

# Eastern Europe Sub-region

Report for October 2022



# God's Winning Team!

## Zoom Calls with Eastern Europe National and Department Leaders I



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**Serbia**



**WFWP**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. Department**



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**Blessed Family Department**



**Croatia**



**Moldova**



**Universal Peace Federation**



**Latvia**



**Armenia**



**Ukraine**

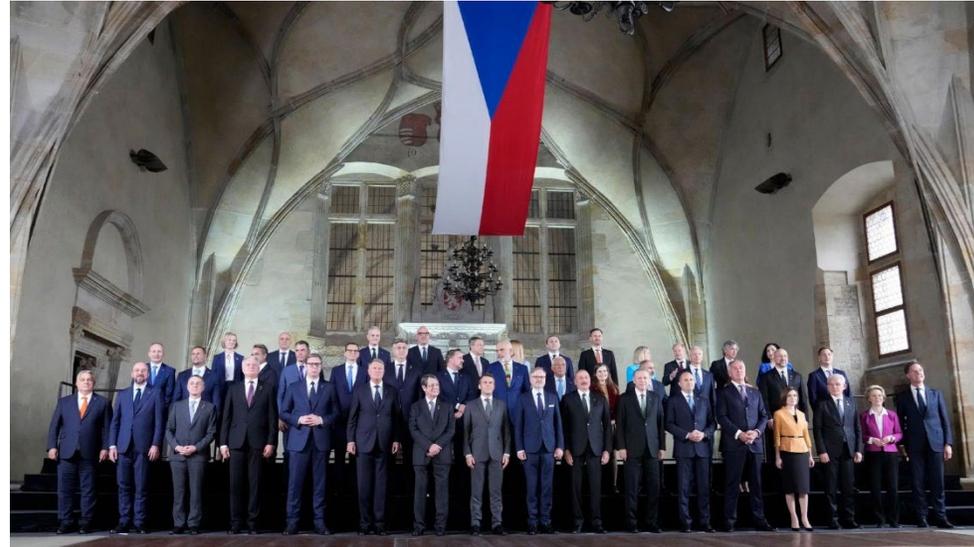


**Youth and Students for Peace**

# Peace in the Caucasus Region?

27 EU member states plus

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Iceland
- Kosovo
- Liechtenstein
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Serbia
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- President of the European Commission
- President of the European Council



**Turkish President Recep Erdogan, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met in Prague on Oct. 6 within the framework of the European Political Community Summit. Azerbaijan and Turkey have been historical enemies of Armenia, and these meetings are very significant and may lead to the three countries opening their borders to each other.**



# CheonBo Event in Shin Albania



Michael & Fumiko Balcomb



Inpyo Moon



Jack Corley



Manjola Vasmatics



Tibor Krebsz



Gani Rroshi



Arnold Graml

On 29 and 30 October an inspiring Cheonbo Event took place in the CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana, Shin Albania. Over two hundred participated in person and over 50 more joined online from throughout the EUME region. – *Manjola Vasmatics.*

# Albanian Youth Start 'Leadership and Good Governance' Training



Manjola Vasmatics



Gani Rroshi



Dr. Saemira Pino



About 90 high school students from the cities of Vlora, Fier and Tirana—as well as young FFWPU members who are interested in democracy and leadership—attended the first session of "Leadership and Good Governance" at the Tirana Peace Embassy. This training is part of the project "I – An Active Part of My City," within the framework of Tirana – European Youth Capital 2022. After a message from FFWPU leader Manjola Vasmatics, UPF Secretary General Gani Rroshi spoke about "The Need for Character Education as a Prerequisite for Good Leadership" and Dr. Saemira Pino, chair of Albania's chapter of International Association of Academicians for Peace, spoke in detail about "Principles of Good Governance." – *Manjola Vasmatics*

