

WCPA Global Bi-annual Report (with photos): June 2016

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Activities on behalf of the *Earth Constitution* and a decent future for humanity have been rapidly expanding over the first half of 2016. I am very pleased to submit this report and overview of some of these activities. It is impossible to include mention of all the WCPA activities that are happening worldwide, and I apologize to any of our activists who may feel they have been left out of this report. The report focuses primarily on new developments within the 2016 year with the understanding that many worthy WCPA projects cannot be included in any single report.

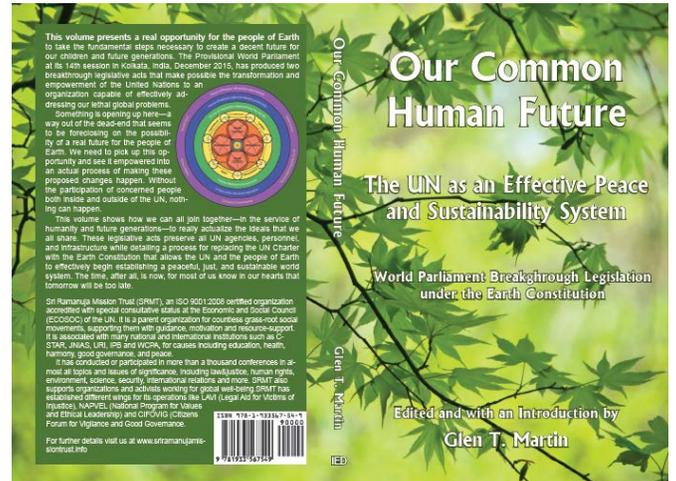
Our work is absolutely vital for the future of a humanity faced with evermore lethal global crises, from climate collapse to planetary pollution to a new nuclear arms race every bit as dangerous as that of the Cold War. Only a global social contract under the Earth Constitution can bring us together to the point where we can effectively address these crises before it is too late. Planetary democracy, universal world citizenship, and democratically legislated law enforceable over all individuals form the key elements in this social contract. The Earth Constitution gives us a peace system, a freedom system, a justice system, and a sustainability system. Without such democratically founded planetary systems, it is difficult to see that humanity has any viable future at all. In the light of this background, I believe this report from the first six months of 2016 is grounds for genuine hope.

1. The 14th session of the Provisional World Parliament in Kolkata, India, December 2015 (photo right). It met under the umbrella of the larger World Thinkers and Writers Peace Meet, sponsored by ISSAR and directed by WCPA Vice-President *Dr. Santi Nath Chattopadhyay*. At the head table in the second photo, to my right, is *Puan Sri Datin Seri N. Saraswathy Devi*, of Malaysia, a Vice-President of WCPA, who honored the Parliament with her internationally recognized legal prominence by joining us at the high table. To my left is *Dr. Eugenia Almand*, Secretary of the Provisional World Parliament. These photos were taken by our WCPA Technical Assistant *Mr. Josiah Eck*, who accompanied me to the parliament and on my subsequent speaking tour.

The Parliament considered and passed a number of acts, among them two truly historic legislative acts, one for merging the UN under the Earth Constitution and the second for a “Global Sustainability Directorate” integrating the many UN agencies working for sustainability together under the Earth Constitution. (This act draws upon the Parliament’s earlier act creating the “Earth Emergency Rescue Administration (EERA),” updating it and integrating it into the many actually existing UN agencies directed to sustainability.)



2. Deriving from this accomplishment, one major WCPA project of the past six months has been to bind these legislative acts into a book along with the Earth Constitution and send this volume to all heads of UN agencies and world leaders. These acts are very forward-thinking and might just strike a resonate chord in some world social and environmental leaders concerning the practical and concrete steps that might be taken for uniting the world under the Earth Constitution and saving our planet from self-destruction. We have had to struggle to find funding to support this costly project but are determined to carry it forward despite all obstacles. We have the wonderful cooperation of *Dr. Sid Smith*, Director of the Institute for Economic Democracy Press, and of *Swami S.A.R.P.V. Chaturvedi* and the Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust in India. SRMT has volunteered to arrange the major portion of this publication in India, for which we are very grateful. The book, about to go to press, is called *Our Common Future: The UN as an Effective Peace and Sustainability System. World Parliament Breakthrough Legislation under the Earth Constitution*. Here is a photo of the front and back covers as designed by Sid Smith.



