FFWPU Bromley Community Newsletter 2020.6.2

Matthew Huish June 2, 2020



Vision Statement:

FFWPU Bromley seeks to foster joy and happiness by building a dynamic and caring community, establish and support loving families, extend the blessing and become a relevant force for good in the wider society.

Mission Statement: To Reach Up, Reach out, and Reach In

Bromley Community Zoom Meeting - Thursday 4th June at 7pm



Dear brothers and sisters of the Bromley Community,

Over the last few months, Dr Michael Balcomb has led the process of developing some proposals about the future use of our national assets together with the Board of Trustees and the Finance & Investments Committee (formerly known as the Finance Committee). These proposals were prepared by the consultation process led by Sonja Read last year, and very recently these proposals were reported to True Mother and the FFWPU International HQ for their feedback. True Mother's overall view is that the British community is not managing its assets well, and so we need to review how we utilise them best for our providential needs.

Is Livingstone House going to be leased out? – Probably.

True Mother and the International HQ have given the UK leadership the green light to go ahead with many of the proposals. Of particular relevance to the Bromley community is the proposal to lease out Livingstone House. The process has begun to see who might be interested in renting the entire property. It is too early to confirm whether or not the property will be leased out eventually, but it is important that you are informed about this possibility.

Will the Bromley Community Disappear? – Of course not.

Even if Livingstone House would be no longer available for our community, this does not mean our community would cease to exist. Our community's most precious asset is you, its members. Together, we will continue to organise activities that embody the culture of heart, wherever we choose to do them.

Will the National HQ support Bromley? – Yes!

This is actually an exciting opportunity for the Bromley Community. While we have many

fond memories of Livingstone House, now we can allow ourselves to dream of what might be possible in the future. I invite you to imagine what kind of property would be best for our community's needs. What kind of property do we want? Where do we want it to be located? Please consider the needs of our current membership as well as the future needs of the people we want to potentially serve in the future, people who are not members of our community.

While it is possible that we could rent a location temporarily, it is also very possible that we could purchase a new property. Crucially, the national HQ wants to offer financial support to the Bromley Community if we can propose a clear plan. In other words, money could be available to help purchase a property.

What are we planning to do next? – A meeting next Thursday evening 4th June There will be a report about the finances of the UK movement, including an

announcement about the proposal to lease out Livingstone House, during the Council of Communities meeting this weekend. The Bromley Committee met with Dr and Mrs Balcomb last Sunday to talk about those plans and the Committee decided that we should have a general meeting with the Bromley membership soon after this weekend. We invite you to attend an online meeting on Thursday 4th June at 7pm. The meeting will take place on Zoom using this link: <u>zoom,us/j/5285489168</u>

At this meeting, we will have an opportunity to discuss our hopes and dreams for the future of our community. This could include discussions about what kind of property we hope to use, but it could also be much broader, considering the activities and projects our community would like to pursue.

As preparation for next Thursday, I invite you to get a piece of paper and to write down some of your own thoughts, considering these questions:

- What activities do I want to do with the community?
- What kind of property do I think our community needs?
- Where do I think that property should be located?

I would be happy to receive a message from you with your answers to these questions before next Thursday. You could take a photo of your scribbled thoughts or you could transcribe them into electronic format. I look forward to discovering what you can imagine! I have some of my own ideas that I would like to share with you all, but I will save those for next Thursday. I hope to see you then!

Best wishes,

Matthew Huish (Pastor) David Franklin (Committee)

IRFF Appeal for Funds



Please watch this video, which explains why money is urgently needed to build a perimeter wall around our Destiny Junior School in Uganda.

Bromley committee has agreed to match all donations made from our Bromley Community up to £1,000.

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Bromley WFWP Online Conference - Report by Tanya Chandler



To commemorate International Family Day, WFWP UK/Bromley hosted a Zoom conference on 16th May 2020 on the Value of Mothers in the Family, gathering over 45 attendees. This was a timely topic, as we know that families are the bedrock of our societies and of our own personal makeup - and we know that families are threatened in many ways, including by new challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The conference showcased a panel of powerhouse women on this topic, to give guidance and hope for mothers, women and parents alike.

