



EASTERN EUROPE

January 2022 Highlights

Flash Mob Event at Russian Holy Grounds



Vladivostok



Khabarovsk



Novosibirsk



Yekaterinburg



Perm



Ufa



Ryazan



Ulyanovsk



Nizhni Novgorod



Moscow - MSU



Moscow - Red Square



Moscow - Izmailovo



Petrozavodsk



Elista



Moscow - VDNH



Tula



St. Petersburg



Moscow - Volshkaya

Members gathered at Holy Grounds throughout Russia on 6 January to pray and offer Holy Songs. At exactly 11:00 a.m. Moscow time, they connected online by Zoom to greet each other—from Saint Petersburg in the west to Vladivostok in the Far East, covering seven time zones and 9,500 kilometres – a total of 19 Holy Grounds in 15 cities.

Winter Workshops for Russian Second Generation

Date	Location	No. of Partic.	Ages of Partic.
December 29, 2021	St. Petersburg	12 partic.	12 to 14
January 4, 2022	St. Petersburg	9 partic.	7 to 11
January 5, 2022	St. Petersburg	4 partic.	15 to 19
January 3-5, 2022	Ulyanovsk	27 partic.	8 to 16
January 3-5, 2022	Yekaterinburg	40 partic.	7 to 17
January 4-5, 2022	Moscow	71 partic.	7 to 11
January 5-7, 2022	Moscow	36 partic.	12 to 14
January 7-9, 2022	Moscow	33 partic.	15 to 17
	8 w.s. / 4 cities	232 partic.	



A total of 232 Second Generation children and youth aged 7 to 19 attended eight workshops in four Russian cities during the school winter break. The workshops had such thought-provoking titles as “I, Together with My Friends, Can Change the World,” “Two Days Together with Heavenly Parent” and “The Best Present for God.” One workshop for elder teens featured guest speakers Jack Corley, Bogdan Pammer, Matthew Huish and Elena Kalmatskaya.

Angels of Peace – Forever Young!



Russian Second-Generation children performing as the Angels of Peace appeared at a public function organised by FFWPU in the Maryino district of Moscow.

Russian Children Told, 'Clean Up Your Language!'



Fourth- and sixth-graders in a school near Moscow learned “The Consequences of Using Bad Words” in talks given by WFWP volunteers. The children and their teachers were moved by the lectures, which also talked about true happiness and dignity. The pupils actively took part in the conversation and wrote very deep reflections. – Olga Vakulinskaya, WFWP

“I have understood that our future lineage depends on our behaviour now.”

“Before our talk I thought that it was OK to use some bad words, but after that I understood that I shouldn’t do that for the sake of myself and my future.”

“I have understood that my speech is the mirror of my soul.”

Second-Generation Children's Workshop in Ufa, Russia



A seminar for younger Second-Generation children was held in Ufa on 17 January. Twenty-one children attended the workshop in person, while six others joined online. The children listened to and discussed four lectures, played games and had a deep conversation with parents and adults.

Winter Peace Road Events in Russia



Riding the Peace Road in a Horse-Drawn Sleigh

In the Russian city of Ryazan, Olga Neizdaiminova, the local UPF leader, once again organised a Peace Road sleigh ride, as she has done every winter for many years.



Moscow Brothers Have Fun on a Frigid Peace Road Run

Russian Orthodox believers traditionally take a dip in icy waters on the day of Epiphany. This year, however, COVID restrictions prohibited this. Therefore, on Epiphany (19 January) a small group of Moscow brothers made a Peace Road run in local parks at minus 10 degrees C.

CheonBo Events in Russia, Belarus and Latvia



St. Petersburg (54)



Ulyanovsk (13)



Yekaterinburg (31)



Novosibirsk (14)



Belarus (30)



Latvia (17)

CheonBo events were held in four Russian cities on 22 January: St. Petersburg, Ulyanovsk, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk. A total of 112 members took part. Events also took place in Belarus and Latvia for a grand total of 159

CheonShim Won Established in Albania and Kosovo



Shkodra



Fier



Vlora



Korçe



Tirana 1



Tirana 2



Elbasan



Pristina



CIG Peace Embassy, Tirana



Durrës

CheonShim Won prayer rooms were established in eight centres in Albania, one in Pristina (Kosovo) plus the CIG Peace Embassy. One city leader had a dream with True Parents in which he felt that True Parents “paid” everything for us to receive CheonShim Won. – *Manjola Vasmatics*

Albania Activities



In the city of Elbasan, members distributed presents to disabled children on 7 January. Together with the CARP members they went fundraising to obtain the money that enabled them to hold a beautiful programme. – Manjola Vasmatic

U.S. Missionaries in Albania Attend Two-Week Workshop



Tirana 2



Elbasan



Tirana 1



Durres

C.I.G. missionaries from the United States attended a two-week workshop at the Mullet training centre. They also did five days of witnessing at four centres, with most of them bringing guests to the weekly CARP meetings.