# Vlora Feels the Love When Fam Fed Youth Come to Town



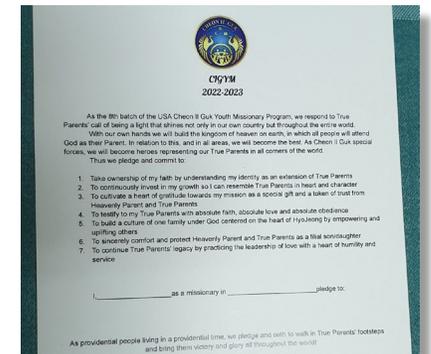
A park was cleaned, and trees and flowers were planted, when a group of young Family Federation members spent a day in the Albanian city of Vlora. The young visitors, both Albanians and foreigners, started by cleaning Aulona Park, then continued on to the Children's Cultural Centre, where they planted trees and flowers. Students from the Elite School were inspired by the vision of the project and joined in to beautify their city. Also present were employees of the city government, the deputy mayor, and Mayor Dritan Leli, who gave a welcoming speech congratulating the project initiative and the support of young people. – *Manjola Vasmatics*

# Albanian Leaders Interviewed on National TV



**Albanian national leader Manjola Vasmatics and Tirana community leader Arlinda Elbasani were invited to appear on national TV to report on Family Federation activities. – Manjola Vasmatics**

# CIG Missionaries Conclude Training in Shin Albania



Approximately 30 Cheon Il Guk missionaries from the United States completed one month of training in Shin Albania, in which they attended special training workshops and worked with local communities in preparation for their upcoming mission work. At the end of their stay, they attended a special program in the coastal city of Durres. Eastern Europe President Jack Corley and Albanian President Manjola and Gabor Vasmatics came to offer them words of encouragement and support. They offered a pledge in front of True Parents, first by group and then individually, to fulfill their missionary goals. It was a moving and profound ceremony, and inspiring to see the seriousness of these Second Generation brothers and sisters. The following morning they left for their assigned countries: Zambia, Israel, Dominican Republic, Romania, Kosovo, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. God speed them on their way! – Jack Corley

# Reports from Romania



## Romania CARP Starts Chess Night

Twelve guests and eight members came to the first Chess Night organized by CARP of Romania. The Wednesday evening activity is being led by Dima, who is passionate about chess. After a brief introduction to the game rules, the group divided into teams of three people, who played chess for two hours. The general atmosphere was great; it was refreshing to see young people passionate about chess. – *Miki Predescu*

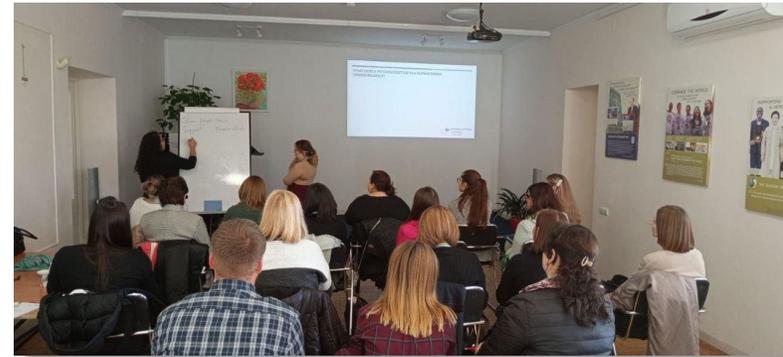
## Romania CARP 'Open HDH' Focuses on Life Goals

The latest in the Romania CARP series of Open Hoon Dok Hwe meetings had the theme "Youth and Life Goals." Twenty-two guests and six members joined the discussion at the Bucharest Peace Centre. After the CARP leader explained about the topic and the meaning of HDH, the participants divided into teams of seven to read and discuss True Mother's memoir. At the end, around 10 people gave their impressions of the reading. – *Miki Predescu*

## Romania CARP Sports Festival

The Romanian chapter of CARP rented a football field at Bucharest's Polytechnical University for three hours to hold a sports festival. Twelve guests and nine members played teamwork games organized by the Korean missionaries, followed by a football match. – *Miki Predescu*

# Activities in Moldova I



The Sunflower Centre had another fun and educational week. Over 30 children between the ages of 1 and 13 attended art and music classes, as well as educational preschool programs, and English and Ukrainian language courses. ... The Moms' Club continued its therapeutic weekly activities, attracting a larger number of moms.

