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History of the Unification Movement
in the United Kingdom

1965-2014



2000-04 A series of conferences

On June 18, 2000, a Family Futures Conference was held at the University of Westminster in London.

From July 22 to August 2, hundreds of young Unificationists from the whole of Europe took part in a Euro-HARP workshop in Cleeve House. From August 1 to 4 and also from August 10 to 12, the Pure Love Alliance held rallies with 250 participants in London, proclaiming the importance of chastity before marriage. HARP held a 7-day DP workshop from August 7 to 14 which attracted 42 participants, and a 21-day workshop from August 7 to 28 which attracted 20 participants.

The first of three large IIFWP international conferences in this year, the Lasting Love Conference, entitled 'Lasting Love: Relationship Paradigms', was held from August 25 to 29, 2000 at the Russell Hotel in London, with 112 professors and 270 students from the UK and 28 other countries around the world.

The second of the large IIFWP international conferences was held in London from September 29 to October 2, 2000 with 400 participants.

With the theme of International Public Service and a Culture of Peace, it was entitled 'Global Character Education for a Culture of Peace' and took place at the Radisson Edwardian Hotel near Heathrow Airport.

On September 2, 2000, a one-day conference was held in the London HQ to discuss the themes, 'Character and Faith, Ideal of the Family, and Building Community and a Civil Society'.

In October, two Family Life seminars took place at Livingstone House, discussing unity between husband and wife and harmony with children. On November 4, a Living Love programme was held at the Ambassador Hotel, London, with 100 participants.

The third of the large IIFWP international conferences, on 'Character, Family and Public Service: Building a Culture of Peace', was held from November 25 to 26, 2000 with 255 participants from Britain, at the Millennium Conference Centre, London.

2001 began with a Time Management seminar in January, as part of an ongoing Youth & Leadership Seminar / Training programme, attended by 30 people.

Top: European HARP workshop in Cleeve House, July 22 - August 2, 2000.

Bottom: IIFWP international conference, entitled: 'Lasting Love: Relationship Paradigms', London, August 25-29, 2000.





Top: IIFWP International conference in London, September 29 - October 2, 2000.

On January 27, a seminar and Blessing Ceremony was held at the Lancaster Gate headquarters in London with the theme, 'Marriage and Family – Building a Culture of Peace'.

A Morality Forum report was issued in February in London on the “morning after” pill and lurid advertisements, and on May 19, the Morality Forum supported a Media March in central London to highlight immorality in the media.

In March, a “What is Youth Work?” seminar was held as part of an ongoing Youth & Leadership Seminar / Training programme, attended by 19 people and on April 6, The Place youth club was launched in Tooting, London.

In April 2001 a Public Affairs Department representative, Rev. Robin Marsh, spoke about the Unification Movement at an Inform-Cesnur international conference on NRMs in London. There was academic interest in further research of the Unification Movement.

An interfaith conference on Character Education, Family and Religion, and Inter-Religious Dialogue took place on May 12 at the Movement’s headquarters in London, attracting 100 guests and sympathisers. Most of the guests were active in interfaith activities. One main focus of the programme was to create a working group to develop a programme for Character Education.

On July 6, 2001 a YFWP presentation on “Character Abstinence Education” took place at Woolwich Town Hall, London, as part of a bigger programme. In October, a service project was organised by youth in London in conjunction with ‘Thames 21’ to help clean up the River Thames; about 20 young people participated. There was also a project in Leytonstone, tidying up a garden at an old people’s home.

In September, some FFWPU sympathisers joined in both the ‘Week of Prayer for World Peace’ activities and the commemoration of UN Day at various interfaith gatherings and were invited to attend and to speak at various interfaith meetings held by other groups to heal wounds created by the tragic September 11 attacks and the crisis in the Middle East.

On October 7, some charity supporters attended the Brent Interfaith Pilgrimage, London. On October 13, a conference on inter-religious dialogue entitled “The Role of Religious Leaders in Building a New Britain” was held at Lancaster Gate. It was attended by 80 people and was very successful in regard to the range of faiths and views that were expressed and discussed in a harmonious and respectful manner. Another interfaith conference was held at Lancaster Gate on December 1, entitled ‘The Role of Religious Leaders in Building a New Britain: Inter-racial Respect and Co-operation’. Approximately 70 people attended from many faiths.