3. I want to formally introduce to you all our WCPA Administrative Assistant to the President, *Ms. Becky Galdo*. Becky has done a wonderful job over the past year in helping get the word out worldwide about the Earth Constitution as the only practical and viable option available to humankind at the present moment. She has approached this work with intelligence, independence, creativity and dedication, for which we are very grateful. Becky just graduated from Radford University (photo) and is now in the graduate program for Social Work at Florida State University in Tampa. Despite the fact that WCPA struggles with a lack of resources to support our work, it appears to me that Becky has been the best possible investment that we could have made.

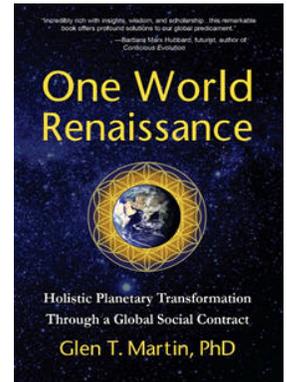


4. Becky has been developing websites, Facebook pages, and electronic mailing lists for us, as well as posting on diverse other sites. These include a separate site for the Collegium of World Judges (www.collegiumworldjudges.com), a site for the World Constitution and Parliament Association (www.earthfederationwcpa.wordpress.com), a site for the World Parliament: (www.provisionalworldparliament.wordpress.com), and a Facebook page for the Earth Constitution: [https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=earth%20constitution%20-%20wcpa%20photos&bs=photos\(1123902860984431\)](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=earth%20constitution%20-%20wcpa%20photos&bs=photos(1123902860984431))

5. *Mr. Peter Graves-Goodman*, WCPA Vice-President in Miami, Florida, is working on updating our main website (www.worldparliament-gov.org) so that people will be able to sign the Earth Constitution and join WCPA electronically. This feature will finally bring our electronic media into the 21st century where it belongs.

6. My new book *One World Renaissance: Holistic Planetary Transformation through a Global Social Contract* has been published by IED Press as of 2016. It involves a sustained philosophical elucidation of the concept of holism in relation to human values and the foundations for democratic world law. I am hoping it will serve our work by laying the intellectual groundwork for the Earth Constitution. Becky has created and maintained a website and blog for the book at:

<https://wordpress.com/stats/day/oneworldrenaissance.com>



7. We were honored to have as delegate to the Parliament, *Sri E.P. Menon*, a Vice-President of WCPA and long-time social activist and supporter of our work, whose home is in Bangalore, India. Following the Parliament, Menon organized for us an itinerary of speaking engagements in South India and Bangalore, from where I also sent copies of the Earth Constitution to *Prime Minister Modi* and *President Mukherjee*. We were also honored to have *Dr. Klaus Schlichtmann* as a delegate. Klaus, who lives in Japan, is internationally recognized as a scholar and historian of the peace movement and the World Federalist Movement worldwide. He is Distinguished Advisor to WCPA along with Swami S.A.R.P.V. Chaturvedi.



8. Justice *David Percy Quispe Salsavilca* from Peru has contacted us about the Collegium of World Judges and also has submitted an article that we will be publishing. We are looking forward to working with him in this project. As you know, the Constitution established a Collegium of World Judges from which all members of the eight benches of the World Supreme Court system will be drawn. I believe this is also indicative of our growing presence in Latin America. Traditionally WCPA had presence in a number of countries in Africa and Asia but less so in South America, in spite of our dynamic center in Costa Rica led by *Lic. Celina Garcia*. Though her work and that of others this is beginning to change.
9. In Latin America, in the past year I have visited both Ecuador (from where I sent a letter to *President Correa*) and Venezuela on behalf of our work. In Venezuela, we had extensive contact with the World PROUT Movement through *Dada Maheshvarananda* who directs a Cooperative in Caracas and with others in the PROUT network within Venezuela, such as *Professor Dorkis Shephard* and *Mr. Eugenio Mendoza*. The founder of PROUT, Indian Guru *P.R. Sarkar*, advocated world unity, world spirituality, and world government. Hence, there was a very positive response to the Earth Constitution among PROUT supporters in Venezuela.

