterian Church of Katonah, the Upper Westchester Muslim Society of Thornwood, and the Jewish Family Congregation of South Salem, NY. UMV is a Cooperation Circle of the worldwide United Religions Initiative, and embraces individuals from 9 different religions. The mission of Unity Made Visible is to bridge the gap of misunderstanding that separates us from each other through sharing, learning about one another's faiths and cultures, and nurturing friendships. The UMV Interfaith Choir is comprised of musical members from the group who have performed at 9-11 anniversary events, annual services honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, and other community functions.



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WITH APPRECIATION

*We are grateful to the President of the 67th General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić,
who has dedicated his tenure to achieving “an assembly of peace.”*

*Today’s program owes a debt of gratitude to the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the
United Nations, for their unwavering commitment to interfaith harmony
as an essential building block for a global culture of peace.*

Our Appreciation to the Religious NGOs Planning Team

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Bahá’í International Community

Swami Parameshananda
Bharat Sevashram Sangha

Margo LaZaro
Global Family

Lila Prounis
Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council
of North and South America

Bircan Umver
Light Millennium

Mahroo Moshari, Tabitha Manickawasagar,
Zunaira Mubasher, Ya’arah Pinhas
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Martha Gallahue
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Ethical Union

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Tribal Link Foundation

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Genie Kagawa, Keiko White
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*Our deep appreciation to the staff of the United Nations who come from the many
nations of the world and serve on a daily basis in dedication to peace...*

*...and to the NGOs who inspire the United Nations
by their devotion to the causes for which it stands.*