

Eastern Europe March Highlights



Ukraine Update

10 Million Displaced

3.8 Million Refugees Abroad

36 Blessed Families Relocated outside Ukraine

25 Blessed Families Remaining in Western Ukraine

Apartment bombing in Kyiv,
14 March 2022

Miraculous Evacuation from Bucha Town Basement



Blessed families in the Bucha basement

On 10 March, after several failed attempts, two Ukrainian blessed families were successfully evacuated from the township of Bucha, near Kyiv. They had spent much of the time living in the basement with their young children, including a two-month-old baby girl. Miraculously, after boarding the first of several buses, the blessed families discovered that theirs was the only bus allowed to leave for Kyiv train station. Kyiv News highlighted the plight of the 2-month-old baby.



At Kyiv railway station



Kyiv News article

On 14 March an apartment block (right) in Kyiv was destroyed by Russian missiles. This is where the current national leader and her family had lived with two other families from 2012 to 2016. – Anna Kalmatskaya



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Ukrainian Blessed Families Welcomed in EUME



Germany



Poland



Austria



Turkey

Since the beginning of the war on 24 February almost all the blessed wives and children have left the danger zones and moved to western Ukraine and/or to other countries. Families have been received in our communities or are being hosted by individual families in 19 countries of the EUME Region.

IRFF-Italy Donations Distributed at Moldova Peace Embassy



On 8 March IRFF-Italy sent several vehicles with five tonnes of supplies to the Moldova Peace Embassy in Chisinau. Members there organised a distribution to Ukrainian refugees who came to pick up the supplies.



Clothing Distribution at the Peace Embassy in Moldova



Moldova FFWPU received 3 tonnes of humanitarian aid from Happy Links, a Swiss NGO. Dozens of refugee families have come each day to collect needed supplies. Every day around ten volunteers from FFWPU and YSP come to help distribute the products. National leader Sabina Nadejdin and her family are also hosting a Ukrainian family with three young children in their home.

Moldova Activities



Members distributed food, clothes and hygiene products to about 300 Ukrainian refugees, also giving cards with True Parents' words. ... Several refugees are now living with Moldovan blessed families. ... EUME Vice President Rev. In-Soung Kwun, visiting from Korea, provided lunch for a group of refugees staying in Anenii Noi town. ... Using funds offered by the Japanese National Messiah's daughter, members bought medicines for the first-aid kit in the Anenii Noi refugee centre. ... IRFF Moldova provided 6,000 meals for refugee centres in the cities of Bălți and Chisinau. ... FF and YSP will hold a class for refugee children to teach them to make candles. ... YSP held a programme that included Youth Peace Talks with Rev. In-Soung Kwun and Andre Eșanu. ... Rev. Kwun gave the Sunday sermon about recent events in Korea and the world and offered gifts from True Mother to families. ... A new heating system is being installed in the Peace Embassy in Chisinau.

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Moldova, Georgia and Belarus

Open HDH Meeting in Romanian Peace Embassy



Our Open Hoon Dok Hwe event continued with the topic *True Love Is Action*. Last Friday we welcomed 20 guests to the Bucharest Peace Embassy, including two Ukrainian sisters, one brother from Lebanon and one sister from Turkey. In such an international group we discussed thoroughly the matter of taking action with a heart of true love. We are very concerned about the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and we are doing our best to guide young people to help as much as they can with a heart of love and acceptance.

Our young people created such an embracing atmosphere in the open HDH event. We read together True Father's words of guidance, discussed in teams about ways to love others, and shared our conclusions together. The bright faces of our youth bring a lot of hope for the realisation of True Parents' dream! – Miki Predescu

Romania Activities



Twenty-eight guests attended the weekly Open Hoon Dok Hwe event held by CARP with the support of Cheon Il Guk missionaries from the United States. The theme was living life with confidence and self-value.

Our second 21-day Jeong Sung condition concluded with a successful one-day Divine Principle workshop. The guests already were prepared by listening to a DP introductory lecture and participating in Open HDH events. We will continue to have one-on-one DP study with these guests, and we will guide them to the next step: a two-day Divine Principle workshop.

