

# YEAR IN REVIEW

# 2022





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# TRUE MOTHER'S MESSAGE

2023 New Year Celebration

3 January 2023, HJ Cheonwon, Korea



## YEAR OF THE RABBIT

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**B**eloved leaders, blessed families, and members throughout the world!

Happy New Year! The new year of the black rabbit has dawned, and I am confident that our most earnest wishes will be realized and become beacons of hope that illuminate all of humankind!

This year, the 11<sup>th</sup> of Cheon Il Guk, sees the conclusion of a 10-year cycle and marks a new beginning. We should make this year one of delight and joy, a year in which the providence of God unfolds substantially on earth as we unite together with the dream and wish of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, and with True Parents. Like a rabbit, let us be alert, industrious and fruitful. We should take confidence because this is the year of an intelligent, well-loved animal that people cannot treat thoughtlessly.

And one more thing: the colour black draws in all light and warmth. Just as no one can deny the warmth we feel as

we receive heat from the sun, so too we will feel the warmth of the love of God throughout this year. In other words, the chill of all the unpleasant things that were unsatisfactory last year will be melted away.

My hope and prayer is that you will all become families who love and embrace all people on behalf of God, the Heavenly Parent. Then you will be respected by the world, and more importantly, recognized by heaven.

This country of Korea, which lies at the center of Heavenly Parent's realm—the realm Heavenly Parent directly wishes to govern—must become the heavenly unified Korea, mustn't it? For this, I sincerely ask all of you to become filial sons and daughters that unite in heart and will to substantially achieve Heavenly Parent's dream.



# SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

## *Europe and the Middle East*



### CONTRIBUTORS

We sincerely thank all nations and organisations in our region for their broad spectrum of activities and for their constant effort to share their stories and experiences with all of us through their reports.

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# A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND CHALLENGE

*By Dr. Michael and Fumiko Balcomb*

**Happy New Year! All of us in the Family Federation are so grateful to come to the end of 2022 and begin the new year of 2023, the year of the Black Rabbit. There is much to look forward to, and in particular we will welcome the opening of the Cheonwongung Holy Temple in Korea, an important milestone in the history of God's Providence.**

## Joining Our Founder in Korea

When we take a look back at 2022, a natural place to start is with the opportunities that members from our Europe and Middle East region had to meet and interact with our Founder, True Mother Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The first time was in February, when, despite it being the middle of winter and during a time of a harsh Covid lockdown in Korea, a delegation from Europe made a significant contribution to the World Summit 2022. I was particularly proud of H.E. José Manuel Barroso, the new chair of the SunHak Peace Prize Committee, and of Dame Sarah Gilbert of Oxford University, who won the 2022 Prize for her pioneering work in vaccine development. We also heard lively video messages from several current and former European heads of state and government during the Summit.

In April, we were back to Korea with a much larger delegation. It was springtime, and the daffodils and azaleas were blooming. We were very encouraged to see all the progress being made on the construction of the International Peace Village, and the new Cheonwongung holy temple. We participated in an international

leaders' planning meeting and joined several night prayer vigils. For many, the highlight of the visit was surely the Holy Marriage Blessing. Hundreds of couples from Europe and around the world gathered together to receive the blessing directly from True Mother. There were celebrations in several European cities as well. Congratulations to all the newly blessed couples!



Our third visit to Korea was in August. This time the focus was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of True Father's Holy Seonghwa. Although naturally a sombre occasion, we could appreciate and be grateful for all that has been accomplished over the past ten years. Thank you, True Mother, for those opportunities to be with you in Korea, and thank you to everyone from our Europe and Middle East community who made the long pilgrimage to the homeland of our faith.





#### CHEONWONGUNG AND CHEON IL SANCTUM

True Mother summons CIG leaders to offer resolve for the successful dedication of the Cheonwongung temple. (April 2022)



EUME delegation in Korea, August 2022



EUME spring assembly



Ukrainian members in war-time Ukraine

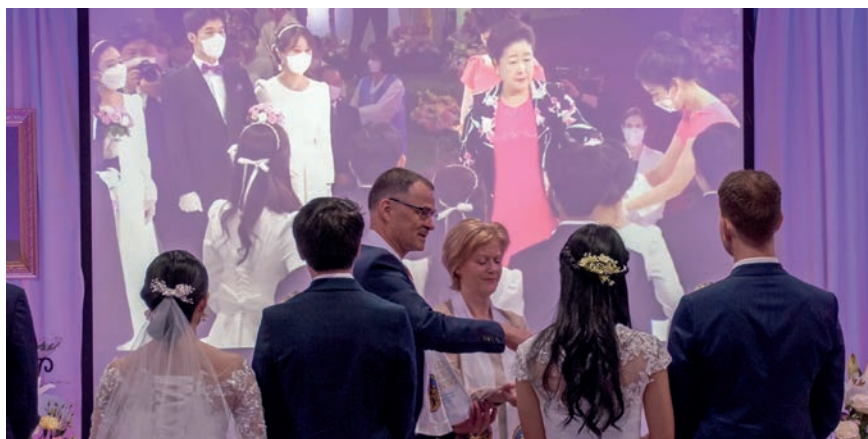
## A Year of Progress and Challenge in Europe

Our European working year started in early March with the “Spring Reunion” in Niedernhausen, near Frankfurt. It was the first time we could gather together for more than two years because of COVID restrictions. Our focus was the need for a “generational change” and the search for younger people who could take a leadership role. Since then, we have been able to welcome new national and community leaders in several countries and others have stepped up to take other important roles.

As the year progressed, the reality of the war in Ukraine came closer and closer to home for all Europeans. I'm very proud of the work of our Family Federation members both in and around Ukraine, who have done so much to support the refugees and the people of Ukraine during this most difficult time. We began by offering relief assistance to thousands of refugees streaming out of Ukraine into Poland and Moldova. Later, we had a successful appeal which allowed us to offer financial and relocation support to dozens of our own FFWPU families who were forced to leave their country.

As the long cold winter came to the Ukraine, we've been able to send much-needed generators and battery power units to our families who are the most affected by the crisis. Elsewhere, in Moldova, our work with refugees and the establishment of the Sunflower Centre in our Chisinau Peace Embassy was recognized in a warm letter from the President of Moldova, Maia Sandhu. We are pleased and grateful for the significant financial support of Catholic charities, the European Union, the United Nations, IsraAID and other funding agencies.





## Marriage, Family and Blessing

The core mission of the Family Federation is to strengthen marriages and families. Throughout the year, the Blessed Family Department did great work preparing people for the marriage blessing and then providing ongoing education and care afterwards. The Blessing is a journey, not a destination. It doesn't stop on that one day when we receive the vows from True Parents, but continues on for all the years to come. This year the 2075 and the 6000 couples celebrated their 40th Blessing Anniversaries with a variety of events, including a dinner cruise on the Rhine and an Interfaith Service in the United Kingdom. Well done, everyone!

## CheonBo Ministry

Another important development in our day to day spiritual life and practice was the establishment of more than 100 Cheonshim Won special prayer rooms in over 40 nations. Many people have sent testimonies of how offering devotion and prayer in these special places brought them the grace of spiritual clarity, healings and other blessings, and we encourage all of our families to visit regularly. Thank you to all our members on the EUME CheonBo Ministry team who led many special prayer retreats during the course of the year.





## Youth Education

Education and training for our young people is another of our top priorities and we held dozens of workshops, camps and retreats during the year for young people of all ages. Thank you to the leaders of the CARP (University) and HARP (High School) ministries, to the European Second Generation Department, and to the new Foundations missionary program.

We have several new young national directors. Welcome to Peter Nylen in Sweden, Anna Becker in the Netherlands and Gukson Capone in Italy. Led by Bogdan and Yoshiko Pammer and our enthusiastic team of vice presidents, many other young leaders had the opportunity during the year to go to Korea where they were transformed and uplifted by the holy presence and guidance of True Parents. We also took time to go on a number of sightseeing / pilgrimage visits to places that were special to our founders, including the Yongpyong Resort, the Imjingak Peace Park, and more. We hope that many more young people will take the chance to come to Korea again this year.

We are grateful for the perseverance and good spirit of our young Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Two thirds of them are now outside their country and they are making a significant contribution to many of our communities. In Poland, a team of Ukrainian members are witnessing at our Warsaw Peace Embassy and are doing a lot of outreach there. Under very different circumstances, our families over in Russia are also offering many excellent youth education programs. Meanwhile in Albania we are grateful for the support and public funding we received from the City of Tirana as part of the European Youth Capital programme. Also in Albania our members conducted a nationwide educational tour to celebrate the centenary of Father Moon and to promote his autobiography, *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen*, and Mother Moon's autobiography *Mother of Peace*.

Our witnessing and outreach teams have worked with over 50 youth missionaries from Korea and the United States during the year. One of the fruits of this effort will be the upcoming seven-day Divine Principle workshop in Prague at the end of February. All our families are invited to attend!







## Peace Starts With Us

### PEACE ROAD

One of our most visible peace initiatives in Europe this summer was the Peace Road in Berlin. Fumiko and I had the opportunity to go to Berlin several times and we're so grateful to the Berlin FFW-PU community and to all those who made the effort to come and participate. Our theme was "No New Walls in Europe!" a reference not only to the Ukrainian conflict but also to the overall Peace Road goal of breaking down the walls between North and South Korea and working for a peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula. There were other major Peace Road programmes on the border between Norway and Sweden, the hilltop where Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany share a common border, and many other locations. Our Russian families managed to hold a tremendous Peace Road marathon of over 1200 miles in 2022 despite all the difficulties.

### THE BALKANS

Our peace project in the Balkans is also developing well. Working in partnership, the Universal Peace Federation and the Podgorica Club have brought together the highest leaders in the Balkans to discuss new strategies for peace. When True Mother spoke in Tirana in 2019, she said that the Balkans nations should realize that they hold the key to bringing peace in Europe and beyond. It seemed difficult to accept at the time, but after two years of progress, we've managed to bring together leaders from countries that were at war not so long ago.

### PUBLICATIONS

Our publications team continues to develop. Once again, we participated in the Frankfurt Book Fair, the world's largest. Thank you to all the team who shared some of our latest publications, including *Mother of Peace*, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, and the popular French translation of *World Scripture*.







### PWPA AND WCLC

At the end of 2022 we began the revival of the Professors World Peace Academy with a conference at our new Peace Embassy in Albania. We continued our work with Christian ministers, and encouraged them to join the World Clergy Leadership Conference which is one of True Mother's main interests. She often tells the pastors that "More than any politicians, you spiritual leaders are the ones that God is looking at to lead the Providence." Both Britain and Germany held annual WCLC conferences, and we hope to see this work develop more quickly in 2023.

### WFWP

2022 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace, founded in 1992. Here in Europe we had a transition of leadership. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin stepped down from her position as President of WFWP Europe, and we welcome our new President Mitty Tohma from the UK.

During the year WFWP held a number of exciting conferences, including "No Peace Without Women" which featured first ladies and prominent women leaders from around the region. WFWP launched a new humanitarian project in response to the conflict in Ukraine, to help displaced people in the country

and also to raise funds for rehabilitation therapy for the people who are suffering from trauma.

### OUR FOCUS FOR 2023

There are three focuses for our activities in the coming year. First is **out-reach**. Many of our communities have already decided that this year is the time to invest in education and out-reach. It was difficult to do much during the pandemic time, but now we really have no excuse. We can all see clearly how much our world is in need of clarity and truth to dispel confusion and conflict.

Our second priority is to **strengthen our physical presence**. That's why we've invested so much in the Peace Embassy in Albania and in 2022 we opened new Peace Embassies in Glasgow, Scotland and in Jerusalem and we have renovated several others. We believe that it's very important that there should be at least one place that belongs to God and True Parents in all the major cities of Europe and the Middle East. For any of you who live in a city that doesn't yet have such a facility, we are ready to help.

Thirdly, we continue to implement our strategy of implementing a **generational change of leadership**. Let us all

make an extra effort to welcome and encourage all the new leaders who've taken responsibility this year, and to honour and thank those who stepped down after many years of service.

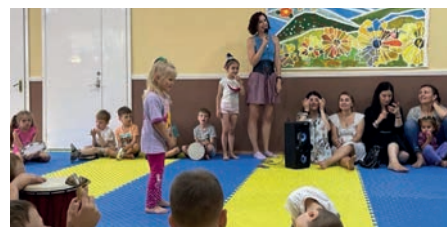
### DONATIONS FOR CHEON WON GUNG

Finally, we want to thank everyone who has already participated in the donation campaign for the Cheon Won Gung. We've been challenged and invited to make a very substantial financial contribution from Europe, and already more than 1100 families have answered that call. Our goal is that 3000 families and individuals will join this giving campaign before it ends in May. This holy temple, this sacred chapel, is so important to True Mother. She hopes and expects that it will be a place where all people of the world from every faith background and none can come and meet with God in a profoundly personal way.

**Once again, brothers and sisters, family, thank you for everything you did in 2022. Together, we are God's Winning Team!**

# FFWPU HELPING OTHERS

## Moldova: “Sunflower Center”



Family Federation of Moldova consistently responds to societal needs, most recently during the Ukrainian refugee crisis and COVID-19 pandemic.

After opening the “Sunflower Center” in April 2022 in response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Moldova, we decided to remain operating and create a summer camp for refugee children. Children participated in arts and craft, dance, music and outdoor games. Our program is structured with psychosocial support in mind and to allow a place for children to freely express themselves.

Beginning from September, our center responded to the needs of our refugee

community by transitioning from summer camp to a formal full day program that can better respond to specific needs of different age groups. Our educational program became more structured, we started including lessons preparing children for school, English and Ukrainian language classes.

Due to the family approach of the Family Federation, the “Sunflower Center” provides also support for parents and caregivers, in addition to childcare.

On a daily basis we had a safe and welcoming space for parents. We always provided free tea and snacks for them.

Our staff and program directors are passionate and hardworking and fully dedicated to bringing the best and most individualized type of education and activity to refugees. We are looking forward to expanding our program in 2023 with more psychological support, better feedback possibilities for parents on children’s progress and improved psychological support for children that show signs of trauma from the conflict.

About 700 children age 1-13 and about 600 caregivers came to “Sunflower Center” once or on a regular basis during this period and received psychosocial and emotional support.





## Ukraine: Power Generators and Battery Equipment



Due to deliberate Russian missile attacks, much of Ukraine's power infrastructure has been destroyed in autumn and winter of 2022, resulting

in electricity blackouts in many regions of the country. FFWPU EUME responded to urgent requests from FFWPU Ukraine and purchased and

transported power generators and battery equipment to several locations and families. We sincerely thank all who donated for that cause.

## Pakistan: Flood Relief



Pakistan was hit by a devastating flood in the summer of 2022 caused by extreme monsoon rains. FFWPU EUME started a donation campaign that enabled FFWPU Asia to purchase large quantities of drinking water, rice, oil, blankets, hygiene products and more, and transport and distribute those relief supplies in hard-hit areas of the country.





# PEACE ROAD BERLIN

## Remember Korea: No New Walls in Europe!



Over 1000 Peace enthusiasts from 50 nations gathered for Peace Road Berlin. Berlin was chosen as the city that symbolizes more than any other peace and reunification in Europe, even at a time when the war in Ukraine raises fears of a new Cold War and of new walls rising on the continent.

