

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Happy 41st Anniversary 6000 Blessed Couples

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Dear 6000 Blessed Couples,

Today, we celebrate the Blessing Anniversary of the 6000 Blessed Couples. Though it's been 41 long years since our True Parents blessed us on that bright October morning in 1982, to us, it still feels like yesterday. Not a day goes by that we don't thank Heavenly Parent for all the blessings that have followed since that day: children and grandchildren, and above all, the grace of still being alive on earth to serve God and True Parents!

In their benediction prayer upon us all those years ago, True Parents pronounced this blessing on us:

Please record them as husband and wife of goodness in Your eternal book of life, and please allow them not to be afraid of any challenge or any persecution. Let them be the heavenly true husband and wife who possess wisdom, who march forward with only victory in mind with courage and pride.

How apt these words are today. With challenges all over the world, most especially today in Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, and persecution, particularly in Japan, it is tempting to lose hope. But this we must never do. As Blessed Couples, we are the hope of God, and the things we do, supported by the spirit world, will have a much bigger impact than we can imagine. So let us indeed march forward with "only victory in mind!"

October is also a month with several other Blessing Anniversaries, including the 777 couples, the 6500 Couples, the 2009 ceremony that was part of the 400 million couples, the 2020 Hoyojeong Cosmic Blessing, and, of course, the National Blessing given by our True Mother in Tirana in 2019. One day, every day will be a Blessing Anniversary!

Once again, congratulations, and God bless us all!

Sincerely,

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb

Regional President, Heavenly Europe and Middle East
and proud members of the 6000 Blessed Couples.