# **Worldwide FFWPU Regions Review 2021**

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### Family Federation Activities in Heavenly Korea in 2021 by Subregion



Festival for second-generation members of the Heesung Church.

## Subregion One, the heavenly nation of Gyeong-in

Korea's Subregion One of is having all-night Friday Prayer Devotions at the international headquarters of jeongseong, the Cheonshimwon. Every dawn, they have morning prayers at the Cheongpa Dong headquarters church. They are arranging all this to create a foundation of staying united with True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and to succeed in uniting with the purpose, strategy and direction of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

A special twenty-one-month course started in June 2020. "It is as if we are on a battlefield and True Mother's autobiography is our weapon." With True Mother's teachings engraved in their hearts, all members of the subregion, equipped with the autobiography, carried out activities with great excitement. They organized a hyojeong volunteer corps in the area where they live and did a lot of volunteer work. In particular, they are actively participating in the village or community and residents' associations, laying the groundwork for heavenly tribal messiah activities. In 2021, 126 village or community teams and 113 individuals participated in resident association activities. In order to establish a heavenly, unified Korea by achieving "a name that can represent the nation through tribal messiah activities," they are treading the path of restoration of the authority of the elder son, the authority of parents and of kingship.

At the Peace Festival, Peace Nuri, and Peace Retreat hosted by the international headquarters, all members of the subregions were like owners who worked hard and cared for their spiritual children so much that we had forty-three online "buses of hope" operated by members. About nine hundred CheonBo couples carefully wrote lists of forty-three families, and each did jeongseong and hyojeong offering papers and provided links for their contacts to attend important online events, raising them as peace-loving citizens. By persuading them to participate in a Peace Blessing Ceremony, which we hold in the last week of every month, an opportunity opens for them to settle into the church as blessed family members.

In order for new family members to settle in, we must create a healthy blessed family culture. So, we worked to make them full contributing family members and resurrected thirty- one families to that status. We are confident that this will create a virtuous cycle that triggers the blessing of unmarried people and married couples that desire the blessing.

# Subregion Two, the heavenly nation of Gyeongwon

On January 24, Heavenly Parent's Holy Community held an online Worship Service of Hope for a Heavenly Unified Korea hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, with pastors and blessed family members of Subregion Two. True Mother, the only begotten daughter, greatly enhanced the event by attending it online. On that day, True Mother especially blessed Subregion Two by assigning the magnolia as our national flower.

On April 21, we held the heavenly nation of Gyeongwon Magnolia Flower Hyojeong Cultural Festival. The rally started in earnest last March 14 with forty-two writing contests, thirty-six drawing contests and six pastoral lectures. Out of seventy-eight works presented, forty-seven people were selected and awarded

for their masterpiece.

Heavenly Village Community Conference On November 23, we held the Gyeonggi–Gangwon Heavenly Village Community Conference at the Hyojeong Cultural Center International Conference Hall with the theme, "The Heavenly Village Community I Grow, We Create, and We Live Together In. Members, peace-loving citizens, pastors and leaders and around 2,190 families joined the conference online. The conference was significant for restoring the community culture of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values while cultivating a heavenly village community full of love and affection.

In October 2020, three hundred families from the heavenly nation of Gyeongwon registered as CheonBo families, and as of December 2021, we have a total of 398 preliminary CheonBo families (based on registration on the CheonBo website), of which 256 are waiting for screening from the FFWPU International Headquarters.

## Subregion Three, the heavenly nation of Chungcheong

The heavenly nation of Chungcheong implemented four core policies of doing jeongseong, working competently, witnessing and blessing others in order to establish a CheonBo Family Church and to realize church growth through the True Family Movement and Blessing Ceremonies.

First, we established a foundation of devotion when the entire church completed a Grace Settlement Ceremony in the Cheonshimwon Special Prayer Hall. All our blessed family members took part in a prayer meeting in the Cheonshimwon every day. Every week, they participated in the Cheonshimwon morning Hoon Dok Hae, did Hyojeong Health Exercises, and sometimes attended special all-night prayer meetings.

Second, we conducted the Youth Pastors' Academy, blessing ministry workshops and filial piety meetings under the guidance of missionary leaders, church-centered family members and church ministers. All this time, capacity-building education was continuously conducted to enhance the efficiency and competence of pastors and church personnel.

Third, we used a 3-3-3 strategy centered on three generations, grandparents-couples- children, three levels of children-parents-grandparents. We created education study materials focused on three characteristics, spirit, truth, and life. Our activities focused on reviving dormant families, revitalizing second-generation families, and discussions on livelihood and status. We made an effective environment for local breakthrough through Home Church activities and witnessing activities building on the 3-3-3 strategy. We opened our worship services and increased peace-loving citizens through Peace Festival Worship Services.

Fourth, we set up a seven-year course before the blessing and a seven-year course after the blessing to create matchings and blessings as well as a true family education system.

Through this, we blessed unmarried people and we activated heavenly tribal messiahs to bless couples in their area, thereby laying the foundation for the establishment of a community of happy and blessed families.

## Subregion Four, the heavenly nation of Jeolla

In Subregion Four, the Family Federation, UPF and Youth and Students for Peace came together under the slogan, "The heavenly nation of Jeolla is a place where families are happy." Under that banner, they developed the true family movement to give the blessing to single people and unmarried couples and for substantially creating forty-three families as well as the registration as CheonBo families.

Pastors in the region took the lead in realizing forty-three core families and training people on how to register as CheonBo families. A total of thirty-four pastors received certificates recognizing their achievements. Since then, each church has held a ceremony to guide and help create forty-three core CheonBo families. By carrying out these activities, they are spreading True Parents' love in the local area. In addition, the blessed families devoted themselves to fulfilling their mission both vertically and horizontally in relation to the number 430 and in 2021; 274 new families were enrolled as CheonBo families [in the Cheobowon].

