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WCPA Work has achieved a number of successes since December 2016. At every event, we handed out our card identifying global values to every participant and our new brochure (<http://www.radford.edu/~gmartin/WCPA%20V10.pdf>) to many selected leaders. We are very pleased at the increase in global solidarity and activism on behalf of the *Constitution for the Federation of Earth*. In mid-December, Sri E.P. Menon organized a seminar in Bangalore, India. Bangalore now has a permanent chapter working on behalf of the Earth Constitution that is headed by E.P. Menon, P. Narasimha Murthy, and C.K. Karun. We had long discussions while there about how to establish a home for the World Parliament in India that resulted in on-going work on this project by the Bangalore group.

From Bangalore we travelled to Kathmandu, Nepal where long time WCPA leader and Vice-President, Madan B. Pradhan, had revitalized the WCPA Chapter there. It was with great pleasure and excitement that we met the group of leaders who were working with him. The group had organized many meetings with top Nepal political and civic leaders and other events during our 10 day stay. We also visited the Lumbini International Academy of Science and Technology (LIAST) and spoke with administrators, faculty, and students. This new academy has been created by leaders of WCPA Nepal such as Sri Mahesh Kumar Upadhyay. It can serve as one of the many institutions of higher learning now promoting the Earth Constitution.

During our visit, working with Sri Pradhan most closely were his son, Sanjeev Pradhan, and his longtime friend and colleague, Sri Upadhyaya. As you may know, sadly Sri Madan Pradhan passed away not long after we left Nepal. This was a great loss to all of us. Sri Upadhyaya has taken over leadership of the Nepal Chapter. In the photo, Sri Upadhyaya is to the right of Guruji Arun Kumar (in white) and to the right of him is Sri M.B. Pradhan.



From Kathmandu we returned to Pune, India, where WCPA's "Building the World Parliament" conference was scheduled December 29-31. The conference was generously hosted by Dr. Vishwanath Karad, Chancellor Maharashtra Institute of Technology and his staff. It was cosponsored by MIT Pune and Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust. Approximately 70 persons participated a number of them long-time WCPA and global democracy leaders such as Swami Agnivesh, Dr. Eugenia Almand (via Skype), Sri Varadan Chandar, Dr. Subhash Chandra, Dr. Santi Nath Chattopadhyay, Dr. Dauji Gupta, Yogacharya Arun Kumar, Sri E.P. Menon, Dr. Vijaya Murthy, Sri Amit Paul, Dr. Klaus Schlichtmann, Dr. Hemlata Talesra, Dr. Ved Pratap Vaidic, Augustine J. Veliath, and Sri Deepak Vyas.



The Conference produced a major “Pune Declaration” in which many participants pledged to assume responsibilities to move the project of Building the World Parliament forward. The vision was expressed in these six goals:

1. First and foremost, we must get the *Earth Constitution* before the people of Earth, both the leaders and the grassroots, through all forms of communication, including journalism, educational institutions, and every other possible way: so that the people of Earth know that there is a way out of the current insane chaos in which we now find ourselves.
2. Secondly, we must raise the funding and resources to make this happen on a planetary scale.
3. Third, we must set up country based committees to actualize all of these goals.
4. Fourth, this funding and resources can be used to establish offices in locations around the world dedicated to disseminating the *Earth Constitution* in many more languages as well as the information and understanding necessary to comprehend its significance for the future of the Earth.
5. Fifth, we must train youth and older people alike as leaders, as “agents of transformation,” to provide the articulate and compassionate leadership necessary to get the *Earth Constitution* before the people of our planet and to make the process of democratic ratification of the Constitution an effective reality.
6. Sixth, under Article 19 of the Constitution we must continue to develop Provisional World Government, already begun through the Provisional World Parliament and the Collegium of World Judges.

From Pune we travelled to Delhi and were kindly hosted for 10 days by Swami Agnivesh. WCPA activists Amit Paul and Dr. Manoj Srivastava organized a dynamic schedule for each of the 10 days. They were aided by Dr. Surrentra Pathak. We participated in many events and had many opportunities to speak about the *Earth Constitution*, which included meeting with such dignitaries as Dr. V.P. Vaidic, who graciously consented to become a Distinguished Advisor for WCPA.

