FFWPU UK: Let's Inherit The Cheonshimwon Prayer Hall Heavenly Fortune

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb August 11, 2021



The Cheonshimwon prayer hall is being extended and True Parents are inviting each nation and community to get involved.

Dear EUME Families,

A few months ago, True Parents invited each nation and community around the world, large and small, to receive the grace of being permitted to create a permanent "extension" of the Cheonshimwon special prayer hall at the HJ Cheonwon in Korea as a holy place for each of our families and communities to pray.

Fumiko and I, like many of you, have had many special experiences in the Cheonshimwon prayer hall at Chung Pyung. Yet now, it is sadly very difficult for any of us to travel to Korea and we don't know when we will have that experience again. For the past two years, we have received this grace on a temporary basis during CheonBo branch programs. That's why it is so important that all nations and if possible, all communities in our region should take up this opportunity. This is not just for us but is also an expression of our filial desire to be united with True Mother and with our brothers and sisters around the world.

The time has come to act. In fact, there is a short deadline until August 18, 2021, just over a week. Therefore, we would like to encourage all nations and communities to take prompt steps to receive this grace.



While we have your attention, there are several practical questions we would like to address:

Q. Didn't some of us already register and order our holy photos and the Hyojeonwon (ancestor house) some time ago? Why are we being asked again?

A. Yes, it is true that there was an earlier registration process, and some communities did in fact register and donate at that time. However, we have recently been asked to register again using a slightly different process, and rather than debate that issue now I urge all communities to check

directly with Peter Staudinger in the European Office to make sure that your order has been correctly submitted before that deadline of August 18.

Q. A recent memo from *IHQ* seemed to state that acquiring the public Hyojeonwon (ancestor house) and other holy items needed to create a branch Cheongshimwon is only appropriate if we have full time use of a facility or space just for this purpose. If we can't do that, what can we do, and should we still apply?

A. In these Covid times, almost every nation and community is facing similar challenges. We have to adapt to the current situation. I think it is better to consider this "Cheonshimwon Prayer Hall extension" as being equivalent to the tabernacle of the Old Testament times, rather than the temple. We recommend getting a good flight case so that you can transport your Hyojeonwon and other items wherever needed. Let's not allow this practical detail to get in the way.

Q. In our nation our foundation is weak, and we are still a small community, far less than the 100 people needed for a single large community. Must we still offer the "national level donation," or can we offer the lesser "small community" donation instead?

A. We think this is a matter for you to prayerfully decide. Of course, we would always recommend a nation, or a community, to offer the full requested donation. Even if you don't have enough members now, it is surely possible that you will receive heavenly fortune and the membership will grow to meet the condition you've made. But on the other hand, if you are faced with a difficult choice between offering the small community donation or doing nothing at all, then do your best.

For full details on what to do, please contact Peter Staudinger at <u>euhq@ ffwpu-eu,org</u>. Let's all increase our devotion during this special period before the 9th Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension

Sincerely,

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