For family happiness, we are establishing a virtuous cycle of activating the blessing of unmarried couples and bringing about the settlement of blessed families centered on the God. To this end, we are securing unmarried blessing candidates. We meet and interact with them through the Hyojeong Matching Festival. We provide a program for the fiancée. We produce and support educational material on the formation of a culture of filial piety for blessed families.

We are conducting cyber activities by establishing an online platform that can cater for two hundred

thousand supporters. By developing videos tailored to different audiences, we introduced the Family Federation online and created a family happiness program. In addition, we operate the "Peace Home" YouTube channel to guide the peace loving citizens to the Family Federation.

## Subregion Five the heavenly nation of Gyeongsang



In subregion 5, in accordance with the spirit of the times and True Mother's May 23, 2021 Subregion Five message to 4.3 million people, or one-third of the population of the heavenly nation of Gyeongsang, we are striving to know and serve Heavenly Parent by working hard to promote the Korea–Japan undersea tunnel, as a national priority.

Centering on the spirit and truth, the heavenly nation of Gyeongsang is preparing activities for the establishment of a church by aligning with the international headquarters' policy, and creating a witnessing environment according to a road map ties in with the Peace Festival, Peace Nuri, peace training workshops, peace blessings, home groups and hyojeong cultural centers, (heavenly village community core projects). While we are preparing for home church conferences, the CheonBo family churches are already becoming a reality.

In particular, in order to implement the Korea–Japan undersea tunnel, which is on the national agenda, leaders from Korea, Japan, the United States and Europe are continuously conducting international webinars (forums). In December, seventy-two cities, counties, and 1,041 towns and villages will establish a practical foundation for a national policy.

Meanwhile, Yeongnam Youth and Students for Peace, which we put in place to foster talented future leaders, formed the Korea–Japan Undersea Tunnel Team. They published a Korea–Japan Undersea Tunnel booklet and began collaboration with local community groups such as the Democracy Advisory Committee and the Youth Committee Steering Committee.

They are thereby creating an environment to witness to youth.

All the providential organizations in heavenly nation of Gyeongsang with the spirit of daffodils, will absolutely achieve the realization of a heavenly unified Korea by becoming one with True Mother.

# Report of Family Federation Activities in 2021 Per Region in Heavenly Unified Japan



This ceremony to begin a new system of operations that True Mother had explained to Family Federation leaders in Japan

Based on the new structure and system that True Mother set in place for Japan on October 11, 2020, in 2021, FFWU-Japan has been treading the course of a heavenly unified Japan by uniting with the goal of bringing about a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

All activities were based on five major policies. More importantly, with True Mother in attendance, the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Japan could hold six Worship Services of Hope. With the world suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic, True Mother opened the era of direct instant communication, through which she strives to implant the hyojeong tradition in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Between February 7 and August 1, under True Mother's direct supervision, we held a Worship Service of

Hope in all six of Japan's regions. Blessed families, new FFWPU members and ambassadors for peace attended all six services. Thanks to True Mother's precious messages, the events became a means for making new resolutions and a fresh start. In particular, along with the spirit of the grandmother flower, our national flower, True Mother decided to choose a flower suitable for each region, sharing her deep feelings toward Japan and encouraging us. In addition to supporting the providence of a heavenly unified Korea, at every worship service we made sisterhood ties and signed memorandums of understanding between the subregions of heavenly Korea and heavenly Japan.

Through this, Korea and Japan became one and will work together to contribute to the providence of a heavenly unified world.

After the start of the new system, on October 29, 2020, at a gathering of leaders from all over the country, Sang-il Bang, our regional president, announced five major policies through a "ceremony to start a new system in the Family Federation of heavenly Japan." The policies involved creating a foundation for our third-generation members, raising capable people for the future, having all blessed families successfully become CheonBo families, creating a foundation to make ten thousand members in each region and creating a foundation for a Prayer Rally for the Salvation of the Homeland. The Motherland will accomplish its mission for a heavenly unified Korea.

## Young people in heart-breaking circumstances

Among all the projects, we paid the most attention to the "Simbang Project" to restore the second generation and nurture future capabilities in them to achieve the goal of having two thousand victorious CheonBo families. To nurture future capabilities, through Japan's Top-Gun program, we in heavenly Japan have trained around four thousand members. In addition, starting in 2021, we trained thirty-eight young pastors, mainly from our second-generation.

We have assigned them as heads of eight major churches in the field. In early January 2020, when 1,200 young students from our first subregion visited Cheon Jeong Gung, following what True Mother had said, the youth went back to their regions and worked harder; the youth movement and activities in each region have increased tenfold. On May 29, we held a "Japan Top-Gun Assembly 2021" online with True Mother in attendance.

It was a precious moment when ten thousand young students made a firm determination in front of True Mother, to be hyojeong-rang, to be at the forefront of the providence. However, above all else, the most serious challenge and task carried out by heavenly Japan was the "Second Generation Visiting Project." For a while, many children in our second-generation were unable to attend the church for various reasons and through this project, we visited them one by one. Through the mobilization of pastors and Seonghwa students in the headquarters, we worked on reconnecting them to the church.

In particular, during the event Commemorating True Parents' sixty-first Holy Wedding Anniversary, President Bang reported these activities to True Mother, who emphasized the need to restore each and every second-generation member. To this end, President Bang and vice continental President Takeuchi toured the country to share the candid current situation and share True Mother's feelings. In some cases, inactive second-generation members decided to take part in twenty-one-day Divine Principle workshops, and some of those who returned even went to their neighbors, parents and families guiding them to return back to God. Over the past few months, we have made more than thirteen thousand visits to second-generation members.

