

FFWPU UK: Inviting All Blessing Candidates To Albania!

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Dr. Michael Balcomb gives us an overview of our state-of-the-art Peace Embassy in Tirana, Albania which will host the upcoming 2023 Blessing Ceremony for those attending from Europe.

While heading to South Korea for the Blessing would be ideal, Dr. Balcomb encourages Blessing candidates to choose Albania as their Blessing location.

The video below provides candidates with an overview of what to expect if they decide to attend the Blessing Ceremony in Tirana, Albania.

The staff are preparing to make it an event to remember and look forward to welcoming all those heading to the Balkan nation in May 2023.

The new building is positioned to serve both the Albanian and European movement through a new lease agreement with the Office Of The Prime Minister's Strategic Planning Department.

Watch the video below or [directly on Vimeo.](#)



Why was Albania chosen to host the 2023 Blessing Ceremony?

We wanted to take the opportunity to explain why we are hoping that candidates will consider coming to Albania, which is less well known to most of our membership. True Mother last visited Europe in 2019 when she came to Albania at our invitation to host the Europe Summit and the National Blessing in Tirana. At the National Blessing the First Lady of Albania and her daughter gave congratulatory remarks to the couples and presented a gift to True Mother representing the entire nation. It was a beautiful ceremony and a victorious and joyful day.

Just before she left, True Mother gave her benediction to Albania as "Heavenly Albania" and accepted our request to build the brand new Cheon Il Guk Peace Embassy in Tirana, which was opened in late 2021. We are all proud to say it was built entirely with funds and donations from our region and it is now fully self-supporting. We really hope that all our members from the region can make plans to visit this magnificent building. In fact, it is our goal that one day soon we should have such a facility in every nation!

We can consider the Peace Embassy in Tirana our European "mini Cheonwongung" and the perfect counterpart to the Blessing location in Korea. The current President of Albania, Bajram Begaj, is scheduled to attend the events in Korea in person so it seems even more appropriate that a European level blessing should be held in Albania. It will certainly be featured in the Albanian national media, which was always one of True Parents' wishes that the Blessing not be just an internal and private event but a public witness.