“We must not repeat the historical mistake of the division of Korea to take place in Ukraine,” said Dr Michael

Balcomb, FFWPU president for Europe and the Middle East. “The Berlin Wall [was] visible. But today the wall is invisible yet no less real. It is a wall in the hearts of men and women.” German journalist Klaus Kelle spoke of the immense hope he felt when, at the same location 33 years earlier, the German people celebrated the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

The date of the Peace Road, July 27, was also the anniversary of the armistice that in 1953 officially concluded the Korean War. Several other speakers reminded the participants that the armistice ended the fighting but did not end the division on the Korean Peninsula. The rally alternated speeches by peace activists with songs of peace performed by the German bands Berge and InTune, and the crowd responded enthusiastically.





■ Preparation teams



■ UPF/IAYSP conference



■ Interfaith Prayer for Peace



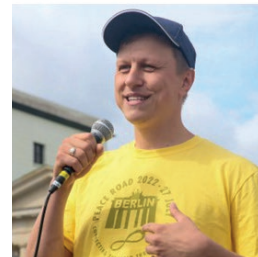
■ 200 conference participants from Europe, the Middle East and Korea



■ Bicycle tour through Berlin and march to the German Parliament



# PEACE ROAD BERLIN 26-28 JULY







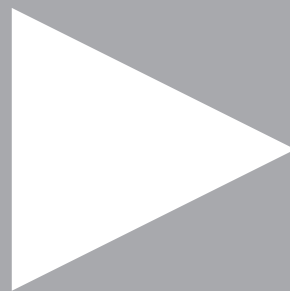




■ Celebration of the 40th and 30th Blessing anniversary of the 2075 and 6000 couples (1982), and 30000 couples (1992) Holy Wedding ceremonies at the Peace Pagoda in Milton Keynes, UK.



# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NORTH REGION**



# NORWAY

By Steinar Murud

## Peace Road, Principles of Peace Seminar, and Family Camp



### Nordic Peace Road

On Saturday 27 August more than 70 participants from all Nordic countries gathered at the border between Sweden and Norway in a program for peace in Korea and the world.

The event was organised by national chapters of Universal Peace Federation in the Nordic countries, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

Located at the border-line, there is a monument celebrating over 200 years of peace between the two nations. In addition there is a peace-bell and a pagoda, donated by the South Korean municipality Hwacheon. This venue served as a very relevant site to send a message for peace in Korea and the world.

The program began with a peace-walk along the border. Following the walk,

many greetings and speeches were given at the pagoda, both from the Swedish and Norwegian municipalities, as well as from the governor in Hwacheon county. The governor's message of peace to the Nordic Peace Road 2022 for peace in Korea was well applauded.

The program ended with ringing of the Peace Bell.



Walking for peace along the Norwegian-Swedish border

### Family Camp

Fifty members gathered for a summer retreat in an idyllic island in the south of Norway in August. Through a varied program with morning yoga, Hoondokhae, sports, games, fishing, outings and more, we could build good bonds between all the families and generations.



Morning yoga at our summer camp, 8-11 August





■ Summer family retreat on a South-Norwegian island

## Nordic UPF Seminar

UPF Norway organized a Nordic seminar in Oslo on Saturday 12 November under the title "Principles of Peace".

We chose to dedicate the event to the «International Day of Tolerance» which was coming up only four days later. On the «International Day of Tolerance» it is relevant to address issues like discrimination, racism etc.

However our presentations addressed the topic from a more fundamental perspective, and focused on the fact that we all belong to one family under God.

The seminar was attended by participants from 15 different nationalities. Indeed a diverse group, but sharing the same hope of peace and tolerance.

The group took time to visit the Korean Peace Pagoda, donated by the South Korean Hwacheon Municipality, to ring the peace bell, take a photo and send a message for peace and tolerance to the Korean Peninsula.



■ Principles of Peace taught by Dr David Hanna to an intercultural audience



# FINLAND

By Josef Svacina and Hannu Hassinen

## 50 Years of the Unification Movement in Finland



The Unification Community in Finland, with Ambassadors for Peace, and some relatives and friends celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Mission in our country, over a weekend on 18-19 June 2022 at a picturesque sea-side venue in Helsinki under the title:

### Thanks to God and to True Parents!

#### “Remembering – Understanding – Recommitting”

Some seventy participants joined in singing together and listening to the testimonies from over five decades, since the arrival of the first missionaries by ship from Germany in a bitter cold January in 1972.



Since then, many missions have been carried out in Finland, by Finns and twenty other nationalities: through UC, FFWPU, CARP, WFWP, HARP, WonHwaDo, UPE, etc., letters that tell a lot to those who have been part of those activities. Notably many hard working Japanese missionaries have contributed to the missions here.

A display of photos, albums and mission literature gave a vivid impression of the dedication to the personal calling and volunteerism by members that have built up the movement to the present.

One past highlight of the Providence in Finland has been the visit by True Mother in Helsinki, on May 21.-22. in 1999, during her world speaking tour, which remains a special Heavenly input for our country and for ourselves personally.



Now we enjoyed live music and fellowship with brothers and sisters, old and young, also from abroad. Several long-time Ambassadors for Peace, attended, too, with their words of appreciation and encouragement for our work.

While together, we also celebrated the 40th and 30th anniversaries of the 1982 and 1992 Blessings. Those couples and families make a bulk of our community, feeling gratitude and dignity, and looking forward to new horizons as the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.



# SWEDEN

By Peter Nylén

## Report on the Nordic Annual Meeting

On Sunday 28 August the first Nordic Annual Meeting was held in Morokulien, on the border between Norway and Sweden. More than 70 people from all Nordic countries attended in person with another 100 more joining on zoom. The service took place the day after the Peace Road event and celebration of WFWP's Nordic 30th anniversary.

Morokulien is a significant place because of the peace monument and the Korean peace-bell located at the site. The peace monument that was erected in 1914 represents 100 years of peace between Norway and Sweden and the peace-bell was donated in 2014 by The World Peace Bell Park in Hwacheon, a town that is located close to the DMZ in South Korea signifying 200 years of peace between Norway and Sweden. Just like the monument represents the brotherhood between two nations, so did the Nordic annual meeting represent the brotherhood between the Nordic countries.

Since the Nordic Annual meeting was held on a Sunday it also served as a Sunday service and therefore many more members also joined online over zoom from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the United Kingdom, and Iceland. Northern Europe sub-regional leader Dr David Hanna gave the sermon.



Filled with the joy from the victory of the Peace Road and WFWP anniversary, everyone at the service was ecstatic and the weekend then concluded with a photograph and three cheers of Oek Man Sei at the Peace monument.

The event was very inspiring and the countries in attendance are already planning for the next Annual meeting taking place in the summer of 2023. By encouraging more young people to organise the meeting, more people will be encouraged to do activities in their communities.

■ Members from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Finland, and the United Kingdom gather for the Nordic Annual Meeting.



# IRELAND

By Youngil Ely Loew

## Peace Road in Armagh City and Community Events



In 2022, our Irish community had a few significant and notable community events. A beloved elder sister ascended, a young Second Generation couple were blessed, a baby was born, and a new young member joined the community. Although these are important milestones that are celebrated in every community, being a small community these events aren't as common, and it is notable that they all happened within the same year. It helped bring us together, especially coming out of the isolated world of COVID separation.

We also were able to organize a few UPF events, including a visit to an annual National Holocaust Memorial Day event, visiting a local Vedic Hindu Temple, and our annual Peace Road event, this year in Armagh

City. Two of our Ambassadors for Peace participated in the Prayers for Ukraine Online Rallies, with Sunhansh Verma from the Hindu Community and Viny Robinson from the Bahai'i community offering representative prayers on behalf of Ireland. We believe UPF can play an important role in Ireland's efforts to create a culture of peace between the two main religious groups, as well as a welcoming environment for new religious groups moving to Ireland.

We ended the year with a membership meeting where a few of our young members volunteered to take on more responsibility as Directors in the FFWPU Ireland organization. As a lot of our youths are now in the core matching age group (18-25), we started focusing on more events for this age group. A new young couple

joined our community, and they shared their matching and blessing testimony. It was an enriching and uplifting testimony, giving them strength to continue on the path to the Blessing and to fulfill Heavenly Parent's dream. We are planning more 2023 activities around Matching and Blessing preparation, as well as encouraging more participation in community planning and events.



■ Matching and Blessing testimony held at the church center in Dublin





We were able to organize a fishing experience for our young members and guests, with the aim of letting them feel God's heart through the creation and reflect upon their own relationship with God.



Peace Road 2022 in Armagh City



# DENMARK

By Thorkil Christensen

## Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace 2022



On Sunday 9 October, UPF Denmark celebrated the UN International Day of Peace in the Danish parliament with the theme “**End Racism. Build Peace.**” Over 200 leaders, Ambassadors for Peace and peace activists attended the event. The program consisted of speeches, musical features and a Peace Water Ceremony with nine representatives from the World Religions. Among the speakers were a current and former Members of Parliament; a popular radio host and a professor.

**Peter Thisted Dinesen**, professor, Department of Political Science, University College London and University of Copenhagen asked the question: “Social trust: Denmark’s raw material - but is it threatened by immigration?” and talked about the importance of immigration for social cohesion. The Nordic countries have a high degree of social trust that disposes us for cooperation, which then leads to a well-functioning society. Studies show that immigrants take over the level of trust in the country they come to.

**Isabel Bramsen**, deputy director of Peace and Conflict Studies, Department of Political Science at Lund University in Sweden, and member of Nordic Women Mediators spoke on “Peace and structural violence from a micro-sociological perspective” from her recent book.

A musical feature was presented by **Isam Bachiri**, a Danish vocalist, rapper and songwriter, formerly of the famous hip-hop group Outlandish. He is a Muslim of Riffian descent, whose father came to Denmark from Morocco as a factory worker in the 1960s. During his school and youth years Isam B experienced racism firsthand. Isam B decided to tell his and his family’s story through songs in a new album.

**Helle Thun**, a professional singer, mezzosoprano and performing artist, called the audience together again using “Kulning”, a domestic Scandinavian music form, originally a herding call, however in our setting a call to the wind and our original nature.

**Dr. Thorkil Christensen** from UPF introduced the Peace Ceremony by saying “we live in a world with division, conflicts and uncertainty, the climate and nature agonize, therefore more than ever we need a united UN with strength to solve problems; this will only be possible when we experience and feel as one big human family. Such feelings come to us when we contact nature and the forces of Heaven which influence us to open our hearts and inspire to a life for all living creatures.”

The last musical feature was with **Metta Carter & Jazzmosphere** who led all the participants through songs with love and peace.

Many participants who had attended Day of Peace events before said that this was the best program so far, and that everything came together into greater unity. Everybody felt peace and a sense of belonging to a common human family.







# UNITED KINGDOM

By Alma Gaina



## Official Opening of the Peace Embassy in Glasgow

On the 18th of November, during the Scottish Interfaith Week, Family Federation Scotland held the Peace Embassy Glasgow Official Opening by Dr Maureen Sier.

The Scottish community hosted the event on Friday evening, with over 50 guests and members from different religions, communities and countries, some of whom shared testimonies about faith, their work and their lives. The evening started with a welcome message from the MC, Eric Williamson, and an opening prayer from Abdul Owusu.

Dr Maureen Sier, Director of Interfaith Scotland, officiated the opening by sharing the core values of all faith traditions and Interfaith Scotland – integrity, wisdom, justice and compassion – and wishing the community many years of happy engagement at the Peace Embassy. Following her, talks were given by

UPF Interfaith Directors, an Interfaith activist and local radio host, a minister from the Church of Scotland, the Peace Embassy Manager and honoured guests from Norway and Denmark. During the event, there was also time for fellowship, refreshments and networking in the breakout areas.

To end the event, everyone present was invited to sing together Oceans by Hillsong United led by Viola Dirnhofer and a closing prayer was given by Dr Michael Balcomb, FFWPU Director of UK, Europe and the Middle East.



■ We are very proud and happy to have a place now in Glasgow for worship, education and fellowship.





## North Europe Regional Leaders Meeting

On the weekend of the 19th to 20th of November, the Leaders of the North Europe Region held a meeting in Glasgow, in the new Peace Embassy.

After hosting the opening of the Glasgow Peace Embassy, the Scottish community hosted the first North Europe Region Leaders meeting this year. We had a total of 27 participants from across all 7 nations of North Europe: Denmark, Ireland, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the UK. The leaders present in the meeting also attended the Official Opening of the Peace Embassy, in support, wishing for prosperity and many events in the future.

The mornings were started cheerfully with Hoon Dok Hae to create a good atmosphere and the weekend was filled with reports from each community in their region and affiliated organisations (WFWP, IAYSP, BFD, UPF), sharing and discussions on areas of improvement and methods of development.

To make the most of the occasion, a ceremony was held to symbolise the change of leadership in Iceland from the previous National Leader to the group of 4 sisters, chaired by Mrs Sayu Herman.



■ Laying on of hands prayer for Mrs. Sayu Herman and Sightseeing in central Glasgow

## London Interfaith Fun Run

The Fun Run was organized by Maccabi UK and the Faith and Belief Forum. FFWPU members joined Londoners of different faiths and beliefs for a day filled with activities for the young and old, with sponsored runs raising funds for amazing charities.

Volunteers for the event were organised by Russell, Akiko and Joe Gough while Bruno and Elizabeth Klotz helped run the display which allowed for attendees to learn more about our organisation.

Our River South Pastors, Adza and Nittaya Mould, were among our members who took part in the run while Robert Torök's family participated in the short 1km walk. Their daughter was our youngest participant at the event.

The Fun Run was a precious opportunity for our members who attended as it sent a message that we are one and the same, regardless of differences, we are on the side of friendship and community.



■ FFWPU Members take a group photo after having successfully and joyfully finished their sponsored run supporting charity work in London.





## 30<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Blessing Anniversary Celebrations in Milton Keynes

Couples who had taken part in the 1982 and 1992 Holy Wedding ceremonies celebrate their meaningful anniversaries together on the 14th and 15th of October.

Almost 100 couples from the 1982 Blessings of 2075 and 6000 couples, and the 1992 Blessing of 30000 couples gathered in Milton Keynes for a joyful interfaith celebration. The thanksgiving service started at the local Peace Pagoda, where the happy group were greeted by a lady Buddhist Monk, a Muslim Imam who sang some sections from the Koran, and by a Church of England minister who testified to the power of interfaith and international marriages. Short testimonies were offered by several representatives, including Tim & Dolores Read, Michael & Fumiko Balcomb, and Tony & Hildegard Bain. We all offered our appreciation

to the lively band who kept things moving along with performances from Bernard Chellew, Tom Pritty, Peter Graham and Andrew Davies.

From the Peace Pagoda, the group went on to the Church of Christ The Cornerstone for a celebration banquet, musical performances from a string quartet and romantic dance songs from Betty Rodriques. Thanks to organizers David and Christa Rennie for a memorable time to come together and mark these significant milestones in our married and blessed life.

## HARP Summer Workshop “Sailing With Our Father”





## Annual Gathering at Cleeve House (25<sup>th</sup> of June)



## Children's Summer Camp "Ohana" (30<sup>th</sup> July - 4<sup>th</sup> August)



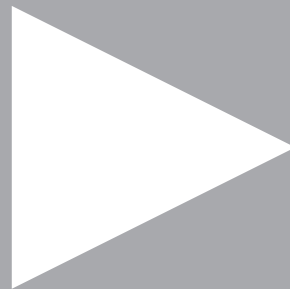




■ A refugee girl from Ukraine enjoys creative activities in the “Sunflower Center” in Moldova



# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EAST REGION**





# ALBANIA

By Manjola and Gabor Vasmatics



## Family – the School of Love

### Campaign Held on 11th and 12th of May in Vlora and Fier cities

On our national plan of 2022, our leadership decided that as Family Federation to dedicate the month of May to promote True Family Values. One of the special ideas generated, was a family campaign where people would gather together, young and old, leaders from different fields, friends and relatives, to celebrate and fully focus the attention to family, as our Heavenly Parent's Institution.

