

Seungwha-Commemoration

Hamburg, Germany, 16. September 2012

On the 16.09.12, the day we had watched the Seungwha – Zeremonie in Korea via Internet Webcast in the early morning, we held a memorial service for guests and members. After a musical introduction by Reinhold Merta, pastor Thomas Maib of the Scientology Church in Hamburg, read a letter from the president of his church, where True Fathers great work for peace and the unity of religion was highly praised. He wrote: "Throughout His life, Rev. Moon invested himself selflessly for world peace. In doing so he went against all odds, persecution, blackmailing and imprisonment, holding on to his great goals. He overcame repeatedly borders, built bridges between great opposites and reached dialogues among the religions." We all were deeply moved hearing those words from a representative of another international movement. We then gave a short explanation on the meaning of the seungwha – ceremony, based on Fathers words of the three stages of live.

Newest Photos of the ceremony in Korea were shown and a few members gave short testimonies about personal experiences with True Father. One of them was Azucena Merta, a second generation, who had been in Jeong Pyeong on the 10 day WS in August. She also attended the peace cup – soccer finale which was won by the HSV (Hamburg) and talked about the incredible atmosphere in the stadium, when True parents were present. Ulrich Ganz shared some of his memories of being close with True Father in the 1978 when the Go World Brass band was started in London at Lancaster Gate and True Father was living there, spending time with the practicing musicians. Then we went through a 15 minutes presentation on the life course of True Father, remembering the great difficulties and sufferings He had to go through, but also the great victories he won. A short video at the end showed the burial – ceremonial, which wasn't shown during the web cast. The feeling for our guests, a medical student and a man, who had contacted us through our website, was that we were really part of the True family and the worldwide family in sharing this final moments of Fathers life on this earth and wishing Him well on His departure to the eternal world.

