

## **2019 Horizon Summit: At a Glance**

### **Advancing the Culture of Peace**

The 2019 Horizon Summit will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan, New York with the theme, “Advancing the Culture of Peace.”

To begin the day, there will be an introduction to the Women’s Federation for World Peace, International, a welcoming address and a keynote address on the theme.

WFWPI will honor three individuals or organizations who have been contributing to the advancement of the Culture of Peace through ongoing projects both in the United States and around the world. The honorees will be invited to share some of their personal experiences related to one of three categories: Fostering Peace Within the Individual; Fostering Peace Between Neighbors; and Fostering Peace with the Natural World.

The afternoon will feature a series of four rounds of speakers and discussions. Each round will include a ten to twelve minute presentation followed immediately by a twenty minute guided interactive discussion. These rounds will cover the following four areas related to the Culture of Peace: personal transformation, peace through education, greater participation of women, and the promotion of social and economic development. These experts will share insights, personal experiences, and best practices that each participant can take home and apply within their personal sphere of influence.

#### **Peace Through Personal Transformation**

“Since war begins in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.” - UNESCO Constitution. The individual influences their family, then their community, city, state, country and world.

#### **Peace Through Education**

Information taken in formally at school, and informally at home and through daily activities shapes the way individuals see the world and themselves. This is particularly true during the early childhood years.

#### **The Greater Participation of Women**

Through promoting the greater participation of women on an equal footing with men, we can take advantage of the wisdom of the entire human population rather than only fifty percent. “Without the involvement of that fifty percent of the population ... no progress is possible.” - Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, founder of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace

#### **Promotion of Social and Economic Development**

“There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.” - Preamble to UN Resolution 70/1: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The program will conclude with focus rooms offering opportunities to network, share collective wisdom, and further engage with the culture of peace in daily life. The day will close with a delicious banquet and musical entertainment.