We were so surprised ourselves, and truly grateful to Heavenly Parent that about 3000 people showed up in each city, to widely and publicly celebrate the values of the “School of Love” – Family.



#### POWER OF UNITY

The event was well covered by the local media and had great impact on the people. Our community could experience to a certain level the spirit of the campaigns that True Parents called in the past as well as the power of unity that makes dreams come true.

For such a miracle to happen, all leaders of Shin Albania had to leave their cities and fully unite in the field for about one week. Members and blessed families didn't hesitate to give their contribution.



## A Very Rewarding Effort

A magnificent program, divided in three parts was offered. The first part was alternated with entertainment and powerful messages. Hon. President Alfred Moisiu, (Albania's President 2002-2007) greeted the event emphasizing the importance of strong families to build a strong nation. The FFWPU National President's couple (Manjola and Gabor Vasmatics) called the people to protect the Albanian family culture as a precious heritage and on that day to make a promise to practice fidelity within marriage and purity before marriage as the best way to build healthy families and nation. UPF chairwoman, Dr. Eva Cipi and local UPF chairs gave heartfelt messages quoting from True Parents' words, which were well received by the crowds.

We also had performances by popular singers who value family as sacred, and by young talents from the local cities. We had few set ups for families to take pictures, for children's entertainment, and a book corner where people could buy True Parents' autobiographies.

At the second part, all participants were invited to march at the main boulevard of the city, under the banner "Family - the School of Love". The marching crowd kept enlarging as passers by were joining inspired by the sensational feeling given through the cheering with enthusiasm of beautiful slogans chosen for the occasion.

We concluded the event with a colourful lanterns festival, where we could send our prayers and wishes for healthy families and a peaceful model nation, to Heavenly Parent, symbolically through releasing the lanterns up into the sky.



## COOPERATION OF MANY

We are tremendously grateful for the support of 28 members of GPA, four members of EMP, UPF, and local institutions and businesses that joined forces for the success of the events.





## FFWPU, UPF and WFWP Received Grants from Local Government

Tirana was chosen as the European Youth Capital for the year of 2022. Due to this, the Albanian National Youth Council in cooperation with Tirana Municipality at the end of last year launched a call for project proposals. The FFWPU, UPF and WFWP Albania decided also to apply for grants by preparing three different projects. The amazing result was that all three projects were selected as winners and became part of about 300 projects that were accepted in total.

The project led by FFWPU Albania was called *“Me – Active part of my city”*. The main goal of the project was to increase the awareness of young people about the role and responsibility they have for the developments in their city and country.

Specifically, the project aimed, and successfully achieved the direct involvement of over 500 young people in 15 different activities including:

- The organization of essay competitions in six high schools in Tirana, Durrës, Korça, Shkodra, Fieri and Vlora under the main theme **“Time for functional democracy”**.
- Six activities to clean the environment, planting trees and flowers - under the slogan: **“My city – you give me dignity”**. The activities were organized with the respective Municipalities and the number of young people who participated was over 200.
- The organization of two trainings on **“Leadership & Good Governance”** for over 150 young people selected from the 6 cities.

Besides the above-mentioned activities, part of the project was also the realization of an online questionnaire for young people aged 15-18 on the topic “What is democracy to me?”, in which 520 young people participated.

On December 10, 2022, 150 young people from Tirana, Durrës, Korça, Shkodra, Fieri and Vlora participated in the closing event organized at the Embassy of Peace in Tirana. An important part of the event was the final competition of the “Time for functional democracy”, among six young winners in the competitions organized in each school.

It was very impressive to see young people talk with great passion, speaking their mind, and conveying hope to the older generation. Artistic performances by well-known artists were definitely an important part of the closing event.





# KOSOVO

By Ermirë Berisha



■ Our most wonderful Iftar dinner

## We Are One Family Under God

To talk about a year in a few words is very difficult, especially when it comes to God's providence.

It started with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement that now we have the opportunity to move without restrictions, whether with activities but also with the motive of not being limited by space, borders and stops.

The pandemic taught us one very important thing: people actually want to be happy and loved, but they are so divided by nations, races, individual limitations and many other things that they want something big and surprising for it understanding that the whole world is the same especially when we think about the spiritual aspect that God created us all equal and based on his ideal which is love.

The year 2022 was characterized by many beautiful things, especially the arrival of CIG missionaries in

Kosovo, who have offered an extraordinary commitment and investment either in witnessing or in center daily activities. They prepared many CARP meetings and welcomed guests and helped to educate about the core CARP values but also to present their lectures on peace education, pure and healthy lifestyle, and Hyojeong culture.

One of the highlights that will be remembered for a long time was a special Iftar dinner during Ramadan. Together with all the guests and members we enjoyed fellowship and meaningful sharing. It was one of the most inspiring family evenings and all of our guests were surprised by the harmony and family atmosphere, always emphasizing that we are all part of a big family under God.

By wishing you a Happy New Year and a lot of love for the the year 2023, we send you greetings from Kosovo family.



# ARMENIA

By Hovhannes & Nora Barseghyan



## Tribal Messiah Education 2-Day Workshop

With 35 members participating, we held a Tribal Messiah workshop. The main topics of the workshop were: our understanding of God as our Heavenly Parent, the Three Great Blessings and Four Realms of Heart, and our responsibility to develop a parental heart. We experienced a very warm and lovely atmosphere. The youth received pure love education.



## Ecological Project

In cooperation with the Hrazdan city mayor we started to involve in an ecological project. This kind of projects also provide good opportunity to introduce our movement and connect with many people of good heart.



## Peace Pilgrimage to Seven Armenian Churches

On the 16th and 20th of June we embarked on a peace pilgrimage visiting seven churches in Armenia to pray for peace in our country and neighbouring nations.



## Worship Services and Holy Days

We have regular based Sunday services and also governing of members during Holy Days. It helps members to be more connected in heart with the providence and Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Also we continue with HDH and prayer conditions for peace and development in Armenia and Region.



# BELARUS

By Olga Plotnikova



## Rafting Down the Peace Road

From the 7th to the 10th of July, a traditional rafting seminar was held, bringing together 25 participants, fathers and children of Belarus. On 8 boats, the teams rafted along the Berezina and Neman rivers. Remembering that “The world begins with me!”, we covered 67 kilometers together on boats, uniting soul and body, uniting with each other with our Heavenly Parent at our center!



## Family Blessing Festivals

Uniting with the heart of True Mother, brothers and sisters are looking for opportunities to give the Blessing to other couples and families. Despite the difficult situation in the country, we held Family Festivals for spiritual groups, at local holidays and family celebrations with our relatives.





# MOLDOVA

By Sabina Nadejdin and Andrei Esanu

## A Year of Good Progress

The 2022 has been an amazing year in all the providential organisations.

### HPHC

Moldova HPHC began the year by Settling the Cheonshim Won Prayer Room and during the year the community made non-stop daily devotion conditions in order to build the spiritual foundation and to dedicate all social activities to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

### Family Federation

The plans made by the team at the beginning of the year were totally reshaped with the tragic war that began in the neighbor country Ukraine. Due to the prompt response of Family Federation members to the wave of refugees a donation center was opened that eventually grew into the impressive **Sunflower Center / Early Development Center** for refugee children and parents.

Over a period of nine months of operations, Family Federation was able to build strong partnerships with international NGOs like Catholic Relief Services and IsraAID through this project.

This drew the attention of the mass media and national TV channels, and the internationally known television news channel CNN visited the Peace Embassy and produced supporting reports about Family Federation and its projects.



Also, we continued serving the nation through social projects like *Skazka Center / Early Development Center* in Anenii Noi town, projects supporting people with special needs and through sustainable partnership with the municipality.

As a result of the many good works being done by the Sunflower Project, the president of Moldova, Maia Sandu, wrote a letter of gratitude to the Family Federation. The mayor of Chisinau, Ion Ceban, also sent a message of appreciation, and the wives of the Ukrainian and American ambassadors to Moldova paid visits to observe the activities and offered support on various occasions.

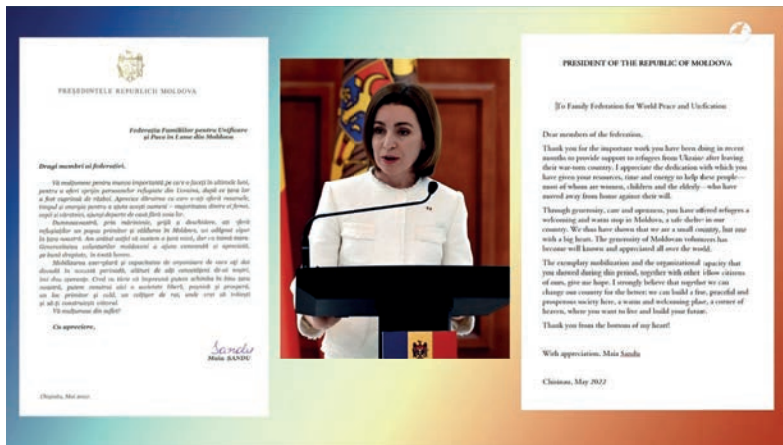
### YSP

YSP Moldova in 2022 strengthened its collaboration with NYCM (National Youth Council of Moldova) and consolidated a young dynamic team of local and international volunteers through various social activities and collaborations.

### UPF

UPF Moldova focused on building relationships with Members of Parliament and successfully invited MP Grigore Novac, head of Human Rights committee at the Parliament, to the 10th Seonghwa anniversary of True Father in Korea.





FFWPU Moldova was pleased to receive a letter of gratitude from Maia Sandu, President of Moldova, for the efforts to support Ukrainian refugees by offering programs for children and parents in the Sunflower Center



YSP Moldova activities:  
Cleaning project in  
cooperation with  
Chisinau municipality



HPHC Moldova  
Christmas celebration  
and establishment  
of the Cheonshim Won  
Prayer Hall





# RUSSIA

## Investing in Our Youth

By Alexey Savelyev



### YSP FORUM "LAPLAND. GROWTH POINT", 24- 31 AUGUST, KOLSKY PENINSULA

Students, members of NGOs, professional ecologists and scientists came to Lapland nature reserve. The program consisted of every day educational sessions on UN Sustainable Development Goals goals and then "Peace Designer" Training. As a result, four new projects in different areas appeared. We worked as volunteers building eco trails, went for a one-day hike to the mountains.



### 21-DAY WITNESSING CAMPAIGN 3-24 JULY, MOSCOW

100 young people joined a witnessing campaign, 100 CARP presentations were delivered, 24 guests came back to hear the Divine Principle, 13 of them keep coming to the lectures now.



### 3-MONTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, 25 JUNE - 30 SEPTEMBER, IRKUTSK, MOSCOW, BAIKAL LAKE

The goal of this program is for youth to have some front-line experience. It consists of one month each of fundraising; a service project at Lake Baikal; and witnessing.

### KOLSKY PROGRAM, 4 - 25 JULY, KOLSKY NATURE RESERVE AND ST. PETERSBURG.

The goal of this program is to meet God through real life experience. This program consists of 2 weeks of Divine Principle studies, True Parents' life course, fundraising and service projects.



### ANNUAL DIVINE PRINCIPLE WORKSHOP FOR 15- TO 16-YEARS-OLDS. 1-12 AUGUST, MOSCOW

The goal of this program is to meet Heavenly Parent through the Truth. It is the first time when they study the Divine Principle, the Truth and get their first complete picture of True Parents' teachings.





## Peace Road 2022 in Russia: Supermarathon





# CROATIA

## Our 2022 FFWPU Activity Highlights

By Anto Tomas and Ji Suk Baek



### WITNESSING IN OSIJEK

First time witnessing experience in a public place for our youth.



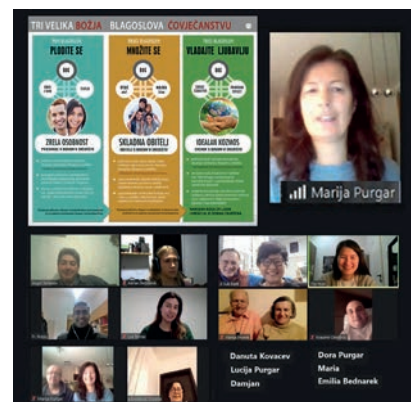
### ACTIVITIES OF THE SECOND GENERATION

to build friendship with the Slovenian and Austrian communities, in Zagreb, Ljubljana and Graz



### VISIT TO KOREA

Two Croatian youths, Dora Purgar and Emanuel Stama, participated in the leaders' assembly in Korea in August



### DIVINE PRINCIPLE EDUCATION

Online Divine Principle lectures by Marija Purgar in English with Croatian and Bulgarian translation every Saturday evening.

At the lectures we have international participants – from Austria, India, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Serbia, Bulgaria – as well as interreligious participants.



# BULGARIA

By Edina Zsolcsák-Dimitrova

## Youth Education, Cheonbo and True Mother's Memoir



From 3 to 6 September there was a workshop at the Black Sea, in Primorsko, Bulgaria. Originally, it was organized for Bulgarian Second Generation (from 6 to 23) but with Bulgarian children from abroad and with the spontaneous appearance of some other guests, it became international. As it is the usual practice for the last couple of years, most of the children came with their parents, so it gave the possibility for a separate program and discussions for the adults as well.



The main topic was True Father's life and the 10th Seonghwa Anniversary, with the motto "Filial Children of True Parents". The main lectures were about preparation for the second advent and True Father's birth, his meeting with Jesus and taking on the mission, the Blessing and the challenges of Blessed Families. There were reports and testimonies from the children who participated in different international programs and activities during the year, especially in the summer, a Seonghwa Anniversary Celebration, one afternoon on the seaside with games and a longer discussion on the topics of what it means to be a Blessed Family and how everyone can contribute to the family harmony.



True Mother's memoir (*Mother of Peace*) was published this year in Bulgarian. On 21 November, which is the Day of the Christian Family in

Bulgaria (connected to the Christian holiday of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin), there was a book presentation in the main public library in Sofia. Members, Peace Ambassadors and the Bulgarian translator, Maya Veneva were reading some excerpts and sharing their impressions about the book and True Mother's life and initiatives.



The program included very nice and high-quality musical entertainment with FFWPU's friends and contacts and a small reception at the end. Around 20 guests attended the program with great enthusiasm.



Brothers and sisters participated in different CheonBo workshops and programs all throughout the year, on 7 May Bulgaria was one of the hosts of a European-level VOD workshop. Four elder sisters received the single blessing and one of them was blessed with a spirit person on 26 November through a direct connection to the HJ Heaven and Earth Training Center.



# LATVIA

## Our 2022 FFWPU Activity Highlights

By Janis Vjaters



■ April: Open Mic Concert Night in our Riga Peace Embassy



■ April: HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival for the very first time held in Latvia via Online connection with True Mother in South Korea.



