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We are building loving families and a peaceful world under the love and guidance of God, our Heavenly Parent.

Please join us!

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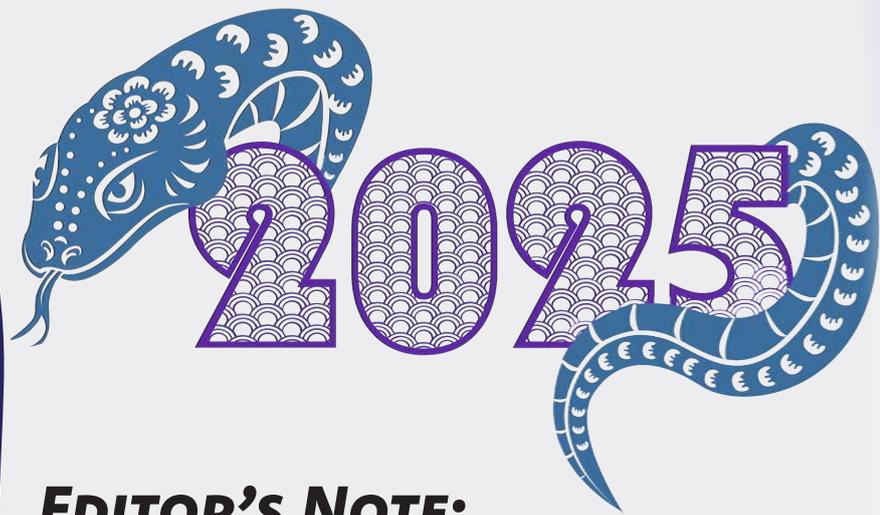
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Dear Readers,

As we reflect on the year 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings and achievements our community has experienced. We are deeply grateful for all of the efforts, love and heart poured into every initiative, event, workshop and gathering.

This year has been a testament to our collective dedication, faith, and the unwavering support of our brothers and sisters. It has been filled with companionship, with joy, with growth and love towards one another. We hope that as you look through the different highlights presented in this annual report, you can be filled with hope for what awaits us and determination for the plans and hopes you have for the new year.

2024 was the year of the Blue Dragon, a year where all the negative energies dissipated, making space for better things to take place. It was a year of growth, resilience and creativity that encouraged us to embrace new opportunities, overcome challenges with courage, and foster a spirit of innovation and collaboration.

2025 is the Year of the Blue Wood Snake in the Chinese calendar. The Snake is traditionally known for its wisdom, intuition, and transformative energy. The Blue Wood Snake, in particular, symbolizes wisdom, resilience, clarity, and the ability to navigate through challenges with grace and determination. This year encourages us to embrace change, seek deeper understanding, and cultivate harmony in our lives and relationships.

In this new year, let us build upon the lessons and accomplishments of the past year. May the wisdom of the Blue Wood Snake guide us in our continued journey, and may we support and uplift one another in our shared mission to return to our Heavenly Parent and advance towards the ideal world of peace.

The FFWPU-UK Communications Team

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New Year's Message

Dr Hak Ja Han

January 1st, 2025

This is the New Year's motto that, starting from today with the Year of the Blue Snake, will be passed down for generations in Cheon Il Guk. All blessed families throughout the world and everyone gathered here are happy!

As we enter the Year of the Blue Snake, we remember the pain from 120 years ago [Editor's Note: Mother is referring to 1905, in which the treaty of Eulsa made Korea a protectorate of Japan; 1905 was also a year of the Blue Snake.]

In the Bible, a serpent symbolized Satan. However, the snake is also called a wise animal.

After 6,000 years of Heaven's providence and of human history, all blessed families of the Unification Movement have received, through True Parents, Heaven's magnificent grace of Cheon Il Guk where we can attend Heavenly Parent in substantial ways on earth. We must be grateful. As blessed families, we must fulfill our responsibility.

Therefore, we must teach this nation's citizens and politicians, that they are the chosen people. In true democracy, where we attend Heavenly Parent and all nations become sibling nations in front of Heavenly Parent as one family of humankind, can there be fighting or not? Until now, due to the Fall there have been wars, hostility, and religious conflict; history has not seen a single day of peace. Yet we are entering the 13th year since the beginning of a new history through the victorious True Parents. True Parents' responsibility is to fulfill Heavenly Parent's dream on earth, the ideal of creation and kingdom of heaven on earth.

True Parents have given birth to many blessed families worldwide. Through their 2nd and 3rd generations—Pure Water youth spreading throughout the world, like drops of water joining to form rivers that flow to the sea—our future will be gloriously bright. I pray this day may become one of grace, gratitude and happiness that Heavenly Parent can joyfully receive through your sincere devotions (*jeongseong*) and practice.

NEW YEAR'S MOTTO:

"IN THE 13TH YEAR OF CHEON IL GUK, WHEN WE ATTEND THE CREATOR HEAVENLY PARENT SUBSTANTIALY, LET US, THE BLESSED FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD, BECOME TRUE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CHEON IL GUK WHO FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE CHOSEN PEOPLE IN UNITY WITH TRUE PARENTS!"





A LETTER FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

This year, and every year, we can't help but think what a very blessed and a peaceful nation the United Kingdom is compared to our neighbours. Even though there were some dreadful crimes, floods and other calamities, so many other nations in our Europe and Middle East region have had to cope with truly catastrophic human and natural disasters. War continued between Israel and its neighbours for most of the year. The death toll is mounting rapidly in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, and in both nations we have families mobilized to the military. Our FFWPU-UK and EUME families once again showed their compassion and generosity, donating to a range of humanitarian relief activities in Beirut and throughout Lebanon, and to numerous other projects large and small. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

In the pages of this latest Annual Report, we start with updates and reports from our exciting Children's Ministry and Youth and Young Adult ministries. Our Founder, True Mother Dr. Hak Ja Han, who visited us in Munich in May 2024, has long been emphasizing the importance of young people as the "pure water" that will help wash away the sins and sorrows of the world.



Photos Above: True Mother visited Europe and, in Munich, she met with leaders from Europe and the Middle East. Below: EUME Pastor Team at the WCLC Annual Convention in Las Vegas.



Next, we hear from several of our communities around the country about their local efforts to build a nation and a world of lasting peace, starting with each individual and family. We look back at our Annual Gathering and Worship service, always a highlight of the year, and applaud the winner of the Grace Miller Award.

Witnessing and outreach have developed considerably in 2024. In Spring, we welcomed a new missionary team from the Sun Moon University in Korea. These young men and women are here on a two year assignment to spread the new gospel of the Divine Principle and to help grow and transform our local communities. A second team will arrive in early 2025. Further afield, we conducted our third youth pilgrimages to Korea, the homeland of our faith and our volunteers went out to serve all over the world.

There are several pages reporting on the investments made in each of our major properties, Lancaster Gate, Livingstone House, Cleeve House, and the Holy Oak Hill Farm Estate in Stanton Fitzwarren. In 2024 we marked the 50th Anniversary of Henry and Avril Masters and their family's gift of their ancestral inheritance to the charity. Thanks in no small part to that gift, we are again pleased to share a brief financial report which shows that FFWPU-UK is in a very healthy position. As always, our audited financial reports are available online from the Charity Commission.

On behalf of the Trustees and all the leadership team, Fumiko and I would like to thank all our pastors, staff and volunteers for their great efforts. We also want to appreciate those working with us in professional capacities, and our valued partners from other faith communities and non-profit organizations. And of course we'd particularly like to thank all of our many supporters for their generous and consistent donations.

Thank you once again for the privilege and opportunity to serve with you this year.

Michael & Fumiko B.

