# European CIG Assembly.

Prague, Czech Republic.

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$$7^{\text{th}}$$
 -  $10^{\text{th}}$  2016.

The context of our western multicultural society.

Birmingham. 2001 2011 Population. 977,087 1,073,045 • White British. 641,345 (65.6) 570,217 (53.1) Asian/Asian British. 285,640 (26.6) 195,794 (20.0) Black/Black British. 59,832 (6.1) 96,360 (9.0)

The context of our western multicultural society.

Birmingham 2011. (by religion)

Total population 1,073,045

Christian

494,358

Muslim

234,411 [we have >200 mosques in Birmingham]

Sikh

32,376

# Meeting the Queen's representatives (Sikh) and our former Lord Mayor (Muslim).





#### Hearing about all the virtues of Sikhism.









#### Cham Bumo Gyeong. Book 12. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Women's Era.

#### Chapter 1. Background.

True Parents proclaimed 'The Family Pledge' on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1994, at the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HSA-UWC. Later, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, they announced the establishment of the Family Federation for World Peace. Its inaugural ceremony took place on July 30<sup>th</sup> 1996, in Washington DC. On April 10<sup>th</sup> 1997, True Parents directed that the official name be changed from Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity to Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. This was to clarify that the original, ideal world as envisioned at the creation comes not through religion but, rather, through ideal families.

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- Chapter 1. 1. [April 16<sup>th</sup> 1997].
- Father's words ....
- The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification was established <u>to gather the mothers</u>, the sons and the daughters, who had fallen short in Adam's family, and lead them to the Blessing. From the family age of the Blessing we move now to the tribal age. The age of HSA-UWC was for the sake of finding Adam's family. Now we are in the course of uniting Adam's family and building the tribal-level foundation. After interconnecting the tribes, we can build a nationallevel and, finally, a world-level foundation. We are now in this time of great change, so the Unification Church is transforming into the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

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- Introduction.
- During the 31<sup>st</sup> True Parents' Day ceremony, held on March 27, 1990, True Father declared the "liberation of all women" and announced True Mother as the second founder of the unification movement.
- On April 10, 1992, True Parents proclaimed the "Advent of the Global Era of Women" as they held the inauguration ceremony of the Women's Federation for World Peace.

Home Church, Home Town, Tribal Messiahship - some thoughts.

- Our personal journey has focused on :
- <u>Consistent</u> WFWP activities with women, especially the Women's Peace Meeting, from 1993 to 2016. Women are often the avenue into families ...
- UPF activities, Ambassadors for Peace etc, especially between 2000 and 2012 : MEPI's, ELC's, Speech events, UK Parliament..
- FFWPU activities : Family Evenings to share the Principle, and holding regular Blessings, especially between 2010 and 2016.



#### Women's Peace Meeting in Birmingham - 1993 and 2016 !



Ambassadors for Peace who give tremendous credibility to our work, as here at the Blessing in 2010.





#### Recognising the UN Day for Young People with a 'Youth Awards' event in Parliament.



#### Two recent Family Evenings in our home.





# FFWPU, Family Evenings, and sharing the Principle.

- Since focusing on sharing the Principle / Principles of Peace, guests have come mainly through street witnessing and the Women's Peace Meeting.
- We make a clear distinction, both in <u>our</u> minds <u>and</u> in the minds of our guests, that the Family Evening is an FFWPU activity.
- However (!), the experience of the Women's Peace Meeting and knowledge of WFWP and UPF activities builds <u>trust</u>, and gives tremendous <u>confidence</u> to people when studying the Principle, and in seeing that we 'practice what we preach'.

### Meet our new FFWPU members ! Amelia from Jamaica and Iwa from the Gambia.





#### Thelma from the UK and Gracia from Burundi.





### Marc from Ivory Coast and Fatmira from Albania.





# Eve from the Dominican Republic.



### Interfaith Peace Blessing on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2016.



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# The Blessing as an Interfaith Peace event.

- Held under the banner of FFWPU, an <u>Interfaith</u> Blessing may seem problematic.
- The blessing preparation slide presentation, 'The World Peace Blessing', can be adapted for people of all faiths, eg using quotes from different faith traditions.
- People know that Father and Mother Moon are the origin of the Blessing, as True Parents, but that they can keep their own religious identity, as a Muslim, as a Hindu, etc, and are not expected to become FFWPU members.
- In this way, UPF and WFWP can be vehicles for people to come to the Blessing, which is sponsored by FFWPU.