■ April: Mr. Jack Corley, Sub-Regional President Eastern Europe, awards Lutheran pastor and journalist Pavel Levushkan with the Ambassador for Peace Certificate



■ May: Happy Families Festival on UN International Day of the Family



■ October: HJ CheonBo workshop was held the 7th time in Latvia



■ November: Meeting with Tamara-Lorincz from Canada (PhD in Global Governance) and Ambassador for Peace Dr.Karlis Kreslins, and Janis Vjaters representing the local UPF



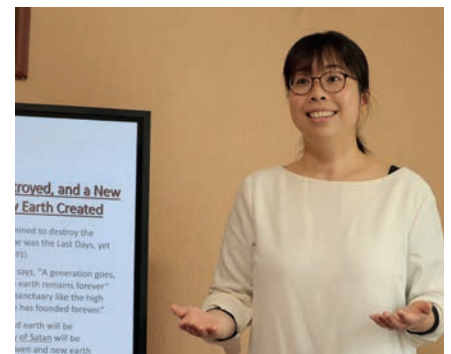
# ROMANIA

By Miki Predescu

## A New Start of Youth Witnessing

For Romania community 2022 was the year of Re-Starting. Because of the Covid pandemic we couldn't do witnessing actively like before. But this year we received three youth missionary teams: January to May, CIG missionaries from the USA, from September to December, Sun Moon UPA missionaries and from November for six month other CIG missionaries from the USA. We are so grateful for having those pure and faithful missionaries to work together for Romania providence.

The highlight of 2022 was our first 4-day Divine Principle workshop in which Romanian and Moldavian young generation and guests participated. It was very beautiful experience in the nature to study and discuss about the Divine Principle teachings. And also through reflections and activities we could feel and experience our Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' Heart.



Here is part of the reflection from one Romanian guest:

*"My goal for this workshop was to understand that I am a daughter of God. And I think I was constantly reminded about my goal during the lectures and the activities done together. Made me behave with more awareness of how my gestures or my words or actions can influence people. The biggest shaping experience I had was that I had and have to be responsible for everything I am, internally and externally. Now I feel it will be a real challenge to put in practice what I learned so far. My next step is to act according to my name of daughter of God."*

We are so grateful that because of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, we are able to help young people to find their true identity as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent.

Also, as FFWPU Romania we could organize Family Festival, True Father's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SeongHwa and several meetings to support families. We held a very inspiring 7-day Divine Principle workshop at the end of year to begin the new year 2023.

We would like to offer this year for Heavenly Parent and True Parents with our heart of gratitude and hope for the future. Kamsahamnida! Saranghamnida!





# ESTONIA

By Avo and Olga Martinson



## Publication of Father Moon's Autobiography in Estonian

On the 14th of August 2022, we celebrated the publication of the Estonian edition of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's autobiography at Universal Peace Federation – Estonia headquarters in Old Town, Tallinn. Mr. Avo Martinson had finished the translation of the book already in 2012. Mrs. Kati Aasov and Mrs. Ingrid-Annelie Koit helped editing the book. The book also included four pictures from the visit of Sun Myung Moon and his wife Hak Ja Han Moon to Estonia in October 2007.

The Ambassadors for Peace also wrote their comments on the back cover of the autobiography. They were: Prof. August Aarma (doctor of economics), Prof. Toomas Alatalu (former member of the National Assembly), Mrs. Arina Han (head of the Estonian Korean Cultural Association), Mr. Jüri Kaljuvee (former advisor to the President of the Republic of Estonia) and Mr. Reigo Tõnsberg (head coach of the Estonian national team in beach soccer 2014- 2015).

The participants of the August 14 event could all share their experiences with Rev. Sun Myung Moon, with his teachings and life. This day was particularly important for the Estonian Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.





# LITHUANIA

By Roma Karagezian

In March of 2022, Lithuania welcomed 10 members from Blessed families of Ukraine. One CheonBo candidate family decided to complete their goal of blessing 430 couples in Lithuania. Two weekends in a row Tatyana Bolgova with her three children offered egg painting activities in the city park, attracted families, and witnessed, and could give holy juice to 150 families. A similar project was organised in mid-summer by the Gavrysh family in Klaipeda city and Vilnius city park.

A youth summer camp was organized in July. Few participants came from neighbouring Latvia and Estonia, also several Ukrainian youths participated. The program started with marking the 10th anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension, and completed with the Il Shim ceremony, where six teenagers pledged to keep their purity and prepare for the Blessing, the internal goal of the summer camp was to help participants keep a clear future vision and hope, and it was realized 120 percent thanks to our energetic youth leaders and creative, devoted parents, who went out of their comfort zone to make everything possible.

In October, Eastern Europe Regional President Mr. Corley visited Lithuania, and this same month in 2005 True Parents visited Vilnius, Lithuania during their world speaking tour. As this is the only time True Father and True Mother came together to this nation, we commemorate it each year. We shared testimonies and pictures from this historic event.

There are 23 Blessed families (50 second generation children) now residing in Lithuania. Most families live in Vilnius, some are scattered across other towns. Five couples have CheonBo Victor status.



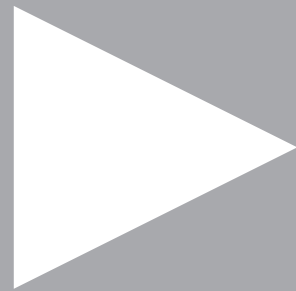




Peace Embassy Madrid, Spain  
Interreligious congress on the topic of Nature and  
Spirituality: how world religions face global change.



# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTH REGION**





# ANDORRA

By Lluís & Chatiboot Babi

## Publication of *Mother of Peace* in Catalan and Inauguration of Andorra Peace Embassy



### *Mother of Peace* in Catalan

On the 7th February, we finally published True Mother's memoir *Mother of Peace* in Catalan language (Andorra's official language); and printed 1.000 copies.

### Two Centenary Exhibitions

With the Cooperation of the Mayors of Andorra La Vella, the Capital, Andorra's FFWPU and UPF organized the exhibition of Rev. Moon's Centenary from 24th January until 15th of February. Two VIPs: Mrs. Judith Pallarés, the Minister of Social Affairs and Youth and Equality from the Andorra Government visited the exhibition; she was very interested, amazed, and admired the work of True Parents. Mr. Simo Duro, former member of the Andorra Parliament visited the exhibition; he was very interested and now he is reading True Father's Autobiography.

On the 30th January 2022, the local newspaper *El Periòdic del Andorra*, both in the print and the online

edition, published an interview with Lluís Babi (Director of UPF Andorra). It was a good article.

A second exhibition was organised in cooperation with the Mayors of Sant Julia de Lauria (South Region) from 21th of February until 12th of March 2022 at the Centre Cultural and Congress Lauredia.



■ Lluís Babi (FFWPU Andorra) gives a tour through the Centenary exhibition to the Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality.



### Andorra Peace Embassy

The most important event was on Saturday 12th of March; we had the inauguration of our own new Andorra's Peace Embassy in the center of the Capital of Andorra. We purchased this apartment to use for our activities.

On the same day, 12th March, we also made the Settlement Ceremony of Cheonshim Won Prayer Hall in our prayer room in our newly inaugurated Peace Embassy. We are very grateful to our True Parents that Andorra could receive the Cheonshim Won Prayer Hall from Cheong Pyeong.



■ New Peace Embassy in the city center of Andorra La Vella

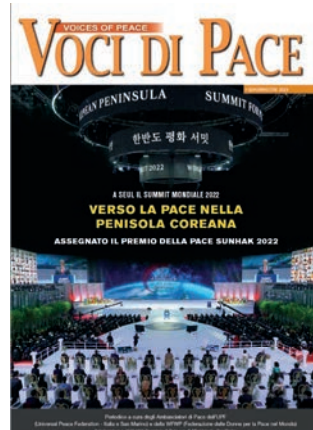




# SAN MARINO

Voci di Pace Magazine and Football for Peace

By Giorgio Gasperoni



**VOCI DI PACE** is an Italian-language magazine that is published three times a year by the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's Federation for World Peace of San Marino and Italy.

 [www.vocidipace.it](http://www.vocidipace.it)

The latest fall issue of the UPF Italy and San Marino Magazine, *Voices of Peace* has been distributed. This issue particularly focuses with a short dossier on Africa. At the second World Summit 2022 last August in South Korea, it was especially discussed with cooperation agreements between the Universal Peace Federation and the nations that make up the Sahel region.

In-depth contributions in our paper were made by experts in the field. We focused on Africa's potential and the path to progress that lies in the surprising and innovative solutions that Africans are finding for themselves.



Finally, we report on a project that has been taking place for five years in San Marino with the collaboration of the Soccer Sammarinese Federation with Jewish and Arab kids called "Football for Peace." Children from the Holy Land came to know each other and to dialogue through football in a neutral and welcoming ground.

In the June 2022 issue we analyzed in a Dossier the supporting pillars of a just and equitable World Order for the recognition of Human Dignity for all and justice for all.

## UPF/IMAP Newsletter

We distribute about every 15 days a UPF Newsletter and an IMAP Newsletter to San Marino and Italy.

It is sent to 1000 UPF contacts and 1100 newspapers and journalists in Italy. The Newsletters are sent from San Marino. The technical part is done in San Marino.



## ■ FOOTBALL FOR PEACE

Our mixed San Marino - Israel youth football team meets the Head of State of San Marino.



# ITALY

By Gukson and Hyang-joo Capone



## New Leaders Appointed after 28 Years

On November 27, 2022, the entire Italian Family Federation community gathered at Orio al Serio (Bergamo) for an important and meaningful occasion.

The event began with the Sunday service led by presenter Elena Chirulli. The main sermon was given by our EUME Regional President Dr Michael Balcomb and was entitled “Treasures of Heaven” tracing the importance of our identity as children of filial piety to True Parents.

Giuseppe and Elisabetta Calì reviewed the highlights of their 28 years as national leaders. Some videos were shown of True Parents being in Italy in 1995 until True Father’s last tour in 2011. Truly unforgettable moments!

The next talk was given by Gukson Capone, the new Italian national leader together with his wife, Hyang-joo who recalled the key role of the second generation, in connecting the 1st and 3rd generations in following the Providence, and remarked on the importance of moving forward steadily in achieving one’s goals. Recent phrases from True Mother were read, asking for the cooperation of her children to realize a lasting world of peace and to move on quickly for Vision 2027.

A heartfelt message of congratulations was given by EUME Regional Vice Presidents Bogdan and Yoshiko Pammer.

After the cake cutting, there was an auspicious ritual by which all present prayed for the future national leader couple and invited Heaven in future decisions.



In attendance were 130 people who came from different parts of Italy and about 110 connections on Zoom.

A day filled with hope and desire to all march together under our beloved True Parents.





■ Blessing ceremony in the city of Vò (Padua)



■ Blessing ceremony in Lamosano (Belluno)

## Interfaith Blessing Ceremony

On 5th June 2022, in the city of Vò (Padua), twelve couples received the blessing officiated by different faiths' representatives. After the holy wine and holy water a prayer of benediction was offered by all religious faiths. All couples received a certificate and commemorative couples' photo under the FFWPU's banner.

On 14th August 2022, a blessing ceremony was held in Lamosano (Belluno), nine couples received the blessing.



■ 20th Meeting:  
"Women of God in History"



■ 21st Meeting:  
"Love and Devotion, Emotion and Practice"



■ 22nd Meeting:  
"Love, Service and Humility"

## HPHC Meetings

Since holding the first Heavenly Parent's Holy Community meeting in January 2021, once a month we have consistently gathered leaders of various faiths, such as: the Bahá'í Faith, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, the Franciscans, the Comboni Missionaries, Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals, and many more, focusing every time on a different topic, such as faith, service, environment, age of woman. Realizing at the end we are all working for the same purpose and bring people closer to God.

Our last meeting (22nd edition) in person was on 16th October 2022 on the theme: "Love, Service, Humility".





# PORTUGAL

By Sergio Vieira and Sergio Neto



## UPF Partners with Estoril Conferences

UPF had the honor to be included among the partners at the seventh edition of Estoril Conferences 2022. The event was hosted by Nova SBE together with the Municipality of Cascais and the National Tourism Authority.

UPF-Portugal initiated a cooperative relationship with Estoril Conferences which led to a memorandum of understanding in which UPF would become an institutional partner. This agreement allowed UPF to participate in this year's program.

"Rebalancing Our World: A Call to the Purpose Generation" was the general topic of this year's edition, whose three sessions were titled "For Planet," "For People," and "For Peace."

More than 4,000 people participated in the event, at the Nova School of Business and Economics as well as online, with some high level VVIPs, as H.E. Roberta Metsola, the president of the European Parliament.

UPF is thankful for the opportunity to partner with such an important platform, working together "as changemakers for concrete solutions to a turning point to open a new era."



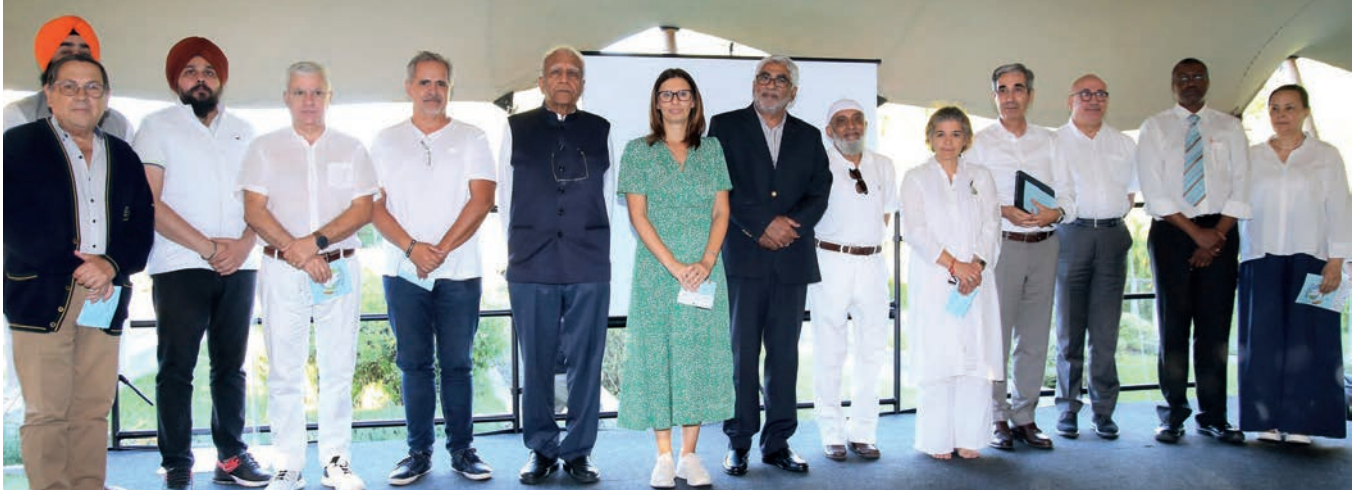
UPF PORTUGAL SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH "ESTORIL CONFERENCES", AN INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL DIALOGUE TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD LED BY NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Left to right: Sergio Neto, president, FFWPU-Portugal; Moreno Berto, vice president, UPF-Portugal; Dr. Sergio Vieira, president, UPF-Portugal; Professor Helena Agueda Marujo; Professor Nuno Emanuel André; Maria Gabriella Mieli, coordinator, UPF Southern Europe; Marta Maria Carvalho Rodrigues, president, WFWP-Portugal; Dr. Margarida Frazao, president of Together Without Borders; Ana Paula Silva, secretary of the UPF-Portugal Board

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## Interfaith Week

The Odivelas City Hall decided to invite UPF (as an NGO of Interfaith scope), to participate in the Week of Interfaith Harmony and Intercultural Dialogue being held from 10 to 15 October 2022. The program included Temple Visits, Cultural events and Concerts, and a Gastronomic and Cultural Fair.

