

Eastern Europe Report

August 2021

Estonian Younger Second Generation Attend Workshop



A workshop for younger Second Generation children was held in the Tallinn Peace Embassy from 30 July to 1 August.

Baltic Second Generation Youth Attend 'Ingredients for Change' Workshop



Ten young people from the Baltic States attended an international Second Generation workshop in the Glanow training centre in Poland from 2 to 8 August. Andranik and Artur Karagezian, two sons of Lithuanian national leaders Aram and Roma Karagezian, were among the organizers of the workshop, whose theme was "Ingredients for Change." Nine children from Lithuania and one from Latvia attended the workshop. Everything went well, and all came back inspired!

Eastern Europe Holy Day Celebrations - 8 August



Belarus



Moscow



Yekaterinburg



Moldova



St. Petersburg

Members throughout the Eastern Europe sub-region celebrated the 31st Chil Il Jeol and 25th Chil Pal Jeol in the early hours of 8 August, joining True Parents and our worldwide membership in watching the live broadcast from Korea.

Holy Day Celebrations in Shin Albania and Kosovo - 8 August



Tirana, Albania



Pristina, Kosovo



UPF Co-Sponsors Russia-Somalia Friendship Conference



Prominent diplomats and public figures attended the conference titled “Cooperation for Peace and Prosperity” in a Moscow hotel. The meeting on 4 August was a joint effort between UPF-Russia and the Amicability diplomatic club. The 30 guests included two diplomats from Somalia. Ambassador for Peace certificates were awarded to three dignitaries: the Somalian ambassador to Russia, a member of the Somalian parliament, and a famous doctor and poet.

Young Russians Travel to Siberia for Phase 2 of Leadership Training



After fundraising for a month on Sakhalin Island off the Pacific Coast of Russia, the five Leadership Trainees carried out an ecological service project in Eastern Siberia: building pathways in the mountains surrounding Lake Baikal for the use of hikers and tourists.

Intergenerational Workshop in Armenian Countryside



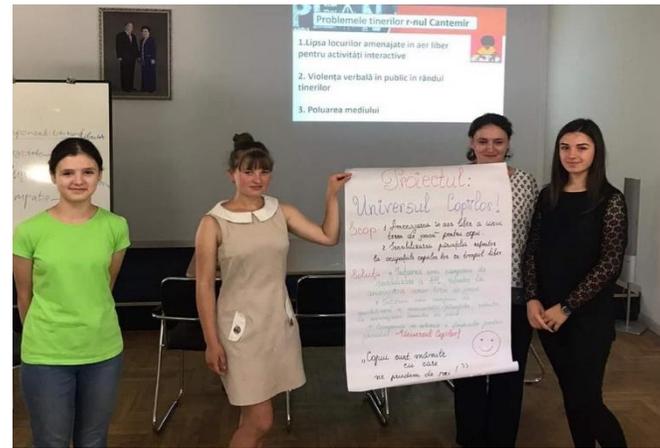
A two-day Divine Principle workshop was held on 7-8 August near the beautiful town of Strpanavan, about 160 km from Yerevan. The 33 participants, aged 3 to 68 years, were both First and Second Generations as well as couples blessed through the HTM providence. Many were part of the HTM work done by national leaders Hovik and Nora Barseghyan. Younger children were taken care of by Anastasia Demchenko, and teenagers and adults were guided by Hovik Barseghyan.

Second Generation Connect with Heavenly Parent during Moscow Workshop



Forty-five Second Generation children aged 15-16 from several cities in Russia participated in a 12-day Divine Principle workshop in Moscow Headquarters from 3 to 14 August. Participants went through all of the Divine Principle in lectures and discussions, and many had deep experiences with Heavenly Parent. In addition to the lectures, the participants also went out to serve the nearby community in the name of YSP.