## The importance of CheonBo

Our second priority was to make all blessed families CheonBo families. In 2020, only 592 families became CheonBo; on October 10, 2021, heavenly Japan produced a total of 2,390 CheonBo families. True Mother blessed us with the chance to become CheonBo families, if we achieve 430 couples both vertically and horizontally. In addition, all the pastors took an exemplary challenge for the realization of the forty-three families that True Mother emphasized.

Now, the victorious CheonBo families are concentrating their activities to practically support church growth through the realization of forty-three families.

Earlier this year, True Parents started the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center, Heavenly Japan Branch. On September 17, we inherited and passed the Cheonshimwon Special Prayer Room to all churches. In fact, nearly seventy thousand blessed families attended our four special Hyeojeong Special Great Works. The grace they received created a better atmosphere and a foundation for the victory of CheonBo families.

## Seeking new members

Our third focus was on creating a base for raising ten thousand people. On November 23, Niigata Prefecture cooperated with other organizations and successfully held the "Niigata Day of Hope Festival" with ten thousand people in attendance. On December 5, centered on Subregion Three, a youth rally attracted thirty-thousand people. Later thirteen regions held a Hopeful March Forward Rally, in which collectively 130,000 people participated. True Mother gave a special message at that event. On December 11, we had the "Peace Partnership in West Japan 2021" and Subregion Four successfully completed a 30,000-person rally for youth. In this way, all regions are working to create foundation to raise 10,000 people. After the rallies, they are creating practical foundations through local gatherings and volunteer activities.

Our fourth priority is the foundation for national salvation. With UPF at the center, we have carried out various activities to lay the foundation for a heavenly, unified world. Experts are attending the Think Tank Forums hosted by the International Headquarters.

## Helping the fatherland

The fifth mission of the mother country is to aid in fulfilling a heavenly unified Korea. By distributing the Japanese version of fairy tales and children's songs which were bestowed by True Mother, those in our second and third generations could learn about the heart of hyojeong.

Some Korean language education is being taught by public officials and we also hold Divine Principle lectures for young students. Additionally, U-Peace activities were continuously conducted nationwide, giving aid to areas affected by disasters and global warming. In addition, we established new churches such as the Fukuyama Home Church, Hachioji Home Church, and Mie Central Home Church this year. We also held continuous witnessing activities with True Parents' memoirs.

On December 7, two months later than originally planned, the Family Federation of Heavenly Japan held a ceremony to commemorate the sixty- second anniversary its founding.

In the presence of distinguished guests from Japan and abroad, eight hundred leaders gathered in Tokyo to give thanks and glory to True Parents for loving Japan with utmost sincerity.

President Bang, made Vision 2027 and True Mother's special message known to all. It was a good moment to increase our determination and make a new start toward vision 2027.

## Family Federation for Heavenly North America-2021 Summary





Dr. Chung-sik Yong with members in Florida on September 19 during his fifty-state tour of the United States

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was a productive year for the Family Federation in North America. Although some churches have started to open up for in-person gatherings, most of the activity was virtual, allowing us to reach a much wider audience.

The main highlight this year was welcoming True Mother to America on June 5 for our first virtual Blessing Fest. True Mother delivered a ground-breaking speech and was as radiant as ever. Everyone tuned in at the same time as True Mother to watch a completely pre-recorded Blessing Fest that focused on introducing the marriage blessing to a wide audience. Through this event, we created highly professional video materials and a successful online follow up system to engage our guests virtually.

The internal foundation for welcoming True Mother as well as the uniting factor for the North American

movement is our daily Morning Devotion led by Dr. Chung-sik Yong, our regional president. Morning Devotion streams live every day at 6:00 am EST on YouTube and Facebook with a daily average of ten thousand viewers. A smaller group of about three hundred participants meet with Dr. Yong on Zoom with live interaction each morning. An additional option id to listen to Morning Devotion as a daily podcast. Morning Devotion has been consistent for over four hundred days, and we are committed to continuing this jeongseong until 2027 for the victory of North America centered on True Parents.

Dr. Yong has also completed his first-state tour of the United States. In each state, Dr. Yong visited the Holy Ground that True Father established in his first tour of America in 1965, and met members, key pastors and civic leaders in that state. Some states were able to hold Pastors' Summits to educate Christian ministers on the meaning and value of the Blessing and encourage them not only to take the Holy Wine, but commit to the condition of forty-day separation and the three-day ceremony to become Blessed couples who accept True Parents.

The fifty-state tour was divided into the five subregions and required a lot of traveling, including many flights and long drives to cover the vast land of America. In each state, members were revived as they met the regional president and the subregional director. Some states had few members. In other states, they held large gatherings. Dr. Yong paid special attention to the second-generation members and young leaders in all states and encouraged everyone to connect with CARP and YSP activities to witness and conduct service projects together.



Dr. Yong at an ACLC Pastor's Summit in Dallas, Texas, during his US tour

## Multi-cultural outreach in our diverse nation

In addition to Pastors' Summits that focused on Christian ministers, we launched the North American Ethnic Ministries. Members from nationalities that have significant immigrant populations in the USA or Canada reached out to leaders and prominent figures from their ethnic group to introduce the marriage blessing and True Parents' teachings. Various ethnic communities such as the Filipino, Chinese, Sri Lankan and the Hispanic, have all hosted educational events around the importance of family values and introduced the Blessing and three-day ceremony as the forty-three-day journey. We have also continued our efforts in the United States and Canada to share True Mother's memoir with political and civic leaders, including senators, mayors and prominent ethnic group leaders.

Throughout 2021 there was considerable effort made to develop educational videos that we could share with a wide audience. The Family Federation developed the "Vision for Peace Seminar," which the Universal Peace Federation used to educate ambassadors for peace. The Women's Federation for World Peace USA created the "Leadership of the Heart" education series. And the American Clergy Leadership Conference developed a weekly series for new ministers titled "Chosen."

