

# Eastern Europe Monthly Summary

## July 2022





# Cheonbo Events in Eastern Europe on 2 July



Riga, Latvia



Chisinau, Moldova



Bucharest, Romania





# Inauguration of Albanian Peace Council in Vienna



Prominent Albanians living in Austria, Ambassadors for Peace and youth attended the inauguration of the Albanians' Peace Council in Austria. Over 70 people attended the event, which was held on 7 July in the UPF Peace Embassy in Vienna. Speakers included the ambassadors of Albania to Austria and to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Fifteen Albanians were awarded Ambassador for Peace certificates, thus becoming the members of the new Peace Council.--Gani Rroshi



# Shin Albania Completes 16-day Divine Principle Workshop



Albania's annual 16-day workshop was held from 10 to 25 July at the Mullet education centre. Of the more than 70 participants, 24 were attending a workshop for the first time. The theme was "Aim for the Sun"—which means living a life without any shadows, under True Parents' guidance and love. The workshop was divided into two parts: Divine Principle and the Life of True Parents. In addition to lectures, participants enjoyed team-building games, discussions, a talent show, and a prayer session. They also faced some challenges: teaching Divine Principle, fundraising, and the Pledge. For this last challenge, each participant wrote two letters. After writing their past mistakes in the first letter, each participant burned it. The second letter contained their new determination for their life. – *Manjola Vasmatics*



# The Wave of Blessings Continues in Russia



Alexei and Ilsyar Pavlov



Ruslan and Lyudmila Kharisov



Alexei and Olga Kataev



Vlad and Irina Shaydullin



In the Russian Republic of Bashkortostan in the Ural sub-region, 577 couples received the Blessing during the past month. In the most recent event, there was a queue of people waiting to take part in the ceremonies. ... Four blessed couples (above) have achieved their 430 HTM goal within their region.



# Moscow Summer of Witnessing Concludes Successfully



Moscow members' 21-day witnessing campaign came to an end on 24 July. Seven to 12 members took part, with five participating every day. The team members were both First and Second Generation, aged 18 to 55, including a Second Gen from the United States who spoke only English. ... The internal goals were to create a foundation for True Mother's coming to Russia and to prepare to meet True Father on the 10th anniversary of his Ascension. The external goals were 12 guests for the last program on 23 July and to have seven guests attending regularly. ... The main focus was youth street witnessing. Guests were invited for a CARP presentation, and then asked to return for a DP lecture. By the third week we had up to 12 CARP presentations and eight DP lectures a day. The lectures were straight Divine Principle. We didn't ask guests to accept it completely but to "try it on" and make their own conclusions. ... The team's daily schedule was very demanding, with one hour of prayer and one hour of HDH. Although it was not easy, everyone came to feel that it was important and useful. The team also received online guidance from Jack Corley, Rev. Park Shin-jae and Kathy Rigney. ... By the end of the campaign we had given about 100 CARP presentations, and 24 guests came back to hear DP, of whom 13 are still attending lectures. There were 20 guests for the last program on 23 July. ... The guests are being cared for by their spiritual parents until September, when they will graduate to Moscow CARP.—Artem Palkin



# Leadership Training for Russian Second Generation



Second-Generation Russian youth who just graduated high school took part in a leadership training program in the Ural Region city of Ekaterinburg from 3 to 27 July. The program included practice in fundraising, which was a great growing experience. Then the workshop moved to the village of Ufa-Shigiri, 200 kilometres from Ekaterinburg, where the young people participated in a Peace Designer program, building an eco-trail in a local park. Their activities also included hiking and rafting.--Alexei Ponosov



# YSP-Russia Invites Young Leaders to Lapland Learning Experience



YSP held a unique forum in Lapland Nature Reserve north of the Arctic Circle in Russia. The 15 participants came from five Russian cities including students, members of NGOs, professional ecologists, and scientists. All participants had to undergo a rigorous interview before being accepted. The programme included discussions on the UN Strategic Development Goals, Peace Designer presentations and the construction of a wooden walkway in the nature reserve. – *Elena Kalmatskaya*