Twenty psychologists from all over the country, including the Sunflower team, attended “Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in a Humanitarian Context,” a training program organized by the NGO Psychologists without Borders in partnership with the Family Federation of Moldova.

The YSP weekly activity brought together Moldovan volunteers and Indian students to watch and discuss an interesting movie, *Victoria & Abdul*.

A family from Moldova who have been active in Family Festivals received a lot of inspiration after participating in an online HTM meeting that was led by Alexei Saveliev from the Family Federation of Russia. – *Sabina Nadejdin*

# Activities in Moldova II



**A delegation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees visited the Peace Embassy and Sunflower Project. They were invited by the wife of the Ukrainian Ambassador to Moldova (bottom centre) who also accompanied them. During their visit they provided books in the Ukrainian language for use by the refugee children. – Sabina Nadejdin**

# Activities in Moldova III



**Giving the Blessing**



**Sunflower Centre Activities**



**YSP Meeting**



**English Study**



**Cheongshim Won Prayer**

**A total of 42 couples passed through three steps of the Blessing when the Family Federation Team held a Family Festival in Chisinau. The members received much inspiring feedback and moving testimonies from the participants. ... Family Federation signed an agreement with the NGO Psychologists without Borders to provide counselling for parents and children. ... The Sunflower Centre continues its activities, offering classes and activities in the Chisinau Peace Embassy to refugee children and parents. ... At the weekly YSP meeting, about 20 young people from different cultures, nationalities and languages gathered to spend time in healthy communication. board games and sports. Also they practiced the YSP dance "Let's Go!" ... Every Wednesday and Thursday, Ivan Kolupaev leads a group of enthusiastic language learners at the English Club. – Sabina Nadejdin**

# Activities in Belarus



**Sixty-seven Belarus members attended the Autumn Special Great Works, with about one-third participating in person and two-thirds online.**

**Svetlana Novikova returned to Belarus after completing two periods of 21 days at Cheongpyeong. She is full of inspiration about the Cheongshim Won providence, unity with True Mother, and the need for inner purification. She has been invited to give her testimony at night vigils by brothers and sisters from Russia.**

**The prayer service group is continuing a 340-day prayer condition to support True Mother and Vision 2027. They offer daily prayers for leaders and blessed families. ... Every Thursday parents are holding a prayer meeting to support Second Generation. ... Members regularly join regional conditions and prayer meetings. ... In September, CheonBo families completed a 100-day condition of night vigils, held twice a week, and then started another similar condition. – Olga Plotnikova**

# Members across Russia Join Special Great Works I



**Novosibirsk**



**St. Petersburg**



**Ryazan**



**Khabarovsk**

A total of 616 members from all over Russia, both First and Second Generation, took part in the Third Nationwide Cheongbo Workshop on 23 October, watching the rebroadcast of the Autumn Special Great Works in Korea. Twelve communities across Russia participated, with many members from isolated communities joining one of the 12 main communities online. In preparation, brothers and sisters made many spiritual conditions; unfortunately, many also took ill, including half of the leaders and coordinators. A large group of Second Generation teens travelled to Moscow to take part in the workshop; some were the only representatives of their family there. On 29 October, many families participated online in the CheonBo workshop for the second time, and the community from Ulyanovsk participated for the first time. Seed Candles of All Things were sent to all 12 communities. –

*Elena Mikhaylova*



**Yekaterinburg**

# Members across Russia Join Special Great Works II



Moscow Headquarters, October 23, 2022

# News from UPF Russia



## Media Figure Named Ambassador for Peace

Svetlana Drukovskaya, a Russian media professional who has been engaged in the moral education of children and youth for many years, was awarded an Ambassador for Peace certificate in the Moscow Peace Embassy. Mrs. Drukovskaya is the director of the School of Television of the *Prodvizhenie* (“Advancement”) TV channel. More than 10,000 children have been trained at the School of Television, all of whom have taken an active part in the creation of morally oriented media content for children and adolescents. – *Dmitry Samko*



