



ICCGC-CoNGO 2025

Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizenship(ICCGC)
Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN(CoNGO)

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Global Society and Leadership for Life and Peace: Healing and Liberation in a Divided World and Wounded Earth

15-18 August 2025

Wonkwang University, Iksan, Republic of Korea

Zoom Webinar ID: TBC

Hosted by
Won Buddhism
Wonkwang University
CoNGO

Program Agenda

Day 1: 15 August 2025

- 14:00-18:00 **Arrival and Registration**
- 14:00-18:00 **Global Citizens Camp for the Dignity of Life** (Collaborative Program)
This program is in which students from Korea and Japan come together to learn the value of respecting life and to cultivate their capacities as global citizens
Orientation: Dr. Miran Youm (Associate Professor, Wonkwang University)
Mr. Taewoo Kim (Research Professor, Wonkwang University)
SDG Lecture on Life and Peace: Dr. Shinichi Yamazaki (Associate Professor, J. F. Oberlin University)
SDG Group Seminar: Dr. Keunmo Park (Lecture, Seijo University)
Climate Action Lecture: Ms. Natalie Sum Yue Chung (Ph.D Candidate, Princeton University)
- 16:00-18:00 **Wonkwang University Museum Tour**
The museum houses approximately 20,000 artifacts from various periods and fields, including archaeology, art, folk life, and shamanism, spanning from Iksan's prehistoric era to modern times
Orientation: Dr. Hyejin Lee (Associate Professor, Wonkwang University)
Docent Tour

- 17:00-18:00 **Korean Medicine Healing Experience Program**
Wonkwang University Korean Medicine Hospital & Integrative Medicine Innovation Center will offer Korean Medicine Healing treatment
 Facilitator: Dr. Junghan Lee (Director, Wonkwang University Korean Medicine Hospital)
 Dr. Doeun Lee (Chief, Department of Neuropsychiatry, Wonkwang University Korean Medicine Hospital)
- 19:00-20:30 **Welcome Reception**
Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Sungtae Park (President, Wonkwang University)
Networking Speech: Dr. Yeonseok Kang (Professor, Wonkwang University)
 Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)
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Day 2: 16 August 2025

- 06:00-07:00 **Morning Meditation**
Won Buddhism Style Meditation: Gentle Sitting & Movement Practice
 Guided by Rev. Seonghun Jo (HK Research Professor, Wonkwang University)
- 07:30-08:30 **Breakfast**
- 09:00-09:30 **Registration**
- 09:30-11:10 **Opening Session**
 Emcee: Rev. Dr. Grace Song (Professor, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)
Moment of Silence
Opening Video
Opening Remarks: Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista (President, CoNGO)
Welcome Speech: Dr. Sungtae Park (President, Wonkwang University)
Congratulatory Address
 Dr. Heonyul Chung (Mayor, Iksan)
 Dr. Hyunmook Lim (Director, UNESCO APCEIU)
 Ms. Saeryo Kim (Representative, UNHCR Korea)
Peace Message from Religious Community
 Rev. Sangho Na (President, Won Buddhism)
Peace Message from Academia
 Dr. Cholvit Jearajit (President, Srinakharinwirot University)
Keynote Speech I
 Rev. Msgr. Indunil J. Kodithuwakku K. (Secretary, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue)
Keynote Speech II
 Dr. Kathryn Poethig (Professor, California State University Monterey Bay)
Group Photos
- 11:10-11:30 **Networking Coffee & Tea**
- 11:30-12:45 **Panel Session 1**
Topic: "Transformative Leadership for a Just and Peaceful Future"
Exploring ethical leadership models that prioritize justice, compassion, and sustainability in a divided world
 Moderator: Dr. Utak Chung (Senior Advisor, Global Partnership for Education)
 Panelists: Mr. Garry Jacobs (President and CEO, World Academy of Art and Science)
 Rev. Kyoichi Sugino (President, Gakurin Seminary)
 Dr. Prapaporn Rojsiriruch (Vice President, Srinakharinwirot University)
 Dr. Namsoon Kang (Professor, Texas Christian University)
- 12:45-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:00 **Panel Session 2**
Topic: "Healing a Wounded World: Paths to Social and Environmental Justice"
Addressing systemic injustices, ecological crises, and strategies for fostering resilience and liberation

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Professor, Georgetown University)

Panelists: Rev. Junsei Terasawa (Monk-Peacemaker and Teacher in Eurasia, Order Nipponzan Myōhōji)

Dr. Kathy Matsui (Professor, Seisen University)

Dr. Christie Yu-Ling Chang (President, Sakyadhita Taiwan)

15:00-15:15 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

15:15-16:15 **Panel Session 3**

Topic: "The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Global Governance and Sustainable Development"

Investigating how faith-based and civic organizations can contribute to shaping inclusive and ethical global policies

Moderator: Dr. Roberto Catalano (Professor, Sophia University Institute, Italy)

Panelists: Dr. John Grayzel (Former Baha'i Peace Chair, University of Maryland)

Dr. Julius-Kei Kato (Professor, King's College-Western University)

Rev. Dr. Ingun Kang S.J. (Director of MAGGA Jesuit Research Center)

16:15-16:30 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

16:30-18:00 **Panel Session 4**

Topic: "Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Leadership for Peace and Sustainability"

Highlighting the role of young leaders in driving transformative change and ensuring a just and sustainable future

Moderator: Ms. Kehkashan Basu, M.S.M. (President, Green Hope Foundation)

Panelists: Ms. Michelle Nikfarjam (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Vermont)

Ms. Aki Ota (Ph.D. Student, University of Tokyo)

Mr. Nagayoshi Iemura (Postgraduate, Keio University)

Ms. Yejin Hong (Member, Focolare Movement)