On the 2nd day, a delegation came to visit our Peace Embassy, where we were able not only to present UPF but also about the history of our movement and its founders, including our global activities, our multifaceted approach, in the religious and spiritual spheres.

We equally participated in the visits to some of the religious communities, and had rich encounters.

This significant event had as one of its highlights the presentation of the Charter of Religions and the final highlight was the “Prayer for Peace” that brought together various denominational spheres to communicate their message of Peace.

The Councilor of the Municipality of Odivelas, Susana Santos, thanked the presence of the religious entities and stressed the importance of this fraternal union. Thanks for this valuable opportunity!

■ Left to right:  
representatives of the Roman Catholic Apostolic Community; the Sikh Community of Portugal; the Bahai Community; the Evangelical Community (International Ministry Kairós); the Hindu Community; Councilor of the Municipality of Odivelas; the Islamic Community of Odivelas; the Brahma Kumaris - Academy for a better world; the Adventist Community (7-Day Adventist Church of Odivelas); the Mormons Community, the Universal Peace Federation

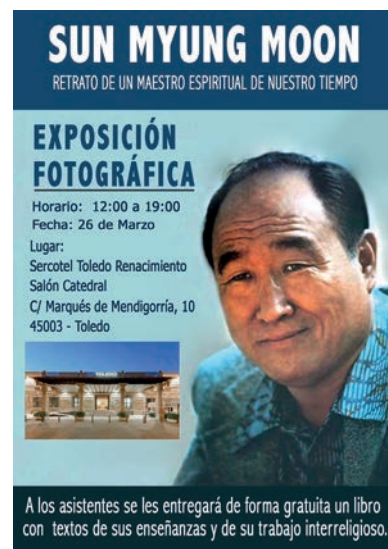


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Offering both Father and Mother Moon's autobiographies to the Odivelas Councilor for Equality and Citizenship of the Municipality of Odivelas, Susana Santos



# SPAIN

By Maryvonne Jamois  
President, FFWPU Spain



## Centenary Exhibition in Toledo and Ciudad Real

When True Parents came to Spain on April 26th, 2011, after few hours of HDH in the morning, they went to visit Toledo before the speech in the evening. Toledo is a beautiful city one hour from Madrid, known as the "City of the Three Cultures" for the cultural influences of Christians, Muslims and Jews reflected in its history.



True Parents' visit to Toledo, April 2011

That's why we thought to bring the centenary exhibition to this city. We rented a beautiful hotel, which hosted many years ago, a meeting with PWPA. It took place on March 26th and we had a few guests visiting it.

Then on June 8th, we went to Ciudad Real, a city where we have one blessed family living. The program was indeed ambitious, as we wanted to hold the Exhibition, combined with a Divine Principle lecture.

We rented a Hotel room and created two different posters, one for the Centenary and another for the lecture. Prayers and devotions from the Community were important as well.

The atmosphere through the whole event was high and the unity of the members reminded us of the old days when we did things together as a family. A total of 21 completely new people came. This result was completely beyond our present foundation in this city, and indeed miracles do happen!

We could witness firsthand the help of Heaven, as one day before I received a telephone call from a man that saw the poster in the city. He told me about his meditation group and if I wanted to be included on their listing. Some of this group's members came to the event. Once we put our trust in HP, the response and the help from Heaven are overwhelming.







## Conference on Nature and Spirituality

*By Armando Lozano, UPF Spain*

On 10 and 11 September, we hosted in our Peace Embassy in Madrid an interreligious congress on the topic of Nature and Spirituality: how world religions face global change.

The content of the congress was based on a book published earlier this year under the same title; which is going to be translated in other languages and cities. In this book, eleven prominent representatives from nine different religions give their insights; one of the authors being Armando Lozano, UPF director of Spain, representing the Unificationist tradition. He spoke on Sun Myung Moon's understanding of the role of nature in human existence.

It was meaningful to have a diverse audience of 50 participants listening gently and attentively about True Father, along with representatives of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and the Bahá'í Faith.







[www.youtube.com/@FederaciondeFamilias](http://www.youtube.com/@FederaciondeFamilias)

## Our YouTube channels

Due to the fact that in time of COVID, the face-to-face audience for our Divine Principle conferences has been reduced, we decided to create a channel to spread the message.

The themes are Divine Principle, or similar, in Spanish and Catalan. We have different flyers to promote the channel, and new people have subscribed to the channel.

We also have a youth channel, Unificacionismo Joven featuring presentations for young people, including the entire Divine Principle, by a young lecturer.

[www.youtube.com/user/UnificacionismoJoven](http://www.youtube.com/user/UnificacionismoJoven)

## A Podcast of Unificationist Conversations

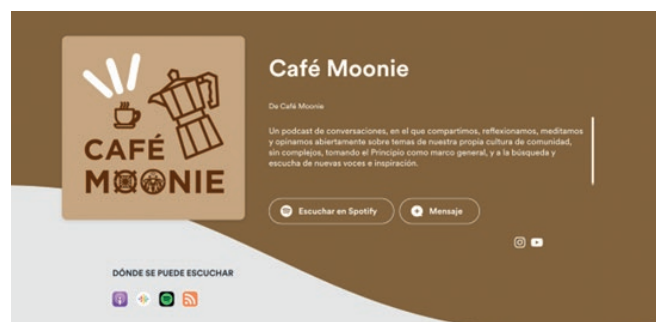
“Café Moonie” is a second-generation podcast initiative which defines itself as “a listening space in which we give voice to the topics that concern us, in order to find inspiration for the present and the future of our community”. The title recalls a friendly conversation over a coffee table, which points out the kind of atmosphere that we want to re-create, which at the same time doesn’t make the topics we cover any less serious or profound.

Its purpose is to serve as a tool for connecting a wider variety of reflections on our collective experience on what has become more and more visible throughout the years in the Unification community in general, and within the experiences of second generation in particular, which do not find that often spaces to share their opinions and reflections in the context of a public conversation.

Throughout the seven episodes we have published so far, we had a wide spectrum of perspectives, ranging from second generation who we lost contact for a decade to people who are active today in our community, as well as an inter-generational couple, or people who reconnected at some points in their lives. We dealt with topics such as leaving the church, feminism, transcending guilt, our spiritual inheritance, or exploring what are the different approaches to the concept of True Parents.

The project was very well received, not only in our community in Spain, but also having been listened throughout other spanish-speaking countries throughout the world. We believe it expresses the necessity within our

unificationist communities of being able to share what are our real experiences, personal reflections, expressing our questions and uncertainties. By bringing to the public space our collective learning processes we believe we can also raise the level of our conversation in what we consider are the hardest topics our communities face.



The podcast has had an amount of 887 plays from June 28th until December 7th, from 28 countries, 66% from Spain, 9% from Argentina, 7% from USA, and 3% from UK.

We hope this platform as a long term space for our community as well as those who, despite not being active in the community are related to it because of family and spiritual bonds – to engage and connect across different generational and spiritual spectrum in ways that are both kind and challenging, sincere and honest, so that we can all learn from each other no matter where we are in our spiritual path.

[“Café Moonie” on Spotify](#)



# MALTA

## Making Friends, Winning Hearts

By Bryan and Myrabelle Corlett



As one of Europe's smaller nations, with not a large active membership, we find that our "Mission" is to go where we are needed. In this way we support other organizations by actively working with them. In a sense we become "Busy Bodies" as we go from one activity to another, making friends and winning hearts and minds as we go.



### ■ APPROACHING OUR GOVERNMENT

Dr Mark Brann visited Malta, we could introduce him to the Speaker of the House through our Ambassador for Peace Joseph Debono Grech.



### ■ SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY OF THE BLIND

One member Anthony Custo and an Ambassador for Peace Mr Noel Farrugia worked together on a project for the Blind as an NGO "Visual & Non visual" arts project.



### ■ SUPPORTING CATHOLIC MISSION

We actively participated in a phone line fundraising event supporting Catholic global mission work.



### ■ SUPPORTING RELIEF PROJECTS

Working together with Mission Gambia founder Mrs Anna Caruana awarding her the AfP.



### ■ INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

We participated in an interfaith meeting organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

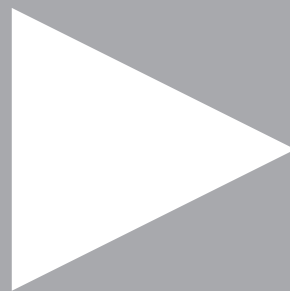




■ Cutting the ribbon to open the Afghan Cultural Center and Library in New Delhi, India



# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGION**





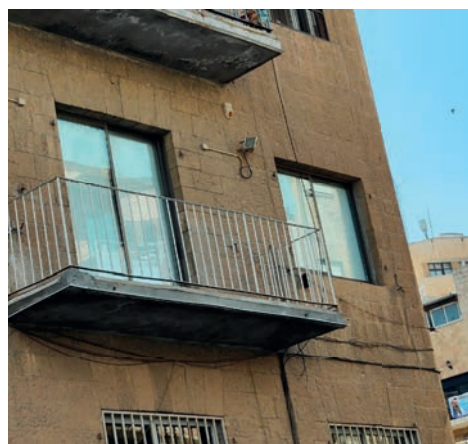
# ISRAEL

By Luke and Liel Weiler-Hill

## HJ Peace Embassy, Outreach, and CheonBo



■ The HJ CheonBo organizing team poses for a photo under olive trees at the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem



■ Our new Peace Embassy in Jerusalem

This year was a challenging but exciting time in Israel. We have been able to progress a lot, thanks to the support of the region. During the month of August, we were able to provide a public space that we named the HJ Peace Embassy. This was to keep in line with the providential naming scheme of this time. Thanks to this public space we could ramp up our activities in different areas, allowing for growth and development. It also provided a base for all meetings, Saturday gatherings, VIP meetings, workshops, and recently a witnessing center with missionaries whose goal is to revive the community.

At the beginning of November, we were blessed to host a Cheon Il Guk missionary team from the United States. Five young volunteers came with high spirits to help our nation and community to revive and allow us to connect with new contacts and members. Every week, the peace embassy is holding and conducts various cultural events, game nights, CARP talks, Divine Principle lectures, and workshops.



■ Volunteers from the USA support outreach activities.

Our new Jerusalem Peace Embassy offers room for various purposes.







Israel hosted a special event during the HJ CheonBo 2022 Middle East tour. We are happy that friends from other faith communities participated.



## Spiritual Activities

After meeting True Mother last April, there was an overwhelming urge to create vigil night prayers in the nation. Currently, our community has been able to conduct two conditions of 40 days, this consisted of 3 hours of prayers every day from the hours of 22:00 pm and 01:00 am. This could help with the mobilization of the Cheongshim Won and the spirit world. Giving rise to spiritual support for our activities.

On the 25-26 of November, to continue to create a stronger spiritual base in the nation, the CheonBo team came and led a special workshop; this event was held in the HJ Peace Embassy with 56 participants from the nation and many more via the live broadcast. This gave immense spiritual power and significance to the nation and many participants expressed their experience of feeling Jesus' presence; this gave rise to a feeling of support and hope for the coming future of the nation.



# TURKEY

By Binod Paudel

## Expanding the Work of the Universal Peace Federation



Peace-loving Turkish citizens were encouraged to work together with UPF for the benefit of their nation and the world. A half-day UPF conference held at the Grand Cevahir Hotel on September 24, 2022, aimed at identifying key areas of interest in which UPF can cooperate with local citizens.

A total of twenty participants gathered for the afternoon program, including people with considerable experience in business and economy, education and other areas of civil society.

After an introduction to UPF, its structure, programs and projects, three smaller groups were formed, dealing with economy, education and immigration/refugees.

Each group enjoyed a lively discussion, the results of which will be used to identify which field to begin with when it comes to follow-up. UPF Turkey plans to build on this beginning to develop a series of informal discussions involving UPF friends and Ambassadors for Peace.



### Meeting the Former Prime Minister

UPF Turkey met the Former Prime Minister H.E. Ahmet Davutoglu in his Istanbul office. He gave his speech for the World Summit 2022 in front of a green screen.



### Spiritual Grace through HJ CheonBo Events

FFWPU Turkey hosted a 2-day CheonBo Education program in November, supported by HJ CheonBo EUME Branch staff. Participants received amazing grace. Spiritual revival workshops can provide more hope and good spiritual life for members.



# JORDAN

By Fusayo Irikura

## WFWP Jordan Benefits from the Peace Garden Cooperative Project



WFWP Jordan representatives recently were the recipients of a cooperative project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (ICO) and organized by Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), an Italian NGO, and the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, a local NGO chaired by Queen Noor of Jordan. With COOPI focusing on character education and the Noor Al Hussein Foundation focusing on academic education, the joint project aimed to serve children living in impoverished areas of Jordan and took place at WFWP Jordan's garden.

As part of the project, each student identified the needs in their community and then what they could do to meet those needs. Afterwards, each student made a presentation on what they came up with. One 15 year old girl who had never gone

to school could not read or write Arabic. However, she wanted to try to make a presentation and she did. She had been so nervous but when she was done, she became extremely happy as she had never made such an achievement before and so for her it was such a special experience.

Next, all the students were divided into groups in order to discuss a specific project before all students decided on one project that they could implement on the ground together.

What they decided to do was to create a Peace Garden at the WFWP garden! The WFWP garden had a playground and other equipment but many pieces were old, in disrepair and dirty. Students cleaned all the walls and painted beautiful images and COOPI gave WFWP new swings for the garden. Their efforts truly

transformed the space into a Peace Garden, or even a Dream Garden.

After that, the children cleaned the community by placing new garbage containers all around the neighborhood. Knowing that this was an initiative of the children was greatly moving.

WFWP Jordan was grateful for this ICO, COOPI and the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, and for the excitement and satisfaction expressed on the children's faces. Our community's children have not experienced such great opportunities, they do not know what abilities they have and so it brought joy to all to see them feel the happiness and confidence that came as a result of them being able to achieve and succeed in their vision of creating a Peace Garden at the WFWP garden.



# AFGHANISTAN

By Marilyn Angelucci

## WFWP Afghan Cultural Center and Library Opens in New Delhi, India



On Oct 18th, WFWP Afghanistan with the support of both WFWP International and WFWP Japan was able to inaugurate the WFWP Afghan Cultural Center and Library for the forgotten girls of Afghanistan that are now living in New Delhi as refugees. There are very few programs for the Afghan Refugees in New Delhi, so the Afghan Embassy was very supportive and grateful for the work we are doing. The Second Secretary of the Afghan Embassy to India expressed her gratitude at the opening ceremony.

The program welcomed about 40 women and young girls as well as the President of WFWP Afghanistan (online) and the FFWPU Regional President who both gave welcoming remarks. Mrs. Etsuko Yamanoi as the Project Manager and Sania Feda Taj as the Center Manager dedicated many months to establish this place for the Afghan women. Also Mrs. Yamanoi's daughter, a university

student, came with her mother as a volunteer and will stay in India for six months to support this project. We are so grateful for their dedication and devotion to this work. The Opening Ceremony served as a moment of reflection, determination, and celebration.

For the last two years WFWP Afghanistan has given scholarships to worthy Afghan women for Sewing and Design classes. After graduation they can support themselves or their families in some way. Based on this success we decided to expand this work through this Cultural Center and Library. The WFWP Afghan Cultural Center and Library is a program that will include sewing classes, English classes, Character Education and Computer classes in the future. We have also established a Library with the support of WFWP International for the women to use freely and be able to research their hobbies and interests in a safe and comfortable environment.