To begin, the MC quoted WFWP Co-Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: "We carry the future of humanity in our wombs; we give birth to and nurture humankind's potential. If the role of mothers is ignored, where will the hope and future prospects for humanity come from?"

The first speaker was Mrs. Natasha Huish, who spoke on behalf of Ala Zubovskis, WFWP UK/Bromley Coordinator, about the deep and unique heart of mothers, which is nurturing and always seeking harmony and creative solutions for the benefit of the whole. Natasha shared about her personal experiences as a home educator for her seven (expecting an eighth) children and of the honour in this role.

The second speaker was Dr. Nicola Bailey, Parenting & Family Support Educationist, who spoke on the challenges for mothers and families during the Coronavirus pandemic. She laid out many nuggets of wisdom, one of which is that we all have the power to CHOOSE our response in whatever situation we are in. If we feel powerless because of world events, we must not think of ourselves as being powerless beings, but rather to acknowledge those feelings and then to choose to turn it around. We have this power of choice always - we are powerFUL.

The last speaker was Ms. Sharon Kabubi, WFWP Central London member, who shared about the Young Women's Speech Contest, WFWP UK's flagship program. She shared how this speech contest offers a platform for young women to share their innermost beliefs and passions, and that this is a way forward in raising up young women leaders who can express themselves and use their passions to solve world problems. Sharon shared a turning point in her own life, when she was encouraged that she had something to say. This program encourages all young women that they have something to say, and that the world wants - NEEDS - to hear it.

In the following Q&A session, questions included concerns around parenting during this Coronavirus pandemic. One pointer was that parents must simply be there for the children, communicate honestly, and set up a balanced daily routine of fun and responsibility.

We had wonderful contributions from the participants as well, including from Angélique from Walk With Me UK, pinpointing the importance that we as women need to ask for help when we need it, even professional help.

After uplifting closing remarks from the WFWP UK President, Mrs. Mitty Tohma, we closed out the call on a high - and yet many of us stayed on just to share experiences and exchange information. A great way to honor mothers and parents everywhere, and to support one another whilst we seek to improve our families and the world we live in.

If you would like to learn more about the Young Women's Speech Contest and to keep up with WFWP UK events, please visit our website at: <u>www,wfwp,org,uk</u>

Home Group Meetings



The home group coordinated by Vladimir, formerly the Livingstone House home group, meets online **every Wednesday at 7:30pm** for about 90 minutes.

Everyone is very welcome to join using this Zoom link - <u>zoom,us/j/5285489168</u>. If you let Vladimir know, he will send you a reminder each week.

Staying Connected During Lockdown



The weekly "chat" group for Bromley Community offers a chance for everyone to share our lives and daily experiences. It takes place **every week on a Thursday at 6pm**. You can join by using the same <u>Zoom link</u> as the one for the home group mentioned above.

THIS SUNDAY: North Europe Sub-Regional Online Worship Service



This Sunday, in place of a national-level worship service, we invite you to join the **North Europe Sub-Regional Online Worship Service**. This will include the launch of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community for our region, as well as a message for children and breakout discussion groups on Zoom afterwards.

Please note that the **worship service will begin at 10am BST** instead of the usual time of 11am.

Read more

May and June Birthday Wishes



A very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of our community who were born in the months of May and June!

MAY:

Finn Pollitt Mark Brann Annie Rogers Bryan Lindström Marco Garcia Dos Santos Rayan Qashqai Mark Deocares Irina Mobasherian Christine Abadir Anita Miller Vladimir Barkanov

JUNE:

Mathias Herzer David Huish Simona Timofeeva Emma-Louise Lindström Helga Speller Farhad Nikayin Irina Svirska Amin Mobasherian Freya Lindström Emyr Wood Edward Hartley

Tithing

Many members of our community have set up a standing order with their bank to offer their tithing regularly. This is especially helpful at this time when we cannot meet in person for our Sunday Service.

The bank details for FFWPU Bromley are shown at the bottom of this newsletter.

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Bank Details for Tithing - Bromley Community

Account name: The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Account Sort Code: 20-14-33

Account No: 90301574 SWIFTBIC: BUKBGB22 IBAN: GB04 BUKB 2014 3390 3015 74

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