Group photo of the Hyojeong Youth Pilgrimage in the Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, South Korea, after meeting True Mother. The youth, including UK brothers and sisters, embarked on a 21-day youth pilgrimage to deepen their faith and connect to the original roots.



OUR UK COMMUNITY AT WORK

Youth Ministry: HARP UK

2024 was filled with many memories and precious moments. Here are some of the highlights! To start 2024 with purpose, the younger generations took part of a Senior HARP UK workshop at our beloved Livingstone House. The staff team was made up of a dedicated group of young adults, creating an inspiring and mature environment. This workshop, designed for members aged 14 to 18, was guided by the motto “My Oath: Clear. Centred. Transcendent.”

The workshop aimed to deepen participants’ commitments by making sincere promises with God as their witness. This theme encouraged everyone to reflect on the previous year and look ahead with renewed dedication. The workshop was impactful for both staff and participants. 2024 started on a reflective note with a worship session led by the band, bringing everyone together in music and connection with God.



Alma G.



In August, a group of 32 youth, participants and staff, gathered at Livingstone House for the Junior Workshop. Tailored for ages 11 to 15, this workshop welcomed 9 first-time attendees. The motto, “Going for God. Going for Gold,” inspired by the 2024 Olympics, encouraged participants to strive for gold standards in their lives. The focus was on exploring their golden potential and recognizing their inherent, God-given value as children of God. The workshop emphasized the importance of understanding the spiritual dimension of the world and nurturing the inner self.

The content was structured around the Divine Principle, covering topics such as the principles of creation, our identity as spiritual beings, God’s ideal of creating the world, the Four Great Realms of Heart, the human fall and the Four Fallen Natures. The importance of a lifestyle of purity was highlighted and the lies told by society about family and marriage were discussed. All these ideas of the ideal were connected with the reality of the world and discussed how to practice growing and living lives of faith at home.

The workshop was led by a fantastic staff team who created a culture that was free, safe, and bright. The content was tailored to cater to the range of ages, and team leaders and extended staff shared testimonies related to the day’s themes. The content and culture of this workshop could support participants in nurturing the goodness within themselves, the gold inside each of us, and, in turn, to multiply goodness in our community and the world.



In December, Livingstone House once again hosted the HARP UK Senior Winter Workshop which was attended by participants from UK and across Europe, aged 14 to 18. Notably, there was a significant group from Ireland, both staff and participants, reuniting the British Isles. We were very grateful to have this unique group gather together and to experience the closing of 2024 and the start of 2025. The motto for this workshop was: “Look in. Stand strong. STEP UP.”

Dr. David H. taught a condensed version of the Divine Principle and Yebuny H. explored the importance of leading a purity lifestyle and what blocks us from being free to express the God inside each one of us. The workshop and the staff team were significantly supported by both Yebuny and Patrick H. There was also time for a fun and bonding team building afternoon. Challenge day was a restoration course, completing challenges related to various significant Biblical figures as a whole workshop, to better understand the stories of restoration.

As 2024 was coming to a close, brothers and sisters had the opportunity to experience brotherhood and sisterhood separately and share their reflections of the year. Through goal setting, the workshop reflected on steps each want to take in 2025 and what they felt God was calling them to do. The year ended with a worship session and fireworks, to offer 2024 and celebrate the start of 2025 with God.

“Overall, our hopes for the workshop with the motto was to encourage us all to reflect and take our personal lives of faith more seriously as growing blessed children by first looking in. We believe amongst the various reflection and sharing activities, in pairs, in teams and across the workshop, that there could be moments that each person could connect to their original mind and listen to their conscience and what God is asking us to look deeper into. Too often in society we are looking out for what we want to take, but there is so much we can benefit from by pausing and looking in with honest self reflection of where we are currently standing and what steps we are already taking, the good and the bad. We hope that by going through this experience together as a part of the community, we can be encouraged and inspired by each other to stand strong with our beliefs and high ideals. We are striving to succeed in the blessing lifestyle and following True Parents by raising our own personal standards despite the difficulties of our surrounding environments. It could be portrayed in the content that our journey of spiritual growth and maturation is one where we are called to step up constantly, to step up closer to being like God, in restoring our past mistakes, in deepening the relationships in our lives or growing in perspective of how God is working and how we want to work with Him. We hope for everyone that we can stay strong to step up to 2025 with becoming closer to God and closer to our true self, the God in us. We are grateful for all the participants that came and invested into the workshop as well as all the parents and elders supporting them on their continued journey. We are also grateful to the staff that could offer their time and grow themselves in stepping up to take care of the spiritual lives of our younger brothers and sisters. We hope to enjoy more joyful and serious experiences together again. Well done everyone and let’s create a beautiful 2025 for God.”

God Bless,

Pyong Chan D. and Grace T., Workshop Directors



Children's Ministry

In 2024, the Children's Ministry hosted several vibrant seasonal events that brought our community together. The Peace Festival in March at Livingstone House celebrated Easter with a peace message about Jesus and True Father, engaging over 80 participants, including 40 children, in fun family activities. In October, the Harvest Festival at Lancaster Gate saw more than 90 community members expressing gratitude for the year's blessings. December was festive with two Christmas parties: one for the Wales, West Country and West Midlands community at Cleeve House and another for the River South community at Livingstone House. The team also held the annual pre-Christmas Children's Art Contest themed "BE KIND."

Their educational initiatives saw significant progress with the publication of the second book in the Three Gifts series, *The Gift of Family: My Family is the School of Love*. Preparations are underway for the release of the final book, *Nature is My Friend: A Gift from Heavenly Parent*, and a new activity book, *Heavenly Love in My Heart*, was set for publication by the end of December. Efforts are underway to upload the Three Gifts series and activity books on Amazon and promote them in the USA and Korea.

Monthly Zoom meetings were conducted to support and train teachers, organized the 2nd EUME Teacher's Training, and planned in-person meetings to reflect on 2024 and strategize for 2025. The Children's Ministry is advocating for a strong team of teachers

Photo Above: Peace Festival celebrating Easter in Livingstone House.

Below: Visit to Manchester community in April. About 25 people gathered in Dale's home. I talked to young parents about regular activities, read a book for kids and we had a craft session. We gifted educational books to every child.

Below that: Online meeting with teachers. In February Tim Atkinson joined to share about his curriculum that teachers use for teaching.





and volunteers, including one paid teacher, to enhance children's education and create an inclusive environment for new families.

Several lessons were translated from Russian educational materials for Peace School, developing a new curriculum focusing on Heavenly Mother and virtuous women, aligning with True Mother's guidance. This curriculum is a work in progress, with current materials available in the Heavenly Mother Curriculum.

Currently, teaching resources are stored on Google Drive, with plans to improve accessibility by creating a dedicated Children's Ministry section on the FFWPU-UK website. This section will feature book reviews, curriculum access, and event details about online lessons and family festivals.

Ala Z.



Above: The Harvest Festival held at Lancaster Gate in October with about 90 attendees. During this festival there was also a photo booth which was popular with the families.

Right: Visit to Birmingham in January to teach and connect to pastor and parents.



Mentoring Initiatives for Adult Blessed Children

Carmel M.

This year, we successfully maintained and grew our education and mentoring efforts. The network of Blessed Children we are able to support has increased as continued investment into existing relationships has allowed more of our mentees to be more supportive of those younger than them too. There is a natural overlap with leadership for other programmes for second and third generation, and we can see the potential for a positive impact through investing in leadership guidance alongside personal support.

We were able to support three new groups this year through our educational programmes: HARP UK workshop staff, Children's Camp staff, and wider second and third generation community leadership who wanted to improve their pastoral care.

