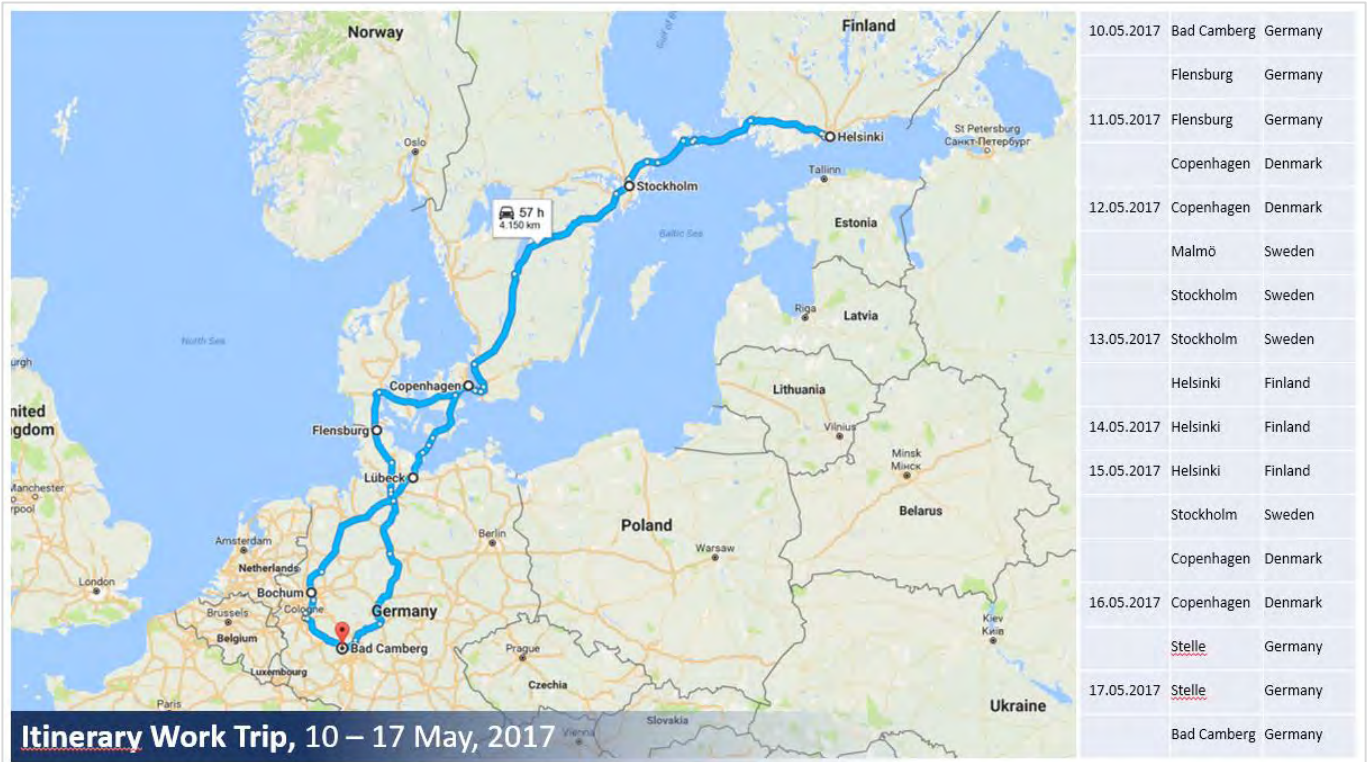


Recent Visits by the Continental Director

10. – 17. May 2017



By European Office

As for one week, from the 10th to the 17th May, our Continental Director, Mr. Jack Corley, visited northern Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland—a journey by road and sea of over 4,300 kilometers (around 2,700 miles). He was accompanied by the European Headquarters director, Peter Staudinger. The former European continental director, Rev. Jun-seok An, also accompanied them until Stockholm, Sweden.

The purpose of the visit was to meet members in our northern communities and to explain to them about True Parents' hopes and directions until 2020. It was also an opportunity to allow brothers and sisters to report directly about their experiences.



In northern Germany Mr. Corley visited the medical clinic of Dr. Dieter Schmidt, the national leader of Germany, who runs a very successful practice in the town of Flensburg, near the Danish border. His practice integrates Eastern and Western medical approaches.



They also visited the Hamburg Community leader, Ulrich Ganz, and Gröning family as they returned from their trip to Scandinavia.



In Copenhagen, Denmark, members of the local community gathered for an evening presentation from our continental director as well as words of encouragement from Rev. An. On the following day, after driving over a long bridge from Copenhagen to the southern Swedish city of Malmö, the



party met with James Houston, who is blessed and living there with his Swedish wife, Britta.



In Stockholm, brothers and sisters gathered in the home of the Jolin family to welcome the visitors with a barbecue, followed by some time for discussion. Rev. An stayed on in Stockholm to give the Sunday sermon, as Mr. Corley and Peter Staudinger continued on to Finland the following morning. Their journey to Finland included an 11-hour trip by ferry to the western Finnish city of Turku, followed by a 90-minute drive to Helsinki.