As part of the focus on online education, our Midwest subregion developed a weekly series for Christian ministers and have reached over six hundred and fifty clergy participants from the area. Our Northeast subregion hosted an online Divine Principle series, "Discover Your Authentic Self." After a successful subregional course, the program opened nationally as part of the available follow up for Blessing Fest participants. It continues to run and has already educated over 275 guests nationally. The Vision for Peace seminar program has also been made available for heavenly tribal messiahs to use in small groups and in their Online Holy Communities to continue to educate their tribes.

We held the second Blessing Fest on December 18, and featured an innovative virtual studio and professionally made videos about the value of marriage and the process of the Blessing. Church communities, youth groups, tribal messiahs, and providential organizations hosted watch parties to share the Blessing Fest broadcast with close friends and guests. We found that this is the best way to foster stronger relationships and secure follow ups. Each of the educational programs is open for new guests with their spiritual parents.

In addition to in depth online education programs and the elaborate Blessing Fest, we launched a social media campaign to introduce the Blessing and promote our Blessing culture. Short videos on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok gained over three million views. We reached our initial goal of 144,000 people being introduced to the Blessing through likes, shares and comments.

During 2021, young Unificationists in America have been increasing their outreach and service work. The Young Clergy Leadership Conference has taken the lead in reaching out to young Christian leaders, inheriting the foundation of the American Clergy Leadership Conference. People as young as high-school and middle-school age joined our outreach activities to visit Christian churches and gained confidence in forming relationships. CARP USA and the Young Clergy Leadership Conference have partnered to increase the engagement of youth and students, through service projects and outreach. CARP chapters have grown and ten new pioneering chapters have been established throughout America, as part of a strategy to have a CARP chapter in each of the fifty states in 2022.

# The Heavenly Asia Pacific One Region's 2021 Activity Report

Submitted by Demian Dunkley, president of the Asia Pacific 1 Region.



Demian Dunkley, regional president of Asia Pacific One

## A seven-day Hyojeong Revival Workshop

June 5–11, Youth and Students for Peace-Thailand held a seven-day Hyojeong Revival Workshop at our HJ CheonBo Asia-Pacific Pakchong Training Center in Nakhonratchasima Province. The inspiring workshop featured various lectures with a question-and-answer session after each one. Participants gained a clear understanding of the content. Everyone left inspired. The staff and the forty-eight members that attended the workshop created a happy atmosphere, had fun and developed relationships through activities, sports and games. They also had time to share their feelings and receive advice.

This workshop was to nurture each member's life of faith and their filial heart toward Heavenly Parent and True Parents. It helped them more deeply understand and feel greater determination to apply the Divine Principle. They learned skills and gained confidence and passion for taking ownership in their missions. They resolved to increase the number of young FFWPU members for restoration of the nation and settlement of Cheon Il Guk in Thailand.

The workshop also helped center leaders from CARP in Thailand to become lecturers and to nurture and develop their faith lives and helped them go back to their missions with strong resolve. In addition, they had the rare opportunity to discuss aspects of their life of faith with the regional president of Asia Pacific 1, the national leader of Thailand and the director of our Blessed Family Department. We aim to expand understanding, to continue developing and to increase momentum toward restoring the nation by raising Cheon Il Guk owners who have a strong life of faith.

# The CheonBo Blessing and Peace Blessing Ceremonies

On October 3, FFWPU-Thailand held two historic events d with remarkable grace from True Parents, the 2021 CheonBo Registration Blessing Ceremony and the Peace Blessing Ceremony. The events were carried out online through synchronous (two-way) live streaming at the Thai headquarters in Bangkok and our local centers in Chiangmai and in Kalasin, where Rev. Demian Dunkley, who represents True Parents as our regional president, was during the ceremony on that important day.

The CheonBo Registration Blessing Ceremony included thirteen couples from Bangkok and one couple from Kalasin. Only married couples participated in the Peace Blessing Ceremony–three from Chumporn, eleven from Khampaengphet, nine from Trad, two from Saraburi and three from Ayutthaya–thirty-eight in all.

## The Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival

On November 20, we held an online Blessing Ceremony across seven provinces—Yala, Ranong, Surin, Maha Sarakham, Nakhon Sawan, Ayutthaya and Bangkok. A hundred and four families participated in this blessing event coordinated by our national headquarters, in cooperation with the National Housing Authority, a government organization with offices in various provinces, which supported this activity. We broadcast the event live via Zoom to multiple areas. In Yala Province, the local media promoted and covered the event; therefore, the ceremony received good feedback. The atmosphere of the blessing activities in each area exuded family love and warmth. Couples vowed to build a model blessed family and practice true love. Love and warmth are needed in families to build communities that are role model for society.

#### **December seminars**

We held a Hyojeong Leadership Training Program with the theme "True leaders and model blessed families help develop peace in the community," December 9–11 at the HJ CheonBo Training Center (Asia Branch) in Pak Chong, in Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

Our FFWPU-Kalasin branch organized a seminar for eighty participants, all leaders in the community—teachers and prominent youth from eight sub-districts. The seminar was the fruit of the dedication of the Northeast Region's heavenly tribal messiahs, led by Dr. and Mrs. Ronachit Phutthala, Mrs. Sangkom Netsopa and staff members. The seminar aimed to support Thai blessed families and forty-eight international couples to fulfill the heavenly tribal messiah mission of blessing 430 couples. Being short on staff to take care of heavenly tribal messiahs, all the CheonBo family group leaders are determined to cooperate and take responsibility for them. This workshop prioritized raising coordinators and leaders to educate and follow up with their 430 couples according to True Mother's policy to establish forty-three CheonBo family members as core members. As a result, most of them received deep inspiration, took responsibility for taking care of their clan and for creating good relationships, good education, and coaching to become home group leaders of forty-three families among 430 families.

