



## THE UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

**The Universal Peace Federation (UPF)** is a global alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation, and prosperity. Peace is not simply the absence of war or a term that applies only to the relationships among nations. Peace is an essential quality that should characterize all relationships.

UPF seeks to build a broad strategic alliance among individuals, educational institutions, organizations, religions, corporations, the media and governments, for the sake of peace. UPF advocates renewal of the United Nations, including a proposal that the UN create an interreligious council within its structures. UPF implements its programs through a global network of Ambassadors for Peace who have formed Peace Councils on the global, regional, national and local levels.

UPF encourages all religions to dialogue and cooperate for peace based upon the recognition that human dignity derives from a universal divine source that is the basis of harmony and unification. UPF invites all nations to participate and engage in a process whereby the elements of nationalism that create barriers to harmonious exchange and development can be overcome.

UPF is guided by a vision of humanity as one global family under God, living in accordance with universal principles. As instructed by the teachings of all the great religions, we all derive our existence from a common origin and we all share a common purpose and destiny. Two core principles guide the mission and work of the UPF. The first calls for living for the sake of others, a commitment to a life of service to others. The second calls each of us to work to overcome the barriers that divide us as human beings.

UPF programs promote partnerships among governments, religions and civil society, and seek to contribute to the establishment of a global culture of peace. UPF seeks a thoroughgoing resolution of the roots of conflict and violence, and urges people to overcome conflict by serving and caring for one another. By living for the sake of others, we can knit together our divided human family through service, repentance, forgiveness, respect and cooperatio



## **The Americas Summit and International Leadership Conference Backgrounder**

The Universal Peace Federation's International Leadership Conference and Americas Summit are dedicated to promoting increased cooperation, development and peace among the peoples, cultures and nations of North, Central, and South America, and the Caribbean. The Americas Summit brings together leaders from government, civil society, faith-based organizations and the private sector to explore a path to a more integrated and unified Western Hemisphere.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is a time of globalization, stimulated by dramatic developments in technology, communications and trade. Regional alliances and economic unions are forming throughout the world, in Europe, Africa, Asia, etc. The world is also witnessing the rise of a new Pacific Era. At this time, the peoples and nations of the Western Hemisphere look not only to their roots across the Atlantic, but, increasingly, toward the Pacific Rim.

There is no doubt that globalization and regionalism are on the rise. In this context, UPF wants to encourage an integration of North and South America based on universal core principles that people of every race, religion, nationality and culture hold in common. In this way, the Americas can set an example for the rest of the world.

Along with cooperation in areas of trade, education, and public policy, the UPF underscores the importance of ecumenical cooperation as an additional and essential prerequisite for unity in the Western hemisphere. In many respects, faith-based cooperation is a necessary component to economic and political unification. Therefore, as we consider the development of a Free Trade Area of the Americas or a Latin American Union, we must also consider the core values that underlie societies and nations that are free, democratic, and morally responsible; values such as faith, family, freedom and service.

In recent times, there have been attempts to bring about Latin American integration, based not upon the principles of harmony and cooperation that Simon Bolivar exemplified or the ideals for which George Washington stood, but based on a dialectical or confrontational relationship with the North. This will never succeed, and only increases the divisions and the resentments within the hemisphere.

If the nations of North and South America can successfully lay a unified foundation—based on shared values—they can demonstrate to the world a model of regional cooperation. The UPF seeks to serve this objective, promoting hemispheric integration based on the overall vision of one family under God, and a culture of respect, cooperation and service.

UPF asks for your advice, counsel and participation as we convene the Americas Summit and International Leadership Conference.



There is a growing awareness among people throughout the world of the urgent need for innovative vision and courageous leadership if we are to resolve the critical issues of our time. The *Americas Summit* and ILC program have been developed to address this need. With this in mind, the program will introduce essential, universal values, principles and practices that are necessary to create a world in which the people of every region, race, nationality, culture and religion live together in peace. We will consider the root causes of conflict, and the ways we can move together from states of conflict, inequality, poverty and enmity toward reconciliation, cooperation and prosperity as one human family under God. We will, in turn, consider the application of these principles to the search for development, peace and security in the Americas.