Ms. Jiseung Kim (Student, Wonkwang University)

18:00-19:30 **Dinner**

19:30-21:00 **Cultural Exchange & Networking**

A cultural Exchange and Networking program will be offered in the evening. This program may include opportunities to share knowledge and perspectives on Global Citizenship Education, fostering mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue

Group A: Evening Meditation and Chanting

Rev. Seonghun Jo (HK Research Professor, Wonkwang University)

Rev. Samuel Jeong Woo-Suk (Catholic Church)

Group B: Cinema Talks "The Firefighters" ([Collaborative Program](#))

Dr. Kathy Matsui (Professor, Seisen University)

Inamori Art Group Project

Group C: Wonkwang University K-Mind Program

M&L (Mindfulness & Loving beingness) Experience Session

Dr. Hyungwon Kang (Director, Integrative Medicine Innovation Center, Wonkwang University)

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07:30-08:30 **Breakfast**

09:00-10:15 **Interfaith Prayer for Peace**

A religious gathering that involves people of different faiths to come together in prayer, worship, and reflection on the importance of peace and unity

Pre- Event Performance: Y Singers (Youngsan University Choir)

Opening Prayer

Interfaith Prayer Service

Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Won Buddhism

Spiritual Message

Rev. Msgr. Indunil J. Kodithuwakku K. (Secretary, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue)

Rev. Youngin Sa (Co-President, Religions for Peace & Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)

Performance for Peace: Mannam Quartet

Closing Prayer

10:15-11:30 **Won Buddhism Headquarters Tour**

11:30-13:00 **Lunch**

13:00-14:15 **Panel Session 5**

Topic: "The Power of Narrative: Changing Stories, Shaping a Hopeful Future"

Exploring how storytelling, media, and collective memory can inspire healing, justice, and social transformation

Moderator: Dr. Kunihiro Terasawa (Associate Professor, Wartburg College)

Panelists: Rev. Dr. Mark Unno (Professor, University of Oregon)

Dr. Carolyn Medine (Professor, University of Georgia)

Rev. Dr. Grace Song (Professor, Won Institute of Graduate Studies)

Dr. Jisue Lee (Research Professor, Wonkwang University)

14:15-14:30 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

14:30-15:45 **Life and Peace Workshop**

Division 1: "Mind Cultivation for Global Peace" (Collaborative Program)

Moderator: Rev. Sunmi Choi (Vice President, World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth)

Panelists: Rev. Doyeon Park (Co-Chair, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations)

Rev. Dr. Seok Heo (Professor, Wonkwang University)

Dr. Thapakorn Kamnerdsiri (Assist Professor, Thammasat University)

Dr. Seonghun Jo (HK Research Professor, Wonkwang University)

Division 2: "Global Citizenship Education"

Wonkwang University (TBC)

Division 3: "Refugees and Peace"

Lecture: Ms. Saeryo Kim (Representative, UNHCR Korea)

Division 4: "Religion and Peace"

Lectures: Rev. Jin Kim (Protestant, National Coalition of Peace Corps.)

Ven. Sungjin (Buddhism, National Coalition of Peace Corps.)

Fr. Sungyong Ha (Catholic, National Coalition of Peace Corps.)

Rev. Sewoong Park (Won Buddhist, National Coalition of Peace Corps.)

Division 5: "Japanese & Korean Youth Action for a Peaceful World" (KOCUN-IDP & IARF Japan Chapter)

Rev. Keiichi Hashimoto (Standing Committee Member, IARF Japan Chapter)

Mr. Taewoo Kim (Deputy Secretary General, KOCUN-IDP)

15:45-16:00 **Networking Coffee & Tea**

16:00-18:00 **Global Citizens Summit**

Topic: "Global Citizens First: Leading with Values, Acting for Humanity"

This session will provide a reflection on this year's event and explore our shared efforts to foster a global civil society. Panelists will also offer insights and suggestions for the future growth of the conference

Moderator: Dr. Kwangsoo Park (Emeritus Professor, Wonkwang University)

Presentation: Rev. Sangwon Hwang (Former Secretary General, ICCGC-CoNGO)

Panelists:

[IGOs] Dr. Utak Chung (Former Director, UNESCO APCEIU)

[Religion] Rev. Doyeon Park (Co-Chair, Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations)

[Academia] Rev. Dr. Leo Lefebure (Professor, Georgetown University)

[FBOs] Dr. Roberto Catalano (Former Co-Director, Focolare Movement's Center for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome)
[Youth] Ms. Natalie Sum Yue Chung (Ph.D Candidate, Princeton University)

18:00-18:30

Closing Session

Dr. Moon Namgung (Co-Chair, ICCGC-CoNGO 2025)

Dr. Yeonseok Kang (Professor, Wonkwang University)

Ms. Christina Lee (Inter-religious Dialogue Advisor, Focolare Movement)

Rev. Junsei Terasawa (Monk-Peacemaker and Teacher in Eurasia, Order Nipponzan Myōhōji)

Rev. John Grayzel (Former Baha'i Peace Chair, University of Maryland)

Mr. Idanont Thaiarry (Secretary General, World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth)

19:00-20:30

Reception

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Sungtae Park (President, Wonkwang University)

Banquet Speech: Dr. Sunggon Kim (Chairman, Corps. PEACE)

Day 4: 18 August 2025

06:00-07:00

Morning Meditation

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07:30-08:30

Breakfast

09:00-17:00

Cultural Tour Program (Optional Program)

A full-day optional cultural tour offering participants the chance to explore local heritage and traditions

- A Course: Historical and Sacred Sites Tour in Iksan

- B Course: Hanok Village Tour in Jeonju (Hanok: Korean Traditional House during the Chosun Dynasty)

Registration



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