The blessed couples from different heavenly tribal messiah areas brought their children to participate in the seminar to build a network of core Youth and Students for Peace leaders and to encourage them to receive the blessing, be faithful, and increase their filial piety toward Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

The seminar focused on education in Divine Principle, blessed family traditions, the singing of holy songs, the Family Pledge, bowing, Hoon Dok Hae, tithing and clapping sessions.

Participants were encouraged to liberate and bless their ancestors and to eliminate the influence of evil spirits through clapping sessions and prayer. Practicing this in their daily lives will allow them to genuinely understand and become complete blessed families. We encouraged the participants to become blessed families who can follow Heavenly Parent and True Parents and become true leaders and excellent models to develop a holy community that ushers in world peace.

## The Heavenly Asia Pacific Two Region's 2021 Activity Report

Submitted by Masaichi Hori, president of the Asia Pacific 2 Region.



Hori Masaichi, regional president of Asia Pacific Two

# **Expanding the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community The work of the Pacific Christian Leadership Conference**

Following the launch of the Pacific Clergy Leadership Conference (PCLC) in the Asia Pacific 2 Region last October 5, additional hopeful advancements are taking place in the region. Specifically, we have already held two online fellowships in keeping with the zeal and spirit of the Christian clergy members who have participated since the organization's inception. PCLC, which Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother

of Peace, officially launched, is a coalition of Christian leaders and organizations working together to strengthen marriages and families, restore good communities and help Christianity fulfill its destiny as a beacon of freedom, faith and family.

On November 23 and December 14, we successfully held the first and second PCLC Online Fellowships, which pastors and leaders of different Christian churches across Southeast Asia and Oceania as well as members of the clergy from other nations like the US, Nigeria, Austria and the UK attended. These meetings have proved to be an effective and powerful platform for religious leaders to commune, receive inspiration from one another, pray for one another and for the world and to learn more about True Parents' vision.

## Second Online Fellowship, December 14

We held the second Online Fellowship as a Christmas Special, which delved into the theme, "The Good News of Christmas, John 3:16." Eighty-three members of the Christian Clergy from the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Malaysia, and Indonesia joined the 346 attendees who participated through Zoom and YouTube, respectively.

It was a gathering filled with spirit and compassion with everyone receiving grace from the sharing coming from the speakers and the spirit-filled songs of worship. The real meaning behind the good news of Christmas was explicated, and it was indeed an extraordinary experience for everyone to feel the warmth of Jesus and the Holy Spirit being there at the event.

Pastor Nelson Pervaz from the Interdenominational and Community Churches in Australia offered the invocation followed by the opening remarks by Rev. Masaichi Hori, who spoke about the mission of Christian leaders in these apocalyptic times. He said that we are all to bring humanity back to God and this lifetime work is like putting together jigsaw puzzles. With faith as our common element and with the shared understanding that we are all under God's divine plan, we can all solve these puzzles and go back to God's bosom. Pres. Hori also briefly shared about the successful staging of the Global Prayer Rally for Peace on the Korean Peninsula held last December 5. A summary video of the rally was then shown.

## **Keynote messages**

Rev. Canon Jenny Chalmers, an Anglican priest, and Vicar General of the Diocese of Waiapu, New Zealand, gave the first keynote message touching on the theme of the event, the good news of Christmas. She gave a very touching yet profound speech on the great paradox behind the story of the Nativity.

Dr. Robert Kittel spoke next and gave the Unification perspective on the meaning behind John 3:16 and the good news of Christmas. He delineated how God, Jesus and human beings have their own portion of responsibility. After man failed to fulfill God's commandment, God has been toiling to prepare his chosen people to create the foundation for the Messiah. He has been working through the Principles of Salvation to bring his people back to him. Jesus was sent to fulfill God's purpose of creation but with the people disbelieving him, he had to go the way of the cross. The glory of Christmas is in Jesus' absolute faith and love as he was able to embody the heart of God when on the cross and to be resurrected. Our responsibility is to accept Jesus in our lives and be reborn through him.

## A spiritual dream

One of the highlights of the program was when President Hori invited the Very Reverend Silala Vea to share about his spiritual experiences. Most Rev. Vea is the Bishop Elect of the Ecumenical Orthodox Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand, Philippines and Eastern Pacific.

Bishop Silala passionately shared about an inspiring spiritual experience he had in a dream. According to him, he was wrestling with an angel just like Jacob, when suddenly a woman wearing green spoke to him with divine authority. He went on to say she was Mother Moon. With this profound experience, he arrived at the realization that he must do something starting with himself to support True Mother's vision. He believed that God had spoken to him through that dream. As he related the dream, he testified about and showed the participants True Mother's memoir Mother of Peace Book and True Father's autobiography, A Peace-Loving Global Citizen, which he received as gifts when he visited the Peace Embassy in Sydney.

# The Heavenly Europe Region's 2021 Activity Report

## Peace Road at the Frankfurt Air Lift Monument, August 14

A group of about fifty participants -- members of UPF Frankfurt, their friends and guests -- took the opportunity of the sixty-year anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall as a signal for bridge-building for peace in contrast to the wall being a sad symbol of German division. One aspect of this signal was a Peace Road cycle and hike. Another was that the rally took place at the Air Lift Monument in Frankfurt,

commemorating the Berlin Airlift when the Soviets blocked all access to West Berlin and the US and UK suppled West Berlin with food, water and coal by air. Norbert Kandzorra from the Frankfurt-Berlin Airlift Association, briefly explained the history of the airlift of 1948–49. He demonstrated how a political-logistical undertaking finally became a project that brought together in heart those who had been enemies in WWII -- the people of Berlin and the US. One of the airlift pilots, Gail Halvorsen, who is now 100 years old, said it was he who spontaneously had the idea of throwing sweets such as raisins out to the children from the airplane on the approach to Berlin.



Despite the misgivings of his superiors, many others went on to follow his example. Thus, a bridge for cargo became a bridge of friendship and dreary green transport planes became "raisin bombers." The events ended on a family note with a picnic or the unique opportunity to see the inside of the legendary DC-47.