The Universal Peace Federation is a global network of individuals and organizations committed to peace through dialogue, education, and service. UPF programs engage leaders representing a wide range of fields and areas of interest, including government, civil society, religion, academia, the media, the arts, sports and the private sector. Since its inaugural assembly in 2005 the UPF has seen remarkable growth and progress. UPF's Ambassadors for Peace are engaged worldwide in a determined effort to bring civil society solutions to critical global problems.

UPF believes the *Americas Summit* and International Leadership Conference will make a significant contribution to building a world of lasting peace. We all have serious work to do. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, International Leadership Conference  
and Americas Summit  
Co-Chairman, Universal Peace Federation

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Secretary General, Universal Peace Federation



**Conferencia del Liderazgo Internacional y el Consejo de las Américas**  
**"Hacia un Nuevo Paradigma de liderazgo y Buen Gobierno para la Cooperación,**  
**Desarrollo y Paz en las Américas"**  
 Washington, D.C. – Desde el 28 de Abril al 2 de Mayo, 2008  
**Programa tentativo**

**Lunes, 28 de Abril**

Todo el Día	Llegadas
Durante la Mañana	Registración
7:00 PM	<b>Cena de apertura: Bienvenida y Orientación</b>

**Martes, 29 de Abril**

7:00 AM	Desayuno
9:00 AM	Plenario de Apertura: <b>Hacia un Nuevo Paradigma de Liderazgo y buen gobierno para las Américas</b>
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	<b>Sesion II: ILC Presentacion:</b> <b>Proveyendo una Visión de Liderazgo en un tiempo Global en Crisis.</b>
12:30 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	<b>Sesion III: Americas Summit Roundtable, Parte Uno:</b> <b>¿Que se necesita para Establecer una Nueva Era de Cooperación, Desarrollo y Paz En las Américas?</b>
3:30 PM	Break
4:00 PM	<b>Sesión IV: ILC Presentación: Principio de la Restauración y para la Construcción de la Paz para "Una Familia bajo Dios"</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Cena: Recorrido sobre la Fundación Washington Times.</b>

**Miercoles, 30 de Abril**

6:00 AM	Desayuno
7:00 AM	Salida para el Aeropuerto.
8:00 AM	Vuelo hacia College Station, Texas
10:00 AM	Arribo en la College Station, Texas
11:00 AM	<b>Tour por el Museo y Biblioteca de George H. W. Bush</b>
12:30 PM	<b>Almuerzo y Programa con el Ex Presidente de los Estados Unidos, George H.W. Bush</b>
2:30 PM	<b>Sesion V: Americas Summit Roundtable, Parte Dos:</b> <b>¿Que se necesita para Establecer una Nueva Era de Cooperación, Desarrollo y Paz En las Américas?</b>
4:30 PM	Salida para el Aeropuerto.



5:00 PM	Vuelo para Washington, D.C.
9:00 PM	Llegada en Washington, D.C.
<b><u>Jueves, 1 de Mayo</u></b>	
7:30 AM	Desayuno
9:00 AM	<b>Sesión VI: <i>ILC Presentación:</i> Hacia un Nuevo paradigma de Liderazgo y Buen Gobierno: El significado de servir, la Fe, la Familia y la Libertad.</b>
10:30 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 AM	<b>Sesion VII: <i>Americas Summit Roundtable, Parte Tres:</i> ¿Que se necesita para Establecer una Nueva Era de Cooperación, Desarrollo y Paz En las América?</b>
12:30 PM	Almuerzo
2:00 PM	<b>Sesion VIII: <i>ILC Presentacion:</i> Cooperación entre el Norte y Sur en Búsqueda de una tierra en</b>
<b>Común.</b>	
3:30 PM	Coffee Break
4:00 PM	<b>Sesion IX: Sesion de Cierre</b>
6:00 PM	Cena de Cierre
<b><u>Viernes, 2 de Mayo</u></b>	
	Desayuno y salida