UPF-Albania Plans 100 Activities for 2022



The Presiding Council of UPF-Albania met on 15 January to analyse the activities of 2021 and plan activities for 2022. The meeting, which was attended both in person and online, ended up with a list of 100 activities that are planned for 2022.

High-Level VIPs Attend UPF Meeting in Kosovo



In the city of Prizren, UPF-Kosovo held a meeting titled “Promoting the Principles of the Universal Peace Federation.” The mayor of the city attended the meeting and greeted the participants. UPF-Kosovo leader Ejona Icka spoke about UPF’s Peace Principles and activities. Then 12 prominent citizens became Ambassadors for Peace, including the municipality’s chairman, the deputy prime minister, and the deputy minister for culture, youth and sports. – Ejona Miraka Icka, UPF-Kosovo

Leadership Change in Belarus



Olga Plotnikova was inaugurated as the acting national president for Belarus on 2 January. Members gathered to express thanks to Vitaly and Elena Maximov for their six years of leadership and to welcome Olga, a native of Belarus, and her Russian husband, Roman.



Belarus Activities



Top row: The Second-Generation Department held several New Year's events for children. ... Six teens and their parents attended an Il Shim ceremony on 8 January. ... Eight teens aged 13 to 15 attended a workshop on 7 to 9 January. ... Bottom row: Another New Year's event. ... On Orthodox Christmas Eve (6 January) our youth organisation brought gifts to nursing home residents and held a charity event for children with disabilities or difficult living conditions. – Olga Plotnikova

Belarus Members Join Interfaith Concert



HPHC Belarus took part in an evangelistic concert in Minsk titled “God is Alive in Belarus” on 22 January. This was the second time that members participated. Representatives of different religious groups, especially young people, joined the concert to attend God with musical talents and pray together for a hopeful future.

Ukraine Activities



Five-Day DP Workshop

Five new guests from Kyiv attended a workshop at the New Hope Farm. The workshop, which began on 15 January, combined Divine Principle and basic internal guidance as well as discussion time. Some of the presentations were given online by different lecturers.

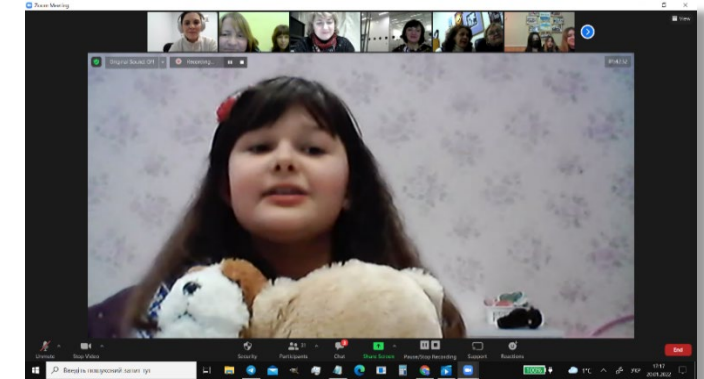
Art Therapy for Children in Need

WFWP has been offering online art therapy for children from large families, internally displaced families, children with disabilities and other categories in need. On 15 January, art therapist Anna Podolska led a session titled "Territory of Joy." Ten children created artworks from clay, grains and other natural materials.



– Anna Kalmatskaya

Ukraine Activities



Blessed Family Education for Couples

Several online meetings for blessed couples took place on Sunday, 23 January. In separate meetings, husbands and wives could freely discuss their situations. In the evening, young couples could ask elder couples about such issues as children's education, marital relations, and balancing mission and family.



WFWP Celebrates Day of Unity of Ukraine

In honour of the Day of Unity of Ukraine, WFWP organised an online meeting titled "Our Strength Is in Unity," which was attended by more than 50 schoolchildren, artists, cultural workers, and public figures from Kyiv and Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region. WFWP-Ukraine leader Tatiana Kotseba introduced WFWP activities in the areas of patriotic education and art. – *Anna Kalmatskaya*

Moldova Activities



As the end of 2021 approached, the Peace Embassy in Chisinau hosted several events, including a New Year's Eve family gathering organized by HPHC and a special Korean meal prepared by YSP for its guests. Family Federation of Moldova was awarded a special plaque honouring its work over the past year with the United Nations Development Programme. A Moldovan TV station invited Family Federation directors Andrei and Diana Eșanu to offer New Year's greetings, which were broadcast throughout the country.