Overall, we are developing a culture of spiritual care and leadership, such that without coordination all of our core staff engage proactively in mentoring meetings and conversations, which help to inform specific and targeted education during our group events. We see our work as a long-term investment into our brothers and sisters, and continue to be present and grow our capacities to care and lead from a place of identity and authenticity, rather than position and obligation.

This is shown through the developing quality and variety of projects we have led over the past few years, to better meet more needs of our community. As well as mentoring throughout, we have held four workshops this year: "Companions of Faith" for ages 18+ in January, mentor training in June, "Changing Gears" for brothers aged 25+, and "Boarding Time" in November for ages 18-21. These workshops provide essential spaces for adult Blessed Children to receive education and connection.



The photos on this page are from "Companions of Faith: Champions of Faith" workshop, which took place from the 31st of January to the 4th of February at YHA Blaxhall. The staff team for the workshop can be seen just above.





The photos above are from the workshop “Boarding Time: Determine Your Trajectory” held in Colchester from the 22nd to the 24th of November.

Thank you for your support over this year, we look forward to more progress in 2025. Please read some of the testimonies and takeaways below:

“This was a highly impactful workshop for me. I was aware I needed to make some changes in my life going into it and this workshop helped me better understand the ways in which I am holding myself back in my spiritual life and relationships, and refine my vision regarding how to improve them. I realised that the wrestle between my original and fallen nature is part of my spiritual journey and not something that I should use to accuse myself. I am redetermined to take on the challenges in my life with a champion’s mindset, with courage and creativity, to fulfill my responsibilities and ultimately bring God into the centre of my life.” - Male, 27

“I hope that I can continue to challenge myself, keep achieving my goals and become a champion.” - Female, 20

“Refreshed. This experience was soothingly good. A gift and an opportunity to cultivate and refine my inner landscape, both emotional and mental. Companions of Faith is a training ground and such a nourishment for the soul. This workshop atmosphere gave me a space to pause and ponder the questions that often I take for granted or avoid. Like how much more am I willing to get rid of my self-centredness and prioritise others? How much do I really involve God in my life..?” - Male, 28



“Each day, in each lecture I felt as though I was going a layer deeper into understanding myself and how I am responding to my environment. It is very rare that I am that honest with myself, it’s like a muscle that I’ve been training in these three days, and it’s because of my older brothers and sisters who are able to share so openly and radically. I

The photo above is from the Mentor Training Weekend, 14th-16th June, held in Colchester. The photo at the bottom is from “Changing Gears”, 27th-30th September, held in Livingstone House.

feel so grateful to experience this confrontation, and meet it with constructive curiosity instead of shame.” - Female, 23



“I enjoyed talking and having meaningful conversations with people who I would not usually talk to, and hearing the different perspectives of the people giving talks. I could take away key points that resonated with me, and plan to make small steps to apply it in my own life. The workshop reaffirmed the importance of investing in my early life which will help to ensure my personal trajectory leads me to a place where I am happy with myself, and therefore have the capacity to extend help to others.” - Male, 20



North of the Thames

Over the past year, the North of the Thames community has consolidated many of its organizational frameworks, building on strengths and making necessary changes. Following the success of the second “Community Connections” (ComCon) event last November, which showcased a range of projects and provided an opportunity for new proposals, a third event was held in November. This time, presentations were kept concise, allowing ample time for discussions amidst a variety of displays of existing activities.

In October, the community held its AGM, framed as a “Community Development Day.” This event aimed to gather ideas to help the community progress towards its goals. After brief reports from the chair and treasurer, small groups discussed various topics over pizza and refreshments. One lively discussion focused on inviting the HTG team to North Thames, which was later presented at the ComCon event, discussed at the Community Council, and consulted with the wider community. This inclusive process ensured that decisions were made with broad community involvement.

Many activities highlighted in photographs received public recognition and often funding, involving a wider scope of the community than in the past. The newsletter has been an excellent medium for sharing reports, expressing through personal stories how God is working in members’ lives.

Engagement with neighbouring communities has also increased, evident in initiatives like the Young Achievers’ Podcast, the Young Women’s Speech Contest, interfaith activities in Watford and Milton Keynes, and connections with communities in Africa.

Above can be seen several issues of North Thames News from 2024



Above, the reflective retreat for North Thames members in Ipswich and below the Community Connections fair – in November 2024 there were six proposals presented and eight existing projects displaying their activities.





Worship service at Hatch End – one of three locations for Sunday services

At the core of these efforts has been the community’s internal life of worship and fellowship, fostering faith, family, and community energy. A retreat held in Ipswich in February, initiated by the ELEA community leaders, provided a valuable start to the year. The pastor’s investment and wisdom have elevated the standard of sermons and services, gradually increasing attendance.

The community’s online presence has also grown, thanks to regular postings of sermons and talks on YouTube. A young lady from France, initially thought to be a second-generation member of a French blessed family, discovered the community online and made significant efforts to attend services. Similarly, a lady joined the Monday morning prayers after finding the link through an internet search. These instances highlight the importance of maintaining an active online presence and keeping all doors open.

The North of the Thames community looks forward to continuing its journey of growth and connection, inspired by the progress made over the past year.



On the left, a family festival organised by the Children’s Ministry in Lancaster Gate. Next to it, Ron campaigning about gender ideology with billboards in Colchester.

Below on the left, Jeff with volunteers at Watford Interfaith Peace Garden and on the right, Françoise with the participants of Watford Interfaith Pilgrimage 2024.





Celebration of the Day of All True Things.

A Letter from Scotland:

In the Year of the Blue Dragon, we clung on tightly as it often flew through all 4 seasons in a day! I guess that is just typical Scottish weather... We learned that for Heaven, every day is like a thousand years. Through all the ups and downs, we feel Heavenly Parent's touch. I'm so grateful for this community, and here I count some of the blessings we've received this year.

Beating heart of our community

Seeing our *Wang Omma* in Munich was a dream come true, and more so since our Scottish community had the chance to offer a gift. It was a drum, that many members beat before being presented. I felt like it represented the beating heart of our community.

I am sure you heard about Daniel, a 16 year-old brother in our community, who ascended to the spirit world around that time. He is so loved, by many many people. We miss him, his consideration to everyone around him, and especially his warm smile before cracking a joke.

I am reminded of the Special Holy Salt from Death Valley, that we received from True Mother this year. Beautiful pure crystals of salt, found in the starkest circumstances. We truly hope to meet and become righteous people.



Nurturing the future

I am really moved at our young people's efforts to nurture our community. Like organising a camping trip in Dumfries and passing on our Holy Day tradition at Sunday service. We were also very blessed to kick off our year with fresh witnessing fun when the HTG missionaries visited Glasgow.

Sharing Traditions

This year our celebration of True Father's Holy Ascension included a summer's day picnic in the park with activities after. We could also dive into the *Chambumoron* theology later in the year.

We love to share our traditions and deepen friendships with other faith groups. Oliver L. attended numerous interfaith events across the year.



Heavenly Top Gun team in Glasgow!



Teamwork

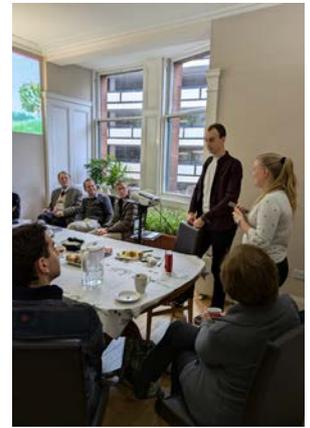
We are very grateful to our North England brothers and sisters for hosting this year's Christmas retreat. They also helped us with our Matching and Blessing workshop day. It was good to have a community level workshop, increasing the circle of support for candidates.