In the Afghan Refugee neighborhoods, the women cannot find a place to meet or to gain skills and techniques to improve their lives. So, this center especially dedicated to women is a welcome refuge for the women.



This is a place they can not only learn new ideas and skills but also be able to socialize with their fellow Afghan women and make a network of like-minded women. This will be a base on which we can do many more activities for the women to empower them and prepare them to participate in their community as peace makers.



## Cheon Il Guk Volunteers in the Middle East





# LEBANON

By Sarah Ahmed Pereira  
and Jong-in Park



■ Character Education and Leadership training graduation ceremony in Bourj Hammoud

## Hyojeong CheonBo Special Seminar in Lebanon

On November 20, 2022, we welcomed the EUME CheonBo team in Lebanon in order to hold a Hyojeong CheonBo Special Seminar.

The event was a great success as 44 people could attend, as well as two Druze leaders and a Muslim Sheikh with his wife. Mr. Tibor's lectures were very inspiring and truly could touch the heart of the people. He could really give the essence of True Parents' teachings and explain very clearly the CheonBo providence. Hence, he could convey True Parents' deep heart to them.

We are very grateful for the coming of the CheonBo team. They visited some families to get to know them better. We were touched by the heart with which they embraced the people. At the CheonBo event, the participants were open to accept the Chanyang Yeoksa and could connect to the internal world. Many expressed their joy to attend again such a seminar.

We thank Heavenly Parent and True Mother for sending the Cheonbo Team to our nation. They could bring many blessings, therefore we can go now to a higher level and overcome many barriers.



### PRECIOUS GRACE OF GOD

With a grateful heart, we will advance to bring a change in our country and give the blessing to our people.



## IAYSP Lebanon Activities

This year IAYSP Lebanon was kick-started with a celebration of the UN International Youth Day on August 12, at the HJ Center, in Dekwaneh.

Through the event, five youth agreed to become committee members of IAYSP Lebanon. Through this five youth and the support of UPF Lebanon and FFWPU Lebanon, they could meet and connect with key people, schools and organizations and organize an event on UN International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on September 17th.

The event showcased the ecologically sustainable city of Anjar, which houses a large project for reforestation and management of their natural resources.



This inspired the youth to participate in a training program in October, where they received the Character Education and Leadership training, where nine of them received the Youth Ambassador for Peace certificate. The following month, the team was able to give the Character Education and Leadership lectures to a school in Bourj Hammoud, where 83 high school students attended and graduated the program with an essay competition and receiving the Youth Ambassador for Peace certificate.



■ Trip to the sustainable city of Anjar celebrating the UN International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer

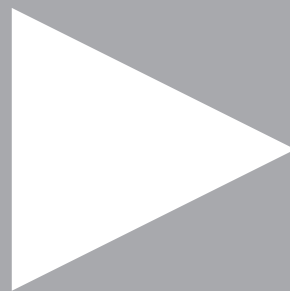


Joint summer family camp of Polish and Ukrainian families





# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CENTRAL REGION**





# GERMANY

By Hildegard Piepenburg



## Pentecost Festival



After a break of two years it was high time again for a Pentecost meeting in our beautiful Neumühle. In spite of very short-term planning, we managed to put together a weekend that offered a program for young and old. One of the highlights for the youngsters was the sports tournament. The entire Saturday morning was spent fighting for the winning titles in soccer, volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee, from which Giessen emerged as the winner in all three competitions this year.

Starting in the afternoon, various presentations and performances ran in the main hall, including reports from UPF, Family Federation, and a short lecture on biographical writing. The youth panel discussion was received as particularly emotional, focusing on the importance and future of our movement. There was a follow-up to this the following day: the Youth Assembly. On this occasion, various questions were discussed with the young adults of our movement in order to better understand how they feel within the movement and what potential they see in themselves and the movement.

One of the highlights was the Spirit Festival on Saturday evening. It was an opportunity for worship with our InTune band leading us, supported by Pastor Phillip and Ingrid. There was an incredible vibe and atmosphere as we sang and danced together. The whole thing was rounded off by praying at the Holy Ground with candlelight. Afterwards there were mocktails and music to celebrate together into the night.

A children's program was also provided. On the playground there were several stations where children could collect stamps and make their own ice cream. Ulrich Ganz offered this year again to do pottery, so his station was also accessible to everyone to create their own cup.

With the Pentecost service the beautiful weekend ended. Dr. and Mrs. Balcomb, Dr. Dieter Schmidt and Nicole La Hogue gave three short sermons to remind us of the essentials of Pentecost. Together, the sermons, the music, and the presence of all our brothers and sisters brought a beautiful Pentecostal spirit.





## Peace Road at the Border Triangle Austria, Czech Republic, and Germany

On June 25, some 200 representatives of Austria, the Czech Republic, and Germany held their second international Peace Road event of meeting at a hilltop border triangle - with a special delegation of 10 from South Korea.

On their way to the top of the 1,330-meter Three Country Corner, the participants experienced rain and thick fog when they set off. The closer they got to the top, however, the drier and brighter the weather became.

During the program of almost one hour, representatives of UPF, the Women's Federation, the Association of All Koreans

Living in Europe, a mayor from Austria and a former mayor of Incheon, Korea, expressed their hope for a peaceful unification on the Korean peninsula and peace in Eastern Europe. Each speaker addressed a different aspect of peace, including living together, reconciliation and forgiveness, and peaceful coexistence.

A beautiful flag ceremony and music performances added to the special atmosphere that touched the hearts of all, and especially moved the Korean guests. One of them wrote a report about the event which was published in the Incheon Ilbo newspaper.

### PEACE ACTIVISTS

from Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic approached the border triangle from their respective countries, walking uphill for up to 3 hours.



### KANDO PUBLISHERS AT THE FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR

Presentation of many publications and a live peace talk in our 12m² KANDO booth at the largest book fair of the world in Frankfurt



# AUSTRIA

By Elisabeth Cook

## Benefiting from the Spirit of Two Missionary Teams

### EMP – European Mission Program

One highlight of the Family Federation's activities this year was the support of two witnessing teams. A team of four young participants of the newly launched European Missionary Program stayed from 27th of May to the beginning of July. They were supported by Michael and Nicole LaHogue and the local community of Vienna. Through their daily activities they could contact many young people, and they could learn how to give lectures and organise workshops and other events for them. They became a source of inspiration for the members of the community, young and old. Presently we are preparing two guests of their team for a 7-day Divine Principle workshop.

### GMP – Global Mission Program

Another witnessing team was sent by the GMP (Global Mission Program) from Korea. For the four young Japanese missionaries it was the first experience working in a European country. They were supported by the local CARP and other youth from Vienna, and during their stay they practised to teach the Divine Principle in English language to their guests and friends. Mrs. Martine Masner, Director of the European Witnessing Department, supported them by visiting and sharing her experiences with them.

The team stayed for five months in Vienna. Before they left on 18th of January, they gave their testimonies at the Sunday Service and by sharing their heart, they moved many to tears.

In summary we can say that the presence of witnessing teams inspired the local members to contact guests and friends and to bring them to Divine Principle lectures and workshops. As a result we can send two couples to the 7-day Divine Principle workshop.



■ EMP during street activities, and their graduation ceremony after three months of missionary work



■ The GMP members sharing with Austrian youth, and out witnessing on the streets of Vienna





## 40<sup>th</sup> Blessing Anniversary

The majority of the families belonging to the Family Federation of Austria participated in the Blessing ceremony hosted by Father and Mother Moon in 1982. Thus the year 2022 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this memorable event. In order to celebrate, 40 families gathered on 3rd of September for a cruise on the river Danube.

After the boat trip around Vienna, a restaurant on the banks of the Danube provided the appropriate ambience for the anniversary celebration, which was also attended by family members of the couples, children, grand-

children and friends. The programme of the celebration included touching testimonies, music and stories from jubilarians.

The 1982 Blessing of the 6000 couples was designated by True Parents for establishing of world peace, especially because many international couples emerged from this Blessing.

One couple expressed the meaning of the blessing by saying, "God has become a parent to me and True Parents are the roots of my lineage and family. The blessing is the opening into a world of infinity".



### ■ UPF

International UPF Conference on 11th November at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna: "Western Balkans and European Union Relations: Challenges and Perspectives". Organised by UPF-Europe & Middle East, UPF Austria and the Podgorica Club of former heads of state of the Balkans (150 participants).



### ■ WFWP

Members of the Women's Federation and guests from the three neighbouring countries Austria, Slovakia and Hungary met in Vienna as a follow-up to the sisterhood ceremony conducted earlier in 2022 in Slovakia.



# UKRAINE

By Anna Kalmatskaya

## Youth Activity

Despite the war situation, we kept witnessing during the year, both online and offline. Thanks to the support of the EUME office and the Polish Movement, we could bring a team of our young members to Poland, where they have been staying and actively witnessing, and holding regular DP programs, as well as actionizing programs. About 40 people listened to 2-day and 3-day Divine Principle workshops during the year, and 10 people to 7-day workshops.

Five new members were joining our community in the Lviv region for actionizing programs during the year. Together with our members and youth they were volunteering in the local center for internally displaced people, weaving nets for the army in the local school, baking donuts, and selling them at the local market to transfer 20% of their results for charity.

And on 25 November we opened a witnessing center in Lviv City, where young members do street witnessing and bring guests despite the blackouts.

## True Mother's Memoir *Matir Miru* Released in Ukrainian

In May we could publish True Mother's autobiography, the translation of which into Ukrainian language we managed to finish before the start of the war.

## UPF

UPF Ukraine organized weekly activities with outside volunteers who joined UPF during the war. Volunteers took part in different trainings



and helped with the distribution of humanitarian aid.

On 20 September the 9th Congress of Junior Ambassadors for Peace took place with the theme of the International Day of Peace 2022 "End racism. Build peace." 90 school students took part in the event. 60 of them gathered at school 85 in Kyiv City, and 30 students joined online from different countries where they had to move because of the war. The participants shared the reports on their peaceful activity during the war and held the campaign "I give my vote for peace".

## WFWP Activity

WFWP-Ukraine's focus was giving various help to internally displaced people and refugees, as well as the defenders of Ukraine.

The largest humanitarian action was in cooperation with the Polish Tratva Foundation for Ukraine and the Kyiv-Sviatoshyn Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of the Population. More than one thousand Ukrainian families in need, including women and children in the de-occupied territories, received: hygiene products, diapers and cleaning products.







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## PHOTOS

- 1 Seven-day Divine Principle workshop in Lviv region
- 2 First aid training for civilians during wartime by UPF
- 3 True Mother's memoir Ukrainian edition
- 4 Ukrainian youth in Poland planning witnessing activities
- 5 WFWP humanitarian project
- 6 WFWP project with Polish Tratva Foundation for Ukraine
- 7 UPF Peace Congress



# HUNGARY

By Zsuzsanna Klimesné Bakonyi



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## Highlight Activities 2022

This year 2022 in Hungary was the year of restart especially concerning our UPF activities. The concept of the newly inaugurated UPF team is to work together with WFWP and YSP and to involve youth as co-organisers of the events.

On 16 October UPF, WFWP and YSP jointly organized a program commemorating the 10th anniversary of the ascension of our True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The event took place in the Peace Embassy of Budapest with 40 participants, Ambassadors for Peace, family members and youth altogether.

The program started with flower offering, then the representatives of the three organizations presented their goals and activities. Mrs. Julianna Szabados, journalist, UPF Ambassador of Peace shared about her experiences during UPF-organized programs in Israel (MEPI) and in South Korea a few years ago.

## PHOTOS

1 Chamber music by "Doctor Musicians" at the commemoration of True Father's 10<sup>th</sup> Seonghwa Anniversary in Budapest, 16th of October, 2022

2 Virágh Tímea (WFWP) and Olivér Bajor (YSP) are the Masters of Ceremony

3 Dr. Polls Mouner, AfP and Erzsébet Tomka Sturmné, UPF President of Hungary





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## PHOTOS

4 Performance of the guitar singers of the "Zenede" music school at the Ethical Media conference in Budapest, 2nd of december, 2022

5 Dr. Gábor Rékay Ambassador for Peace, panelist (Ethical Media conference)

6 Marek Skrodzki (UPF Hungary) lectures at the Ethical Media conference

Two ensembles presented their musical program, "Kási and friends", led by our brother from Pécs performed improvisations, while the "Medical Doctor Musicians" (the musicians are all practicing physicians) trio entertained the audience with classical music pieces.

After the event our Ambassadors for Peace, friends, members, young and older, could share their thoughts while enjoying the refreshments.

Both guests and members expressed their appreciation for the commemoration and their hopes in working together in the future.

## Conference "Ethical Media"

The next event with a similar setup, this time a WFWP & UPF cooperation, on the 3rd of December, was the conference on "Ethical media" and it served as the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the *Washington Times*. We had a young emcee who introduced the five speakers,

three of them Ambassadors of Peace and all experts on the field of media. All of them expressed their respect towards True Parents' accomplishments in creating a world based on universal values. Besides the speakers present at the event, we had the privilege to listen to Dr. Thomas McDevitt, president of the *Washington Times*, who sent a video message in which he summarized the role and mission of the newspaper.

The atmosphere was bright and the questions addressed to the speakers and their answers pointed out even more the urgency of creating an ethical media.

One of our Ambassadors for Peace, who has a musical school, sent three of her students, who gave a very moving musical performance that gave an angelic touch to the whole event.

Thank you, our Heavenly Parent! Thank you, True Parents!



# SLOVAKIA

## Top Level Human Rights Event in Bratislava

By Barbara Grabner

End of November UPF president Miloš Klas was asked to hold a conference to support the Human Rights Day 2022. To enlist support, he and his wife Barbara met the top-politician Ján Figel' who wanted to hold the same day a similar event and suggested to merge our conferences. The symposium "Religious Freedom: The Human Right under Attack" was organized by UPF Slovakia with the support of WFWP, and co-hosted by the International Center for Law and Religious Studies in Utah, and zoomed to other countries.

On 9 December, an international audience gathered in the prestigious Devin Hotel. The first speaker was Hon. Ján Figel' explaining that violations of human rights are rooted in the disrespect for human dignity. That was his impetus to boost the *Punta del Este Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere*.

Prof. Mark Hill KC praised the organizers for putting up such a meaningful meeting. He remarked that the Human Rights Declaration has its limits; in former colonies it is seen as a European invention whereas human dignity is beyond political agenda. Prof. Brett G. Scharffs regretted that "the human rights debate often ends as a discussion over your rights versus our rights. The topic of human dignity opens doors which otherwise are closed."



Ms. Hulda Fahmi joined via zoom from Sweden outlining the discriminating apostasy and blasphemy laws for Muslims. Dr. Afsar Rathor, formerly working with the UNIDO shared some of his life experiences and quoted passages about dignity in the holy scriptures.

From Prague zoomed in Dr. Roman Joch, an accomplished conservative writer. He emphasized that religions benefit people, that they are a valuable tool of crime prevention. The political scientist Dr. Antonio Stango meets prisoners of conscience all over the world. He said that today religious freedom indeed is under attack.

Peter Zoehrer (IMAP coordinator) said, that the media should promote religious freedom but often fail to do so: "All over Europe one finds rarely media reports on religious discrimination." He quoted several current examples. FOREF president Dr. Aaron Rhodes addressing hate speech said, "To implement laws to prohibit hate speech can be misused easily for political reasons. First, who decides what hate speech is?"

A video produced by *The Washington Times* about persecution of believers, especially of our members in Japan was shown. Jacques Marion, co-chair of UPF Europe made the concluding remarks: "Even in countries where communists and humanists are not the majority, they force the state to take measures hardly compatible with democratic tradition."

