

# Eastern Europe November 2021 Report

View of Tirana from CIG Embassy Rooftop Terrace





# Balkans Leadership Conference – 21 November



**"Cooperating for Peace and Development in the Western Balkans"**



**"Balkans Peace Initiative and Think Tank 2022"**



**UPF EUME Chair Dr. Katsumi Otsuka and Podgorica Club President Filip Vujanović sign a Memorandum of Cooperation.**



**UPF EUME Co-Chair Jacques Marion introduces the activities of UPF.**



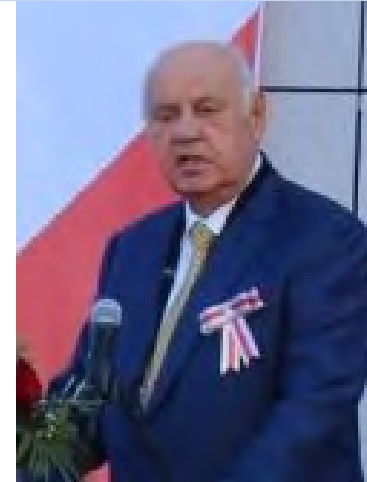
# Inauguration of CIG Peace Embassy in Shin Albania – 21 November



Holy Salting Ceremony of CIG Peace Embassy on 20 Nov.



MC Manjola Vasmatics



President Alfred Moisiu



Mayor Erion Veliaj



Dr. Michael and Fumiko Balcomb



Dr. Eva Cipi, UPF Albania



Architect Armand Vokshi

On a bright and sunny November day, the dream of a new CIG Peace Embassy became a reality in Tirana with the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the newly constructed building, the first of its kind in the world. Former heads of state and government from the Balkans region as well as the current mayor of Tirana joined in the ceremony.



# Inauguration of CIIG Peace Embassy in Shin Albania – 21 November



**Ribbon-cutting to open the CIIG Peace Embassy**



# 62<sup>nd</sup> True Children's Day



Armenia



Bulgaria



Croatia



Estonia



Latvia



Moldova



Lithuania



# 62<sup>nd</sup> True Children's Day – Shin Albania



**Durrës**



**Korçë**



**Fier**



**Tirana 2**



**Shkodër**



**Tirana**



**Vlorë**



# 62<sup>nd</sup> True Children's Day – Russia and Ukraine





# CheonBo Events in Eastern Europe on 13 November

<b>Russia</b>	<b>297</b>
- Moscow	90
- St. Petersburg	64
- Ryazan	18
- Nizhny Novgorod	14
- Kazan	14
- Yekaterinburg	40
- Ufa	23
- Novosibirsk	20
- Khabarovsk	14
<b>Albania</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Belarus</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Moldova</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>395</b>



**Moscow**



# CheonBo Events – Russia - 13 November



**Moscow**



**Yekaterinburg**



**St. Petersburg**



**Kazan**



**Novosibirsk**



**Khabarovsk**



**Nizhny Novgorod**



**Ufa**



**Ryazan**



# CheonBo Events – 13 November



**Shin Albania**



**Belarus**



**Bulgaria**



**Moldova**



# Shin Albania Activities



**On 30 and 31 October our Albanian community held a programme to commemorate the anniversaries of True Parents' visit in 2005 and True Mother's visit in 2019. Dr. Balcomb visited Tirana to inspect progress on the CIG Peace Embassy in preparation for the opening on 21 November. An Albanian Leaders Meeting was held at Mullet Training Centre from 31 October to 2 November.**





# CIG Missionaries from the U.S. Arrive in Shin Albania



Thirteen CIG missionaries from the United States arrived in Shin Albania on 5 November to do witnessing for at least three months. After an orientation at the national training centre at which national leader Manjola Vasmatics spoke about the history and providential role of Shin Albania, the young Americans were assigned to the cities of Shkodër, Elbasan and Kosovo's capital, Pristina. They will be joined later by a group of eight young people from Russia.



