

FFWPU UK Weekly National Newsletter for March 1, 2023

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~ Upcoming Community Services ~
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The HARP UK Winter Workshop 22-23 Video is Out!

The much-awaited winter workshop official video has arrived and is now ready to be viewed! Thank you everyone for all your investment and heart. [Read more...](#)

Don't forget to register for the [HARP UK Easter Divine Principle workshop](#) by 12th March if you want to catch the early-bird discount for the registration fee!



[Holy Oak Memorial Woodland - Holiday Home, Camping and Wonjeon Plots](#)

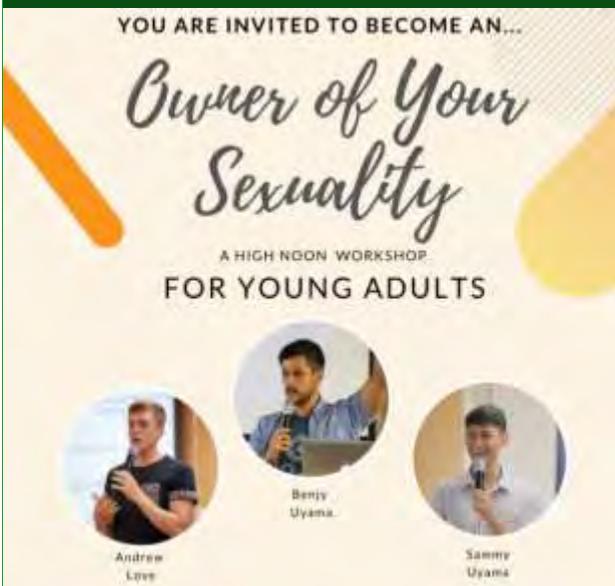
We would like to offer our beautiful hall, wild campsite and Air B&B for beloved FFWPU members, in addition to our existing service of providing Won Jeon plots. For more information about the Holy Oak Woodland, please [click here...](#)

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[2022 In Review, Community Spotlight: WWW Community](#)

"I am struggling to put into words the excitement and difficulties that 2022 has brought for our community. However, I can competently articulate the lessons that we have learnt this year."

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[High Noon UK Workshop](#)

The High Noon workshop is almost here, but there's still time to [register](#) and to make the most of the discounted fee!

Participants are invited to arrive on the Friday evening, ready to begin bright and early on Saturday at 8am - accommodation will be covered by the workshop fee.

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UK Members Attend A Successful 7-Day DP Workshop Held In Prague

The workshop was well-attended with over 70 participants, many of which were members from our UK communities, in particular from Scotland.

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William's Wisdoms: Life and Teachings of Jesus

This week, we look at the fourth part of William's "Reading Life Through The Principle: Commentaries On God's Providence" series of lectures. The fourth part is titled: "Life & Teachings Of Jesus".

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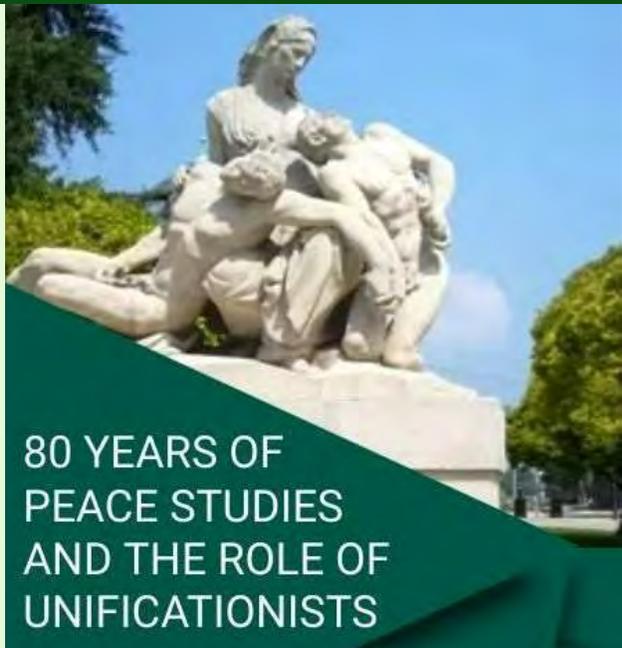
AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

UPF: 80 Years of Peace Studies and the Role of Unificationists

WHEN: Friday 3rd March at 1pm GMT

This webinar will enable us to enhance the work of UPF by helping us to better **appreciate True Parents' mission**. Their vision, methodology and thoughts are more important than ever before to address the current agenda for peace.