In Moldova, YSP Members Set Exciting Goals

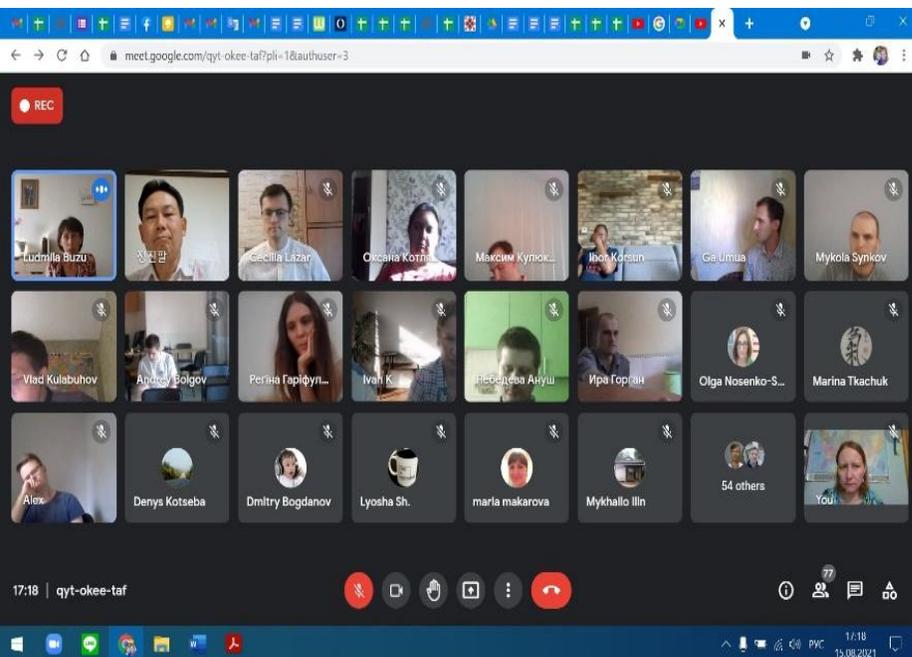


Sixteen young Moldovans attended a two-day program on 11 and 12 August titled "What Makes Your Heart Beat Faster?" The goal of the program, held jointly by YSP and UPF, was to set exciting goals in life that bring joy not only to oneself but also to others. The first day featured discussions and action plans and culminated in a Peace Road event. On the second day all the participants joined a conference of the National Youth Council—of which YSP is a member—in which the focus was on achieving the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

Ukraine's Elder Second Generation, Blessed Families Have Deep Discussions



Workshop for elder Second Generation
Eight elder Second Generation attended a seven-day workshop at Kyiv's "Yellow Castle" that was organized by YSP. The workshop, held from 9 to 15 August, included two days of lectures with discussions, three days of online witnessing, a one-day picnic and other activities. The participants discussed choosing a future profession, difficulties in the relationship with their parents, and other issues.



Blessed families' meeting

More than 100 Ukrainian members took part in a blessed families' Zoom meeting with the national leader. The meeting on 15 August discussed the value and responsibility of blessed families, problems in educating the Second Generation, the father's role in raising children, and other issues. We also discussed how we can keep going and developing our community during a pandemic situation in an online age.

Congratulations to First Couple to Bless 430 – All in Russia!

