

We are Citizens of the World

I am not an Athenian, or a Greek, but a citizen of the world.—Socrates

We must create world-wide law and law enforcement as we outlaw world-wide war and weapons.—John F. Kennedy

I have a vision of the UN General Assembly resembling one day a parliament of the world.—Vaclav Havel

[O]ur next goal is the elimination of war as an illegal act and the substitution of binding arbitration as a means of settling international disputes. Why not? —Keith Best, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Federalist Movement

A GLOBAL ETHOS

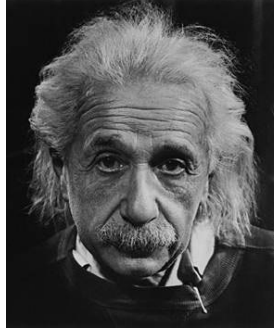
We call for urgent progress in developing the democratic world institutions of law by which the world's people and nations can govern their relationships to assure a peaceful, just and ecologically sustainable world community.

We are dedicated in particular to working in support of...the emergence of a global ethos, a consciousness of humanity as one community, and of every person as a citizen of one world.

We affirm that the ideals and principles of community life that are basic to civilized existence can and must be applied to international relations.

From the Constitution of the World Federalist Movement

Great Minds Think Alike



Some of the world's greatest thinkers and leaders have advocated world government or the global rule of democratic law:

Socrates, Kant, Dante, Mohandas Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Mikhail Gorbachev, Dwight Eisenhower, Thor Hyerdahl, Vaclav Havel, Jawaharal Nehru, Norman Cousins, Walter Cronkite, Peter Ustinov, E.B. White, H.G. Wells, Arnold Toynbee, U Thant, Isaac Asimov, Willy Brandt, Golda Meir, Ernest Bevin, Joan Baez, William O. Douglas, Ramsey Clark, Hubert Humphrey, Harry Truman, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Carl Van Doren, Theodore Roosevelt, Pope John XXIII, Pope John Paul II.

So have distinguished Canadians:

Tommy Douglas, René Levesque, Flora MacDonald, Warren Allmand, Lloyd Axworthy, Sen. Lois Wilson, Elizabeth May, Alan Blakeney, Marion Dewar, Bill Blaikie, Ovide Mercredi, Muriel Smith, John Diefenbaker, Hanna Newcombe, Roland Michener, Geoffrey Pearson, Iona Campagnolo, John Polanyi, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, Howard Pawley.

[Hu]mankind's desire for peace can be realized only by the creation of a world government. With all my heart I believe that the world's present system of sovereign nations can only lead to barbarism, war and inhumanity.

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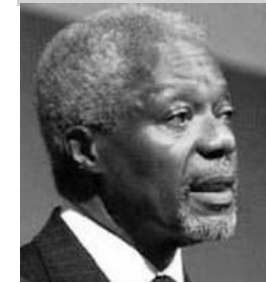
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GLOBALIZING PEACE & JUSTICE

The Mission of World Federalism



Your Movement has helped keep alive for fifty years the values which inspired the creation of the United Nations: the vision of a world prepared to act together against armed aggression, social ills and global threats, and united in its promotion of economic and social progress for all. —Kofi Annan

Since 1947, the international **World Federalist Movement** has campaigned for global peace, justice and sustainability through international law, a reformed UN and a democratic federation of the world's nations. Founded in 1951 with branches across Canada, the **World Federalist Movement—Canada** (WFMC) works with twenty-three WFM member organizations around the world and with other NGOs to advance the cause of democratic global governance. The World Federalist Youth Network includes clubs on seven Canadian campuses. The President of WFM is former Canadian Senator, the Hon. Dr. Lois M. Wilson; of WFMC, former federal cabinet minister, the Hon. Warren Allmand. The Executive Director of WFMC is Fergus Watt.

World Government is not only possible, it is inevitable; and when it comes, it will appeal to patriotism in its truest, in its only sense, the patriotism of [people] who love their national heritages so deeply that they wish to preserve them in safety for the common good. —Sir Peter Ustinov, President of the World Federalist Movement, 1991-2004.



FAQs on World Federalism

What is World Federalism? World federalism is like national federalism, only “up one level.” In a world federation, nations like Canada (itself a federation of ten provinces and three territories) would continue to be masters in their own homes. But in their relations with other nations, the global environment and fundamental human values, they would agree to comply with the laws of a world government democratically elected by all the world’s citizens. Like provinces, nations would be disarmed, ceding defense to the world government and its security forces, to which any citizen could belong.

A democratic world federal government, with a constitution, one or more legislative bodies, an executive branch, a security branch and assorted departments (environment, trade, health, etc.), could create unprecedented security and justice in the world while empowering humanity to tackle currently neglected global challenges such as poverty and environmental sustainability.

Do you have to believe in “world government” to be a member of the World Federalist Movement?

The World Federalist Movement is a pragmatic organization that does whatever it can to improve global governance, such as working for multilateral treaties on arms reduction and world courts. People who support better global *governance* (UN reform and so on) rather than government are very much at home within WFM.

What about the UN, the World Bank, the IMF and the WTO? They don’t exactly have a sterling record of being fair or effective. Since their inception, the World Federalist Movement has consistently called for reform of these insti-

tutions so they can deliver on their promise to end war and alleviate global inequity. What these institutions lack is the ability to create laws democratically and enforce them. Together, they are neither representative nor a government. WFM has sought to improve these quasi-governmental institutions by lobbying for realistic reforms such as parliamentary assemblies to oversee the UN and WTO and a permanent, rapidly deployable UN peace force to intervene effectively against crimes against humanity.

