

# The Importance of Partnership and an Integrated Approach to Solving Social Problems of Family and Youth

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Programs that the Russian chapter of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) conducts together with executive authorities and educational institutions were presented at a practical conference that was held in Moscow on March 7, 2020.

Participants came from Moscow, the Sverdlovsk and Leningrad regions, the Republic of Bashkortostan, and the Republic of Kalmykia. These programs are aimed at solving the social problems of family and youth. Among the participants of the conference were also representatives of other states—Moldova and Belarus.



At the beginning of the conference, the participants were acquainted with the main stages of the organization's work in Russia. The results of the World Summit 2020, which had been held in South Korea in early February, timed to the anniversary of the international Unification Movement founders, Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, were also presented. Guests from the regions spoke about the joint work experience of local authorities and the FFWPU.



The FFWPU representative in the city of Tikhvin, Leningrad Region, Nikolay Chuistov, gave a presentation about the programs held there. His words were supplemented by a video message from a member of the Leningrad Region Public Chamber, in which he spoke about the importance of cooperation between authorities and non-profit organizations for solving social problems of family and youth.



This idea was continued in the speech of the public relations consultant of the Petrozavodsk urban district administration, who spoke about joint work of local authorities and FFWPU.

One of the main programs of the FFWPU—the “Happy Family Day” festival—was really liked by the residents of the Guru Bykului settlement of the Republic of Moldova, said the head of the settlement administration, Lilia Brechova. Together with FFWPU representative Natalia Roscot, she testified how these programs help married couples to become closer and increase their understanding of family values. For regular work in this direction, a family club was organized in the settlement. Father Vasily, minister of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel Church in the village of Costangalia, Cantemirovsky District, Republic of Moldova, described the festival in his district and testified to how family clubs help relations between parents and children.



Other forms of work, including family training, were described by Bashkortostan FFWPU member Ilsiya Pavlova and Alexander Kosarev, creator of the “Energy of Proximity” program for both new and longtime couples.

Representatives of the neighboring Sverdlovsk Region, from the village of Ufa-Shigirip, told about the results of their work with families and youth.



The FFWPU also works actively with single young people. The organization's portfolio contains many lectures and programs on moral education and promotion of a healthy lifestyle. The headmaster of the city school of Vlasiha, Odintsovo District, Moscow Region, local Council Deputy Galina Shik, explained how these programs are carried out at her school. Then an FFWPU activist of Moscow, Ivan Manov, spoke about the need for moral education at schools, lyceums, and colleges.

Next the representatives of Kalmykia took the floor. Because peoples of many nationalities live in the republic, the local comprehensive school hosted for them an interethnic and intercultural festival, about which the head of the class teachers' methodological association, Nadezhda Kanaeva, gave a detailed report.



The head of the school's history museum, Tatyana Pugacheva, presented the project "Class of Heroes," in which each school desk was dedicated to one of the outstanding people of Kalmykia, as well as other regions of Russia and even neighboring states.

Buddhist lama Sanal Sanjeev and director of FFWPU programs Alexei Saveliev spoke about the importance of preparing for a strong and happy marriage and recommended the True Family Academy program.



An important part of the program were three roundtables that discussed acute problems of families and youth. At the end of the meeting, the participants identified specific tasks and activities that could help in solving these problems. The seminar ended with the presentation of “FFWPU Model Family” diplomas.