Venezuela is a socialist country that promotes cooperatives and socially conscious work for the common good of all: healthcare, education, food and housing. While there, I also met with government ministers: *Mr. Tulio Virguez* from the Ministry of Foreign Relations (right hand photo below with red hat), *Riccardo* from the Venezuelan Embassy in San Francisco (on my left), and *Juan Pablo* from the Ministry of Justice. They gave me a copy of the Venezuelan Constitution in English and saw the comparisons with the Earth Constitution, which I gave them in Spanish and English versions. We joined a big march in Caracas on behalf of the Bolivarian Revolutionary Government and its commitment to democratic solidarity with all persons. The photo to the right shows both this march in support of democratic socialism, and the center photo shows our host, Eugenio Mendoza, his wife Cris, and their son Mario, along with two men to the right who gave us a tour of the military prison now a museum,

that chronicles the oppression of freedom throughout Latin America. Both these gentlemen are former prisoners in this facility.



10. In December in Delhi, I had the good fortune of meeting *Swami Agnivesh* (photo below) who wanted to find out more about the Earth Constitution. Swami Agnivesh has long been a prominent member of leader in the Interreligious Dialogue movement and a leader in collaboration with the UN to end human trafficking and bonded labor. I used his new book called *Applied Spirituality* in my Philosophy of Religious Course at Radford University during the spring semester 2016. He understands the need for a human unity in diversity under the Earth Constitution. He writes:

“The seeds of globalization lie buried deep in spirituality, which is the only authentically universal vision that humankind has ever had. It is doubtful that any international organization would have come into being, but for the pattern that existed already in spirituality. Unlike the mechanisms of institutionalized religions, the call of true spirituality has always been to transcend the familiar boundaries drawn by individual and corporate ego, and to discover the unity underlying the diversity which marks our world” (p. 65). This statement could very well apply to the Earth Constitution, which, as we all know, is predicated on unity in diversity that derives from an authentic spirituality that has no need to identify with any exclusive and limited religious institutions. Swami Agnivesh will be meeting with *Pope Francis* this month and presenting him a copy of the Earth Constitution.



11. In May and early June, Phyllis and I went to Thailand and Japan. *Dr. Phichai Tovivich*, WCPA Vice-President, and Director of Universal Love and Brotherhood for Thailand, had organized the first international ULBA Thailand Conference (photo left below with *Phyllis Turk*, CNM, WCPA Treasurer). There were participants there from a number of countries besides Thailand: Vietnam, Australia, Japan, Nepal, the US, etc. He arranged for accommodations for us in the Guest House of Chulalongkorn University, where the conference was also being held. Dr. Phichai did a wonderful job putting together a truly impressive conference and special ceremonies (center photo below). I presented my paper called: “Holism, Universal Love, and Democratic World Law” (photo)

through a corresponding Power Point presentation. There were many interesting speakers at this conference. We distributed many copies of the Constitution and other WCPA literature to the group.