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80 YEARS OF
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| Featured Article |

FAMILIES SUPPORTING FAMILIES
A report on the Ukrainian Cultural Evening
by Cecilie Fortune

I will not forget the evening of Saturday 25 February very quickly. How can I, when God's mighty hand was at work that evening?

It all started at the joint WFWP/UPF Christmas celebration in December last year. Nelina Kolpaktchi and her team entertained the gathering with some lively and inspiring Ukrainian music. It was just all too short. A full evening with Ukrainian music would be such a treat. It dawned on me that if I wanted that to happen, I better do something about it.

So here we were a couple of months later at our fundraising event for the Ukraine: Families Supporting Families. Nelina was in charge of the musical program, and I took care of the organizational matters. My vision for the event was to do something big, in the name of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. As an organization I feel we should be out there, among the big names that deliver aid. Who better to do so than us? I wanted the public to come, to reach people in society who have not heard about the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification yet. At least expose something of ourselves that we are good at - serving others.



I asked a few friends for support and feedback. My initial thoughts to role out big came to naught; charity commission, using public or private bank account, advertising, GoFundMe page details, opinions - were all obstacles that had to be dealt with. I must admit, I got quite discouraged. Anyway, the date was set. No point to pull out. We could just do our best under the circumstances.

It quickly became obvious that Nelina's and my working hours made it impossible to meet. Thank God for messaging, and bit by bit it all came together. However, the morning before the event I just knew of 22 people coming. I was not too concerned though. I could not do more than offer my sincere and wholehearted effort, and trust that God would work. And I felt He would.

Nelina had put together a wonderful program. We started off watching a thoughtful and moving video, singing the national anthem, hearing a rendition of words from President Zelensky and offering a minute of silence by candlelight, in remembrance of the one year **since the war started. A children's choir performed beautiful songs and a 11-year old girl sang solo.** Others played guitar and piano. As the program progressed, more and more lively and uplifting folk songs and music filled the hall. We were even made to dance. All the performances were excellent. We were taken on a real Ukrainian cultural experience. A special thank you goes to the Kolpaktchi family, Mark, Nelina, Greg and Maria, and all the performers.



Beautiful homemade Ukrainian cakes and food were for sale. Layered cakes, layered **salads, layered...to me that means Ukrainian. I hope those who came got a taste;** absolutely delicious! Such a labour of love!

It was a beautiful evening. The turnout was beyond our expectations. The hall was overflowing. We had reached people in society. Another big thank you goes to Sonja Read and Simon Rosselli who helped with advertising on all kinds of community group and Facebook pages, and to all the hands who helped behind the scene.

The evening raised over £2000 through ticket, food and raffle sales, and some donations. The GoFundMe page is still open and amounts to an additional £655. Maybe my original dream of reaching £3000 and being able to buy 3 EcoFlow Generators for people on the frontline in the Ukraine will come true? Thank you God. We could not have done it without you.



| Upcoming Events |

Please click on the title of the event(s) that you are interested in for further details:

[Community Worship Services](#)
Sunday 5th March

WEEKLY

[Monday Morning Prayer](#)
Every Monday at 10am

[UK Weekly Devotion](#)
Every Friday from 6-6:30am

North Europe Weekly Devotion
Every Thursday from 6–6.30am

Early Morning Devotion via Zoom
Every Saturday from 5am–6.30am

MARCH

UPF: 80 Years of Peace Studies and
the Role of Unificationists
Friday 3rd March

High Noon 2-Day Workshop
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March

Parents' Matching Guidance Webinar
Series: Helpful Tips from Matching
Supporters
Friday 3rd March

HJ CheonBo EUME Special Event
Saturday 11th March

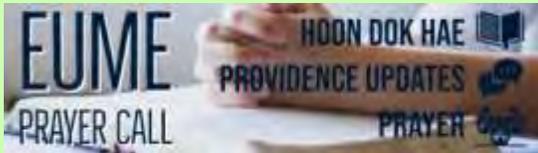
APRIL

HARP UK Easter Workshop
Saturday 1st to Thursday 6th April

Easter Family Camp
Thursday 6th to Monday 10th April

[Event Calendar](#)

[Job Opportunities](#)



Join the EUME region weekly prayer every Wednesday at 7pm UK time [here...](#)



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Account Name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification
Account No: 39573067
Sort Code: 23-05-80

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