Deeper Devotion

Our community really dug deep into devotion this year. Eric Williamson initiated our prayer services, where members shared deep testimonies. The Cheonbo Team also came up for a one-day workshop, bringing us healing and deeper devotion.

Left: "Proclaim like True Father" - On Father's Ascension Anniversary.

Right: True Father's Ascension Anniversary - Winning team!



Above left: Matching and Blessing workshop, a collaboration between North England and Scotland. Below it, third photo on the left: Eric & Yvonne giving a testimony. First two photos just above: A camping trip, another collaboration between both communities. On the right: Pre Sunday Service Welcome Team.

Entering 2025 with Thanks

In 2025, just as it is said in Psalm 100, we will make a joyful noise unto the Lord, enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. I know we always wish we could offer more, but I love this amazing community. Thank you.

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Yours, Maryann M.





North of England

In the northern region, we have had another year of development. To start off the year we had a 40 days period of prayer devotion for peace in the world and the end of all the ongoing conflicts across the planet.

We also had a workshop there in the Peace Embassy in Glasgow based upon the theme of, Commitment as the basis for solid marriage and family. This attracted youth and all ages, creating a wonderful 3-generation atmosphere.

To develop and deepen relationships between our young men in Manchester and Scotland they went on a hike together on a camping trip in Dumfries, where they could nurture stronger relationships and trust through teamwork and comradery.

Our youth remain active holding regular events reaching out to the community sharing our values of brotherhood through sports and service.

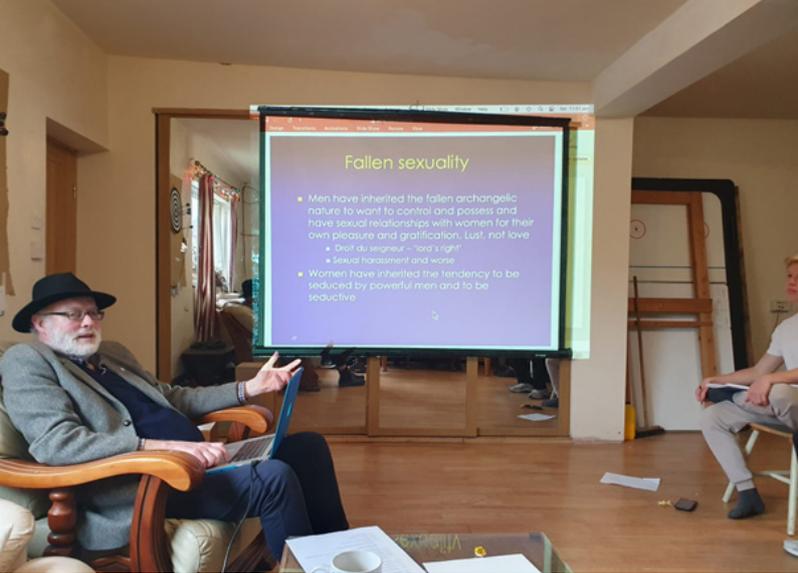
We are focused on building strong families according to our vision and we had a family-strengthening workshop back in March where many participated, learning Rev. Moon's vision for united harmonious families.

One of our young men went to participate in a one year leadership training program based in Albania where through all kinds of service, he is learning to lead by example and teach character education.

Our interfaith work continues reaching out to other faiths in particular local Muslim groups through our work with the dialogue society held in Bolton town community centre who allow us to use the location for free.

Above: A group of brothers hiking in Dumfries. Below: Celebration of the ending of the 40 days period of prayer. Below that: Sports event sharing values of brotherhood.





Above Left: A lecture from the family-strengthening workshop.
 Above Right: A young man who joined a leadership training program based in Albania.
 Below left: Our Christmas party.

Up in Newcastle we have kept going with our partner organisation UPF holding conferences and education programs sharing the values of peace-making through service to the community. Here (left) a donation is given by John N. to set up a Chess club for youth locally and also an award was given for his service and litter picking in the community.

Internationally, we have continued supporting the New Hope school in Uganda and the school in Senagal as they fulfill their plans to expand. In particular in Senegal, they plan to expand the school to teach older children creating the necessity to build a new building there as a secondary school, increasing the opportunities for higher education for children.

At the end of the year we had a wonderful Christmas party where guests also joined us in a joyful celebration event. We played games and shared the values of peace at Christmas through many songs and group activities and an incredible Christmas banquet.

Our teamwork and cooperation nationally with Scotland remains productive, consummating with our end-of-year retreat in the Borders where Dr Mike Balcomb gave a yearly report about our Founder's plans.

Dale R.

Left: John N. donating towards setting up a chess club for youth locally and receiving an award.

Below left: Interfaith work with the dialogue society.
 Below right: End of the year retreat with a report from the National Director.



Wales, West Country and West Midlands



Nature, Service and Sports in Cardiff

In Wales, our community developed a fruitful partnership with Cosmeston Lakes Country Park. On a monthly basis, FFWPU volunteers tackle rampant weeds, clearing the way for young trees, setting up a roaring fire to burn plants and wood, trimming overgrown grass, enabling the field gate to close properly, etc. The volunteering efforts are usually followed by a well-deserved feast at the local café, a lively game of volleyball, or both. Our monthly community football event following Sunday Service also became an essential part of community life in 2024.



Expanding the Holy Community in Birmingham

In the spirit of the Holy Community, we conducted our overlapping FFWPU, UPF and WFWP activities throughout 2024. An excellent 1-day seminar saw Dr David H. share Principles of Peace with around 150 people from all faiths and none. We collected donations for Gaza, as we also did at the Al Mahdi Institute in November during Interfaith Worship there, for a total of around £2000. Again, about 150 people attended. Several Women's Peace Meetings were attended each time by around 70 to 90 ladies, and in December, the ladies brought many donations of blankets, clothing and food for the homeless, which have been distributed at St Martin's in the Bullring Anglican church.



Swindon: New Life in the New House

In September 2024, our Pastor couple Bogdan and Yoshiko moved into “The New House” at Hossil Lane in Stanton-Fitzwarren. The following month, they began the journey of transforming it into a community place of growth and fellowship.

From September to December, Divine Principle Workshops, Youth Gatherings, Sunday Services, and homegroups attracted members and guests of all ages to “The Farm.” We could also deepen our relationship with Interfaith Swindon, a cherished partnership and friendship built by blessed families over many years.



Comings and Goings

In 2024, three members of the WWW community passed to Spirit World. Six members of the 2nd and 3rd Generation were born to blessed families in the community. We could welcome three new members, and several could reconnect through the personal outreach efforts of the community pastoral care team and other members.

While Pastor Elliot and his wife, Ka-young, successfully completed their service in September 2024, they continue supporting the community by leading outreach efforts and serving on the Wales Community Committee.

After the sale of Birmingham property, Church Lane, a young-members-led community participation process initiated a new space for blessed families and the wider community in Birmingham. Regular young family meetups further enrich community life and attract young blessed families from beyond our region.



Our Christmas Celebration

On December 8th, despite the fierce storms, over 100 people gathered at Cleeve House for a joyful Christmas celebration. The day began with a meaningful service led by our pastor, Bogdan, followed by a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by the Cleeve House team. Guests sang carols and enjoyed a festive quiz.

The lively Ceilidh dancing brought everyone together in celebration. To top off the event, Santa himself made a surprise visit, spreading cheer to all. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter, community spirit, and the warmth of the season, leaving lasting memories for all who attended.

Thank you to all who made this event a success.

Bogdan P.