ARE YOU A WORLD FEDERALIST?

You could be if you have three or more of the following signs and symptoms.

- ✓ People refuse to take you seriously when you tell them you’re the moral and intellectual peer of Einstein, Socrates, Gandhi and Gorbachev (every one of them an advocate of world government).
- ✓ You’re developing repetitive stress syndrome from wringing your hands through one genocide after another as the world stands impotently by.
- ✓ Knowing that nations spend roughly fifteen times as much money on war and weapons as they do on relieving world poverty makes you want to a) lose your lunch, b) rent a rocket launcher or c) moon the General Assembly.
- ✓ Police cars may make you nervous, but the law of the jungle gives you panic attacks.
- ✓ You have a nervous tic that compels you to use quotation marks every time you utter the word “democracy.” You long for the day when strict, legal limits on the influence of the rich and powerful will make that word credible once more.
- ✓ You suffer from feelings of impending doom because you know no one’s minding the planetary store—except those who are plundering it.
- ✓ Seeing globalization hijacked by self-serving superpowers and corporations with budgets the size of Belgium gives you a steaming case of road rage.
- ✓ You are a proud Canadian, but deep down inside there’s a frustrated world citizen dying to get out.

“Democratic” federal governments like the United States have become dominated by multinational corporations and other powerful interests. Wouldn’t a democratic world government fall into the same trap, with even worse consequences? This is a legitimate concern. Government is a “technology” that can be poorly or well designed and used for good or for ill. Any world government worth fighting for must be based on a **constitution** that has learned history’s lesson that democratic governments can be dominated by special interests to the detriment of the common good. We believe the world’s best constitutional minds, in concert with governments and citizens, can draft a constitution with checks, balances and other provisions that will make it possible to achieve an unprecedented level of human rights, security and good governance in the world. No government

is perfect. But look at what we have now. As World Federalist Rik Panganiban writes: “[W]e already have a world government. It is in the form of the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the G8 and the UN Security Council, where the real global economic and political power lies. The question is not whether or not we should have a world government, the question is what *form* of world government do we want? One that is guided by the principles of ‘one dollar-one vote’ and rule by a few elites or one that is guided by the principles of democracy, accountability, transparency, equity and justice?”

A REAL WORLD RECORD

While keeping our eyes on the prize of democratic world federation, world federalists are primarily preoccupied with working to achieve more immediate advances for global security and justice. In recent decades we have been instrumental in such initiatives and breakthroughs as the **Law of the Sea**, the **International Peace Academy**, **Operation Dismantle**, the **Nuclear Weapons Legal Action**, and the **International Criminal Court** (WFM led the vast coalition of NGOs that successfully fought for its creation). Today, in 2005, world federalists continue to work for such near-term goals as:

Democratizing Global Governance. World Federalists believe in democracy at all levels, from local to global. This includes making the UN and other global institutions like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization truly accountable, transparent and democratically representative. One proposed reform is to have elected parliamentary assemblies for the UN and the WTO. WFM is also lobbying for global institutions to fill vital, unmet needs, such as a World Environment Organization. And we are continuing to promote the ratification of the International Criminal Court by all nations, *including* the United States.

Humanitarian Intervention. If you’re wondering how the world can respond rapidly and effectively whenever a Bosnia, a Rwanda or a Darfur strikes, a historic Canadian government-commissioned report titled “The Responsibility to Protect” (R2P) proposes a blueprint for lawful international humanitarian intervention. R2P’s new norms would empower the international community – acting through the UN or other legitimate bodies – to intervene whenever nations tyrannize their citizens or fail to protect them from crimes against humanity. Since its publication in 2001, R2P has been championed by a growing number of governments and NGOs. In 2005, the General Assembly officially endorsed the basic principles of R2P, due, in part, to the efforts of WFM. WFM continues to be a leader in the campaign to enshrine R2P as a new international norm.

Waging Peace. Long a leading team player in the Canadian peace movement, WFM will continue to lobby for a permanent UN Emergency Peace Service capable of implementing R2P. We will also continue to oppose ballistic missile defense and the weaponization of space, which we regard as destabilizing and a colossal waste of money.

An Equitable and Sustainable World. World federalists believe in global solutions for global problems, including environmental protection and economic justice. WFM supports the Kyoto Protocol and other measures to avert global warming. As a member of the Make Poverty History campaign and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, WFM lobbies for the achievement of the historic Millennium Development Goals. The MDGs commit the UN’s member states to radically reduce global hunger, disease, poverty and child mortality and to aggressively promote gender equity, universal education, fair trade and environmental sustainability by 2015.

Sustainable Solutions

Global environmental problems—such as ozone depletion, global warming, the loss of biological diversity, and ocean pollution—do not respect national borders and require international cooperation for resolution. Though existing treaties and resolutions represent embryonic attempts to set the world on a sustainable course, real success in reversing environmental decline will not be possible until more fundamental changes are wrought in the mechanisms of governance itself. The World Federalists are providing much needed leadership by pushing for such reforms.—*Hilary F. French, Senior Researcher, Worldwatch Institute*

If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door.—*Gen. Douglas MacArthur*