

## FFWPU UK: North Korea's Condolences 10 Years Since Sun Myung Moon's Passing

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A North Korean organisation sent a condolence telegram on Saturday to the family of Sun Myung Moon, founder of our Unification Movement, ahead of the 10th anniversary of his passing.

The message of sympathy sent by the Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee demonstrates Pyongyang maintains good relations with our organisation, which had operated car production and hotel businesses in North Korea.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who died in 2012, was a firm anti-Communist who also founded the political group, International Federation for Victory over Communism, in South Korea and Japan in 1968.

However, Sun Myung Moon himself was born in present-day North Korea, also approached the socialist country, saying he was endeavouring to reunify the Korean Peninsula. He visited the North in late November 1991 and held talks with then President Kim Il Sung.

"Dr. Moon's efforts and achievements for national reconciliation and unity, national reunification and world peace, will be remembered for a long time to come," the North Korean group said in the telegram.

According to Segye Ilbo, a South Korean newspaper belonging to the Unification Church group, Moon said before his death that he and President Kim "exchanged brotherly bonds."

During the talks, Sun Myung Moon and Kim, the founder of North Korea, agreed to promote the search for families displaced by the 1950-1953 Korean War and to support the development of economic projects in North Korea by the Unification Church group.

The group transferred the rights to operate the car production and hotel businesses to the North Korean side for free in 2012, according to the newspaper.

Moon sent his aides to Pyongyang on a condolence mission shortly after Kim's death in 1994. Immediately after Moon's death on September 3rd, 2012, Kim Jong Un, Kim's grandson and current leader of North Korea, sent a condolence message to Moon's bereaved family in South Korea and also presented a wreath at a condolence centre set up in Pyongyang.