Global Peace Making through Technology: Sakyadhita and Its Cloud-Networking

Founded in 1987, Sakyadhita (meaning "Daughters of the Buddha") International Association of Buddhist Women, recognized as the largest network of Buddhist women in the world, has recently completed its fourteenth international conference in June 2015 in Indonesia, another successful gathering of over 1000 participants from about 45 countries, despite its lack of any existing physical office and paid staff. Technology has made this cloud-networking and all these beautiful gatherings possible throughout the years. This paper will introduce the global peace work of Sakyadhita and its networking through technology. Highlights will be given to its relation to Hawai'i, particularly the East West Center, since its founder was one of the EWC grantees, and many of its good connections also started in the Manoa valley. Sakyadhita’s mission of global peace making via Sakyadhita Taiwan, its very first official national branch, of bridging worlds, again through cloud-networking as well as spontaneous regional ambassadoring, will also be shared.