

Report on 4 day Divine Principle seminar for Albanian AfPs 10th – 13th of November 2016 – Tivat, Montenegro



Dear brothers and sisters,

We are very happy to be able to report you on a very special and successful 4 day Divine Principle seminar we held for Ambassadors for Peace held from 10th – 13th of November 2016.

33 Ambassadors for Peace from Albania, 3 AfPs from Kosovo and 2 AfPs from Montenegro responded to the special invitation to attend this special 4 day DP seminar which was held under the banner **“Love God, Love People, Love Nation”**. The event was held in the touristic city of Tivat, Montenegro, at the coast of Adriatic Sea, 100 km north of Albanian border. Among them, 27 AfPs were for the first time attending such workshop, while 12 of them had attended before. It was a wonderful combination of 70% of them new and 30% who knew the content to some degree.

Based on previous experience of such seminars for AfPs organized by the Family Federation and UPF Albania, the goal of the workshop was to present the content of the Divine Principle to those core Abel type Ambassadors for Peace who are willing to study more deeply the teaching of UPF Founders, the True Parents.



On the first day, Ambassadors for Peace and staff drove from 120 km – 370 km to reach the city of Tivat. Ambassadors for Peace from almost all Peace Council were part of the WS (Tirana, Durrës, Elbasan, Shkodra, Lezha, Vlora, Fier, Kukës, Prishtina and Montenegro). Even though late, on the first evening the Opening Session, moderated by Mr. Ali Lacej – chairman of Albanians’ Peace Council, took place and guests were welcomed by Mr. Gaqo Apostoli – Chairman of UPF Albania. It was great to have with us also the Secretary General of UPF Europe UPF, Mr. Jacques Marion who greeted all participants. The session concluded with an **Introduction to the Divine Principle** given by Mr. Gani Rroshi – President of Family Federation Albania.



The second day had three sessions; two sessions on **Principles of Creation**, presented by Mr. Gani Rroshi and moderated by Dr. Niko Veizaj – one of the first AfP in Albania who loves True Parents and Mr. Myzaljen Hoxha – the Chairman of Fier Peace Council, and one session was on **Fall of Man**, presented by Mrs. Manjola Vasmatics – Vice President of FFWPU Albania and moderated by Mrs. Eva Cipi – Chair of Vlora peace Council.

At the end of each session the participants gave their precious contribution through their questions and comments, making them very active and fruitful.



The third day had also three sessions; two sessions on **Principles of Restoration and Parallels of History**, presented by Mr. Jacques Marion and moderated by Mr. Ali Lacej and Prof. Flamur Shehu – the Vice Chairman of UPF Albania, and one session was on **The Second Coming**, presented by Mr. Gani Rroshi and moderated by Mrs. Ejona Icka – Secretary General of UPF Kosovo.





Lots of emotion and positive feeling was generated amongst participants after the Second Coming lecture, which continued during the dinner. It was really inspiring to see AfPs discussing passionately about the Second Coming of Messiah and True Father. At one point, one of AfPs stood up and said that we should emphasize that Messiah at the Second Coming has reached the level of True Parents, because now we have also True Mother as original Eve. Therefore there is no need for a third coming.



During all first three days there was a lot of rain, however on the last day the weather opened up and it was a beautiful sunny day. Two important sessions were part of the last day. One session on **True Parents' Life Course**, presented by Mr. Gani Rroshi and moderated by Prof. Dr. Bilal Shkurta – the former rector of Vlora University, and the last session on **Blessing and True family Movement** presented by Mrs. Manjola Vasmatics and moderated by Mr. Gaqo Apostoli. Some AfPs were in tears when the video Tribute on True Father's ascension was shown at the end of the first session. However, the hope of connecting to God and True Parents lineage through the Blessing Ceremony brought joy and hope to all, emphasizing also the special role Albania has in front of God and True Parents by being selected by them as Special Strategic Nation in Europe.

Since many of them were couples, we invited all to attend the Blessing Ceremony we are going to hold on December 11th 2016 by preparing more through studying Divine Principle and True Parents' teachings.



At the closing ceremony, 6 new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed. Actually they were the spouses of the existing AfPs and for this reason we asked the partner who was already AfP to introduce her husband or his why he or she deserves to be an AfP. It was such a moving ceremony. Tears of joy and gratitude could be seen in most of participants, while the spouses articulated such sincere and deep loving words of gratitude from their hearts for their partners and how lucky they were and how much they loved them. One could feel the power of true love our True Parents talk about, melting all the barriers and limitations we have build or inherited.



Below you will find a few reflections from the participants Ambassadors for Peace:

"...God was alive in the spirit of this event, in the people of this gathering, in the spirit of the lecturers and during the whole time..."

AfP – Shkodra Peace Council

"...I felt honored to be able to join this seminar during these days. A wonderful audience of Ambassadors for Peace from all over the country! Thank you for conveying so heartistically the content of Divine Principle. The period after this seminar will be reflective on what we were informed, heard and learned. Proud to be part of the family of Ambassadors for Peace..."

AfP – Lezha Peace Council

"...I believe it was a perfect program where we learned and deepened our understanding on Divine Principle through professional presenters and well combined topics ..."

AfP – Vlora Peace Council

"...It was a very deep and emotionally moving seminar while conveying the teaching of Divine Principle... I would suggest these lectures to be given to high school students since it will teach about morality, behavior, tolerance and human understanding ..."

AfP – Vlora Peace Council

"...I am proud to be part of UPF. This 4 day seminar was very valuable for me. I wish the UPF will expand endlessly until it realizes its goals: Peace – Love – Happiness for all the people of the world because of True Parents..."

AfP – Durres Peace Council

"...It was a very high quality seminar... It contributed to the spiritual education of people, growth of the awareness of human responsibility and development of family & society ..."

AfP – Fier Peace Council

"...At this time of crises, it is a great fortune to be part of a group of people who work and contribute to world peace. A human being has as much value as he contributes to the society... The seminar was a great contribution which taught us how to overcome selfishness..."

AfP – Tirana Peace Council

"...It was a special joy for me to be part of this seminar on Divine principle which filled me with emotion and reflection about my life, family and for the future. The seminar fulfilled all my expectations.Finally we felt we became united as one big family together ..."

AfP – Lezha Peace Council