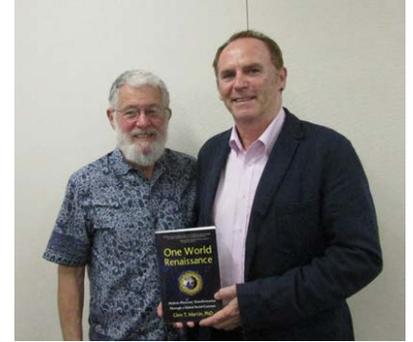
12. An extraordinary moment happened at the Thailand ULBA conference when Mr. *Madan Bhadur Pradhan* introduced himself to me (photo wearing white with Rev. Lama Monk J.B. Tamang). Mr. Pradhan had been a Vice-President of WCPA during the 1980s and early 90s. He was also Assistant Minister of Agriculture and Education for the Nepal government, and had been appointed by the Provisional World Parliament as Environmental Minister for the Earth Federation. He had participated in the World Parliaments in Delhi and Miami Beach, Florida in 1985 and 1987. Mr. Pradhan was anxious to resume his work on behalf of the Earth Constitution. He said he had come to Bangkok just to meet me there and introduce himself. WCPA has a number of contacts in Nepal but no Vice-President or major officer. I was delighted to re-recognize his status in view of his long history of service to our cause. With his international experience Mr. Pradhan can lead a resurgence of interest in the Earth Constitution both in Nepal and within the South Asian nations.



13. On May 27th we flew to Japan. We had been graciously bid farewell by Dr. Phichai in Bangkok and then met at Osaka Airport in Japan by Mr. *Katsuya Kimura* who kindly lodged us in the Oomoto Guest House at Kameoka. On Sunday, May 29th, Mr. Kimura drove us for two hours to Takasago, where the Oomoto Temple there had organized an elaborate and beautiful Poetry Festival. Forty selected poems about peace (from the many submitted by Oomoto members) had been put to music and sacred chant, resulting in a wonderful and inspiring sacred spectacle to those many people assembled under the awnings in the gentle rain.

On May 30, an interview was arranged for me with the ULBA staff in which Mr. *Hiromi Yano* asked about our work on behalf of the Earth Constitution and served as translator. I also distributed copies of the Constitution and other literature in English to people in the ULBA division of Oomoto. We need translations of our literature into Japanese and other languages. The Earth Constitution is already in Japanese, but we need it distributed widely in Japan through cooperation with ULBA and Oomoto. We were very pleased to have the kind interest of *Asada Tokihiko*, Chief Director of the Oomoto Headquarters, *Rev. Toshiomi Okuwaki*, Director, *Jinruiaizenkai* Editorial Department, and *Yasuhiko Inagaki*, Vice-President of ULBA.

14. While in Kameoka I had the pleasure to meet *Mr. Chayne Ellis*, originally from Australia, who has lived in Japan for 14 years. He directs a school there as well as doing regular work for *Jinruiaizankai* in Kameoka. He is also a friend of Dr. Phichai Tovivich in Thailand. Chayne is a person of great energy and intelligence who had already researched WCPA carefully before we met. He already know our strengths and weaknesses and the difficulties we face in trying to make the Earth Constitution a household word throughout the planet. Chayne wants to work with us and I knew immediately that he would bring these good qualities to WCPA work in Japan. I am proud to have him as the President of our WCPA Japan Chapter and member of our International Advisory Board.



By coincidence (or perhaps it was the synergistic global movement of convergence toward the Earth Constitution), I was also contacted by *Mr. John Rachel* after arriving home to Virginia. John lives in Japan and would like to work for the Earth Constitution. I put him in contact with Chayne Ellis. Japan is a place of great beauty, civility, and community. It is also a place where many understand the horror of nuclear weapons. I think the time is right for a renaissance for the Earth Constitution in Japan.

15. From June 1 to 3, Phyllis and I were in Hiroshima, hosted by the World Federalists of Hiroshima, *Professor Shaw Fujii*, *Professor Mineko Morishita*, and *Professor Tadaakira Jo* (in that order on my right in the photo). While at the Peace Center, we met with *Secretary General Yasuyoshi Komizo* and *Director Yasco Suehiro* in the offices of Mayors for Peace (left of Phyllis in the photo). They told me that more than 7000 mayors of cities around the world were organized in this effort to end nuclear weapons, which is a truly wonderful movement in my view. They shared important and detailed literature on their work, its history and significance. I urged them to consider that the world needed to adopt a “world peace system” to replace its present war-system and that the Earth Constitution was the blueprint for that world peace system that would end not only nuclear weapons but all wars everywhere. We gave out copies of the Earth Constitution and other literature to all of these leaders. We were especially hosted most wonderfully by Professor Mineko Morishita, who spent a day with us visiting the Peace Park and the beautiful island and World Heritage site of Miyajima.