On March 16, 2002 a conference on 'Family and Moral Values' was held at the Movement's London headquarters with the theme, 'The Role of Religious Leaders in Building a New Britain: Regeneration of Moral Values in our Society'. Another conference was held on April 27, on the 'The Role of Religious Leaders in Building a New Britain: The Values of Marriage and Family in our Society', and this was accompanied by a Blessing ceremony.

The Pegasus football club, a project of the Unification Movement, on May 5 won the 5-a-side trophy in the London 5-a-side Cup Tournament held in Battersea. On May 11, the Morality Forum supported a Media March in central London to highlight immorality in the media.

From June 1 to 4, a HARP leadership training workshop was held in Wales. On June 2, 53 people attended a CARP conference entitled "Free at Last?" covering attitudes towards race and religion in Britain, which was held at the movement's headquarters in London.

An International Leadership Seminar entitled 'Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth, and Rebuild the Society' took place on July 3, 2002 at Le Meridian Russell Hotel, London, attended by 90 people.

From 20 to 30 August a number of British youths took part in a service project in China, sponsored by the FFWPU, concentrating on health promotion and awareness. An interfaith conference entitled "Resolution for the Realisation of World Peace" was held at Lancaster Gate on September 27.

Between August 3 and 5, 2002 the UK hosted the 38th International Leadership Seminar, Summit of World Muslim Leaders, at Le Meridian Russell Hotel in London. This was the second in a series of conferences on "The State of the Muslim World Today". 120 participants, including 31 Muslims, 21 Christians, 10 Hindus, 3 Buddhists, 5 Sikhs, 2 Scientologists, 1 Jew, 1 Jain and 16 Unificationists, heard keynote speeches from Abdurrahman Wahid, the former president of Indonesia, Imam Dr Zaki Badawi, Principal of the Muslim College, London, and Rev. Chun Hwan Kwak, representing Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Two young British contestants won first place at the 3rd Won Hwa Do Festival in Korea which ran from October 1 to 10. Three monthly Revival Workshops for blessed Unificationists took place in October and November in Livingstone House. In November, the Morality Forum reported that it successfully stopped the opening of a lap-dancing club in Edgware, north London. At the time, on average, four such clubs were opening each month in the UK.

On November 17, a CARP student conference was held at the movement's headquarters in Lancaster Gate. From December 2002 the youth associations HARP (12-18-year-olds) and CARP (19-30-year-olds) held a joint service in London on the fourth Sunday of every month. Youth clubs were run every week in three of the national regions.

Top: Bottom: Blessing ceremony in London HQ January, 2001.



Top: Inauguration of IIPC in UK, House of Lords, London, October 24, 2003.

By the end of January 2003, the two charities of the Sun Myung Moon Foundation and HSAUWC were amalgamated under the new name FFWPU.

In February the movement's North London Region organised a Service for Peace project which involved working with homeless people in central London for one day. On February 22 to 23, HARP members from North London took part in a service project called "24-hour Famine", inspired by the Christian organisation, World Vision, which set up a nationwide fundraising campaign. The youngsters found people to sponsor them to fast for 24 hours and the £717 raised went towards helping the starvation crisis in Southern Africa.

The Unification Movement established the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) in 2003, in the heat of the violence of the second Intifada, to promote peace through offering a range of programmes in historic Palestine, from inter-faith pilgrimages to fact-finding tours, leadership consultations, and grass-roots encounters.

Visiting the historic and holy sites of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, participants gained a first-hand understanding of the history and spirituality of the Abrahamic faiths, and met and made relationships with people of all three faiths who were working for peace and reconciliation. From 2003 onwards, British citizens and residents took part in numerous MEPI events.

Also from 2003, the Unification Movement's MEPI campaign helped WFWP members to reach out to many people in society who also felt a need for a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis.