During the Sunday service in Helsinki, Mr. Corley spoke about the importance of having a vision, beginning within the individual and linking it to Vision 2020. He reminded everyone of the four directions which True Mother gave at the conclusion of True Father's Seonghwa in 2012. The four directions were:

First, we must absolutely value the tradition established by True Parents as much as we value our own lives, and pass this down to our descendants, the future generations. The Hoon Dok Hwe tradition of reading the Word, which is the crystallization of True Parents' course in the providence of restoration through indemnity, should become the central practice in each family as well as in the churches and any gathering centered on Heaven.

Second, we must complete the ideal of the blessed family with which Heaven

has blessed us. The family is the cradle of true love, true life and true lineage, and the basis upon which is realized the purpose God envisaged at the time of the Creation. Based on the eight verses of the Family Pledge, we should uphold the tradition of the absolutely good lineage with absolute faith.

Third, we have all received the blessing of being tribal messiahs. Thus, we must work to fulfill that mission and responsibility until the time that Cheon Il Guk is realized on earth. Tribal messiahship is the greatest of all blessings given to us by True Parents.

Fourth, all of us must create a community based on the culture of heart characterized by harmony and unity, with True Parents and the True Family at the center. Each of us, without exception, found the path of God's Will because we were chosen by Heaven, because of the merits of our

ancestors and because of our own character.

True Mother concluded with the words "I shall be faithful to True Father's life and tradition. He set the example for us and led by example his entire life, doing his absolute best to achieve victory in the providence. The requests I have conveyed to you today are True Father's last words as he was departing for the spirit world. I sincerely pray that you will engrave them deeply in your hearts and that you will all become victorious."



On the return journey from the trip Mr. Corley visited a Danish member of Parliament, Mrs. Ulla Sandberg, who had attended the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace programs in London, Washington, D.C., and Seoul.

Continental Director Jack Corley visiting Denmark

Copenhagen, Denmark, 11. May 2017

By Nobuhiro Igarashi

On 11 May our continental director, Jack Corley, Rev. An and Peter Staudinger Visited Denmark. After lunch, they visited former Scandinavian sub-regional leader, Marjorie Hill, and they had a good meeting. After that they visited several places of wonderful Copenhagen.



In the evening, we had a meeting. Jack Corley gave us very deep internal guidance by True Mother's teaching. It



is much needed for us in nowadays and from now on. He also shared his personal history, and it was so excited. And then Rev. An shared us his experience with True Mother when he was Vice President of FFWPU International. He told us how True Mother loved not only our members but also all human beings and has invested herself for them. And she sometimes

could not sleep because of many things of inside of our organization and in the world.

After that we had coffee time and we introduced ourselves and shared many things each other. It was very warm and peaceful time. We felt we are brothers and sisters of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

After three leaders visited Sweden and Finland Jack Corley visited our IAPP member in Danish Parliament. They talked about IAPP Scandinavian Inauguration meeting.

We received much grace by their visiting. Thank you very much Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Continental Director Jack Corley visiting Finland

Helsinki, Finland, 13. – 15. May 2017

By Josef Svacina

We were happy, felt blessed and honored to welcome our Continental director and elder brother Rev. Jack Corley to Finland, accompanied by Peter Staudinger.



The very same weekend we also hosted our Scandinavian sub-regional leader Mr. Nobuhiro Igarashi.

Rev. Corley offered the Sunday sermon embracing guests and regular community members. Our church band “Connection” accompanied the singing to his topic “Be Thou my Vision”.

Rev. Corley spoke about the importance of unity and about the responsibility to be pro-active, to co-create and be compassionate in this era of settling and building the CIG. Success does not depend on the ability or weakness of a leader, but on our cooperating and helping one another as we each contribute our part, our capability and strengths as Tribal Messiahs towards the common vision and goal of CIG.

The Kingdom of Heaven is a world that lies beyond fighting, envy or criticism. It is a world of sincere cooperation with the culture of heart.

Following the Sunday sermon, he shared his testimony focusing on his direct experiences with True Parents and how these have impacted him over the years.

Mr. Igarashi had spent the previous day sharing his guidance with various

mission representatives and visiting families.

After the Sunday service Rev. Corley, Mr. Igarashi as well as Peter Staudinger spent time with brothers and sisters in an informal manner. It was a wonderful opportunity for the younger and older ones of us to connect and share views - since Finland with its geography is not a country where people easily come to or pass through.

In a small group, we visited the Holy Ground in southern Helsinki, with a nice view over the Baltic Sea and its islands – ferries and small boats passing by.

Some elder brothers and sisters got together with Jack Corley and Peter for sharing over a dinner, in a light spring evening of a nordic country.

Thank you for coming to Finland and “tervetuloa” (welcome) again!