FFWPU, with the support of CARP, organised a group for young mothers titled “Mothers – the Heroes of the Future.” Through weekly meetings we want to create a community of women who will discuss the best way to educate their children and realise the important role of mothers in the family. The introductory meeting was held on 12 March in the Peace Centre. The second meeting was held online, with the theme of creating harmony in the family. –

Miki Predescu

Volleyball Game with Tirana Mayor



On 9 March a volleyball competition was organised between Albanian FFWPU/CARP/GPA and Tirana municipal staff, including several professional players. The mayor decided to join the FFWPU team, and together they managed to win the game. Afterward, 12 linden trees donated by GPA were planted. The mayor spoke with national leader Manjola Vasmatics about using our Peace Embassy to support Tirana as the European Youth Capital of 2022. – *Manjola Vasmatics*

20th Anniversary of FFWPU in Korçë, Albania – 19 March



Around 300 guests, Ambassadors for Peace, and friends of our movement attended a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the start of our activities in the city of Korçë.



Other Activities in Shin Albania



Three-day workshop with 40 guests in Mullet Workshop Centre



Service project
in Vlorë City



One-day workshop
in Korçë City

Three-Day Workshop for Children in Riga, Latvia



Russian HPHC Leaders Meet in Moscow – 19-20 March



Breakout groups



Jacques Marion



Jack Corley



Russian regional, community and department leaders

Fifty HPHC leaders from Russia gathered in the Moscow Peace Embassy on 19 and 20 March for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic. The meeting opened with an introduction by Eastern Europe President Jack Corley and was followed by three presentations by Jacques Marion, the UPF co-chair for EUME, about True Parents' headwing philosophy. Participants then met in groups to discuss the following goals:

- 1) Uniting with True Mother at the beginning of the first 20-month period until November 2023.
- 2) Gaining a God-centered understanding of recent events in order to maintain the correct attitude and to help others do the same.
- 3) Our goals and mission during 2022 and until 2027.

Moscow Sunday Service – 20 March



All the participants after the Sunday service

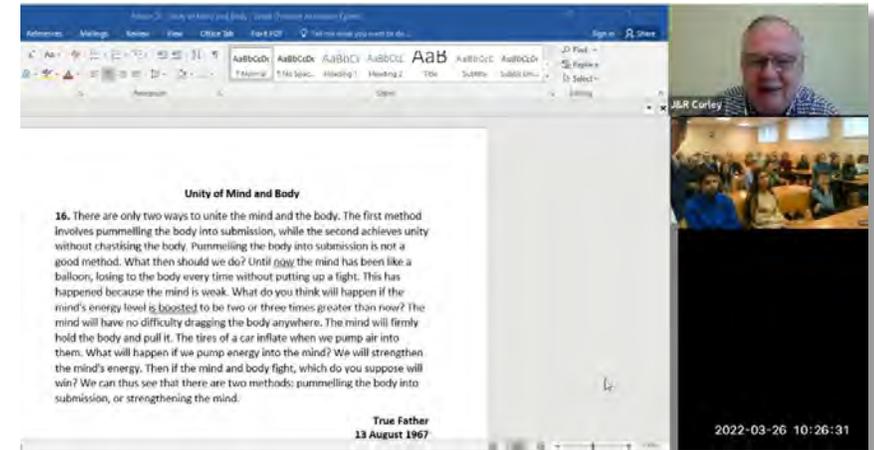


Russian leader Alexei Saveliev gives the sermon.