Several thousand people, particularly from the Asian community, came to a substantial fundraising event which the FFWPU in Birmingham held on February 23. The proceeds benefitted a number of charities that help women and children, including the Hyderabad Interfaith Children's Home which received 20% of the profits of almost £16,000.

On April 17 to 21, HARP-UK hosted a SHUK (Scandinavia, Holland, UK) workshop entitled "Aiming For Cheon Il Guk" for 120 teenagers at the Movement's training centre in Cleeve House. Two months later, on June 8, a CARP student conference was held at Lancaster Gate, London.

A marriage and family workshop for adults took place at the Movement's headquarters from May 2 to 4. On June 14, 2003 an IIFWP seminar on 'The Importance of Healthy Families for Healthy Societies' was also held there.

True Parents inaugurated the IIPC (International Inter-religious Peace Council) in New York on October 3, 2003. Many members from the UK took part in this event and 12 of them were selected to establish the IIPC in Korea and worked in this mission for many years. The Inauguration of the IIPC in UK took place at the House of Lords, London, on October 24.



Left Page: Rev. and Mrs. Young Hwi Kim with members in the London HQ on one of their regular visits as National Messiah 2003.

Bottom: Holy Days were always celebrated in the London HQ with a beautiful Holy Table prepared by Blessed wives.

Between December 18 and 23, 2003 many British members took part in a Fourth Pilgrimage to Israel, involving a Peace Pilgrimage and Rally. On the December 22 in Trafalgar Square, London, an Interfaith Candlelit Vigil for Peace in the Middle East was held while a major IIF-WP Peace Rally was being held in Jerusalem and at 8 locations around the world simultaneously.

In July 2004, and also a year later in July 2005, British Korean war veterans were welcomed in Korea.

An IIPC conference took place at Lancaster Gate, London, on July 10 to consider the topic “Building a Culture of Peace Identity, Multiculturalism and Integration in 21st Century Britain”.

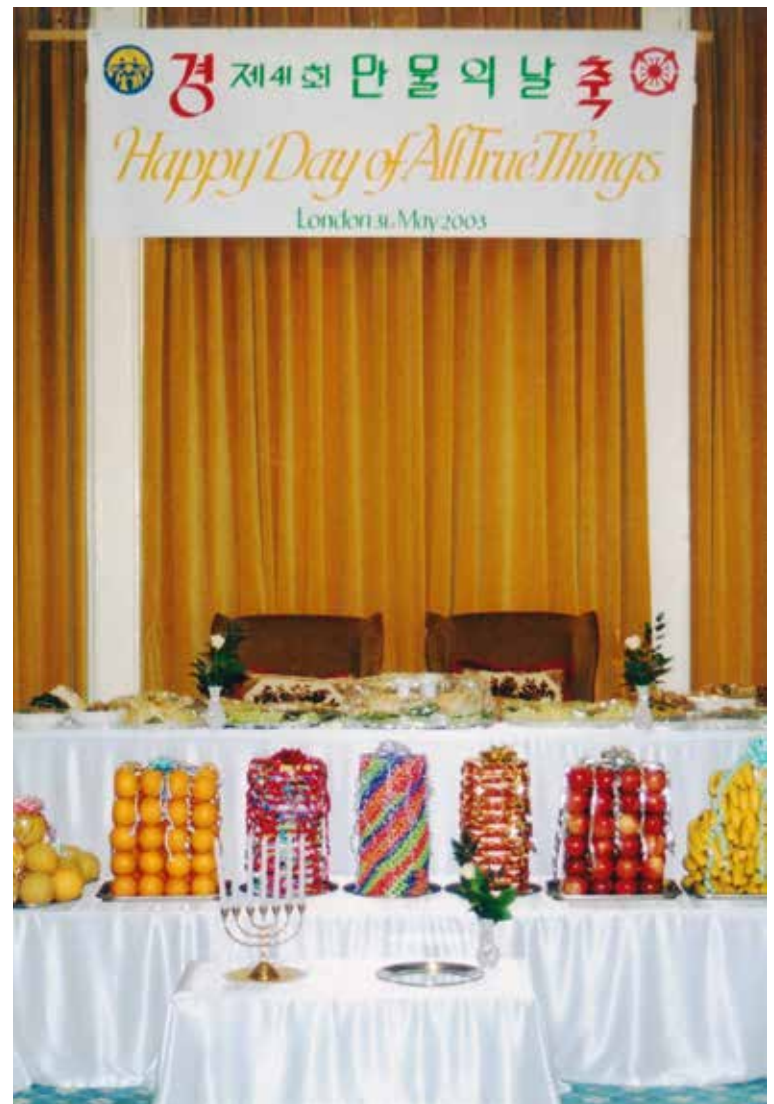
In October, a Youth Department of the Unification Movement in Britain was created, under Marshall de Souza, which encompassed CARP, Senior HARP, Junior RYS and IRFF.