One highlight of the itinerary was the event entitled “Need for a World Constitution” sponsored by Kamkus College of Law. By this time WCPA Vice-Presidents Sarwar Alam and Zaklina Dimovska (from Canada and Macedonia respectively) had joined our WCPA delegation in Delhi, and they were both presenters in this and subsequent events. The result of the Kamkus event was many law students signing up to work with WCPA, especially in the new Communications Center we are developing in Delhi. We are very pleased to have the Administration of this important institution understand the need for democratic world law and an Earth Constitution. The audience at the Kamkus event is pictured here:



WCPA also had a book stall at the World Book Fair that was going in in Delhi during this Period, organized and staffed by Amit Paul. The stall had many visitors and elicited many inquiries about our work. Amit Paul also arranged a lecture for Dr. Martin to participants from the book fair.

Each day there were events concerning our global crisis in which WCPA leaders participated. We were hosted at events by Dr. Surendra Pathak, Dr. Chand K. Bhardwaj, and Dr. M.M. Verma, President of the Inter Faith Foundation of India, among others. Some of these events took place at the India Law Institute, the Delhi Islamic Center, and (sponsored by Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust) at the famous Constitution Club of Delhi where the Constitution of India was signed in 1948.

Swami Agnivesh, who hosted us in Delhi, brought us to his downtown Delhi offices, staffed by a group of workers who welcomed us warmly. He dedicated a good sized space in these offices to the new WCPA Communications Center that will be using social media to promote awareness of the Earth Constitution worldwide. Sri Deepak Vyas pledged to convert his India-based Global Trust to WCPA use so that we can raise funds within India and worldwide to complete the Communications Center. This project is now a central goal for the coming months. From this global WCPA Communications Center, we will use digital and social media to promote the Earth Constitution throughout India and the world.

During the 1990s WCPA had an active chapter in Nigeria, but its leaders passed away and it fell into silence. However, much to our delight, we were recently contacted by Mr. Godspower Oparaugo from Nigeria who wished to participate in WCPA global transformative work. Mr. Godspower Oparaugo organized a new Nigeria Chapter and held their first meeting on 6 April 2017. The minutes from this meeting can be found at <http://www.radford.edu/~gmartin/WCPA-Nigeria%20Chapter.Minutes.Apr.17.pdf> We are delighted at this new initiative from our friends in Africa.

On 5 March 2017, delegates from the eleven member countries in ALBA (Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Nicaragua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Venezuela) met in Caracas, Venezuela. They issued a powerful Declaration of Latin

American and world unity, of resistance to imperialism and exploitation wherever these are found, and a commitment to explore a world without borders and the idea of World Citizenship. WCPA was alerted to this Declaration by Leopoldo Alberto Cook Antonorsi in Venezuela, and we soon issued an affirmative commentary and response to it. The Declaration announced a global conference on these issues in Tiquipaya, Chochabamba, Bolivia June 20-21.

WCPA will have a delegation present to promote our proposal that Latin American countries create a permanent forum to study these issues within the framework of the *Earth Constitution*. I leave for Venezuela in May and will travel to Bolivia with my wife, Phyllis Turk, for this conference in June. This announcement also received a positive response from WCPA leaders Leopardo Alberto Cook Antonorsi, Eugenio Mendoza, and Mario Mota from Venezuela, Tiahoga Ruge from Mexico, Justice David Percy Quispe Salsavilca from Peru, and WCPA Vice-President for Latin America Celina Garcia, from Costa Rica. The WCPA response to the ALBA Declaration, followed by our Proposal for a Latin American Forum on the Earth Constitution can be found here:

<http://www.radford.edu/~gmartin/Declaration.14th%20ALBA%20Summit.WCPA%20Solidarity.and.Proposal.pdf>

Leopardo has translated our Proposal into Spanish. This will be printed in a shortened version on a card for handing out widely, and the longer version will be bound into the book containing the Spanish translation of the Constitution for passing out to selected persons at this conference. All WCPA members are welcome to join our delegation. We will keep you informed on all developments.

We are looking forward to a great year in which the people of Earth move to a widespread recognition of the Earth Constitution and its promise for a redeemed and decent world for all people and living creatures. Thank you all for your solidarity and commitment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glen T. Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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