## UPF Supports Appliance Collection

UPF volunteers in the southwestern Russian city of Voronezh took part in a nationwide project, *ElektroSbor* (“Electro-Collection”) 2022, in which unwanted electronics equipment was dropped off at collection points over two days. In Voronezh about 40 volunteers not only received the old appliances but also gave a lecture on the topic “Hazardous Waste” and led a tour of the city’s eco-centre. – *Elena Knyazeva*



## UPF-Moscow Competes in Waste Paper Collection

Ten UPF-Moscow volunteers took part in a campaign to collect waste paper in the city of Lyubertsy just outside Moscow. It was also a competition, in which the amount of collected paper was converted into eco-points. With the winning points, each county or district received tree seedlings, which are also planted as part of environmental campaigns. The main objective of the campaign is to draw attention to conserving resources. UPF, being a socially oriented NGO, actively participates in environmental campaigns for the separate collection of waste, recycling of batteries, household and electronic waste, collection of plastic bottle caps, etc. – *Dmitry Samko*

# Moscow Youth Join CARP Witnessing and YSP Service Project



## CARP

First and Second Generation members of Moscow CARP took part in two autumn witnessing conditions. They gave 35 introductory presentations and more than 60 Divine Principle lectures.

## YSP

YSP-Russia held a one-day environmental event in Moscow. About 40 local residents visited the event, which featured ecologically themed games and quizzes, as well as a recycling drive for paper waste, batteries, old clothes, and other items. Because this was the third event in the same district, YSP already had contacts among local ecological organizations, and those groups helped to publicize the event. The YSP volunteers were invited to join a meeting the next day with two district deputies (local lawmakers) and one Moscow City Council deputy, as well as volunteers from various ecological organizations.

- Elena Kalmatskaya

# 'Angels of Peace' Win the Hearts of Elderly Russians



Russian Second-Generation performing troupe Angels of Peace gave a concert at a “house of veterans of science” to commemorate the International Day of Elderly People. The senior citizens were moved to tears and asked the children to come again. ... Moscow children from three schools and a kindergarten prepared handmade congratulatory cards with warm wishes for the elderly Russians.



The Angels of Peace held a second concert in Moscow. This time the performing children visited the Opeka home for senior citizens. The elderly audience members sang songs together with the children and were genuinely happy. ... One World War II veteran (wearing medals in the photo), who soon will have her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, said that when she passes to the spiritual world, the children can call her and she will come to help. – *Olga Vakulinskaya*

# Russian Orthodox Archpriest Joins IAPD-EUME Special Advisory Board



**Archpriest Vladimir Fedorov of the Russian Orthodox Church has joined the Special Advisory Board of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) of Europe and the Middle East, part of UPF. On October 26, Father Vladimir had an online meeting with Heiner Handschin, the EUME coordinator for IAPD, along with Konstantin Krylov, Maria Nazarova, and Natalia Chigrina, the leaders of UPF for Eastern Europe, Russia, and Northwest Russia, respectively. Mr. Handschin explained about IAPD and the Special Advisory Board. Then Father Vladimir, who has been a supporter of True Parents' vision and has spoken at several Rallies of Hope, spoke about some of his experiences and, in particular, about a book he is writing about creating a culture of peace. The meeting concluded with a lively and interesting discussion. – Maria Nazarova**