Outreach in River South

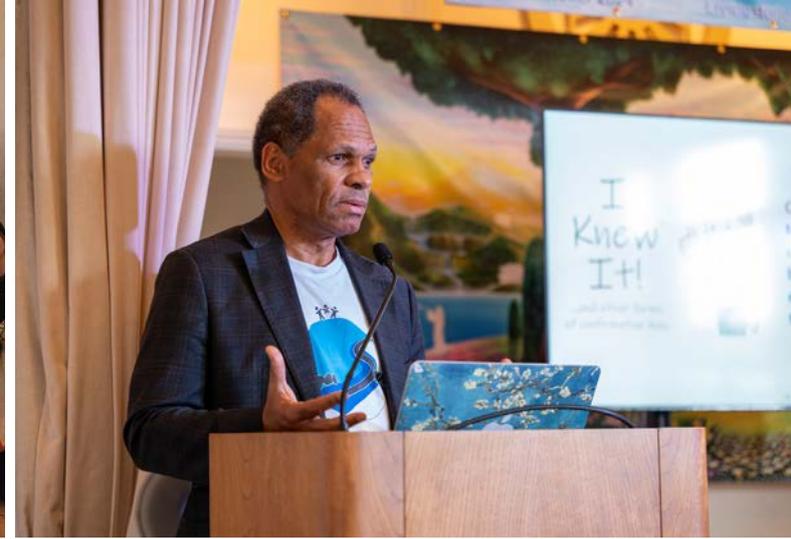
Witnessing, witnessing, witnessing...

In 2024 every event we prepared had outreach as the underlying impulse. There were Friday programs led by the Greenwich Team and championed by the Heavenly Top-Gun team that arrived in February, and ran almost every week apart from University holidays.

We also planned and held monthly weekend workshops for guests and members alike - some members have never heard Divine Principle lectures and many, not in recent years!

The fruit of consistent workshops are 4-7 day workshops where we expect attendees to make a choice to live by the Principle (join, and not merely follow their parents and peers), and indeed some children of members are now actively witnessing and bringing guests to workshops and staffing on workshops.





River South also held 3 Music Workshops as another long-term outreach process to improve our original music (which will attract people to know us, and what we believe) while also attracting people who would normally not be interested in Religion.

We spent more than £25,000 directly on outreach and education in 2024 and our intention is to invest more this year to accomplish our immediate goals, as a Strategic Growth Community, of increasing membership by 30%.

Adza M.



GERMAN FRIENDSHIP INITIATIVE

Sigrun V.

About 16 years ago, I received a mission through prayer to organize German Friendship events. Through advertising, people from all backgrounds became interested and participated in these events, with most attendees being German and British. I received support from various charitable organizations and, since last year, have been invited and sponsored by the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church in London.

Several contacts have told me they enjoy the meetings and feel at home. During my afternoon events, I emphasize the importance of friendship in a community and discuss German culture, poetry, and music. Although I don't directly witness about our True Parents, many of my contacts have attended church events and some have even received the Blessing.

My children, Benedict and Amabel, have supported me in many of these events. Benedict, in particular, performed at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church and helped me organize the event there. My first event was in my neighborhood, where I joined the neighborhood committee and was sponsored to host an event at the local community center.



The photos above are all from past events from 2018 to 2024. On the left, Sigrun is seen fundraising for supporting the events.



2024 German Friendship event in the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church

I was invited by the treasurer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church to host an event on the 7th of September. It was an uplifting occasion, featuring music performances by Benedict and an introductory talk about the meaning of the events I have initiated and organized.

The idea for these events originated through prayer, with a desire to bring about positive change. With Benedict's help, I prepared delicious German dishes for a buffet at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer premises, allowing participants to experience the heart of German culture. Many friendships were built, and everyone was inspired by the afternoon program. Benedict also read out poems I had written.



NOW AND FOREVER

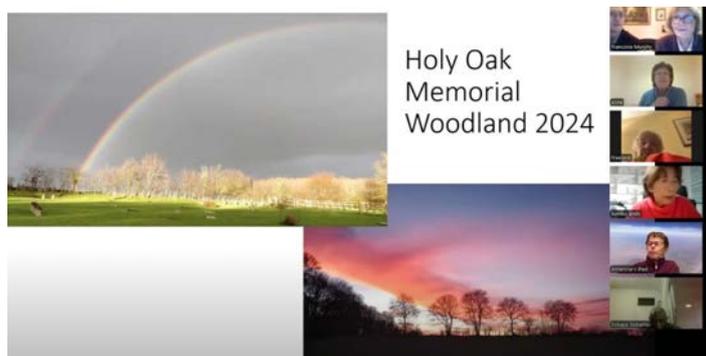
Throughout 2024, the Seonghwa Caring Ministry has been dedicated to supporting our community during times of loss. Each time a member ascended, we either assisted pastors in organizing Seonghwa ceremonies or had Franklin, our committee member, conduct the ceremony. We provided flowers and sent cards to bereaved families to express our heartfelt sympathies and support. Whenever possible, we attended vigils and Seonghwa ceremonies to offer our presence and care.

Our committee met five times this year to discuss the best ways to support our bereaved members and organize events. We are delighted to welcome two new members to our committee: Pascal, who brings valuable technical skills and a fresh perspective, and Masumi, who represents our ministry in Scotland. Our committee now includes eight dedicated members: Franklin, Anne, Toyoko, Annerose, Masakazu, Masumi, Pascal, and Françoise as the designated Chair.

This year, we hosted two insightful webinars. In June, we focused on “Best Practices to Care for Our Grieving Members,” with Margoth Tove Kalstad sharing her expertise as a gestalt psychotherapist and facilitator of bereavement support groups.



Margoth Tove Kalstad, gestalt psychotherapist and facilitator of bereavement support groups.



Holy Oak Memorial Woodland 2024

She provided valuable guidance and tips for caring for our grieving members. In October, Kumiko, the manager of Holy Oak Memorial Woodland, gave an online presentation about her work maintaining the woodland and her vision for future projects. She highlighted the spiritual significance of the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland and the importance of preserving it for future generations. Both webinars were recorded and are available on YouTube as unlisted videos.

Margoth’s talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QyeMI6VOM4>

Kumiko’s talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thsCTjmjw6U>

In July, our annual Memorial Service honouring our ascended members was combined with the 50th anniversary of True Father planting a tree to consecrate a Holy Ground on the land donated by the Masters family. This special event was a poignant reminder of our community’s enduring legacy and commitment. You can view the recorded video of the Memorial Service and the Anniversary at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwaRvKB-Ons>



This year, four of our brothers and sisters ascended: Masako, Joan, Daniel and Luke. We wish them well in their eternal home and offer our deepest condolences and support to their bereaved families.





This year, the Seonghwa Caring Ministry also undertook a project to fulfil the wishes of our members who wanted their ascended loved ones to be recognized at the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland. Working with Kumiko, we have been providing memorial plaques for families whose loved ones were buried elsewhere but wished to be commemorated at the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland. We hope to have these plaques installed very soon.

In November, the Seonghwa Caring Ministry presented an online session at the Blessed Families Department EUME Summit 2024 in Italy, where we answered questions from the audience and shared our experiences.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and support our members during their times of need. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the Seonghwa Caring Ministry's efforts this year. Together, we continue to honor and remember our ascended loved ones with compassion and dedication.

Francoise M.




The Seonghwa Caring Ministry

- BFD EUME SUMMIT 2024
- The Circle of Blessed Life
- NOV 29 TO DEC 1ST
- Alba, Italy





A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the 1974 donation by the Master's family of the Holy Oak Farm and True Father's visit

On Sunday, July 28th, our community gathered at the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland in Stanton Fitzwarren for a deeply meaningful annual Memorial Service. This year, we not only honoured our ascended brothers and sisters but also celebrated the 50th anniversary of True Father's visit to the farm and the generous donation of the estate by Henry and Avril Masters.