Peace Road is an international project, rooted in the goal of opening the door to reunification on the Korean Peninsula. This project was initiated on November 10, 1981, when True Father announced in Seoul, to an audience of eight hundred scientists from a hundred nations, his vision of an international peace highway stretching from Japan through South Korea and North Korea and continuing through China into Asia. This was intended to be an opportunity to promote free trade, discourage aggression on the part of North Korea and support Korean reunification.

In 2005, when UPF was established in New York, Rev. Moon expanded this proposal to an international highway which would enable travel from the Cape of Good Hope in Africa to Santiago in Chile and from London to New York over the Bering Strait thereby unifying the world as one single community.

Then in 2012 his wife, True Mother developed the Peace Road Initiative, to promote two projects in particular within this greater vision -- the underwater tunnel between Korea and Japan and the connection between Alaska and Siberia across the Bering Strait. And everything connects back to the reunification of Korea. As a result, hundreds and later thousands of cyclists embarked on peace tours, initially only in Korea, but now over one hundred nations participate. At first there were only cyclists, but subsequent tours have expanded to include hikers or even marathon runners for peace.

UPF Frankfurt decided to be involved in this year's and in subsequent projects. It did not take long before twenty people were inspired by this impulse from Albert Mobo. They formulated a motto: "Build bridges—Overcome Divisions." They designed and distributed invitations and received the necessary permission and police approval. Many people registered to participate, including some from more distant places such as Gießen (52 kilometers, 33 miles from Frankfurt).

A group of about fifty participants set off on Saturday morning on three different routes to the monument; the cyclists from the underground station Frankfurt-Höchst (escorted by two police motorcycles), the hikers from the new office district Gateway Gardens, and the older, less mobile and very young short distance runners from the nearby underground station Zeppelinheim.

Directly under the historic Raisin Bomber, participants unfolded the banner reading, "Connecting the World through Peace -- One Global Family United to Realize One Dream."

Frankfurt UPF representative Claus Dubisz recalled the history of the Peace Road and bound the memory of the airlift that connected peoples to the hope of a united Korea. And he expressed the certainty that many more participants would join in the next Peace Road action.

Je-hun Yoo, chairman of the Association of Koreans in Europe, praised the project for its encouragement of faith, hope and love, a peaceful world, and for broad international support to overcome the division of Korea.

## October 10 Families Honored in Early Morning Service at Lancaster Gate

Families from several London communities gathered at Lancaster Gate very early on Sunday morning to

be honored at a special service with the True Mother through a live two-way broadcast from Korea. Others joined from communities around the country.

The service included a ceremony to bestow holy robes and plaques of recognition of these families as "CheonBo victors" or "Heaven's Treasures" in acknowledgment of their sterling efforts in outreach, their life of prayer and devotion and their sharing of the Blessing.



The CheonBo program began in 2020 when twenty-two families from the UK (and another 165 families from our Europe and Middle East region) were so recognized. This year another thirty-seven UK couples were honored, along with another 236 couples from Europe.

"We are very proud of all the families here this morning," said FFWPU UK director, Michael Balcomb. "They've worked hard for a long time and made many sacrifices. At the same time, I want to emphasize that True Mother hopes and expects that all families will soon be recognized as being victorious and successful, and I encourage everyone to apply for this honor."

The three-hour program was broadcast from Korea to over a hundred nations; altogether more than five thousand families were honored. Congratulatory messages came in from around the world, including from a word of encouragement from Dr Sheikh Hojjat Ramzy, director of the Oxford Islamic Information Center in the UK. Several well-known Korean artistes provided entertainment, and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, shared a final exhortation: "May every one of you become families that become prominent and noble CheonBo families of the era of Cheon Il Guk, of whom everyone can be proud." — Tirana, Albania

## November 21 Embassy of Peace Dedicated in Albania



With a capacity of up to two hundred and fifty people, the main auditorium is ideally suited for a wide variety of events. It will host highlevel conferences, banquets, shows, concerts, weddings, live music performances, broadcasting events and many others.

The auditorium is elegantly designed with custom-designed wooden acoustic wall panels, high-capacity noiseless ventilation, acoustic flooring and a distinctive lighting package. The skylights provide ample natural light and can be remotely covered.

The main stage is eleven by three meters, and the state-of-the art audio system can easily accommodate any kind of program. There are two high-intensity video projectors and a sophisticated LED lighting system for both the stage and the public areas.

The large technical area includes space for two or three interpretation booths, and offers additional capacity to accommodate other systems as needed for special events. In addition to the auditorium, the Embassy of Peace features a number of other meeting rooms, a kitchen and a cafeteria and secure underground parking.

# Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of FFWPU Europe and the Middle East and Mrs. Fumiko Balcomb

Today is an emotional and happy day as we can at last dedicate this special building to the service of God, the cause of peace, and the wellbeing and prosperity of the people of Albania and all the surrounding nations of the Western Balkans.

It hasn't been an easy course. Soon after the groundbreaking ceremony in 2019, Albania suffered from a serious earthquake that caused great suffering to its people, and right after that, the COVID-19 pandemic began. We want to take this opportunity to once again thank all of the people who worked so hard to make this auspicious day possible, including the architects, engineers, workers and contractors and of course the various institutions and departments of the city of Tirana. We are grateful for the support and often vigorous encouragement of the president of Albania Alfred Moisiu (1997–2002), and to the determination of the lead project manager, Mr. Gani Rroshi, the secretary-general of UPF Albania and vice-president of FFWPU for Eastern Europe.

## **Our Growing Foundation in Central America**

Sang-seok Kim



The heavenly region of Central America has entered the age of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. We are following True Mother's special instructions asking us to create a substantial foundation by 2027 with at least a third of the population understanding the Divine Principle and attending our True Parents. In order to realize these special instructions, leaders and all blessed families in the Central American and Caribbean districts are making resolutions and working with a heart of absolute faith and absolute filial piety to proclaim our principles and secure a substantial base for restoring the country.