Some prominent guests were the representative of the Holy See (Nuncio) in Slovakia and the British ambassador. The hospitality team headed by Ľubica Magnússon provided perfect care for all participants.



■  
Miriam Kaiser Trio





■  
Dr. Afsar Rathor



■  
Human rights  
experts and UPF  
representatives  
from Europe



■  
Dr. Dieter Schmidt



■  
Dr. Ewelina Ochab, Hon. Ján Figeľ, Prof. Mark Hill



# CZECH REPUBLIC

By Eva Pejkořski

## Youth Educational Program



From October to December of 2022, HPHC Czech Republic held its first season of Youth Educational Program. The aim was to reach young adults, both first and second generation members, offer them guidance in their life of faith and a safe space within the same age generation to search and ask without being judged or influenced by the “outside world”. The overall goal of the program is to prepare a way for the new generation to take ownership for our community in the near future.

15 young people, 5 from Korea and Austria and 10 from Czechia, determined to join the nine-week program which consisted of a weekly session, trip to discover the roots of our Czech movement, vigil prayer, one on one guidance with the national president couple and a lot of space for Q&A throughout the whole program.



Czech national president Eva Pejkořski and all the guest lecturers helped the participants to explore the broad area of life of faith both, in theory and practice without having to interrupt their studies and work.



# SLOVENIA

By Kristian Irgl

## CARP Event: “Happiness and Success! How?”



“Sreča in Uspeh! Kako?” - Happiness and Success! How? was the title of a well prepared CARP event at the Student Campus of Ljubljana, Slovenia on the evening of 27th of October. Around 40 students came to listen to a lecture combining essentials of the Divine Principle and economic and financial aspects in daily life, meticulously prepared by our Second Generation members in Slovenia, moderated by Kristian and Julia Irgl, and Oliver Majer. Aleš Bratkovič was the presenter of this lively lecture. In his passionate explanations with Power Point

and accompanying videos he was instilling a positive outlook on life based on a deeper understanding of God. The lecture was followed by an intense Q & A session. In the second half of the evening everybody could taste the richness of Korean food, prepared by Sun Woo Irgl who also gave an explanation about Korean food and the dishes she had prepared. So everybody enjoyed eating and exchanging thoughts in smaller groups until late in the evening. This event will be followed by many more to come in the future.



# SWITZERLAND

By Radomir Stantchev



## A Year of Blessings

The highlight of the year must be the Ceremony held on the 16th April in Geneva, where six young couples received the Cosmic Blessing. Couples from France, Italy and Switzerland joined with their families and friends to celebrate this joyous, special occasion.

In January we opened the Cheon Shim Won Prayer Hall in our Peace Embassy in Lausanne, where we were grateful for the opportunity to have a deeper connection with the spirit of Cheong Pyeong.

In February and March FFWPU and IAYSP Switzerland hosted The Marriage Course for couples in Switzerland and across our region. Couples learned how to improve their relationship in eight deep, fun, yet challenging sessions.

During the year, several youth gatherings and events took place across the country, helping young members to connect and to develop the feeling of being a community.

Quarterly Peace Ambassador Trainings took place in a hybrid fashion, where our contacts were educated in the Divine Principle content presented from the perspective of UPF. Many participants received the Ambassador for Peace Certificate.

In Geneva, we held three evenings of public film projection, “All of us” that testified about people who overcame the trauma of past conflicts. The event drew an audience of 15 participants (including 5 guests). UPF Geneva was one of the 430 partners that organised a public film screening in one of 430 locations in French speaking cities.

Bienne hosted an Africa Day event, where experts in the field of European-African relations discussed the theme of “How to Prevent Forced Migration”.

This year we had two Peace Road events- a 36km ride along the Rhine River in the German part and a 70km ride from our Peace Embassy in Lausanne to the UN in Geneva. Further we had a Peace Walk to Flüeli Ranft, the home of Bruder Klaus- a great Saint of our Country.

UPF Ticino organised three editions of the Peace Cup, one in Switzerland, one in Italy and one in Korca, Albania. As a fair-play tournament, the winner of the Peace Cup was the team who showed the most kindness and respect toward the others.



■ Our new Cheonshim Won Prayer Room in Lausanne



■ Peace Road event Zurich



■ Ambassador for Peace training



■ Youth gathering near Lake Geneva



# POLAND

By Christoph and Martha Kral

## Supporting Refugees from Ukraine



Women's Federation Poland and Ukraine organised a joint event in Warsaw

The year 2022 was a very dramatic year for Poland. A year like a mother, being in labour to give birth to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. A year which began with Russia invading the Ukraine. Poland as the direct neighbour country was deeply affected by it, in and outside of our movement.

The Ukrainian FFWPU sent a witnessing team of young brothers and sisters prior to the 24th February (start of the Russian invasion) to Poland, which we are hosting in our Peace Embassy in Warsaw together with other refugees, blessed mothers with children, as well as whole families who found a place to stay within blessed families. We helped with transportation, food and shelter as well as to resolve their legal status in Poland.

We are grateful for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters staying in Poland. We pray together with them for their families left back in the Ukraine and for the freedom of their nation.

This year also was a year where several of our Second Generation received the Blessing in our Training Centre and a year, when the HPHC widened and stretched her wings by brothers and sisters being active, organizing meetings of blessed sisters as WFWP, mountain hiking for young people (connecting with Peace Road), HARP workshops and family camps organized by young members, and much more.

We express our outmost gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their love and faith in us.



Ukrainian refugee mothers and children in Warsaw



Ukrainian outreach team working in Poland



Celebrating together the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension in Glanow training center

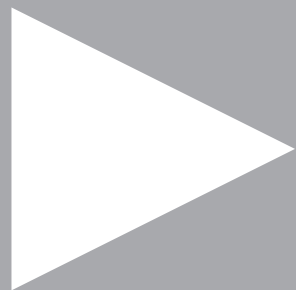




Laying on of hands prayer for Anna and Steven Yap, the new national FFWPU president in the Netherlands



# **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEST REGION**





# FRANCE

By David Perry

## World Scripture Enabling Interreligious Dialogue

In February, UPF-France could offer the French translation of the book *World Scripture* to True Mother. We could also publish the chapters as 24 booklets on the site [www.textes-sacres-du-monde.fr](http://www.textes-sacres-du-monde.fr)

On this base, we organize interfaith meetings once a month, both by Zoom and in person, in different locations. We have an average of 15-20 countries participating by Zoom. Each month, we choose a topic: either the theme of a UN day, or according to the religious calendar. We invite three or four speakers from different religions to comment on a text from their tradition on this theme. We include some entertainment, and we end with a question-and-answer session. The speakers and the participants enjoy the program.

This has helped us to develop partnerships with a few other interreligious associations (such as [uri.org](http://uri.org)).

The overall topic in 2022 was: "LIVING WITH GOD DAILY". In 2023, it will be: "CULTIVATING PEACE DAILY".



### ■ DIALOGUE & ALLIANCE

We now see the huge potential of *World Scripture* to develop our Heavenly Parent's Holy Community!

[www.textes-sacres-du-monde.fr](http://www.textes-sacres-du-monde.fr)



## Young Leaders Take Ownership

2022 was a good year in developing a larger group of young members taking responsibility in different ways.

Dorian Gravrand always ready to participate in various activities, began working with our sub-regional Vice-President Julika LaBrooy and recently began assisting the Paris community leader.





This year, Kenko Wada organized the French team that participated in a football match in London against the British team and also helped in organizing the 40th anniversary celebration for the couples blessed in 1982 with the help of Regis Marion and Felicia Massey.

A highlight of that celebration was a documentary produced by Regis Marion, who interviewed 4 national leader couples, past and present, with questions about the matching, the blessing, advice to young couples, among other subjects.



■  
Gathering of French families to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1982 Blessing ceremony.

We already had some members of the new generation in our leadership structure, Rafael Guignard (Youth Leader), Sam Colleter (Brittany Community Leader) and Victor Rengnez (South Paris Community Leader).

IAYSP has been active under the direction of Miguel Antonio, supported by Cintia Cabral, Grace Kinkela and Dorian Gravrand.

**We move into 2023 with confidence that working together, both generations can move forward toward establishing a culture of heart.**



# BELGIUM

By Hugo Veracx

## Youth Activities



Every month, the youth of Belgium gather together for an event called “Spiritual Fries” which consists of outreach activities, community-based activities and more...



Together with the leaders, the Belgian youth decided to start giving a youth Sunday service twice a month. There were lots of interesting topics like: “community building”, “optimism and how to stay optimistic”, “Blessing testimonies” and more...

## Peace Road



■ Peace Road event at the Belgian-French border. A joint event of Belgium and North France region





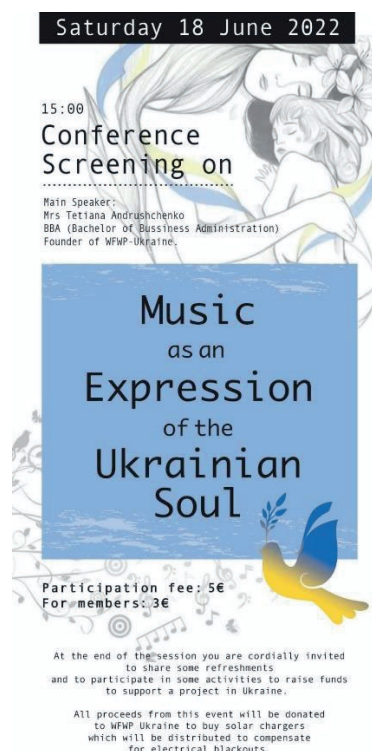
## WFWP Belgium Event “Music as an Expression of the Ukrainian Soul”

It was to a full audience, after more than two years, that WFWP Belgium held its first event on “Music as an Expression of the Ukrainian Soul”. The assembly was very international too hailing from Belgium, Ukraine, France, Italy, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo, Cameroun, Nepal, Japan, USA and Ireland.

Mrs Tetiana Andrushchenko, WFWP founder in Ukraine, took everyone on a lively trip through traditional and present-day Ukrainian music, illustrating the specificity and beauty of Ukrainian musical instruments. In addition, Mrs Bissera Delens, accompanied by her husband on the piano sang a beautiful Ukrainian song making it possible for each one to edge closer in depth to the Ukrainian soul.

Afterward, some recent interpretations of the Ukrainian national anthem were played and there was also a possibility for audience participation as everyone sang another heart-warming song prepared by Mrs Andrushchenko together. She also shared a video of the Ukrainian winning song ‘Stefiana’ at the Eurovision Song Contest 2022. She helped each one to replace the words and the scenes in the context of the current war in Ukraine.

Her conclusion drew a parallel between the creation of the Little Angels Group just after the Korean War and her wish for a similar development towards peace in Ukraine. Afterwards, the guests all enjoyed some refreshments and long sharings on the terrace while also participating in a raffle game to raise money to support people in Ukraine.





# LUXEMBOURG

By Alan and Brigitte Sillitoe

## Luxembourg, Home of the Schengen Agreement



■ The location where the Schengen Agreement was signed



■ 80th Birthday Celebration for Paul Frank

The current situation in Japan reminds us of the difficulties that our movement faced in Europe and, in particular, for many years True Father could not come to Europe because of the so-called “Schengen problem”. But where and what is Schengen?

The Schengen agreement was signed in 1985 on the Princess Marie-Astrid boat on the river Moselle near the town of Schengen, Luxembourg, where the territories of France, Germany and Luxembourg meet. It allows the free movement of people and goods between a certain number of European countries. The downside of this agreement was that when True Father was excluded from France in 1995, this ban was automatically extended to all nations who were signatories of the Schengen agreement.

As a lawyer, who was serving as a judge in Luxembourg, Dr. Paul Frank played a major role in working toward the resolution of this problem, alongside other lawyers within our movement, and it took many years to overcome this unfair exclusion.



### Ongoing interfaith outreach

On the occasion of the annual Thai Buddhist Loy Krathong festival, the Most Venerable Phra Raja Visuddhivides, Abbott of the Wat Thai Dhammaram Buddhist Temple in Waterloo, Belgium, affectionately known as Luang Poh, who is based in Belgium, came to Reisdorf, Luxembourg.

We were grateful for the opportunity to meet and take pictures with him again in person, and invite him to Korea for the opening of the Cheon Won Gung. Luang Poh is in charge of the Thai Buddhist communities in both Belgium and Luxembourg and participated in the interfaith prayer at the Blessing ceremonies in Korea in 2019 and 2020.



### 777 Couples Blessing Anniversary

On October 21, 2022, the National Leaders of Luxembourg initiated a Zoom meeting of 777 Blessing Couples. This was the first such meeting in a long time. Everyone was happy to share with each other in celebration of the 52nd Blessing anniversary. There were four couples present this time and hopefully there will be some more couples next year.



# THE NETHERLANDS

By Anna Becker Yap

## Family Retreat and Change of Leadership



At the end of September, the Dutch members gathered for a family retreat weekend in the beautiful and historic Glory House (Bergen aan Zee).

The younger members brainstormed and discussed the future of our nation. We also enjoyed family activities, for example a walk to the nearby beach.

We also held a joint family worship service during which the inheritance ceremony took place, where Hans and Miekko Campman, after 15 years of service and devotion, passed on their mission as the National Leader couple to Anna and Steven Yap.

It was a great opportunity to meet with each other and a good kick off start for the new leadership.





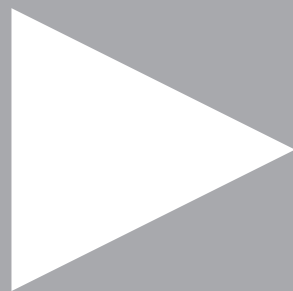


■ Outreach activities in Croatia



# FEATURES

**BLESSED FAMILY  
WITNESSING  
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CONCERNED PEOPLE  
FINANCES**





# BLESSED FAMILY DEPARTMENT

By Orlande Schenk

**Providing the support and education needed to empower Blessed families to carry on True Parents' tradition and create loving, supportive communities (BFD-EUME Mission Statement).**



■ EUME Blessed Family Department staff meeting in Prague



The highlight of the year was the Cosmic Blessing in April. Several Couples from EUME travelled to Korea to participate in the main ceremony there. The remaining couples participated in eleven different locations throughout EUME, following the main program through a two-way live-stream.

Our BFD staff team was overjoyed when we were able to travel to Prague in June for our annual BFD Summit. It was such a great feeling to see each other face-to-face after almost 3 years of meeting online due to Covid restrictions.

At the end of November, we held a very successful 24+ “in-person” Matching Support workshop in Camberg for older candidates and their parents.

Otherwise, we continued and developed our regular online webinars: MMM - Make the Most of Marriage, Interact and BOB - Building Our Blessing. In order to prepare our young candidates for the Blessing, we also held our 1st and 2nd+Generation Matching and Blessing Preparation webinars both in the spring and in the autumn.

Many new and younger members joined the BFD staff team participating in matching support training and other projects. Our recently established Family Department is growing and in the process of developing several new projects for children and young families.