The day began with a joyful worship service under the bright sun, led gracefully by Franklin and accompanied by Russell on guitar. Our National Director delivered an inspiring sermon titled "Steadfast and Merciful," encouraging us to remember both those who have ascended and those who could not be present. He reminded us of the importance of reaching out to distant members and honouring our departed loved ones, emphasizing that it is okay to express our emotions during such moments.

Following a beautiful solo by Viola, Françoise, Chair of the Seonghwa Caring Ministry, praised our ascended brothers and sisters for their dedication to our Heavenly Parent's providence and called for support for recently bereaved families. The reflective atmosphere was enhanced by David's flute music, and flowers were distributed to all attendees. Mrs. Fumiko concluded the service with a heartfelt prayer, and we were invited to visit the Won Jeon to remember our dear brothers and sisters.





The 50th anniversary commemoration was a highlight, featuring stories and testimonies about True Father's time in the UK and the sacrifices of our early members, especially the Masters family. Martin read a speech by True Father, reminding us of our mission to save the world. June shared her memories of True Father's visit, and we recognized Keiko for initiating the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland. Philip recounted amusing experiences with True Father planting the Holy Oak Tree.

In honour of the anniversary, new signs were installed for the trees planted by True Father and Henry Masters, and a plaque of appreciation was presented to the Masters family. Priscilla, representing the family, spoke about the land's history and the blessings that followed their generous gift.

The day concluded with a potluck lunch, providing an opportunity for fellowship and reconnection. This celebration was a powerful reminder of the role we each play in God's providence. It underscored that, regardless of how meek or unworthy we may feel, we all have a part to play in fulfilling God's plan.

We are truly blessed to stand on the foundation laid by acts of incredible generosity and faith, and we look forward to continuing our journey together as a community dedicated to our Heavenly Parent's providence.

Alma G.





OUR ANNUAL GATHERING

An event to remember – here's to more joyful gatherings in the future!

On Saturday, June 22nd, dozens of families from across the country travelled to Wiltshire for our Annual Gathering Festival. The vibrant event was a celebration of community and faith, featuring a variety of activities for all ages and musical performances.

The day began at 11 am with a vibrant worship service. The worship band uplifted attendees with a mix of contemporary and traditional worship songs. Assistant Pastor Eric from Scotland delivered an inspiring sermon, emphasizing the importance of fostering a positive environment and encouraging everyone to make a daily effort to impact others positively. His lighthearted yet profound message set a joyful tone for the day.

Following the worship service, children and adults alike enjoyed a bouncy castle, a magic show, and, for the first time, a petting zoo. For the sports enthusiasts, there were competitive volleyball and ultimate frisbee tournaments. Attendees indulged in diverse food options, from BBQ grills to a refreshing smoothie bar, while the return of Live Lounge, kept spirits high with an impressive lineup of performances.





The weather was perfect, and following our Sunday service, most attendees spent the day soaking up the sun while enjoying a picnic or something from the BBQ. It was a pleasure to see our members come together and enjoy each other's company while celebrating their faith.

The day was a testament to the community spirit and faith that define our community, making it a memorable event for all who attended. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the 2024 Annual Gathering Festival; your efforts made it an outstanding success. Here's to more joyful gatherings in the future!

Josh M.





A special highlight of the day was the presentation of the Grace Miller Award to Aryan R. This award recognised his exceptional dedication and service as the Sunday Service Worship Coordinator and his commitment to supporting his church community North of the Thames. Aryan's efforts have been instrumental in fostering a strong community spirit within his community. Here is a thank you note from him:

“Winning the Grace Miller award was a dream come true. It was an honour to receive this trophy from my beloved British community, and I am grateful for the many opportunities I was given to serve them. I look back on my time as the Lancaster Gate Sunday Service Coordinator with immense pride, and I cannot wait to visit all the brothers and sisters who helped me to do this role to the best of my ability. It was not possible for me to give back to my community as much as I was able to receive from them, but, as my way of saying thanks for all their love and care, I might make Japanese Curry when I next visit...”



A GIFT FROM THE PAST: The Grace Miller Award

**“DON'T LIVE YOUR LIFE AS THOUGH
YOU WERE MEASURING IT WITH A RULER”**

- Rev. Sun Myung Moon

The Grace Miller Award, established in 2001 by Tim Miller in honour of his mother Grace Miller, is a symbol of recognition for young Unificationists and Blessed Children who exemplify a spirit of selflessness and service.

Grace Miller herself embodied a motherly heart and held great appreciation for the 2nd Generation members of the Unification Movement. She joined the, at the time, Unification Movement at the age of 56 dedicating the rest of her years towards living a life with God and for the sake of others.

Her legacy lives on through this award, which serves as a reminder of the importance of living a life dedicated to God and for the sake of others. To nominate a young person, they must be aged between 16 to 15, have demonstrated an exemplary life of faith and must have made an impact in their local community or in their neighbourhood (e.g. at school/university).

The award is presented to the recipient during the Annual Gathering Festival which takes place at Cleeve House, in Wiltshire. It is a moment where the community comes together to show appreciation to the young person and to encourage more young people to live exemplary lives.

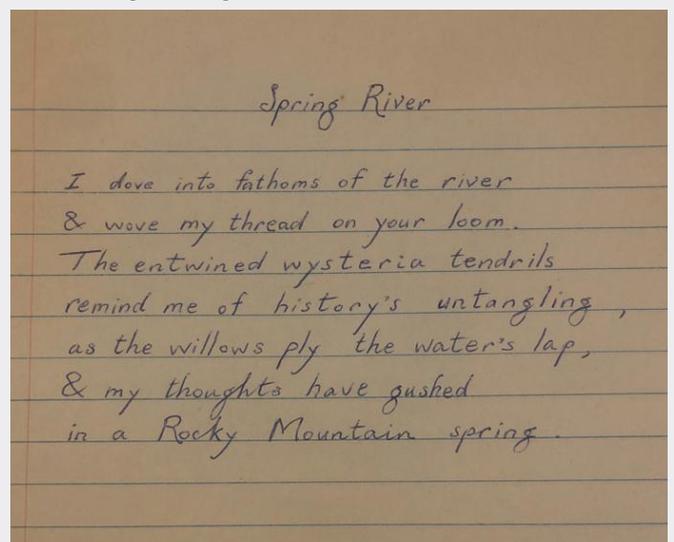


A gift from the past: recently discovered photos in Cleeve House from the summer of 1991 in Lancaster Gate. Pictured on the right is Grace Miller and on the left a meeting amongst members.

Another voice from the past also worth mentioning is this poem written by a member in the 70's, a generation past. The poem entitled “Spring River” is a reminder of our past and a motivating call to take action today towards the future for the future generations.

Spring River

*I dove into fathoms of the river
And wove my thread on your loom.
The entwined wysteria tendrils
remind me of history's untangling,
as the willows ply the waters lap,
And my thoughts have gushed
in a Rocky Mountain spring.*





FOSTERING HOPE AND UNITY

Reaching out to the Christian world: the British Clergy Leadership Conference

According to the Chinese Calendar, 2024 was the Year of the Blue Dragon, a time when negative energy would dissipate, allowing us to be free of shadows and negativity. This spirit of hope and renewal characterized all our events throughout the year.

We began the year with a joyful New Year's dinner, setting a positive tone for the months ahead. In a significant milestone, we blessed 12 couples and honoured them with Ambassador for Peace Awards. Our commitment to spiritual education continued with monthly Divine Principle lectures, averaging 20 attendees per session, including 10 pastors.

