



Women's Federation for World Peace, USA

An NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

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Dear WFWP, USA member,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the **Women's Federation for World Peace, USA**, we are pleased and honored to invite you to attend the **16th Anniversary National Assembly**, to be held at the Hanover Marriott Hotel, in Whippany, New Jersey, from Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27, 2008. The theme of this Assembly is "**Securing Peace through the Culture of Heart.**"

We are living at a time of unprecedented opportunities for women. Around the world, women are being called to positions of decision making in all areas and on all levels. As an organization, WFWP, USA is committed to supporting this emerging era of leadership for women. WFWP maintains that it is in the realm of the heart, as expressed through qualities such as unconditional love, empathy, and forgiveness, that women make their greatest contribution to securing lasting peace.

We are pleased to inform you that we have confirmed three special speakers for this assembly. **Dorothy Bush Koch**, a literacy activist and author, and the daughter of former President H. W. Bush and Barbara Bush, will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, April 25 at 6:30 pm. She will be greeting the assembly guests during a reception at 5:30 pm. **Norah Bagirinka**, a Rwandan genocide survivor who helped to make an Emmy award winning film entitled "God Sleeps in Rwanda", will be featured during the luncheon program on Saturday, April 26. **Lan Young Moon**, President of WFWP International, will be speaking in the program on Saturday, about her personal experience with North Korean women leaders over the past ten years. This assembly will feature WFWP, USA's work on the international and national levels. It will include a special session on capacity building for women leaders, as well as time to work together on a forward looking agenda.

WFWP, International received the designation of an **NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1997**. Building on eleven years of leadership with the UN, we are pleased to offer an optional luncheon program in the Delegates Dining Room of the United Nations, on Friday, April 25, at 12 noon, entitled, "**NGO Perspective on the Millennium Development Goals: Women's Innovations in Sustainable Development.**"

The assembly will begin with a reception at 5:30 pm on Friday, followed by the keynote address and dinner, and will close with dinner on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, out of town guests will be provided with breakfast and lunch as well as the opportunity to enjoy free time, in and around New York City. There will be a meeting for WFWP, USA leaders on Sunday morning.

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Attached to this letter, you will find a registration form. For more information, and to have this invitation sent to a friend or colleague, please contact Chiyun Breland, by email at assembly@wfwf.us, or by telephone at 203-333-5572.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With warm regards,



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