Moldova Activities



**Eight-Day Ceremony
for Cleopatra Perov**



**Ceremony for the settlement of
CheonShim Won**



2022 Calendar



Birthday card for True Mother



Sunday School for younger children



Planning meeting to start the new year

Four Couples in Lithuania Become CheonBo



A CheonBo Holy Wine and Cheonbo Registration Blessing Ceremony took place in Vilnius on 30 December for four newly inducted CheonBo couples – Raimondas and Maryana Tarvainis, Andrius and Giedre Jurkunas, Vladimir and Jurate Khokholsky, and Aleksey and Anna Senchurov. There was a beautiful atmosphere of serenity, unity and joy as we listened to True Mother's prayer, experiencing deep gratitude for the amazing grace. In 2021 the number of CheonBo families in Lithuania grew from one to five, and it was so moving to offer this to Heavenly Parent, knowing that this truly brings us closer to His ideal. It felt like a wonderful conclusion of 2021 and hopeful preparation for 2022, when we can expand the CheonBo providence even more. – *Aram Karagezian*

Romania Activities



At our annual planning meeting, members offered their reflections about 2021 with the aim of understanding the situation of each family and member. We read True Mother’s words and discussed how we in Romania can support the “Heavenly Unified Korea” providence. We look forward to working together with the young Cheon Il Guk missionaries from the United States who will arrive in Romania at the end of January. – Miki Predescu



*Romania
Community*
**Annual
Planning
Meeting**

Purpose
To discuss about Heavenly Parent and True Parents providence, and how we can apply in Romania.

Date and Place
8th January (Saturday) 2022
From 10:30 until 16:00
At the Peace Center, Piata Unirii

Program

- 11:00- Opening
- 11:30- Sharing personal reflection
- 12:30- Lunch
- 13:30- Presentation 'Plan for 2022' and discussion
- 14:30- Sharing responsibilities
- 15:00- Sharing practical ideas of activities

List of things to bring

- 1. Your personal reflection (on paper)
- 2. Positive ideas for future community
- 3. An open mind
- 4. Sweets and Snacks ;)

