

## President of the Mandaean World Congress visits FFWPU and South Korea

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From September 14-28, Mr. Fouad Sobbi, the President of the Mandaean World Congress, and his wife visited several places in South Korea. These included Cheon Jong Gung, the Family Federation for World Peace, the Peace Embassy in Hannam-dong, and the Family Church in Namyangju.



Mandaism is a religious group that traces its lineage to John the Baptist and continues the practice of baptism with water. Originally, millions of its followers resided mainly in the Middle East. However, after enduring numerous persecutions and massacres, their numbers have dwindled to about 100,000 worldwide. The individual serving as the International Chairman of this group is Mr. Fouad Sobbi.

Four decades ago, amidst turmoil in the Middle East, he traveled to Australia and negotiated with its government to facilitate the migration of Mandaean. Since then, many have relocated. Currently, nearly 20,000 Mandaean individuals reside in Australia. Mr. Sobbi is revered as the "father" of this community. Even at 85, he continues his global travels, dedicating his life to God and the global peace of Mandaism.

In 2019, during the International Leaders Conference (ICL) commemorating the Seong Hwa Anniversary of True Father, Mr. Fouad Sobbi was introduced to the peace initiatives of the True Parents. Deeply touched by witnessing True Mother offer a letter to True Father with profound emotion and determination, he was moved to tears and declared, "She is indeed the Mother of the Universe." Since then, he has attended events such as the 2019 Asia-Pacific Summit, the 2020 Asia Leadership Conference, the 2020 World Summit, the 10th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, and the 2023 Peace Summit.

Moreover, he actively works to fulfill the mission of the 430 families as the heavenly tribal messiahs, paving the way for all Mandaism followers to align with the will of the True Parents. During the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in May, Mr. Fouad Sobbi, who attended the 2022 Peace Summit, expressed his intention to recognize Cheon Won Gung as the 20th holy site, alongside the

19 existing Mandaism holy sites worldwide.



During his visit, Mr. Fouad Sobbi met with Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU-International, and Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International. He also paid his respects to the 'True Father' at Bonhyangwon and gained a deeper understanding of the providence centered on True Mother. Mr. Fouad Sobbi expressed his gratitude to True Mother for organizing his tour of the Universal Peace Federation's Hyojeong Cheonwon Holy Ground and his exploration of Korea. Both he and his wife were deeply impressed and moved after learning about the significance of Cheon Jeong Gung and the historical achievements of the True Parents throughout their lives. They promised to revisit Korea in 2025 for the Cheon Won Gung entrance ceremony.