# Russian 21-day Workshop: DP, FR and Physical Labour in the Outdoors



From 4 to 24 July, twenty young Russians took part in an intensive program that started in St. Petersburg and ended in a nature reserve north of the Arctic Circle. The first week was spent studying Divine Principle and True Parents' lives—which the young people found especially moving. In the second week they went out to the streets for their first experience of fundraising. Despite the challenges, no one gave up! The third week saw the young people taking a train north to the Kola Peninsula, where they did physical work in the Lapland Nature Reserve. Through their labour they discovered the essence of serving God and other people, and many had spiritual experiences.—*Polina Makarenko*



# Ukraine Activities



**Youth and Second Generation:** The Ukrainian youth team in Poland took part in the Hiking for Peace program for a whole week. ... Nine Second Generation teens aged 13 to 18 completed a 14-day actionizing program in the Lviv region. ... Afterward, parents of the actionizers gathered to discuss the program results and their children's situation.

**Women's Federation activities:** In honour of Family Day on 8 July, WFWP, in cooperation with the *Family Times* newspaper, purchased and delivered food kits to 20 families raising children with disabilities, as well as disabled elderly people who cannot leave Kyiv. ... At the request of the Armed Forces, WFWP bought and mailed six thousand disposable plates to the front. This will be enough for a military unit for a month. ... Fifteen children and some parents attended an online art therapy class organized by WFWP, in which they created angel dolls from ordinary white paper napkins. The class was conducted by a psychologist of the Kyiv Municipal Family Centre.



# Activities of Ukrainian Members



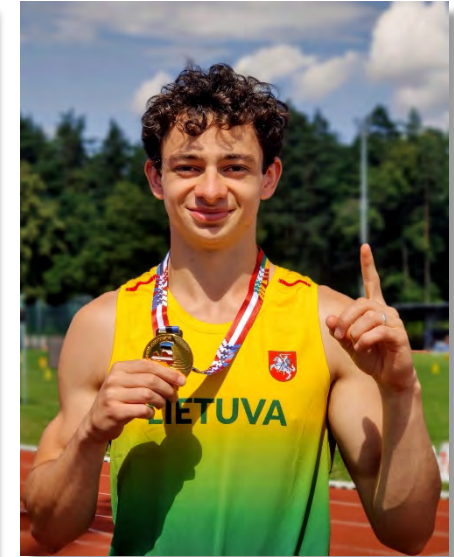
**Outreach:** In Warsaw, Poland, four guests joined a nine-day workshop being held in the Peace Embassy. Three of the guests came from Ukraine, and one guest came from France where she has been living with her family as a refugee. ... In the Lviv region, a seven-day DP workshop started with three participants. ... In addition, two new guests attended a one-day DP workshop online.

**Second Generation:** Thirty-eight children aged 11 and older took part in a Second-Generation workshop. Most of them participated online, while those children who are still in Ukraine gathered at our settlement in the Lviv region. The workshop included lectures on DP and life of faith, as well as interactive activities. ... After the workshop finished, 10 Second-Generation teenagers started 14 days of actionizing in the Lviv region, which includes fundraising and witnessing.

**Women's Federation:** WFWP regularly holds art-therapy workshops for children from large and single-parent families, refugee and internally displaced families, and special-needs children. ... One such workshop spoke about the ancient traditions of Ivan Kupala Day, which Ukrainians love and prepare for in July. The greatest treasure on Ivan Kupala is a fern flower that blooms for only a moment. Whoever finds this flower will receive incredible power. After hearing the legend, children were making fern flowers. – *Anna Kalmatskaya*



