

James Channan Catholic priest, Director of Peace Center, Lahore, Pakistan

It gives me immense pleasure that we are celebrating the 7th year of the Fuji Declaration. I congratulate Mrs. Masami Saionji, Mr. Hiroo Saionji and Dr. Ervin Laszlo for taking up the initiative to prepare and launch this universal document! I have read this document several times and every time I read it, I am inspired by it and I feel from the bottom of my heart that it is divinely inspired. It enlightens us with a Divine Spark to make our world peaceful, harmonious, and invites us to realize that we are all one human family - no matter what color, religion, culture, language, geographical setting we live in or the economic status we have. We must accept and work to be united and take care of each other. This declaration invites the world to end all wars, discriminations, injustice, divisions and hatred. It invites us to make our Mother Earth and planet peaceful. As we read in the Fuji Declaration, "living peace and enabling peace to prevail on Earth is the ultimate purpose for all of us. We can and must embrace it in every sphere of our existence."

This document gives us the dream that lets us build bridges of love, respect, tolerance and acceptance with every human being and embrace each other as one family and break the walls of divisions, intolerance and hatred. As we read, "the time has come for all people to become courageous pioneers - to venture beyond their personal, cultural, and national interests and beyond the boundaries of their discipline, and to come together in wisdom, spirit and intention for the benefit of all people in the human family." By following this path of love, we will be able to achieve lasting peace on Earth. And this will help us in "freeing the human spirit for deep creativity."

I am extremely happy to be part of this declaration and signatory as well. I feel proud that this document is translated into our national language Urdu and we have distributed and shared this message with thousands of people in Pakistan.

Maulana Abdul Khabir Azad, Grand Imam, Badshahi Mosque Lahore joins me in sending you congratulations and best wishes on this occasion. We feel very honored and proud of our endorsement and to be the signatories of this declaration from Pakistan. Both of us assure you of our full support and commitment to make this declaration a reality.

May Peace Prevail On Earth!