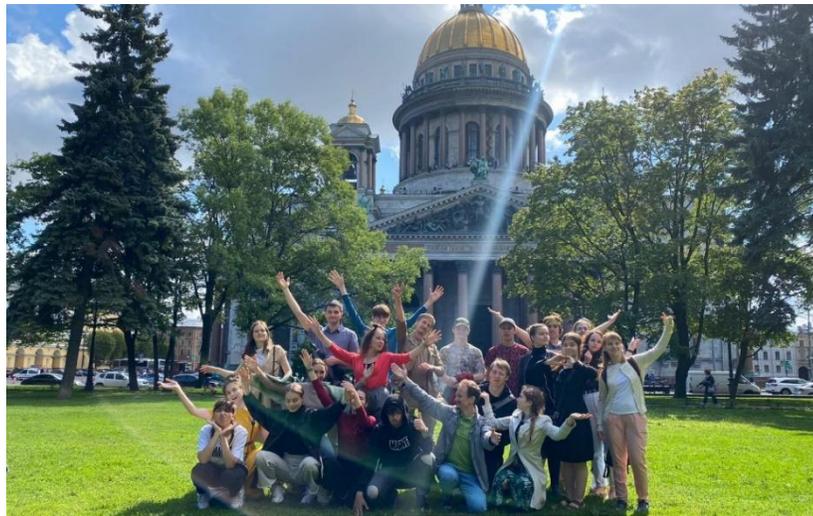


Alexei and Ilsiyar Pavlov



Alexei and Ilsiyar Pavlov, a blessed couple living in the Russian republic of Bashkortostan, reached their goal of blessing 430 couples. Together with local members, on 15 August they held a Family Festival in the main park of Ufa, the capital, and blessed 54 couples. One newly blessed couple were so excited, they brought 10 more couples to also receive the Blessing. Alexei and Ilsiyar became the first CheonBo couple in Russia to reach the goal of 430 entirely within their country.

Youth Seek 'Guiding Star' at St. Petersburg 21-Day Workshop



Five new guests and 14 Second Generation attended a 21-day workshop titled "Guiding Star" in the St. Petersburg center from 2 to 22 August.

Leaders Visit Shin Albania and Kosovo – 16-23 August



From 16 to 18 August, EUME Regional President Dr Michael and Fumiko Balcomb visited Shin Albania to check progress on the construction of the CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana. Eastern Europe Sub-Regional Director Jack Corley also visited at the same time, remaining until 23 August to visit several cities in Albania as well as Pristina, Kosovo. They participated in a National Leaders Meeting at the Mullet Training Centre, where many newly appointed leaders introduced themselves.

Progress on C.I.G. Peace Embassy Construction



CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana



View from the Peace Embassy rooftop



Windows installation



Meeting construction company leaders

During Dr and Mrs Balcomb's stay we inspected the ongoing construction of the CIG Peace Embassy and met with the main engineer and architect. This was followed by a meeting with a real estate agent who is working to find tenants for the upper floors, as well as a visit to several stores in search of furniture for the conference hall and other areas. Dr and Mrs Balcomb returned for a further inspection on 31 August.

Visit to Shin Albania and Kosovo – 16-23 August



Durres Centre



Pristina Centre



Fier Centre members



Meeting former President Fatmir Sejdiu of Kosovo



Blessing in Fier

Blessing of 27 couples in Fier

“Super Families” Blessing in Zhukovsky City, Russia



Five Moscow-area blessed families held a “Super Families” event in the town of Zhukovsky near Moscow on 21 August. Participating couples competed in games that displayed unity, understanding, and dexterity, and then renewed their marriage vows in a moving ceremony and took pictures in the photo zone. In total, 53 couples from Zhukovsky and surrounding areas took part in our programme. – *Oksana Shusherova*

Youth Leaders Meet in Moscow to 'Kick Off' Autumn Activities



Russian youth leaders met at the Moscow Headquarters on 23 and 24 August to review the programmes of the past two months and to make plans for the remainder of the year. The meeting was led by Elena Kalmatskaya, the Eastern Europe director of YSP and the Second Generation Department. The participants were both First and Second Generation.



Members at Moscow Headquarters Represent EUME at Seonghwa Anniversary



Moscow Headquarters was chosen as the “representative church” for the EUME Region during the ninth anniversary of True Father’s Seonghwa, which meant they would offer a full bow to True Parents. The members, who were attending a two-day meeting in the Headquarters, felt honoured to fulfil that role and were very inspired to see the commemorative event and to listen to True Mother’s speech.

Moscow Sunday School Teachers Attend Retreat Before New School Year



Thirteen Moscow-area Sunday School teachers, including three new teacher candidates, were invited to a special retreat in the countryside near Moscow on 26 and 27 August. The goal was to prepare for the new school year and to create a close bond of heart among all the Sunday School staff.

Lithuanian Younger Second Generation Learn to Be 'Friends of God'



Lithuania's summer camp 2021 was held under the title *Friends of God*. Seventeen Second Generation children ages 6-12 gathered for the first time this year, led by seven elder Second Generation children aged 13-21 who will teach them various ways how to be friends with God—by being sincere, faithful and true. Lessons are done in two groups, according to age. Three mothers are also involved, and one new guest also volunteered to help.