# Moscow Court Throws Out Attempt to Close Peace Embassy



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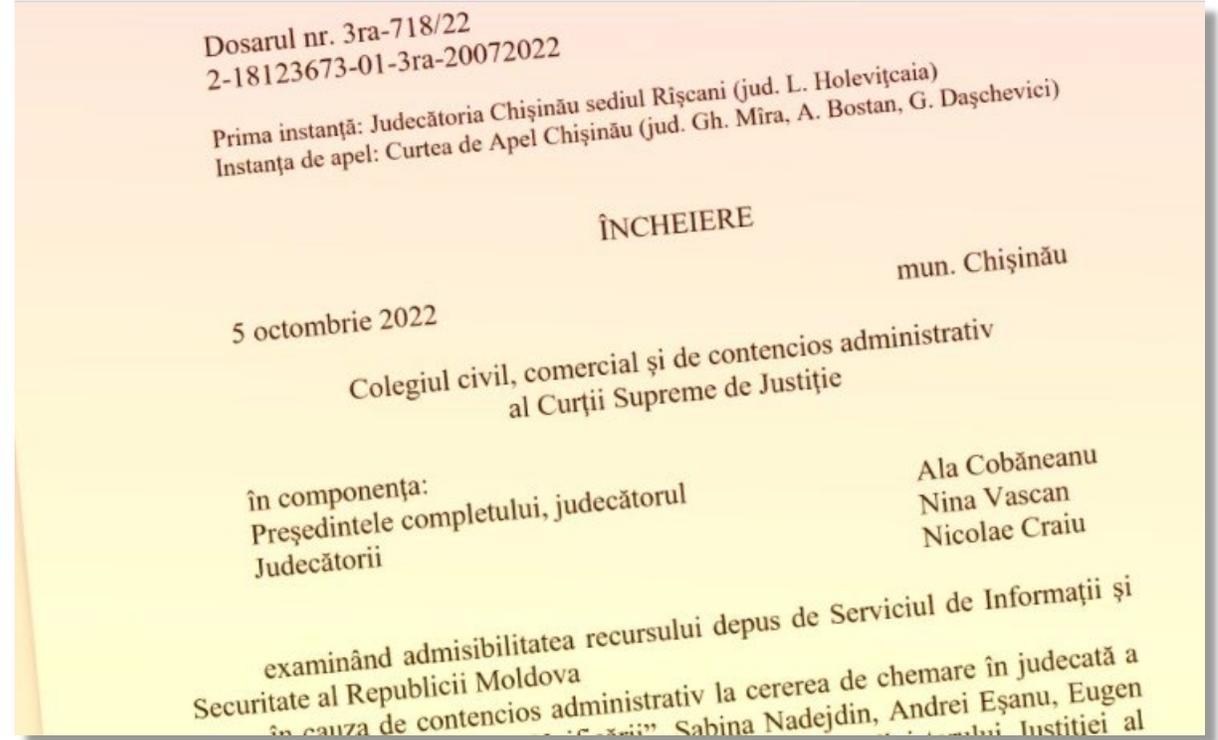
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**Арбитражный суд в составе судьи Коноваловой Е.В.**  
при ведении протокола секретарем Лалиевой О.В.,  
рассмотрев в открытом судебном заседании дело по иску Департамента городского имущества города Москвы (123112, Москва город, 1-й Красногвардейский проезд, дом 21, строение 1, ОГРН: 1037739510423), Правительства Москвы (125032 Москва город улица Тверская 13 , ОГРН: 1027739813507) к Международному фонду образования

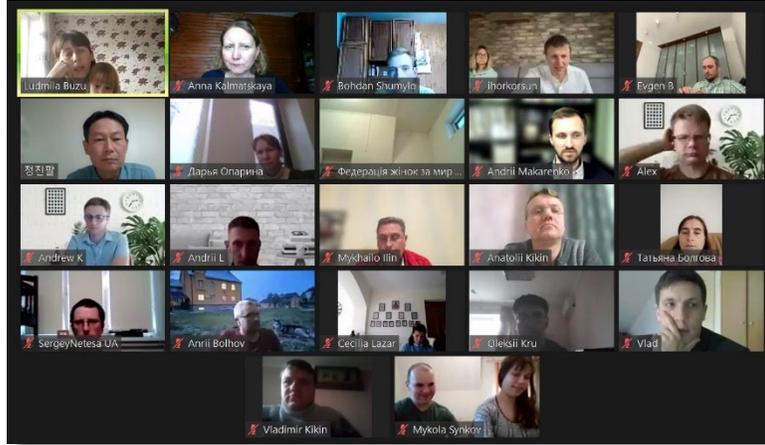
The lower Moscow City Arbitration Court released the full text of its decision about the Moscow Peace Embassy. It took a month for the judge to formulate the document, which normally is released within a few days. Our lawyers are rejoicing at the judge's rare impartiality and emotion. The judge listed all the efforts made to legalize the Peace Embassy, despite the resistance of the authorities. Completely dismissing the Moscow City Government's attempt to destroy one-fourth of the building, the judge stressed, "The continuous push of the Moscow City Government to return the building to its state as of 15 years ago does not seem to restore any lawful rights, but rather is an inadmissible attempt by the authorities to harm the defendant." ... We expect the Moscow City Government to appeal to the higher court within the legally allotted two months. ... Thanks to Dmitry Melnikov for partnering with the lawyer over several years and to Ruslan Salmanov for his impeccable documentation work. – *Konstantin Krylov*