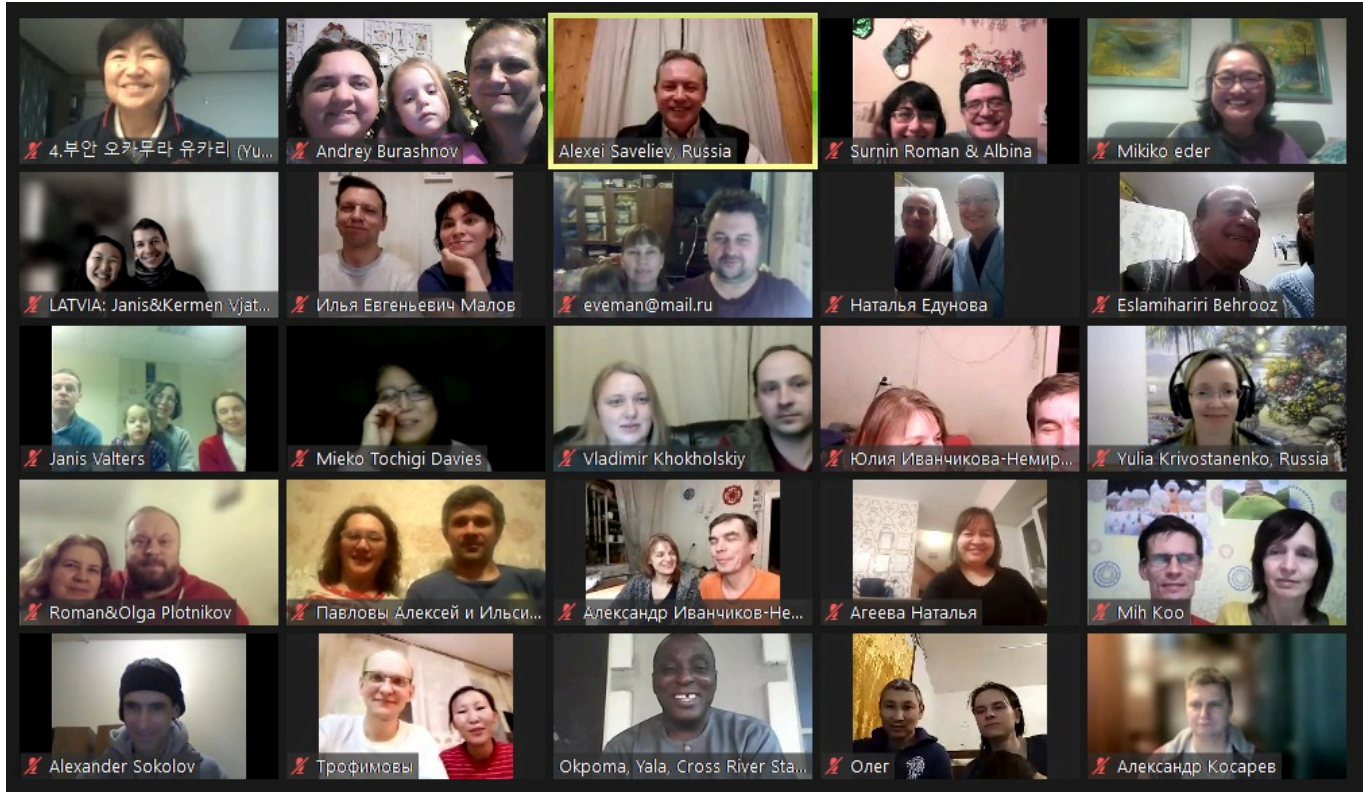


EUME Vice President Bogdan Pammer Visits Moscow



EUME Vice President Bogdan Pammer made his first visit to Moscow on 28-31 January. Speaking at a three-day workshop for 20 members aged 18-22, both First and Second Generation, from different parts of Russia, he explained how to experience God and connect to one's true self. Eastern Europe President Jack Corley, via Zoom, gave the opening presentation. Mr. Pammer also visited Red Square and other sites together with workshop staff.

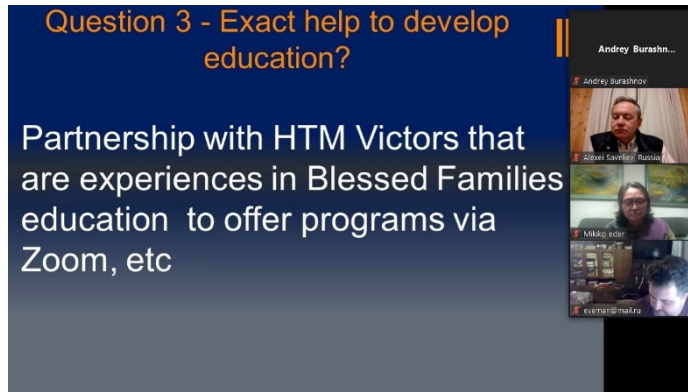
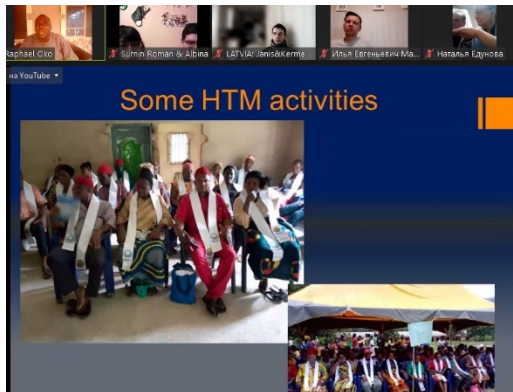
CheonBo Victors Invite Nigerian HTM Leader to Webinar



To develop a follow-up system for CheonBo Victors whose tribes are in Nigeria, we organised a meeting on 22 January with Dr Raphael Agar Oko, a key leader who is responsible for HTM in Nigeria. Representatives of 38 Central Blessed Families from Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia took part, as well as three Japanese sisters who coordinate the HTM and CB mission.

The members introduced themselves, and the Japanese sisters gave an introduction to the HTM mission. Then Dr Oko gave a 40-minute presentation about the providence in Nigeria, HTM mission, education and what CBs can do. A next step is being discussed now to make smaller teams connected to local areas. A monthly meeting will be held in future as well.

- Alexei Saveliev



Semimonthly Meeting with National and Department Leaders

A grid of 23 video conference thumbnails, arranged in four rows. Each thumbnail shows a participant's video feed with their name and a mute icon at the bottom. The participants are: Olga Martinson, Jack Corley, Avo Martinson, Anna Kalmatskaya, Galina Chernomorets, Alexei Saveliyev, Aram Karagezian, Hovik from Armenia, Ji Suk Baek, Manjola Vasmatits, Ольга Вакулинская, Marija Purgar, Edina Zsolcsak, Predescu Miki (Romania), Elena Kalmatskaya, Gani Rroshi, Alexander Sokolov, Azer M, listen: LATVIA Janis Vjaters ..., Sabina Nadejdin, Maka Abugbaia, and Olga Plotnikova.

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Happy CIG Year 10!