In Mexico, the five subregions and thirty-three states have built churches and set up training courses to develop future leaders, laying the foundation to train leaders that can study and understand True Parents' teachings, traditions and culture and be effective at witnessing and restoring all things.

In addition, as we work to expand UPF activities in each district, we are also working to develop a practical approach that will allow our UPF contacts to connect to the church. In particular, in the city of Monterrey, the second most populous city in Mexico with more than five million inhabitants, under the leadership of Laura Chinchilla (president of Costa Rica 2010–2014), we are working with members of the Congress of the Union, the Mexican legislature. We continuously hold events such as heavenly tribal messiah activities, WFWP activities, the appointment of ambassadors for peace and Peace Road, thereby increasing our membership base. Laura Chinchilla, who received the blessing during a leadership seminar, invited 120 local leaders at her own expense to hold a seminar and a blessing ceremony.

In particular, in local elections in June, peace ambassadors such as Governor García of Nuevo León, Monterrey, and former municipal president (mayor) of Guadalupe, Nuevo León, were elected by a majority enabling us to create various activities centered on the Monterrey city government. The foundation has been laid for the implementation of character education and true family education through public education system, such as in schools. We can hold Blessing Ceremonies at the state level, and Peace Road events on a large scale.

In addition, three hundred leaders and members of the local media gathered in the Free and Sovereign State of Puebla (within Mexico) to learn about UPF activities, which aroused interest of the local community. We held a grand ceremony for the appointment of ambassadors for peace and to support the person running for governor. For this we also invited a famous singer, Jorge Dominguez, and held our events. In addition, people like the Municipal President of Puebla Eduardo Rivera Pérez were appointed ambassadors for peace, allowing for the True Family Peace Movements to be introduced through local broadcasting. This has helped us create a base for UPF activities as well as heavenly tribal messiah and blessing activities, creating a foundation for the growth and development of the church.

In Mexico City, we witnessed to Ricardo del Real, a Taekwondo instructor, and his family and on that foundation we could invite thirty Taekwondo students and their parents to a forty-day Tongil Moo-do training program. After that, we plan to develop a peace movement by gathering martial art practitioners centering on Tongil Moo-do. We are now conducting demonstrations in each region around Mexico. Through IAYSP activities such as the Pure Love movement and character education in university areas centered on the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Unam University), we are training young talented students, revitalizing CARP, and laying the groundwork for the church.

## **Inviting our neighbors**

In Costa Rica, all members of the Family Federation participate in the heavenly tribal messiah activities; they have thirty CheonBo families and are now working to create forty-three core families. On the first Sunday of every month, they invite nearby residents to an open worship service. More than two hundred

people attend each time, and seminars are held to explain the value of a true family and a blessed marriage. After the seminars, we work with local residents and city halls to create flea markets to help neighboring residents in difficult financial situations.

The Family Federation, IAYSP and Somos TV program are working on a project together to help the elderly. In November, another former president of Costa Rica, José María Figueres (1994–1998) and his wife attended an introductory seminar on the Family Federation. On December 5, when we gave True Mother's memoir to Steven Barrantes, mayor of Coto Brus and two other vice mayors, we explained the background of UPF's IAYSP's work and activities. We see many miracles unfolding as the environment is being created for the restoration the country.

A former president of Guatemala (2016–2020) Jimmy Morales showed his respect for True Parents by attending the Summit Conference and the Blessing Ceremony in the Dominican Republic. Guatemala is the center of the Mayan civilization, with sixty percent of the population being Indians. After giving a forty-day Divine Principle education to Bishop Vicente, he was sent to Santiago, where the most Indians reside. There, he held a worship service and invited ambassadors for peace and young Indian leaders from the region, giving them family education on the Divine Principle.

Since the former president of Guatemala, Jimmy Morales and the incumbent president are connected with True Parents, we could set up character education programs in government organizations and schools, and revitalize other organizations through the Guatemala Clergy Leadership Conference, thereby laying the groundwork for expanding members among the Indian group. We have hope to establish the safe settlement of Cheon Il Guk in a short time.

El Salvador is also well-established, with connections to many political leaders, including Ernesto Castro, a deputy to the unicameral Legislative Assembly of El Salvador from the department of San Salvador and Mario Ponce, president of Legislative Assembly of El Salvador from 2019–2021 and many other political leaders

Centered on Pastor Carlos Rivas, who has around three thousand followers, founder of the Tabernaculo Avimiento Internacional, the largest evangelical church in El Salvador, UPF's foundation is well established. Some of our ambassadors for peace in Honduras and El Salvador. Pastor Rivas even ran as a running mate in the presidential election last November.

Beginning on November 7, at the Bonao Training Center in the Dominican Republic, we held a seven-day Divine Principal workshop for over a hundred young student leaders.

Fortunately, public gatherings were allowed in the Dominican Republic, so the gracious training took place at our Bonao Training Center, which True Mother purchased seven years ago. On the same day, in Bonao City, we held a Peace Road event, which the mayor of the city, public servants, police, firefighters, and other locals attended. Indeed, it became a national event as government institutions came in support and sponsored the Peace Road event.

Also, the Cuban Center in the US city of Miami has been conducting a weekly garage sale (selling second-hand clothes and other second-hand items) to raise funds and send medicine and food to destitute families in Cuba. This has been going on for several years.

Although sixty-two years have passed since the Cuban Revolution, Cuba is still stuck in the Dark Ages due to communism. However, thanks to our continuous church activities and the development of the Cuban Youth and Students Association, which was launched in March, we have been receiving recognition from the government and local communities for the volunteer work we conduct every week to improve the environment in public places and in poor communities.

