

## FFWPU Europe / Middle East: A Coronavirus Message from True Mother

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### UPDATE – 22/4/20:

1. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) breakout has been now confirmed in over 200 nations with escalating number of positive cases causing prolonged global crisis. In this difficult time, we would like to extend our gratitude to all Unification church members who have been wisely practising personal protection under the protection and devotion of True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.
2. The current situation of COVID-19 in each nation may vary greatly depending on the measures and responses taken by each government, and other social factors in the nation. Thus, IHQ would like to strongly advise all Cheon Il Guk leaders to strictly follow the administrative guidelines announced by local governments, receive consent from regional group headquarters and report to IHQ before resuming public activities that bring people together in person, such as Sunday Service or public events.
3. Finally, we request Cheon Il Guk leaders in each nation to continue to invest their utmost in overseeing their assigned mission responsibilities, especially in the effort to protect the health and safety of local blessed family communities by providing timely guidance and directions

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**Mike and Fumiko Balcomb have asked that the following information is conveyed to you and all members as a matter of utmost urgency.**

- 1) Yesterday, True Mother sent a special message to us concerning the Coronavirus pandemic. She said—

*“Due to the severity of the coronavirus issue around the world, please abstain from hosting worship services and large gatherings of members if possible. Please pay particular attention to the situation.”*

True Mother also asked that we all *“increase our jeongseong for the Heavenly Unified World.”*

Dr. Yun Young Ho, IHQ added the following:

*“I pray that the love and grace of Heavenly Parent and True Parents be with the leaders and members of Heavenly Europe.”*

- 2) In many other European nations, even small gatherings are already limited by law. In Italy, they are now prohibited altogether.

This has direct consequence for many of our programs, including the STF, which is now being suspended for the rest of the year.

- 3) Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, I am requesting that we in the UK follow True Mother’s directions and **discontinue public gatherings for the next few weeks.**

We will monitor the overall situation and updated government advisories closely.

**FYI:** Many nations are now planning to hold services by Zoom or through other social media.

Sincerely,

Mike & Fumiko Balcomb

**Please note that, in keeping with True Mother’s guidance, the following events that were previously advertised on this website and in the National Newsletter have been cancelled:**

- > UK Providence Meeting
- > UK HARP Easter Divine Principle Workshop
- > Easter Family Retreat in Sweden
- > Cranes Club Annual Conference in Germany
- > European Parents’ Matching Convocation in Germany