Five IIFWP conferences took place during the first half of 2004, as follows: in South London on January 31, entitled “Heart to Heart for Peace”, attended by 50 people; in North London on April 7, with 14 Ambassador for Peace awards;

in London on April 17 on the topic of “Perceptions and experiences of the Divine and their influence in our daily life”; in Birmingham on April 19, attended by 47 people; and in the West Country on June 27, attended by 40 people.

Between September 2 and 15, 2004 two groups went from Britain to take part in MEPI activities in Israel. A large number of UK sympathisers / Ambassadors for Peace spent the one or two weeks there supporting the latest MEPI “Heart to Heart” mobilisation of hundreds of Europeans, Americans and Russians to work for peace and reconciliation based in Jerusalem. On October 1, at the House of Commons, Mr. Walid Sadik, an Ambassador for Peace from Israel, held a peace meeting related to MEPI work.

A national-level IIFWP convention on the theme of “Integrating Multiculturalism into Britain” was held at Friends Meeting House, London, on October 23, 2004 with an audience of about 700 people.





2005 True Parents' World Tour and the 40th Anniversary of European Movement in UK

In January 2005, the European Office moved from Germany to the UK.

A number of IIFWP conferences was held during 2005, starting in London on March 12 on the topic of 'Government and Family'. This was followed by conferences in Edinburgh on March 19 and South London on April 16. A conference on the topic of 'Diversity and Harmony in Wandsworth' was held at Wandsworth Town Hall (South London) attended by 75 people.

From May 10 to 17, and from November 17 to 24, further groups participated in MEPI meetings in Israel.

On October 25, 2005 after considerable pressure had been applied by some of the UK's most distinguished religious leaders, the Home Secretary revoked the exclusion against Rev. Moon entering Britain.

On November 5 and 6, 2005 True Parents visited Britain, as part of a world tour, for the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation in the UK. True Father spoke on the evening of November 5 at the New Connaught Rooms in central London to a capacity audience of 900 guests including many distinguished politicians, academics and religious leaders.

The next day, November 6, 2005, a great audience filled the Palace Suite, Royal Garden Hotel in Hyde Park, London for Hoon Dok Hae. After a reading by Yong Cheol Song (who was later given a new middle name by True Father), True Father spoke shortly, and he and True Mother both cut a four-tier cake to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the European movement. Mother and Father both sang a song for everyone as did Rev Kim Young Hwi, the UK National Messiah. True Parents were accompanied by their grand-son Shin Joong who was happy to clamber down from the stage and greet all those sitting on the front row while True Mother was singing to everyone.

Mrs. Rosemarie Hoyte, a clairvoyant blessed member, testified that she saw spiritually that, "Rows of our Blessed ancestors were present in holy robes. The celebration cake present in the spirit world was similar to ours. A couple in holy robes stood by the cake with a long silver blade. Above us appeared again a huge, bright, mostly gold star."

This was True Father's eighth visit to the UK and was after a long absence of 27 years since his last visit in 1978.

Top: True Parents arriving in London on November 5, 2005.

Bottom: True Father speaking to an audience of 900 people in the New Connaught Room, London, November 5, 2005.





1996-2005 Financing the Movement

Top: True Father speaking at the New Connaught Room, London, November 5, 2005.

