



Report WCLC Gathering

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At this meeting were present Mrs. Amosi, Mrs. Bains, Mr. Janssen, Mr. Koy and Mr. Olowu, who had all been to the WCLC in Newark. Furthermore, were present Mr. and Mrs. Baatenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Campman, Mr. Inikwo, Mr and Mrs Koetsier, Ms. Langenes, Mrs. Olowu and Mr. Perotti.

From the Netherlands a group of 9 people has been to the WCLC in Newark, which was held December 26 – 29 2019. At our gathering Monday night January 20, five participants were present, who had been to the event in Newark.

Wim Koetsier, secretary of the Universal Peace Federation in The Netherlands, gave a word of welcome. He spoke about how the founder of the Unification Movement, Dr. Sun Myung Moon from South Korea, saw religions as God's repair shops. They had become necessary after the fall of man in order to bring people back to God. The different religions have a similar mission, but may be busy to repair different parts of the world that came about as a result of the Fall of Man. The more the religions succeed in raising the spirit of people, the more it becomes necessary to work together in order to co-ordinate the repairs and bring everything to a complete repair. Dr. Moon and his wife Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon always have seen this as a very important aspect of their mission.

Furthermore Mr. Koetsier said that he thinks religions start by separating people from the secular world and bring them together in a protected environment. It is like the seed of a plant, which needs protection to grow until it is strong enough to enrich the environment. Unfortunately, the development of the various religions was accompanied by conflicts within, and between, the religions. Nevertheless, people within religions became recently more mature and spiritually awakened. Many desire a deeper understanding, want to be involved more in discussions about religious principles and interpretations, as well as in decision-making, and are more open to interact with people from other denominations or religions. The time has

come that religions start to work together for world peace, while bringing in the fruits of their traditions in the common efforts for the benefit of God and all mankind.



The WCLC gathering in Amsterdam

In Newark Mother Moon and the Unification Movement managed to bring people together from different walks of life. Our challenge is to do this in our own region, in our nation as well as on a European level. Next, as united people we need to find ways to have impact in society. We believe that God takes the major part of the responsibility for the restoration of fallen mankind – let us say 95%. Human beings have also responsibility (and freedom) to fulfill the remaining 5%. So if we fulfill our responsibility, God can add His 95%, and in that case great things can happen!

Next Bert Janssen showed a PowerPoint impression of the trip to New York and Newark, New Jersey. There were pictures of the departure from Schiphol, the convocation of the World Clergy Leadership Conference in New York on December 27th, and the rally with Mother Moon in Newark on the 28th. . Some pics of the visit of the financial district in New York, including Ground Zero, were also added.

Mrs. Kiren Bains came to the front to give some remarks. She had been to the US multiple times, but this time she had a completely different experience. Miss Bains: "Having had the opportunity to join the WCLC congress in New York in December last year (2019) and experiencing the great hospitality, and finally getting a glimpse of Mother Moon for the first time, I have learned to appreciate people, cultures and religions more.

My guru, Guru Ravidass, has taught us to appreciate people (irrespective of color or creed) and that is why we greet the soul first with folded hands and with the salutation "Jai Gurudev" (which basically greets the soul and not the person).

As soon as I experienced the visit of Mother Moon in a stadium full of 30.000 people and felt the positive energy, the following verse came to mind:

Karam bandhan mah ram rahay fal ko tajyo aas.

Karam munukh ko dharam hai sat bhakhai Ravidass.

This is a verse in our holy book recited by Guru Ravidass - The Amrit Bhani, which means that we should renounce the hope of reward when performing duty to mankind because the performance of that duty is the real faith. Mother Moon has performed her duties, together with Father Moon, throughout her whole life, without any reward, without expecting anything in return. This was depicted in the many people that came to see her on that day. She is clearly performing her duty to mankind. She really is blessed. I also feel blessed with this experience and I hope to personally meet Mother Moon one day. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to expand my spiritual family".



Convocation of the WCLC in the Manhattan Center in New York

Then the other participants of the WCLC in Newark were asked to share their experiences. Mrs. Gisèle Amosi (pastor and co-founder of the 'Glorie en Redding' Kerk) said she was well received by the staff of the event. She experienced the message of Mother Moon as a message from God, and the Peace of God in the gathering of so many people. It was a very meaningful and joyous moment and she said she was very grateful that she could participate in the event together with her husband.

Pastor Franck Koy Gisèle's husband and founder and pastor of the 'Glorie en Redding' Kerk) thanked Mother Moon for bringing all kinds of people together: ministers, senators and congress men, leaders of all ranks of society, as well as people from the general public. All were considered equal, all behaved as such! There he saw love, God and Jesus. Everybody was one. He prays for good health for all clergy involved.

Pastor Dr. Dele Olowu (Redeemed Christian Church of God, assistant overseer Europe Mainland), said he experienced the team spirit, the entire event and the presentations as a gift from God. He said he got a new dimension of understanding the

ministry of churches, and also that he was really challenged. He already shared his experiences with ministers of his church.

It had puzzled Dr. Olowu that the Gospel of Love so many times became the Gospel of Hatred. How could this happen? The challenge is how to reverse the hatred. In the Bible we find the Ten Commandments and a lot of rules in the Old Testament. Jesus summarized this: Love God and your neighbor. Pastor Olowu prays that the WCLC can also have impact in The Netherlands, especially for the benefit of public policy. In the U.S. Christians came together and united to influence the public domain, making a solid base for the government. The media does not understand this.

In Africa there are a lot of Christians. However, there is a lot of poverty and decline. Christians have to stand together to help to solve these problems. Two points are important: to have a follow up meeting in Europe, and to help to solve the crisis in Africa. Africa has an abundance of resources and so much potential to enable people to have a good living. If there is no development, there will be many refugees. Therefore, it is important for Europe to support development in Africa. Clergy need to work together to bring solutions.

Dr. Olowu is inspired by the great vision of Dr. and Mrs. Moon, who have shown that they are thinking far ahead. How do we respond now? It is a challenge to bring different denominations and religions together. Unity goes hand in hand with humility. Love can work when we are humble. All religions teach about love, but often small things can disturb co-operation or even cause conflicts. We need to work together for spiritual and material progress.



Mother Moon speaking in the Prudential center in Newark, New Jersey

The last to share her experiences was Ms. Kiren Bains. She is a follower of Guru Ravidass Sabha. His movement is not so much a School of Religion, but more a School of Mankind. In the first-place people are seen as persons, and not as members of some movement. All people are seen as souls and greeted humbly. She believes that God is everywhere. We can see each other as creatures of God. If you bring out goodness, goodness in the end comes back to you.

With an open mind she went to New York. Mother Moon is a 'blessed person', otherwise she could not have brought so many people together. Unity starts with one person, also with a father and a mother. It is a way of life. A lily blossoms in dirty water. We need to blossom like the lily, and be strong together in order to bring peace and overcome conflicts and wars. Everybody responds to love. Eventually you can win people over to goodness by true love. 'Go and love the people!'

These last words were very fit as concluding words. Furthermore, Wim Koetsier said that, based on reactions and proposals of participants from Europe to the WCLC, and the results of the upcoming World Conference in Korea (beginning of February), new plans will be developed.