All blessed families in heavenly Central America that have completed their heavenly tribal messiah activities will open the era of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community by forming the ideal of one human family centered on True Parents, where Divine Principle education is the norm in society.

## **Moving toward Victory in South America**

The strategic goal of heavenly South America, set by Dong-woo Kim, our continental director, was "to have all families qualify to register as CheonBo families by 2027."

During 2021, the focus was on building and strengthening the system in Brazil, South America's Subregion One.

Starting with a Divine Principle workshop held at the end of last year for UTS graduate missionaries, from January of this year, we organized and conducted seven-day Divine Principle education for all members in Brazil starting from the staff of our Family Federation headquarters, youth leaders, national

pastors, home group leaders, blessed family members and young members. Moreover, following a Vision Seminar that took place online at the end of last year, we have continued with educational programs. From this year, we joined the Heavenly Tribal Messiah online courses that lead to a reform of consciousness, guiding people to become CheonBo families. In addition, the CheonBo School provided education to CheonBo families on how to substantialize forty-three core families.

In order to create Cheonshimwon in the South American headquarters, representative female members held prayers in the early hours of the morning and offered jeongseong at the São Paulo Holy Ground. After the special prayer room at Cheonshimwon was installed, we organized a morning prayer jeongseong session centered on all the Holy Grounds in Brazil with the goal of restoring the nation. Along with these prayers and jeongseong, we have conducted nine forty-day sessions of online morning Hoon Dok Hae with members and blessed families from all over Brazil. These online Hoon Dok Hae gatherings were followed by sermons focusing on member's life-of-faith testimonies, testimonies by members who succeeded in blessing 430 couples both vertically and horizontally, as well as reading from Cheon Seong Gyeong. The testimonies from tribal messiah activities are a great stimulus to members all over Brazil. Particularly, they are spreading hope among blessed families who are aiming to register themselves too as CheonBo families.

## Setting a brisk pace

In addition to the education on registering as CheonBo families, we have been promoting the liberation and blessing of ancestors up to 430 generations, centered on the education of the CheonBo Providence organized by a branch of the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center. In addition, in accordance with the grace to participate in the Great Works online, which True Mother allowed us to do from the ninth year of Cheon Il Guk, once mobilized, the number of participants increased each time, and the great grace and fortune of the Great Works has spread throughout all of Brazil.

The benefit of this is made evident in the many miracles and experiences including success in heavenly tribal messiahs efforts, realized through the grace of the times in this era of Cheon Il Guk, when the spiritual and physical worlds are unified.

In September, we held a twenty-one-day workshop for pastors in South America to educate all South American leaders. Based on that foundation, in October, Brazil had a reorganization of our five districts with a new subregion system, and online services were held centered on each of the subregions. Also, from October 19–30, centered in the continental president, we had a jeongseong fishing condition with youth leaders, key providential people and the five subregional heads in Jardim and the Pantanal Holy Ground with the purpose of restoring Brazil and the rest of South America. Also, with the goal to nurture and develop future leaders, we held a forty-day workshop for South American CARP leaders in November.

After this workshop, the participants entered a one-year leadership training course and started the next program, which is pioneering evangelism. In addition, with the goal of having three hundred single young people participate in the Blessing Ceremony in April next year, each church will hold a one-day or two-day workshop on weekends. We will also hold a seven-day workshop every week at the San Bernardo Central Retreat in São Paulo. This intensive education and pioneering evangelism will continue until the beginning of next year.

In the past year, thorough internal education and efforts from leaders to members of the Family Federation has been achieved at a rapid pace. A foundation for a further leap in the coming year is being solidified. Now, members in heavenly South America are working hard every day with a life-or-death determination and totally investing ourselves to successfully achieve national restoration as we move towards a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

## **Blessing Activities in Africa in 2021**

I would like to thank the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for this opportunity to give our report and show how it contributes to the growth of our church. First of all, I must say that our main focus in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community is the Blessing. When we work in our department to bless couples it naturally leads to church growth. I will mention some of our 2021 activities.

We had to prepare candidates for the matching and blessing. For that, we did a lot of online training on the Blessing Ceremony and our traditions in order to teach African blessed families, thereby giving them the opportunity to rise to the same level of training and success that older members have achieved.

Through online training using Zoom, we held twenty-five seminars and training sessions.

We relied heavily on our Department of Education for help in technical areas. The Department of Education has played a great role in this sense! The training we provided was for those in our first and

second generations.

In April 2021, heavenly Africa participated in the 2021 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival to Celebrate the Sixty-First Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary. We did so with 200 people matched by our regional president, sixty-four second generation matches and 690 previously married couples. Our target was seven hundred people but we exceeded the goal with 954. All the glory goes to our Heavenly Parent!



A Cosmic Blessing Ceremony with the regional president, Jean Pierre Kadima Mundadi (first row, far left)

Reports of matching results in one of the forty-two countries in heavenly Africa, shows that they strongly and fiercely participated in the cosmic Blessing officiated by True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. It was a very important moment when blessings from True Parents came to Africa. We say thank you to our True Mother for all grace we have received.

To prepare for the 2022 Blessing Ceremony with the help of the international headquarters we have combined our energies with that of the IHQ and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace. This allowed us to organize an online Parents' Matching Conference in Africa in November 2021 with 110 participants, a total of thirty-two brothers and seventy- eight sisters.

The Department of Blessed Families would like to thank True Parents and our regional president and his staff for the support given to this department for the activities conducted during the 2021.

This has surely increased our membership. We are looking forward to more support to achieve all the objectives for the 2022. Already we feel the challenge of the 2022 Blessing Ceremony. We have a goal of 1,400 candidates, and all should be people of a high standard.

This activity like the other Blessing Ceremonies have an even greater impact on the growth of our church and in turn move us closer to achieving Vision 2027. Thanks to True Parents!