



GLOBAL PEACE YOUTH INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY #GPYIA 2015

Raising Moral and Innovative Young Leaders:
The Key to Lasting Peace

October 26 - 30, 2015 | Surabaya, Indonesia

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Overview

The kidnapping and violent attacks by Boko Haram in Nigeria, the unending war between Israel and Palestine, the violent emergence of the militant group Islamic State in the Middle East, are only a handful of stressing issues on the security that has claimed the lives and innocence of so many. It has also destroyed the infrastructure and institutions critical for community and societal growth and development. While religions speak of love and compassion, the reality is that many of the most violent conflicts are driven by religious motives. Religion, many argue, is the source and cause of conflict. Policy-makers, peacemakers and societies themselves have struggled to understand the complex relationships among people across faith lines, without being able to come to any definite conclusions.

In response to these alarming trends and in order to work toward peace, Global Peace Foundation Indonesia offers a framework to build a vibrant, prosperous and peaceful world as One Family Under God. Global Peace Youth Interfaith Assembly (GPYIA) is a gathering for youth from diverse backgrounds to be guided by a common vision to discuss the critical issues of the world.

Indonesia, home to many religious groups, beliefs and practices has developed a model for “unity in diversity” that is crucial in our world today. GPYIA is the platform for a new generation of moral, innovative young people committed to forging a culture of peace and prosperity.

The assembly will focus on:

- Identity-based conflict reduction through interfaith partnerships
- Raising moral and innovative young leaders
- Media for the greater good



Participant

600 youths from around the world will participate in the conference, festival and service project. 100 will be selected to participate in the full program. Qualified participants are those who are interested in and have engaged in interfaith initiatives, peace building efforts, youth development and community empowerment and advancement.



Objectives

- To create peaceful and prosperous societies through the vision of One Family under God as a paradigm for cohesion and harmony in pluralistic societies
- To foster a spirit of unity and to build inclusive, ethical societies through focusing on universal principles and shared values
- To educate the youth of the impact of social entrepreneurship and the benefit of civil society engagement
- To cultivate critical thinking skills
- To promote interfaith dialogue to prevent and resolve conflict
- To build and expand a global network of moral and innovative leaders

Program Details

Date : **October 26th – 30th, 2015**
 Venue : **Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia**

Program Schedule

OCTOBER 26	OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28	OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 30
ARRIVALS	CONFERENCE One Family under God: A New Interfaith Paradigm	SERVICE PROJECT	INTERFAITH CHALLENGE Shock the culture!	CLOSING CEREMONY
OFFICIAL OPENING	CONFERENCE Moral And Innovative Young Leaders: The Key To Lasting Peace	YOUTH ADVOCACY Meet today's leader		WAY HOME (OPTIONAL) POST ASSEMBLY TOUR BALI ISLAND
WELCOMING RECEPTION	CONFERENCE Concurrent Session	YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL	FUN SHARING	
	FGD			

October 26th

Welcoming Reception

This session will be hosted by Government of East Java.

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- **Keynote Speech: *One Family under God: A New Interfaith Paradigm***

The assembly will commence with keynote speeches from GPF President, James Flynn, in the opening ceremony. This session will address the global issues of the day and how youth can actively participate in solving these issues.

- **Plenary Session: *Moral And Innovative Young Leaders: The Key To Lasting Peace***

In a world that is rapidly technologically and socially changing, we must learn to adapt and be ready to face challenges that lie ahead. It can bring positive or negative influences to the world especially towards the younger generations. That's why the world is in need of leaders who can be an agent of change. A moral leader is guided by an ethical framework rooted in universal principles and shared values. A moral leader has integrity, and is committed to advance the greater good before self-interest.

Moral and innovative young leaders have the ability to empower individuals or even communities. Entrepreneurship is one of the innovative way to making this happen. This session will talk about how young people can take actions to create the key to lasting peace.

- **Concurrent Sessions**

- Session A: ***Living Beyond Tolerance: Working Together Toward A Peaceful World***
- Session B: ***Unlocking Society's Full Potential: The Power of New Ideas***
- Session C: ***Standing For Truth: Media For Greater Good***



- *Service Project*

Here, we will work with the local community to build awareness collaboration regardless of what identity we have. The service can be cleaning the environment, repairing a house of worship or public facility, or simply spread the message of healthy lifestyle to the people.



- *Youth Advocacy: Meet Today's Leader*



In this session, participants meet and converse with two leading figures who have devoted the best efforts in advocating youths' participation in decision making in life and all levels of governance as well as encouraging them to actively strive to resolving national and global issues.

- *Youth and Community Festival*

The youth and community festival is in conjunction with the commemoration of Indonesia's Youth Pledge Day which falls on October 28th 2015. This session is designed to provide a platform for a number of youth organizations and communities in Surabaya to showcase what their initiatives have achieved and how far they have impacted to society's betterment. This festival will be accessible for public and be presenting traditional/cultural performances from folklore to dance.

The participants of GPIYA are also given an opportunity to share best practices of their organization in their respective countries. By exchanging ideas and experiences, the participants and the local youths are expected to broaden their perspective and global insights of their roles in realizing a global peace.

October 29, 2015

- *Interfaith Challenge*

The participants will directly interact with the locals in an culturally diverse environment as they proceed to their route. They will need to accomplish some pre-defined missions during their wander and exercise their interfaith knowledge, understanding, and respect towards the community to be able to feel the warmth of the people and to understand how interfaith cooperation should be carried out.



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- *Closing Ceremony*

This session will be hosted by Surabaya government.



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