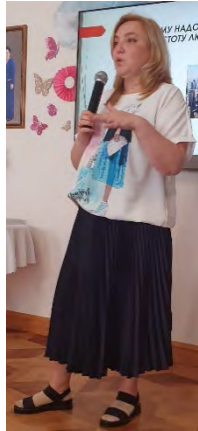
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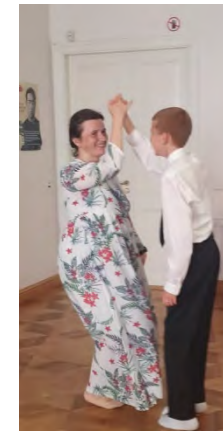
The CheonShimWon special prayer room was officially opened on 17 July following Sunday Service. In addition to approximately 30 members with children attending the ceremony in the Vilnius centre, three families joined online. An opening prayer was followed by a Hoondok reading, a special message from the national leader, and three cheers of “Eok Mansei”. The event concluded with a celebratory lunch prepared by Ukrainian families staying in the centre. ... Robert Karagezian, the son of the national leaders, participated in the Baltic Youth U18 and U20 Team Championship on 16 July. His team won first place in the 4x100 meter relay. Robert received a gold medal, and the team was elevated to sports masters status. – *Aram Karagezian*



# Regional Second-Generation Director Visits Estonia



**Il Shim Ceremony**



**Sunday Service**



Elena Kalmatskaya, the director of the Second-Generation Department for the Eastern Europe sub-region, visited Estonia and gave the Sunday sermon in the Tallinn Peace Embassy. She spoke about her experiences in guiding the Second Generation, the importance of teamwork between the First and Second Generations, and the value of educating Second Generation both at home and in Sunday school. After the Sunday service, Estonian members brought Mrs. Kalmatskaya to the Art Museum. –Avo Martinson



# Activities in Romania



Guests who were witnessed to by the Cheon Il Guk missionaries are studying Divine Principle one-on-one with our members. Once or twice a week, they come to the Peace Centre, read directly from the Divine Principle book with a member, and discuss their inspirations and understanding. ... Meanwhile, CIG missionaries are keeping in contact with their spiritual children to encourage them in their life of faith. One guest is reading True Father's autobiography together with his spiritual parent.

CARP concluded a 40-day Shimjeong Diary Jeongseong Condition. Every week five guests and three members met at the Peace Centre to discuss their week and to set internal goals and action plans for the coming week. – *Miki Predescu*



# Activities in Moldova



**Sunflower Centre:** Every day 35 to 40 children aged 1 to 13, both Ukrainian and Moldovan, including special-needs children, attend the summer camp. Several Second-Generation children also are attending. In addition, five Second-Generation teenagers volunteer at the centre. ... The mothers' group had a wonderful experience of making Ukrainian traditional dolls by hand. ... For the last three weeks the *Floare de cires* ("Cherry Flower") NGO has offered free lunches to all participants at the camp, including mothers. The NGO is impressed that our centre attracts so many refugees consistently. – *Sabina Nadejdin*



# Activities in Moldova



**Anenii Noi:** Natalia Roskot, the FFWPU coordinator in the city of Anenii Noi, participated in a working meeting in the rehabilitation centre on the issue of children running away from home. The meeting was organized by the rehabilitation centre together with the police and the directorate of the district social protection. On 17 August, Family Federation will meet with parents about creating a more loving environment at home and improving communication with children. ... Natalia Roskot also visited two social enterprises in the regions of Ialoveni and Hincesti, organized by the Contact Centre and the Eastern Europe Foundation. – *Sabina Nadejdin*





# Belarus Honours Memory of Dr. Stanislav Shushkevich



Mrs. Irina Kuzminichna Shushkevich was the guest of honour at a special programme held in remembrance of her husband, Dr. Stanislav Stanislavovich Shushkevich, the first head of state of independent Belarus, who passed to the spiritual world on 3 May at the age of 87. The programme was held on 30 July at the main FFWPU-Belarus centre. In addition to Mrs. Shushkevich, other speakers were Konstantin Krylov, the UPF secretary general for Eastern Europe; and Sumie Shiotani, a representative of WFWP-Japan. Eastern Europe Sub-regional President Jack Corley recalled his personal experiences with Dr. Shushkevich and gave a presentation about the Three Blessings and the spiritual world. The meeting ended with a video about the participation of Dr. and Mrs. Shushkevich in many of our movement's international events and their devoted support of True Parents.--*Vitaly Maksimov*



*Thank you!*