Middle & Bottom: True Parents with their grandson Shin Joon Nim, celebrating the 40th Year Anniversary of the European Movement, in London, November 6, 2005.

In 1996 the financing of the UK Movement came primarily from fundraising, with other sources including businesses, property rentals and bank interest. All fundraising stopped around the middle of 1997 leaving a 50% shortfall. The only way forward was to develop income from the Movement's properties. Money remaining from the sale of 42 Lancaster Gate was invested in property and in all, there were

four main locations in the UK where property investments were made between 1997 and 2005: 24 flats were created in 43/44 Lancaster Gate and properties were altered or built on the Stanton Estate, in Wontner Road (South London) and at an Edinburgh flat. At the end of 2005, income was primarily from property rentals, with smaller percentages from tithes, donations and other sources.

2006 True Mother and True Children tour

True Mother, Kook Jin Nim and Ji Yea Nim arrived in the UK on July 15, 2006 as part of the 180 Nation Peace Tour.

London provided a fitting climax to True Mother's fifteenth and final speech in the European leg of her 180-country tour.

True Mother arrived at a local airport on the morning of the event, where she received a red carpet welcome and was greeted by a reception committee led by Imam Abdul Jalil Sajid, veteran human rights and peace campaigner and a leading light in the United Kingdom's Muslim community.

Prior to the afternoon event, a special luncheon reception had been arranged for 100 VIPs, who were given a detailed explanation of the Universal Peace Federation and the Middle East Peace Initiative by a group of speakers that included Dr Thomas Walsh, Rev. Mike Jenkins, Lord Tarsem King and Professor Ian Hall.

The VIPs then moved onto the Royal Horticultural Hall for the main event. With every one of the 1,200 chairs filled and people standing around the edge of the room, the atmosphere was electric.

The proceedings kicked off with three songs from Shinrok, billed as "School Children from Germany – Original Music with a Positive Message." Although the acoustics in the hall made the message a little difficult to discern, the band was a phenomenal inspiration to budding Second Generation rock musicians and the rest of the audience too. Their last number, a catchy version of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," appropriately fused the old and the new.

Shinrok were followed by the male half of the WAIT team, who performed a slick break-dancing routine. Then came the Beechcroft Chapel Choir – a highly acclaimed gospel choir who set the audience's feet tapping with renditions of "He's Got the Whole World" and "O Happy Day."

The last act was Silk Strings, a Chinese chamber music trio whose beautiful harmonies, played on ethnic string instruments, evoked wonderful images of their native land.

The welcoming remarks were given by Rev. David Hart, an ordained Anglican minister and expert on Eastern religions who spends much of his time teaching in India. He is currently writing a book covering 50 years of the Unification movement. Rev. Hart started his address by noting that 37 percent of the population of London is of non-British origin and that our audience comprised a fitting sampling of this vibrant, multi-cultural city. He talked enthusiastically about True Father's work and how his teachings are at the vanguard of an emerging "global spirituality."

Kook Jin Nim read the Founder's Address with power and conviction, clearly imparting the scope of True Father's work and accomplishments. True Mother, resplendent in a red jacket and skirt, then delivered her message to great applause from a rapt audience.

Following the main speeches and the World Peace Blessing, Ambassador for Peace Alan Rainer read a poem he had written titled "Awareness and Holiness." Awards were given to four new Ambassadors for Peace – Wing Commander Stephen West, Mr. and Mrs. Tara-ka Ranjanandra and Patricia Ann Todd – in recognition of their sterling work within their own communities.

As a final treat, the audience was entertained by the female contingent of the WAIT team, who performed an elegant fan dance.

On April 15, some members attended the "Completed Holy Wine Ceremony for 48 million and Blessing Ceremony for 70 million" in Korea, opening wide the gates of heaven for all to enter.

Many British members attended the opening of Cheong Jeong Gung that marked the conditional creation of a new heaven and earth on June 13. The duties of Cheon Il Guk citizens were clarified and the new Cheon Seong Gyeong books distributed.

Right Page:

True Mother and Kook Jin Nim speak in London, as part of their 180 Nation Peace Tour, July 15, 2006.