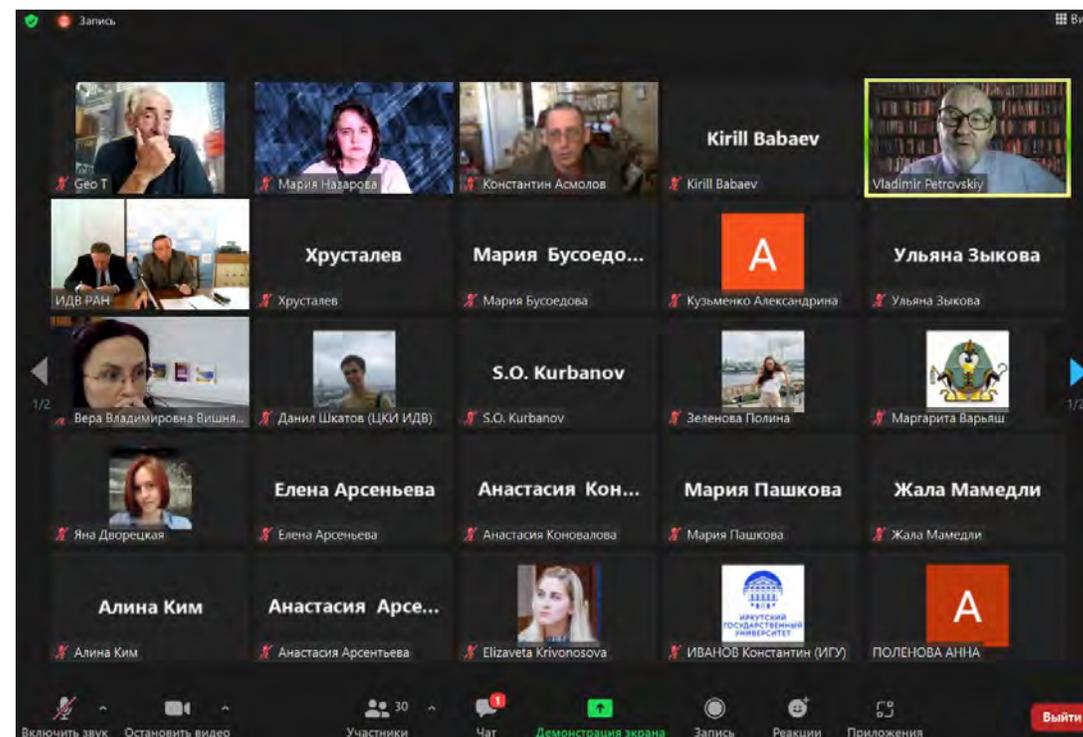
The church band performs.

Russian Teens and Parents Attend 'Pure Heart' Ceremony



Nineteen Second-Generation teens and their parents came from five Russian cities to attend a “Pure Heart” Ceremony in the Moscow Peace Embassy on 26 March. Families had prepared for a month by reading and discussing together the book *Purity Is a Gift*. Eastern Europe President Jack Corley greeted the participants by Zoom, giving deep guidance, and then Olga Galiullina and Evgeny Edakin each gave a lecture about developing a life of faith. Then two discussion groups were formed: The children’s group talked about purity, and the parents’ group discussed raising Second Generation in faith. The event concluded with a beautiful ceremony featuring intimate conversations between parents and children, the “Pure Heart” pledge, the bestowing of purity rings from parents to children, and a waltz danced by fathers with daughters and mothers with sons. – *Elena Kalmatskaya*

UPF Participates in Russian Scholars' Conference on Korea



Korea scholars from Russia and CIS countries attended the conference "Modern Problems of the Korean Peninsula" on 24 and 25 March. Dr. Alexander Zhebin, director of the Centre for Korean Studies at the Institute of the Far East of the Russian Academy of Sciences, organised the annual conference.

Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky, Dr. Alexander Vorontsov, Dr. Pavel Leshakov, Dr. Georgy Toloraya, and Dr. Yevgeny Kim—all of whom have participated in UPF events—were among the attendees. Representatives of the Foreign Ministry's Department of Asia and the Ministry of Finance spoke about relations between Russia and the two Koreas. From UPF, Maria Nazarova, the president of UPF-Russia, took part in the conference. – *Maria Nazarova*

Angels of Peace Visit Elderly People's Home in Moscow



On 12 March, the Angels of Peace performing group brought joy into the lives of residents of an elderly people's home in Moscow. With their bright smiles, colourful costumes, beautiful singing and dancing, the Second-Generation children moved the hearts of the residents. – *Olga Vakulinskaya*

Moscow Sisters Win Holy Song Competition



Marina Zhuchkova

True Parents Came – Marina Zhuchkova

1. I feel Your Heart around me,
I feel You when I'm down,
I know that You surround me with Your love.

I don't deserve Your Blessing, forgiveness and Your grace,
So I will always sing my song of praise!