# Four-Day Divine Principle Workshop in Shin Albania



From 26 to 29 November a four-day Divine Principle workshop was held at the Mullet Training Centre. A total of 26 first-time participants graduated, most of whom were new guests. The CIG Missionary team from the United States invited many of the new guests and supported the workshop programme.





# Belarus Celebrates 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of True Mother's Visit



On Sunday, 28 November, members of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community of Belarus celebrated the 28th Anniversary of True Mother's visit in 1993. Members listened to a recorded message from Eastern Europe Sub-Regional President Jack Corley and the testimony of Jeff and Diana Tallakson, who were the Belarus leaders in 1993. After the official part of the programme ended, participants danced True Mother's favorite "Bounce" dance, sang the "Saranghe" song, and made posters showing gratitude to True Parents for giving God's lineage and true love.



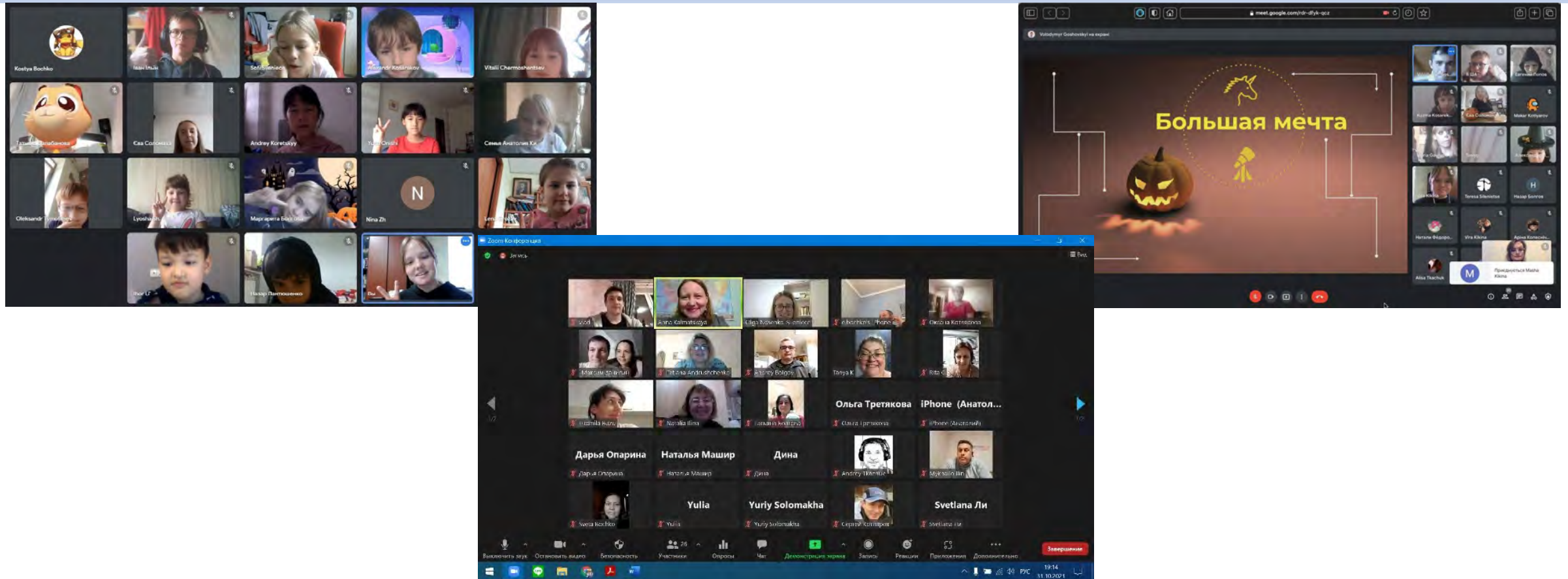
# YSP Leader Speaks at Youth Conference



**YSP Eastern Europe representative Elena Kalmatskaya was part of a Russian delegation that attended a special program in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, with youth representatives from Russia, Moldova, Armenia and Belarus. This followed her completion of a training course and certification with the National Council of Youth and Children's Associations of Russia, which works with the European Council. Elena made a presentation on YSP, focusing on the "Peace Designer" and "Lapland: Point of Growth" programmes held in Russia.**