16. I was also recently contacted by *Richard Maxheim* from Germany, a long-time World Federalist who wishes to work on promoting the Earth Constitution in Germany. I was very pleased at this development. More and more, Federalists around the world (sensing that their movement needs a clear and immediate framework that can save the Earth from immanent disaster) are turning to WCPA as a way of making a concrete contribution to a decent future for humanity. We have the Earth Constitution in a paperbound German edition already, and I will be sending this to Mr. Maxheim along with other literature. In the meantime, Dr. Eugenia Almand will be digitizing the German translation of the Constitution for Mr. Maxheim to put on the website he has already created for this purpose at: <http://wcpa-deutschland.web-hostel.de/> There are many world federalists in Germany and in the European Union, which is important for our work because they already understand that the world needs a good constitution. We will be approaching them not only from Germany but also from Belgium (see below) with the

message that the Earth Constitution is our best and most practical option. I look forward to working with Mr. Maxheim and others in the German Republic.

17. It is important to mention here that *Mr. Amit Paul*, president of the Delhi Chapter of WCPA, has been directing his dedication to a just and peaceful world under the Earth Constitution into passing law examinations in Delhi. He has spent years helping ordinary, often victimized, people submit affidavits and requests in the court system of Delhi, but with passing further examinations he will be able not only to serve people more effectively but promote the Earth Constitution among the judiciary and legal community in the capital of India, which he has been doing for several years now. He writes: “I want to travel in different countries spreading this message among the masses in humble way to work tirelessly for ONENESS of HUMANKIND, and to work for WORLD CONSTITUTION for the FEDERATION Of EARTH, which I hope to start from this year.” Amit Paul was instrumental in arranging many activities for me in Delhi during December of 2015 (just before the Parliament in Kolkata). He is truly a key person for promoting the Earth Constitution in India and beyond, and I very much appreciate his lifelong dedication to our work.

18. In the photo, *Dr. Roger Kotila*, Vice-President, WCPA (center), with *Dr. Bob Hanson* and *Ms. Vivian Davidson*, are in historic Brussels, Belgium, home to the European Parliament and many World Federalists. Roger writes: “A world federalist colleague, *Shahr-Yar Sharei*, studied law at the University of Kent. Based upon his doctoral research into international law (or lack thereof) and the UN Charter, he has concluded that the UN is legally required to conduct a Charter review. As a consequence of his findings, he is in the process of setting up a new think tank – the **Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR)**, to be located here in Brussels.” Roger was in Brussels to make contact with European Parliamentarians and World Federalists, and to see that any Charter review process for the UN will include the proposal to replace the Charter with the Earth Constitution.



As this report on some recent WCPA activities for the first half of 2016 illustrates, all around the world WCPA leaders are working to bring the Earth Constitution to the attention of the Citizens of the Earth. There is a synergistic movement taking place in which people are recognizing the key role of the Constitution for the future of humanity. It must be studied, modeled, promoted and disseminated in every possible venue. It is surely the best hope for our seriously endangered world. It serves both as a concrete blueprint on how we could really create a world peace, freedom, justice, and sustainability system and an ideal from which to critically evaluate our failed efforts in the present. If we all keep up the good work, the time is not far off when the Constitution for the Federation of Earth will become a household word all over our planet. And that will be the moment when the people of Earth realize that we really do have a way out from our present disastrous system. We really can choose to transform the Earth into a decent, sustainable community for all its citizens. But this will not happen until people everywhere are aware of the Earth Constitution. We believe that it is our duty, as people who have signed the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Constitution for the Federation of Earth,” to make this happen.