May True Love imbue this world forever,
Changing everyone!

Refrain:

I hear Your voice and make the choice:
The world will never stay the same,
For at last True Parents came!
I listen to the words of truth.
The world will never stay the same,
For at last True Parents came!

Parents, Parents, Parents of Heaven and Earth.
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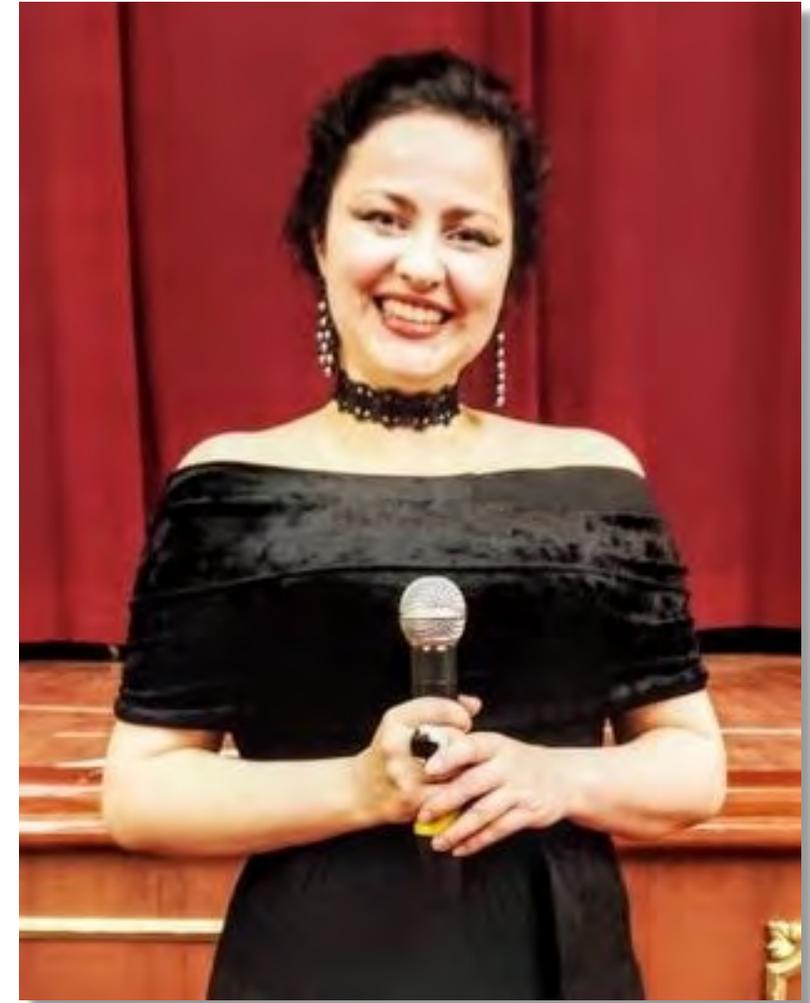
1. I feel Your holy presence,
My spirit is revived.
You're watching over me, I am Your child.
I'm grateful for Your Blessing,
Eternal love and Truth,
So I will always walk in step with You!

May True Love imbue this world forever,
Changing everyone!

Refrain:

I hear Your voice and make the choice:
The world will never stay the same,
For at last True Parents came!
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Lyubov Smirnova

Moscow members Marina Zhuchkova and Lyubov Smirnova received the news that the two songs they had submitted in the annual Holy Song contest have been honoured with the status of Holy Songs. Lyubov's song earned fourth place in the competition, and Marina's song was the Gold Prize winner.

Balkans Leadership Conference – Tirana, Albania



Peace and Security



Economic Cooperation



Youth and the Future



Pres Alfred Moisiu



Mayor Erion Veliaj

Although it is already 2 April, I would like to conclude this Eastern Europe report for March with some images from today's very successful Balkans Leadership Conference, which was held in the new CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana. It brought together many former heads of state and government from the Western Balkans region as well as dozens of leaders from Albania, including former President Alfred Moisiu and the current mayor of Tirana. A full report will be sent out by UPF Europe shortly. – *Jack Corley*

Thank you!