# Ukraine School Holidays Are the Time for Second Generation Workshops



During the autumn school holidays, members in Ukraine held online programs for Second Generation children. Twenty middle- and high-school children joined a three-day workshop led by youth leaders who made it fun and interesting by introducing a Halloween theme. ... This was followed by a workshop for 16 younger children, led by elder Second Generation. The children heard lectures on Divine Principle and True Parents' life and even took a DP quiz. For the first-year pupils it was their first workshop. ... Finally, there was an online meeting for more than 20 parents of Second-Generation middle-schoolers to discuss various issues in children's education.



# Moldovan Peace Embassy Has a New Roof



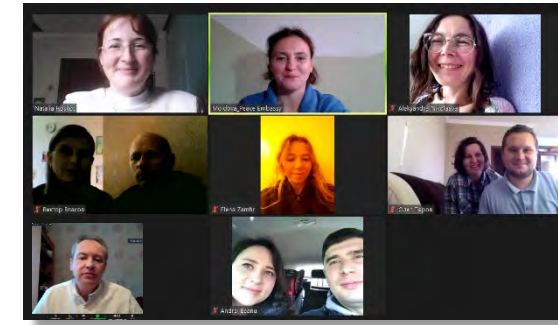
Over the past several weeks construction workers have been working hard to replace the roof of our Peace Embassy in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova. This was a long overdue task, and the Peace Embassy, which is constantly busy with a variety of events, is now ready for our members to use it with greater confidence. Many thanks to members of our Moldovan Community and to EUME Headquarters which also contributed to this project.





# Moldova Activities

In the village of Coștangalia, the Family Club led by our members held a roundtable about the challenges that parents face. About 20 Family Club members attended and also were given boxes of food provided by IRFF. ... In the town of Anenii Noi, FFWPU members who have supported the rehabilitation centre were invited to its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Photos of FFWPU activities, including Family Festivals, were prominently displayed. The head of the district was present at the celebration. ... Four blessed couples interested in developing HTM attended a webinar with testimonies of Moldovan HTM victors and a presentation by regional HTM director Alexey Saveliev. ... At the monthly Moldovan diaspora meeting, Serghei Chileacov, a Moldovan brother living in Japan with his wife, described life in Japan.





# Russia CARP Activities



**Moscow CARP held an online conference on 30 October on "Youth's Perceptions of Family Values." The program included the testimony of a Russian-Colombian blessed couple and discussions on creating a happy and loving marriage and family. ... Two guests and two Moscow CARP members travelled to St. Petersburg for a special CARP program from 3 to 6 November. After listening to Divine Principle lectures, the participants left the city for a day of hiking and rock climbing. One of the guests was moved by the program and promised to continue studying Divine Principle.**