Rev. Stephen led a thought-provoking Zoom lecture on the Application of Divine Principle, fostering engaging discussions. In August, Rev. Dr. Hanna launched a six-week Divine Principle lecture series via Zoom, attracting 40 to 54 participants, half of whom were pastors. Rev. Hanna also initiated bi-weekly Prayers for Peace, with an average of 12 participants joining from September onwards.

In May, five of our members, including two pastors, attended the Munich Bloom Festival with True Mother. This uplifting experience inspired one of our pastors to begin learning how to teach Divine Principle.





From October 31st, we held a three-day retreat at Cleeve House, attended by eight pastors. The retreat, themed “Attracting God’s Blessing to My Nation,” was a collaborative effort featuring insights from Dr. Balcomb, Rev. Hanna, Bogdan, David, Bernard, Elliot, and In Pyo Moon, President of our European Cheon Shin Won Programme, along with our Heavenly Top Gun missionary team.

In November, three of our members travelled to Las Vegas for the World Clergy Leadership Conference Annual Gathering. This enriching experience was followed by a two-day tour of the Grand Canyon, Red Rock Park, Hoover Dam, and Sedona.

Throughout the year, we supported WCLC monthly webinars and BCLC members participated in weekly Hoon Dok Hae meetings and prayers for pastors. We also engaged with and supported various Christian church programs, preaching at several events.

As we conclude the year, we are heartened by the understanding and commitment of five pastors to True Parents’ mission. We look forward to 2024 with great hope and anticipation, ready to continue our journey of faith and community.

June D.





BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Bloom! Pentecost with True Mother

May 2024, Munich, Germany

In May, our beloved True Mother celebrated Pentecost with members from across Europe, the Middle East, and other parts of the world.

European Christians have observed Pentecost for nearly 2000 years, but 2024 will be remembered as a particularly significant celebration. On May 18th and 19th, our True Mother, God's beloved and only begotten daughter, joined us in Munich, Germany, to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the gospel of the True Parents.

She addressed an overflow crowd of more than 2500 people at the famous Munich Showpalast, with over 18000 more watching online from around the globe.

The Bloom Festival, spanning two days, was designed by our young organizers as a celebration of worship, praise, and prayer, with activities suitable for all ages. The Showpalast grounds were transformed into a vibrant family festival, featuring a magician, bouncy castle, pony rides, and the unique "giant horse" that kept children entertained for hours. Older youth enjoyed a Divine Principle competition, a UPF gathering, and plenty of food, refreshments, and opportunities to connect with friends old and new.

Saturday evening featured a magnificent devotional prayer and praise session, with the newly formed worship band "Near Revival" comprising musicians and vocalists from the UK, Italy, and Germany. They performed various Hillsong and gospel standards, along with contemporary gospel songs and upbeat versions of our Holy Songs. Rev. In Pyo Moon brought the spirit of the Cheonshimwon Vigil prayer, leaving few dry eyes in the house by the end.





On Sunday, the doors opened early to a full house eager to hear True Mother's Pentecost message. She reminded us, "When we look at the current state of the world, there seems to be no beacon of hope shining for peace today or in the future, but we must remember that God, our Creator and Heavenly Parent, is eternal, the first and the last. Therefore, we can be sure that God will never abandon humanity. His goal and dream at the time of creation will absolutely be fulfilled in these last days."

EUME Vice President Bogdan P., the lead organizer of the event, declared it an outstanding success. "The fact that we had a team of over 150 young volunteers taking complete ownership of this event was already a success," he said. "True Mother provided the perfect inspiration. What the world needs now more than ever is God's motherly, embracing love. True Mother gave us a glimpse of how the world will be once we reconnect to our common origin, the Heavenly Parent."



Matthew and Natasha, Vice President Couple for the North SubRegion, brought all eight of their children to the festival, making the 1200km drive from London a family pilgrimage. "It was the first time for most of our children to see True Mother in person, and they were excited and deeply moved," Matthew said. "True Mother looked beautiful and serene, but we could see there was a pillar of fire and strength shining out of her eyes. We were filled with New Hope."

The Pentecost festival marked the end of a busy week in Munich. True Mother held several meetings with European leaders, alongside our International President Yeon Cheon Song. She emphasized the need to bring substantial results as our offering to Heavenly Parent at the Cheonwongung dedication next year. "You have to get serious about national restoration," she urged. "Have faith that God has prepared the righteous people who can make that a reality and do not hesitate or hold back from sharing the truth about Jesus, True Parents, and our Heavenly Parent."

As we reflect on 2024, this historic event stands as a testament to the power of faith, community, and the inspiring leadership of True Mother. We look forward to continuing our journey with renewed hope and dedication.



I SEE A NEAR REVIVAL
STIRRING AS WE PRAY



Above: Near Revival worship band, originated mostly from UK.
Below: children's performance for True Mother and her entrance.



Below left: Tanya C., a young member from our community giving a faith testimony at the Youth Assembly.
Below right: Prof. Yeon Ah Moon spoke during the Youth Assembly and at the end offered a song to the crowd.





Above: Throughout the first day there were several activities for all ages such as a lecture contest, art activities for kids and fun activities and ice breakers for youth.

Below: Worship concert on Saturday led by the Near Revival band.





OUR PROPERTIES

Lancaster Gate & Wontner Road

There has been a heavy focus on the last two years to ensure the efficient letting of available units, manage necessary repairs and maintenance, and ensure both properties comply with UK legislation to maintain our legal ability to rent them out. This year, FFWPU-UK has successfully navigated multiple challenges, sustained high occupancy, and contributed significantly to the financial success of both properties.

Achievements for 2024 include occupancy success at 11 Wontner Road, a small 3-family rental unit, where we maintained 100% occupancy throughout the year, demonstrating successful tenant retention and prompt leasing. Even though we had a tenant who moved out in August, we were able to re-let the same unit within the same month. At 43-44 Lancaster Gate, we achieved an average occupancy rate of over 96% throughout the year, with several months reaching full occupancy. This was a consistent improvement compared to previous years.

At 43-44 Lancaster Gate, for the fourth consecutive year, we had increased rental income for both properties. At 11 Wontner Road, while growth was modest, the property remained stable and fully occupied. The continued growth in rental income reflects our ability to manage both properties efficiently, despite challenges such as non-paying tenants and occasional turnover.

Regarding deposit protection and legal compliance, we re-protected all tenant deposits and updated them under the new company name, FFWPU-UK. We ensured all tenancy agreements reflected the updated details for new tenants. The HMO application for renewal was completed, and we also had our inspection done for approval. The assessor mentioned that we will be able to carry on renting our space as she was satisfied with the standard of Lancaster Gate.

We are currently waiting on the official report to be sent back to us, but Westminster Council mentioned two small advisories which we are proactively looking to address already: providing fire blankets for each room with kitchen facilities, as well as installing one fire door for a studio in the basement.



The Lancaster Gate Ballroom



The Lancaster Gate Cafe

Below, the Cafe and the foyer

For property improvement projects going forward, in the latter half of 2024, planning commenced for the refurbishment of the communal areas at 43-44 Lancaster Gate. This includes repainting walls, replacing flooring, and upgrading lighting. Contractors have begun work and are expected to complete the project in early 2025. The changes will enhance the overall appearance and functionality of the communal spaces.

Goals for 2025 include maximizing occupancy and rental rates. We aim to complete the refurbishment of the communal areas at Lancaster Gate, with a focus on improving the aesthetics and functionality of shared spaces. Additionally, we will explore opportunities for improving the overall condition of both properties to enhance tenant satisfaction and increase long-term value. We will stay informed about and adapt to upcoming changes in UK rental laws that are expected to impact the private rented sector. This will involve ensuring our practices remain compliant and exploring strategies to mitigate any potential negative effects on operations.