# Victory in the Moldovan Supreme Court



**After five years of litigation, the government security service's attempt to close the Unification Church of Moldova, accusing it of being an extremist group, was dismissed. The complaint against the UC was submitted by a member of the Moldova Academy of Sciences without the approval of the Academy. Later the Academy of Sciences rejected the letter, but the case, which was already in motion, was required to run its course. – Sabina Nadejdin**

# News from Ukraine Members



## Youth and Families

Participants entering the New World Education Team one-year program attended an online meeting. ... One sister arrived in the Lviv region to do 40-day actionizing. ... Six new guests listened to a one-day DP workshop.

The national messiah to Ukraine held an online meeting with Ukrainian blessed couples, in which they reflected on the tradition of night vigils, which was started seven years ago and has continued without a break, even during the war. In the spirit of making a new start, new night vigil groups were formed, with new leaders appointed. The new night vigil leaders spoke of their determination, followed by a discussion.

## WFWP

WFWP-Ukraine volunteers organized humanitarian aid projects for families who apply for help through social networks. Last week we provided support to large families living in the villages of Kyiv and Odessa regions. Food, hygiene products, baby food and other necessary things were purchased. The children hear the rockets coming and ask when the war will end, because they are very tired of hiding. There is no work in the villages, families have financial problems. They have to go to the forest with their children to prepare firewood for the winter. – *Anna Kalmatskaya*

# Croatian Members Witness at Book Table



Croatian members set up a book table at an antiques fair in the city of Osijek, where they displayed True Father's autobiography, Divine Principle Level 4, and DP brochures in Croatian. The members, both First and Second Generation, conducted a survey and invited people to join a Saturday evening online DP study. Overcoming their fear of approaching people, they made about 25 new contacts. A local radio station interviewed the members, who explained about Family Federation and its activities. – Marija Purgar

# Croatian and Slovenian Youth Get Together



**Seven Second Gen teens from Slovenia came to Zagreb, Croatia, to the home of Croatian national leader Ji Suk Baek, for a weekend of fun and fellowship with seven Second Gens and one First Gen from Croatia. The Slovenian teens included two who have not been connected with the community for a long time. During their visit they also celebrated the two October Holy Days together. We will continue to organize this type of gathering which provides sharing, discussion and fun, and also will include Second Generation youth who have been distant from our movement. – Ji Suk Baek**

# Eastern Europe Sub-Regional Leader Tours Baltic Nations I



With Lithuanian national leaders Aram and Roma Karagezian



Sunday Service in Vilnius, Lithuania

From 14 to 24 October, Eastern Europe President Jack Corley visited the three Baltic nations of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. He began in Vilnius, Lithuania, where at Sunday Service he gave a sermon about recent providential events. On 17 October he travelled to Riga, Latvia, and on 20 October to Tallinn, Estonia. His visit to the Baltic nations coincided with the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of True Parents' visits to those nations in 2005. – *Renee Corley*

# Eastern Europe Sub-Regional Leader Tours Baltic Nations II



Meeting Riga Community members; with national leaders Janis and Kermena Vjaters; and in front of Baltic Beach Hotel where True Father spoke in 2005



Meeting members of the Estonian Community and with national leader Olga Martinson in front of the Olympia Hotel, Tallinn



**LATVIA**



True Parents in Olympia Hotel, Tallinn October 22, 2005



**ESTONIA**

***Thank you!***