# UPF-Russia and Its Noteworthy Contacts



Dr. Vorontsov speaking on Korean Forum



Dr. Vorontsov speaking at the North Korean Embassy in Moscow

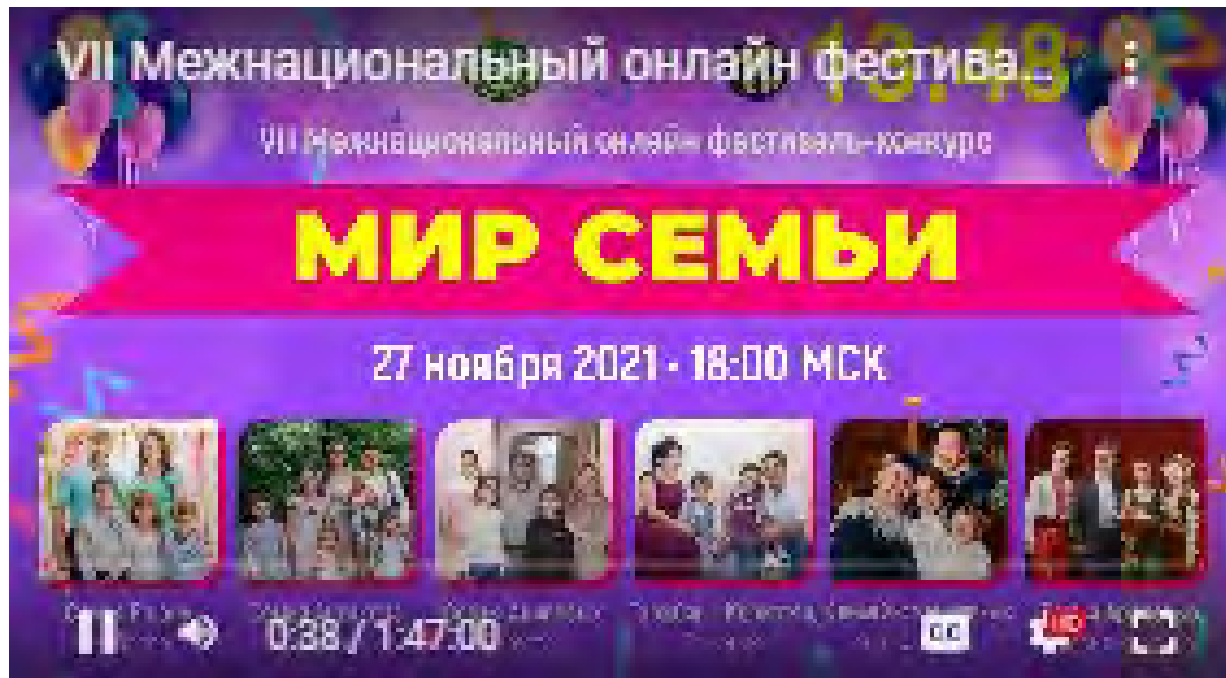


Dmitry Samko and Natalia Verdyan

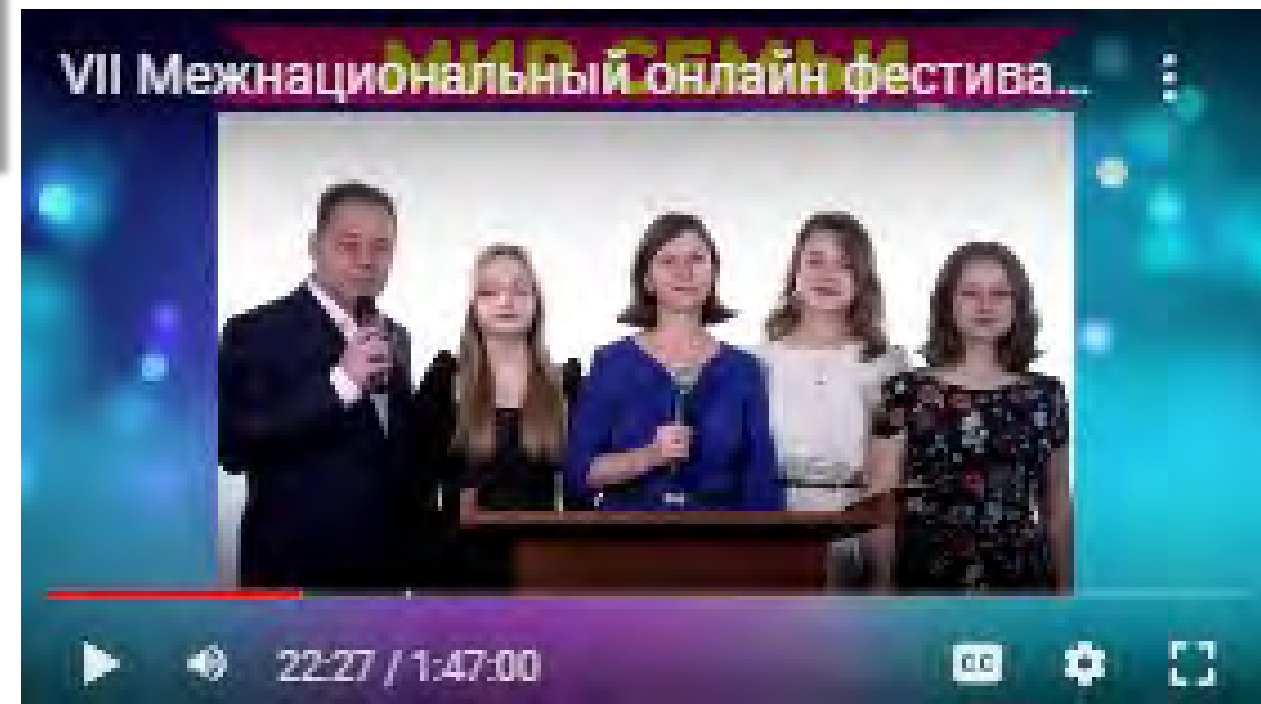
Dr. Alexander Vorontsov, the head of the Korean and Mongolian Studies Department at the Russian Academy of Sciences, recorded a speech for the sixth Forum for the Heavenly Unified Korea on 29 October. ... Dr. Vorontsov recently has been a frequent guest at meetings that the North Korean Embassy in Moscow has been holding to discuss relations between Russia and the DPRK. ... Dmitry Samko, the head of UPF-Moscow, met with Natalia Verdyan on the recommendation of Ambassador for Peace Ildus Yanyshhev and gave her a copy of True Father's autobiography. She started reading it immediately and wrote to Dmitry that she understands why she "came to the Peace Embassy -- the book is the true prayer, a real appeal to peace."



