

FFWPU UK: Thousands Of Couples Joyfully Receive The Blessing This Spring

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2,100 couples from across the world join together in South Korea to receive the HJ Cosmic Blessing. Read more below!

As a member of our community, receiving the Blessing is one of the most precious moments. The opportunity to join thousands of brothers and sisters and vow in front of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents to become a blessing to others, of continuing this beautiful legacy and adding on to it, enriching it with our own families. This beautiful tradition of the Blessing, which may seem not so long, only 64 years, is filled with thousands upon thousands of loving couples and families that have received and passed on this Blessing to their children and grandchildren. Not only that, it represents the reiteration of the origins and foundations of marriage cultures and traditions all around the world and across religions and beliefs. Of the union of two people under our Heavenly Parent.

The Holy Marriage Blessing, a ceremony that many of our brothers, sisters, uncles and aunties and parents have been blessed to receive. A symbol of our determination to build God's and True Parents ideal world, of becoming the salt of the earth, of spreading Heavenly Parent's love and truth across the world. Through the union of cultures, races, lineages and history to bring forth loving families. The staple of our communities and that which moves this world to a better one.

Yesterday, couples joined together in Korea to celebrate the rich legacy of the Blessing and to participate in it. Becoming Blessed couples and making an eternal promise to each other for now and beyond, becoming pure water couples as our beloved Mother Moon fondly called them.

Many of our members and leaders in Europe and the Middle East watched the whole program even though it lasted from midnight until morning in local time. Thank you everyone for staying up.

In Korea, the day began with a solemn pledge service, similarly to how we begin each holiday, and a beautiful offering table. The spirit of True Father could be felt in the room, coming to sit beside True Mother to share the holy meal. As it is custom, True Mother symbolically ate a bit from True Father's plate, then from hers, and then symbolically drank a bit of water from True Father's glass and then from hers. She took the time to also [share a sincere testimony](#) to God and to Jesus and to the mission of true parents from her own experience and deep connection to our Heavenly Parent. The entertainment was a mix of classical and Korean songs and other performances.

Aryan R., from London, received the Blessing this morning with Alicia. Before travelling, he shared:

"I'm super excited to attend what we call the Blessing. It's an amazing feeling to be able to follow my parents' example and experience this incredible joy and purpose that comes from receiving God's grace in marriage. I'm delighted to celebrate with members across the globe who share my values and ideals. Getting Blessed in such a public manner reinforces our mission to be families

that live for the sake of the world instead of just thinking about our happiness as a couple. Despite there being so many people, the Blessing is an exceptionally personal experience. As second-generation members, my fiancée and I have been striving our whole lives towards fulfilling this common dream of forming a God-centred couple. My fiancée is my world, and it is humbling to know Alicia wants to give her whole heart to me, her future husband."

Our Blessed Family Department Officer, Betty, wanted to share with all the couples:

Congratulations to all the newlyweds from across Europe and the Middle East! What an incredible Holy Day celebration of True Parent's 64th Holy Wedding followed by the Blessing proclamations, and Blessing prayers for the newlyweds!

The North Thames families and pastoral team were filled with pride and excitement as several young people from our community chose the path of matching and blessing as envisioned by True Parents which puts God front and centre of their lives from the start of their relationship in finding a match and envisioning their life together. They have all each been raised beautifully by wonderful parents, families and supported by a caring pastoral and educational team. It brings me so much hope that they have started their life as a couple with the eternal commitment to love, care for each other and grow together which is a precious and bold statement to stand for these values in today's secular values in our places of work and education.

Congratulations to SoonHee and Tobi, David and Miriam, Samuel and Saramporn, and Aryan and Alicia. You are all such beautiful international, interracial and intercultural couples which brings God so much happiness to bring a world of unity and peace among all people as brothers and sisters in the love of our Heavenly Parent.

I wish you all the greatest happiness, health and fulfilment as husband and wife. It was a joy to see all the couples on the livestream, David, Samuel and Aryan were representative couples and I could see Aryan had the biggest smile up there with Alicia as a representative couple. The entertainment was outstanding and moving - SoonHee and Tobi were one of the 'performance couples' doing a celebratory dance after the ceremony. The celebrations and entertainment involved the couples and this is such a great way for the couples to show their character and have fun- I feel it's God's way to show he cares and is paying attention to each person.

Here is an update from our National Director, Dr. Balcomb:



Watch the HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival here:



Watch True Mother's message from the HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival here:



True Mother's message to the couples.

Watch the Cheon Il Guk Pledge Service here:



Cheon Il Guk Pledge Service prior to the HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival, to start the day.