

Moscow Workshop Creates Large Family for Second Generation

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A winter workshop was held for 76 second-generation Moscow children and teenagers from 7 to 17 years of age.

The topic of the workshop, which was held in the Moscow Peace Embassy from January 5 to 7, was "Following the Footsteps of True Mother." Each participant had a unique opportunity to be a part of a large family with many children of different ages.

Lectures were given in different age groups. Based on True Parents' lives, the second generation could look at themselves and see how they can pay more attention to internal aspects of their lives, change some of their bad habits, understand, notice and deal with their fallen nature, and create a space for God and True Parents to work in their lives.





Eastern Europe Sub-Regional President Jack Corley gave his testimony of meeting with True Parents. Indoor and outdoor games, and master classes in martial arts, drawing, sewing and making crafts kept

everybody very busy during the first two days.

As True Mother has spoken about restoring seven nations and finding seven keys, we made a form for casting the key for each team. Representing the first generation, Mr. and Mrs. Corley and Elena Kalmatskaya, the director of second-generation education for the Eastern Europe sub-region, filled the base for the key with epoxy resin symbolizing the foundation made by the parents. Then each team member added some sparkles to the key to symbolize their desire to invest their talents and abilities for the joint efforts.



Each clan produced a “challenge calendar” that extended until True Father’s birthday, choosing as its theme either prayer, gratitude, Hoon Dok Hwe, or filial piety. Using this calendar, each child could take this challenge and make a positive change before True Father’s birthday. In a beautiful ceremony, each child made an offering of his or her determination and received a small pendant made from the same material as the key made by their clan.



The younger children (from 7 to 13 years old) went home in the early evening of January 6. The older children stayed for one more day. They played a special game to learn about themselves and how others see them.



They also joined in a Zoom call with Andrew Love from High Noon for a very important talk on “Heavenly Sexuality”. After that the girls and boys discussed some points from his lecture separately and were given time to write a letter to their parents to open up about some of their mistakes, problems or difficulties they are going through. In this way each child made a substantial step toward developing closer relationships with their parents and confessing some things in a safe way.

The workshop concluded with the participants watching a movie, followed by heartistic sharing.