# “World of the Family” Celebrates Families in Diverse Cultures



Six talented families representing Russia's diverse ethnic groups, as well as Armenia, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, participated in the seventh international online festival “World of the Family” held jointly by WFWP and FFWPU on 27 November. The hosts were Olga and Vitaly Vakulinsky and their three daughters. The six families were rated by a distinguished jury as well as by online voting by viewers, and each family was recognized with a different award.





# Victory in the European Court of Human Rights



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Press Release  
issued by the Registrar of the Court

ECHR 353 (2021)  
23.11.2021

## Multiple violations in enforced expulsions from Russia of two foreign missionaries

In today's Chamber judgment<sup>1</sup> in the case of *Corley and Others v. Russia* (application nos. 292/06 and 43490/06) the European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that there had been:

a violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 7 (procedural safeguards relating to expulsion of aliens) to the European Convention on Human Rights in respect of the two missionary applicants (Mr Corley and Mr Igarashi);

a violation of Article 2 of Protocol No. 4 (freedom of movement) to the European Convention in respect of Mr Igarashi;

a violation of Article 9 (freedom of thought, conscience and religion) of the Convention in respect of Mr Corley and Mr Igarashi;

a violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) in respect of Mr Corley and Mr Igarashi and their families;

a violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) on account of Mr Igarashi's degrading conditions of detention; and

a violation of Article 5 §§ 1 and 5 (right to liberty and security) in respect of Mr Igarashi.

The case concerned the sudden and enforced expulsion from Russia of two missionaries of the Unification Church, ostensibly for violating residence regulations.

The Court found in particular that the authorities had deliberately expedited the proceedings, dispensing with the legal formalities and thus denying Mr Corley and Mr Igarashi the possibility of exercising their procedural rights prior to their expulsion.

On 23 November, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) made a ruling in favour of Unification Church missionaries Jack Corley and Shuji Igarashi. In January 2006, Jack Corley was illegally deported from the Russian Federation. Several months later, Shuji Igarashi was likewise deported. Both were banned from returning to Russia for a minimum of five years. The ECHR ruling means that it recognises the religious freedom rights of members of the Unification Church and is willing to defend those rights.



A photograph of a winter forest scene. Several birch trees with light-colored, peeling bark are visible. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. Bare, dark branches of trees and shrubs are scattered throughout the scene, some in the foreground and some in the background. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

*Thank You!*