■ 24+ Matching support workshop



■ 24+ Matching support workshop



■ Matching and Blessing workshop



■ 24+ Matching support workshop





■ Couples of the 1982 Blessing group (6.000 and 2.075 couples) celebrate their 40th Blessing anniversary with a cruise on the Rhine River in Germany







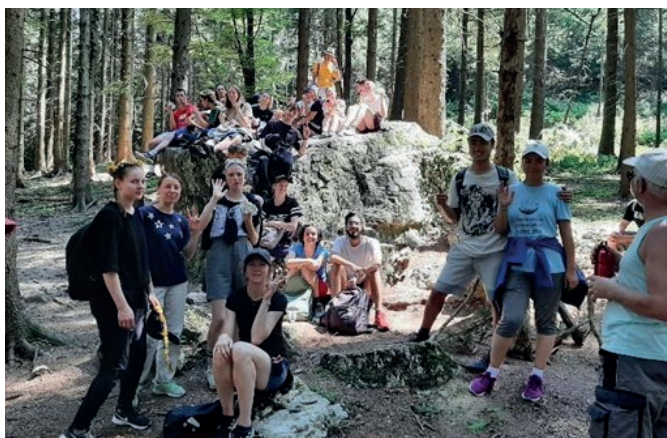
# WITNESSING DEPARTMENT

By Martine Masner, Director Witnessing Department Europe and Middle East



## European Level 15-Day Divine Principle Workshop

From July 9 to 23, we held a 15-day Divine Principle workshop on the EUME region level in Gafrenz, Austria. We had 40 participants, a mix of guests and 2nd Gen, who wanted to study the Principle more deeply. The main lecturer was Mr. Laurent Ladouce. Also, Mr. Bogdan Pammer came to teach one day the Moses' and Jesus' Courses. Mrs. Martine Masner, the workshop director, gave internal guidance lectures like "Talking to God" and "Developing a Prayer Life". In the evening, there was time for group discussions, games and movies.



We held a Challenge Day and also a hike in the Austrian mountains. The workshop was really successful, and many participants expressed that they want to come back next year again.

One young participant shared that he finally felt at home now, understanding the Divine Principle and who True Parents are. He wants now to be fully committed to support the work of the Family Federation in Croatia.

Several participants determined to join our movement after receiving such deep education. A few days later, many decided to join the Peace Road rally in Berlin.



*"It was so good to study the Divine Principle, the place was beautiful, and I feel that I can now become a much better person than I was before!"*

*"This workshop was so special for me. I could learn the depth of the Divine Principle and understand God's heart in history. I am so grateful that I could meet True Parents. The lecture about their life course was very moving."*

*"I love this 15-day Divine Principle Workshop. Honestly, I haven't felt this good for a long time!"*





## 16-Day Divine Principle Workshop in Albania



### Aim for the Sun – Living a Life Without Shadows

From 10 to 25 July, there was a 16-day Divine Principle workshop held at the Mullet workshop site. There were 70 participants, of which 24 were attending for the first time. The workshop was divided into two parts: Divine Principle and the Life of True Parents. There were also team-building games, discussions, a talent show and a prayer session. They also learned to teach the Divine Principle and fundraise and the participants wrote a new determination for their life.





# EUROPEAN SECOND GENERATION DEPARTMENT



■ ODP+ Workshop

## Remember: We Are Made in God

More than 500 brothers and sisters joined our various in-person and online activities this year.

Our busiest period was the summer, when we led three international workshops. We were at maximum capacity for each one, bringing together over 250 participants and staff in total from 25 different countries: a new workshop for 22+ (ROOTS), an upgraded Senior workshop (SNR+) and the Original Divine Personality+ workshop (ODP+). The motto for all summer workshops was **“Remember: We are Made in God.”** In that, we wanted to return to the transformative concept that we are created in God and that we can create together with God. And that this can be the most powerful source of meaning, direction, stability and creativity. Despite what the world tells us, we cannot be anyone or do anything. Each of us is not anyone, but someone.

Spring saw two more European workshops take place, as well as

DONE Mission. The DONE members participated in service projects, Divine Principle education, preparing and staffing a workshop for younger blessed children and a reflection and nature retreat in the Stiavnicke mountains.

In autumn, DONE 022 took place with participants and staff from Europe, America and Hong Kong. There was a variety of lecturers and education, focused on studying the Divine Principle and how to apply the wisdom in our daily lives as well as dedicating the final week to Matching and Blessing content. It was also very beneficial that the Fundraising element of the programme could be included again, which allowed participants to connect to their parents' course and provide a unique opportunity for growth and investment. This DONE 022 journey will continue in 2023 with the follow-up modules.

One of the memorable online experiences this year was the Matching

& Blessing Workshop with the motto: *Best foot forward: New Start. Next Steps.* There were over 80 participants from Europe, America and Korea. In the time together, we could explore important aspects of how to navigate and elevate our matching tradition and how to create space for God to guide us through the process as families.







■ Participants of the SNR+ WS at the service to commemorate True Father's Holy Ascension, Neumühle, Bad Camberg

Our special thanks go to all the educators and staff; your support was a significant and oftentimes decisive contribution to the learning experience that each participant could gain.

We thank all our donors for their ongoing support and help, so that we can carry on our work. Finally, we thank each participant for investing into your spiritual growth and towards deepening your relationship with God and True Parents.

Sincerely,  
The ESGD team



ESGD



■ Participants of the Roots WS



■ DONE 022 at the persimmon tree

# DONE



■ DONE 022 graduation



# TRIBAL MESSIAHS SERVING OTHERS

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## Change in the Leadership of the EUME CheonBo HTM Victor Family Department

I'd just like to take a moment to say thank you to two very special people, David & Patricia Earle, who are graduating from their mission as the HTM leaders of Europe. When we came to Europe four years ago, there wasn't even a single CheonBo HTM Victor Family in our EUME region. But now we have more than five hundred.

I think this is due in large part to the example and the encouragement that David and Patricia gave over all those years. So, thank you so much. And welcome to Manfred & Heidi Mayr, who will be taking on this great responsibility.

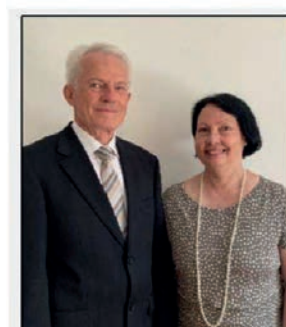
Just let us be reminded that we all have to become CheonBo HTM Victor Families. Let's pray for them and let's work together to make it possible.

Thank you.

Michael & Fumiko Balcomb  
Regional President, Heavenly Europe & Middle East



■ David and Patricia Earle,  
United Kingdom



■ Manfred and Heidi Mayr,  
Austria

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## Short Stories of HTM-Activities by CheonBo Victor Families



### Africa, Zimbabwe

Ron German from Wales shares from his HTM efforts in Zimbabwe:

First of all I want to thank you all for supporting me on this visit to Zimbabwe. As with my own tribe I was warmly welcomed, and although we emphasised that I was representing all of you the general feeling was that we are working together as one. You would have been welcomed just as warmly.

I visited my own tribe and also met with tribes or delegations of four other families: Dale & Galina Rose, Lance and Siew Lian Gardiner, Franklin and Cecilie Fortune, and Dirk and Mitsuko Gardiner.

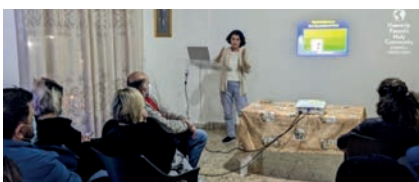




## England, Birmingham

David and Patricia Earle report on an interfaith event:

November 2022, 130 people of all faiths and cultures gathered for an Interfaith Service in the beautiful prayer hall of the Al Mahdi Institute. Interfaith prayers were offered, prominent speakers spoke on the importance of unity in today's world, young people shared about a service project they took part in this year, Elliot Yamamoto introduced YSP, seven Ambassador for Peace awards were presented, and we concluded by offering everyone the Peace Blessing as we shared food and fellowship together after the Service. It all felt like a wonderful, collective offering, making the concept of the Holy Community a living reality. A good way of keeping in touch with our couples and families, offering them some education, and making new friends as well, from all walks of life and different parts of society living, HTM activities.



## Middle East

by Haruko Morita

According to the situation of each country, we chose the most suitable from a variety of programs: for new guests and Blessed families. Divine Principle Lectures for "Pre-Blessed" couples and single people. Self coaching program for Blessed Families and Family workshop.

## Africa, Benin

by Laurent Ladouce

This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-day WS in 2022. HTM tribe members received a graduation certificate. They should become leaders within the tribe.

## Africa, Zambia

by Frans and Elisabeth Baatenburg de Jong

Also in 2022 we were able to visit our tribe families in Zambia. Inviting them regularly for Divine Principle education seminars is important and of benefit for us all. On our last visit we have been able to provide wheel chairs for the elderly in the village and other medical supplies.



# CONCERNED PEOPLE INITIATIVE

By Edgar and Donna Martijn

## Reconciliation is the Gateway to Peace

After discussing with our EUME leadership team, Donna Martijn from the Netherlands was led by Heaven to connect to two couples and one single member of African descent. Combining their inspirations and skills, the Concerned People Initiative was created at the beginning of 2020.

In July 2020, we had our launch via Zoom, where we made our vision clear, which is: to facilitate reconciliation, firstly between members of African descent and the African Diaspora, secondly between members of European descent and African descent, and thirdly we wish to broaden our scope to all historical conflicts that might still have their impact on the relationships between our Blessed couples and all of our members, and even including our leaders.

In 2022 we looked into some concrete historical crimes our ancestors committed that often led to painful experiences of discrimination and prejudice among our members and our Blessed couples today. In this way, we have been exposing how spiritual forces from distant history are still a powerful influence working today to prevent the realization of Heavenly Parent's Ideal for humankind.

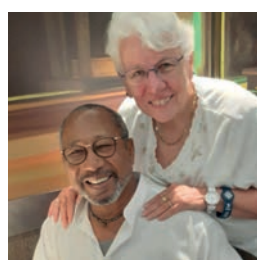
*"I am glad that Concerned People is still going strong. It is very important. It might seem insignificant, but that is an illusion."*

*"Thank you for a beautiful program. I shed many tears of repentance and honour your heartfelt work. I look forward to the next meeting!"*

*"Thank you Concerned People for persevering in your calling to heal the wounds of the past between races. God bless you."*

Showing God's immense love and guidance, we have interviewed several interracial Blessed couples to illustrate how, through reflecting True Parents' love, embodying their words, and following their example, these couples could successfully bring amazing victories in restoring Heavenly Parent's ideal. They shared very moving stories of faith, perseverance and love underlined with gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

After the beautiful experience we had in the summer of 2022 conducting a Ceremony of Reconciliation in Berlin as part of the Peace Road Rally, we are now about to officially register Concerned People as a foundation so we can start cooperating with our HPHC organizations and reaching out to NGOs and other organizations pursuing peace. Simultaneously, we will keep offering a platform for reconciliation among our communities.



■ Concerned People Couples Levi and Claire Daugherty, and Frans and Elizabeth Baatenburg de Jong

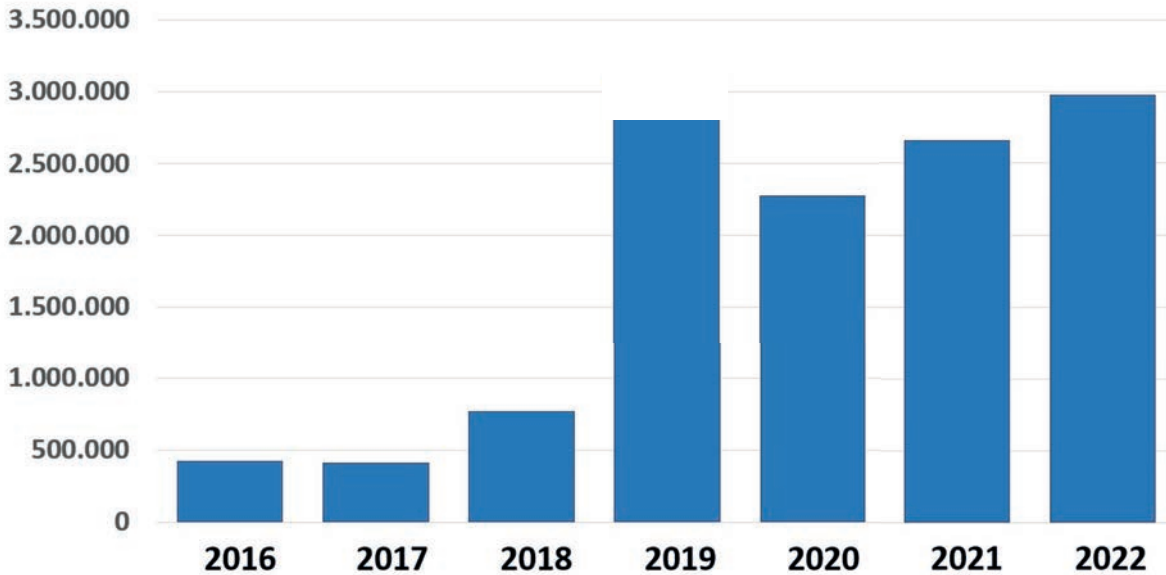


■ Concerned People Ceremony of Reconciliation, Berlin Peace Road, July 2022



# FINANCES 2022 SNAPSHOT

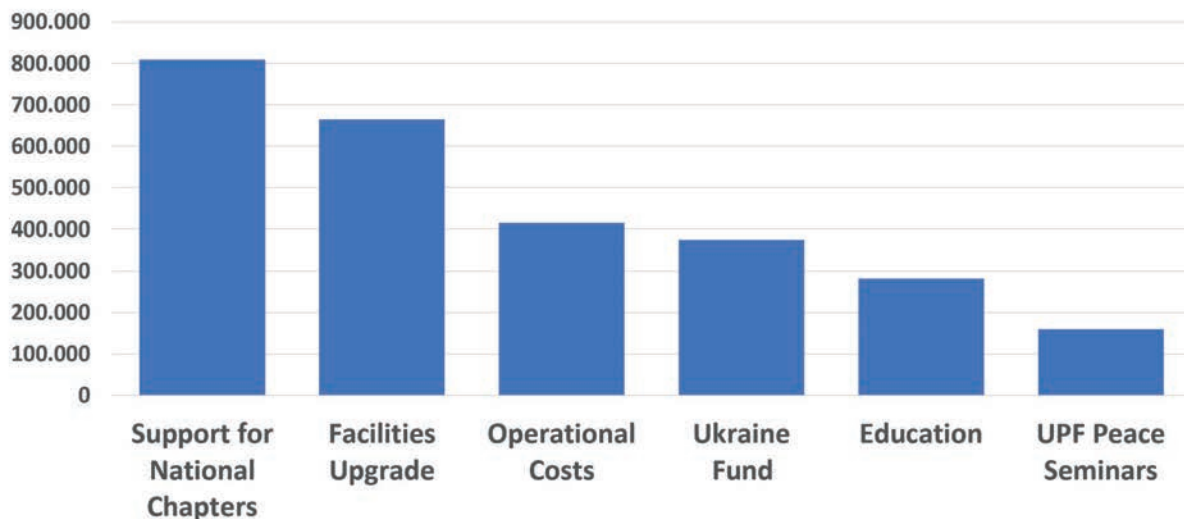
## TOTAL Donations in EUME



**Thank you.**

2022 has been the best year ever in terms of donations. Thanks to Heavenly Parent's grace and your beautiful devotion we were able to support many valuable and important projects and activities in our region and beyond.

## Expenses (€)







■ Our Hyo Jeong Cheonwon Campus in Korea



# THANK YOU.



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■ IAYSP Lebanon educational program  
for students in Beirut and other cities



**YEAR IN REVIEW 2022**

**Heavenly Parent's Holy Community**  
FFWPU Europe and the Middle East