In conclusion, 2024 has been a successful year in many ways, particularly in terms of occupancy, rental income, and property management efficiency. We have made significant strides in improving both properties' financial performance and physical condition. We look forward to continuing this progress in 2025, with a focus on maintaining high occupancy rates, improving tenant relations, and maximizing rental income.

Sam D.





Livingstone House

2024 has been one of Livingstone House's busiest years. We have held over 55 formal charity events, including 16 multi-day workshops, with an average of 70 attending each event. These have included HARP UK workshops, summer camps, music workshops, children's activity days, and community gatherings, to name but a few.

A number of these events have focused around facilitating the Cheonbo activities. This has included regular Chan-yang sessions and workshops, personal consultations, and special Ansu appointments, whilst also making heavy use of the Cheon Shim Won (CSW) Prayer room. The CSW has been the spiritual heart of Livingstone House, with it being constantly used, both around other events, or independently during the week as a place members can freely utilise to find peace and connect on a deeper level to our Heavenly Parent.

This year also saw the development of a spiritual community within the property, starting with a group of like-minded and inspired blessed children who were then joined by the UPA cadets and missionaries. In addition to the events mentioned above, this has turned Livingstone House in to a hub of fellowship and outreach, with worship and prayer sessions often extending into the early hours of the morning during the week. This activity has helped foster a





Our HTG team in Livingston House in our Cheon Shim Won. The last photo is from the 7-day Spirituality workshop. Below on the left, a music workshop held this year and on the right a witnessing outreach event.



warm spiritual environment in which guests are regularly welcomed and brought closer to our True Parents. This spiritual community will continue to grow, so please reach out if you are interested in taking part.

As a community, River South has been using Livingstone House extensively, with the primary benefit being to comfortably host its diverse community of 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation members. This had allowed different groups to simultaneously have their own areas on Sundays, whether attending a service, receiving Sunday School, or participating in a Divine Principal workshop, all being catered for within the beautiful house and grounds.

Whilst the internal role of the building has flourished, a lot of attention has also been given to restoring the building, with a lot of repair work undertaken, such as fixing part of the roof and drainage, as well as replacing the old mains water pipe into the building. This is in addition to installing new boilers and replacing old appliances throughout the building. The plan is to complete these external fixes in the early part of 2025 which will allow a 'beautification' process to take place within the building, making it a place we can truly be proud of as True Parents' home in the UK.

In addition to all of this, we continue to serve the wider community through hosting classes that align with the values of our charity, such as the NCT (National Childbirth Trust), who hold their antenatal classes multiple times a week throughout the year.

Overall a really successful year for Livingstone House, and we look forward to welcoming you all in 2025.

Daniel P.





Cleeve House

The last 12 months at Cleeve House feels more like 36 months; it is nice to get so much out of just one year! We have been able to successfully complete the heating project, and test out the 4 air source heat pumps, 50 solar panels, & 2 back up LPG boilers in the coldest months. It has made an enormous difference to the viability of using the venue throughout the winter. We have continued with works on the fabric of the building, as well as upgrading more of the interior and making progress with landscaping the grounds around the house.

There has been a big shift to a focus on events and bookings management with a busy calendar from spring all the way through to end of 2024, with seven Christmas parties as well as about 100 people from the FFWPU community sharing a Christmas lunch together. The Google reviews continue to come in and the feedback is overwhelmingly positive.





Revenue has been ahead of the expectations for the first three quarters of the year, and the capital invested has started to be repaid to the charity's R&R fund. We are grateful for all the trust and opportunities to work with each other as a family, together with good local tradesmen, with friends, and brothers and sisters who live nearby and further afield.

One of the highlights last year was having the YSP UK project at Cleeve House where we were able to combine some of the smaller aspects of renovation and maintenance with the spirit of coming together as a family. Another positive and big experience was being able to host an international football tournament for over 150 people in July from countries all over Europe and a large group from the USA.

For the FFWPU to have a place that is remote from the urban environment is significant for the charity and the community; it allows people to gather away from all the intensity that comes with city life and immerse themselves in the sweep of dark and light green that extends beyond the lawn out into the distance towards Salisbury Plain, often shrouded in the magic of the mist. There is the chance every morning to be still with the sound of the birds hanging in the air. Due to the position of the back lawn guests can fully observe the natural shift of the sun through the seasons as it comes up reliably every morning and sinks towards the West terrace later in the day.

Part of the vision here is to reflect the freedom, peace, and beauty of the natural environment around Cleeve House, in the quality of the hospitality and service given to everyone who visits. Certainly, in the last year that has brought a lot of happiness to so many guests and staff. It is a lovely way for people to be reminded of our culture and also to get to know about the charity and the FFWPU community; because often words are not enough - warmth needs to be felt through waking up snug under a duck down duvet, in a room with a powerful double bar radiator, or biting into a freshly baked croissant.

Simon C.



INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

A message from the Chair of International Relief Friendship Foundation UK (IRFF UK) on behalf of the team running the charity:

One of things that inspires the IRFF team is the pleasant knowledge that we are currently helping about 3,000 people in three African countries to have a better life. The objects of IRFF UK are: “relief of poverty, suffering and disease, amongst poor, aged and disabled persons in Africa, or other unfortunate persons, providing humanitarian aid and medical attention and services”.

One could argue that IRFF can fulfil its objects both by “providing relief” but also by “avoiding the need for relief in the first place” - by investing into the education of young people for them to become economically empowered, particularly girls.

So whether it is the happy face of the head teacher of Destiny School in Uganda, Jesca, as she sees how her school has become a very safe place for her 206 pupils and also how the funding IRFF UK gives helps her both feed those children and also educate them to a high level, such as when 12 graduates of year P7 sitting their school leaving examinations see two getting an A grade and ten getting a good second grade

or the joy we have in supporting Pat in Port Elizabeth to teach 73 young children how to read, and the amazing look on a child’s face when they suddenly understand that jumble of symbols on a page and can now endlessly learn through reading

or the hope young women have in Ghana as Vivian, the project manager, arranges for them to be taught sewing or cooking/baking as a profession so that they can be economically empowered to start their own business. They even receive a sewing machine or an oven from the Ghana project to get them started



Photo at the top of the page: Destiny School - The head teacher Jesca with 12 P7 students about to sit their school leaving exams.

Photo above: Children at Destiny School receiving out of class instruction.

International Relief Friendship Foundation UK (IRFF UK) is an independent charity partially sponsored by grants from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (UK).



Period poverty Uganda: Girls receiving knickers at one of the schools. Jesca at Busabala School in full swing with the many girls there.

or the happiness we feel to know that 500 extremely poor children and old people can eat at least one meal a day in Port Elizabeth because we could send £200 per month to support the soup kitchen

plus the amazing work being done by three teams in three countries at seven locations providing menstruating girls in period poverty with sanitary pads and also providing vital menstrual health education, thereby helping them avoid embarrassment, loss of schooling every month and other psychological pressures.



That is what IRFF UK has been funding in 2024, but imagine what we could do with more funding and more manpower. There is always a direct relationship between funds available and the number of persons who can be empowered:

- *two packs* of disposable pads cost about £1.40, enough for *one* girl for two months; *twenty packs* of disposable pads cost about £14, enough for *ten* girls for two months, and so on. We are currently supporting 1,300 girls.

- the same applies to all charitable projects.

We want to increase the numbers we support to at least 4,000 by the end of 2025. Please consider whether you would like to help us do that.

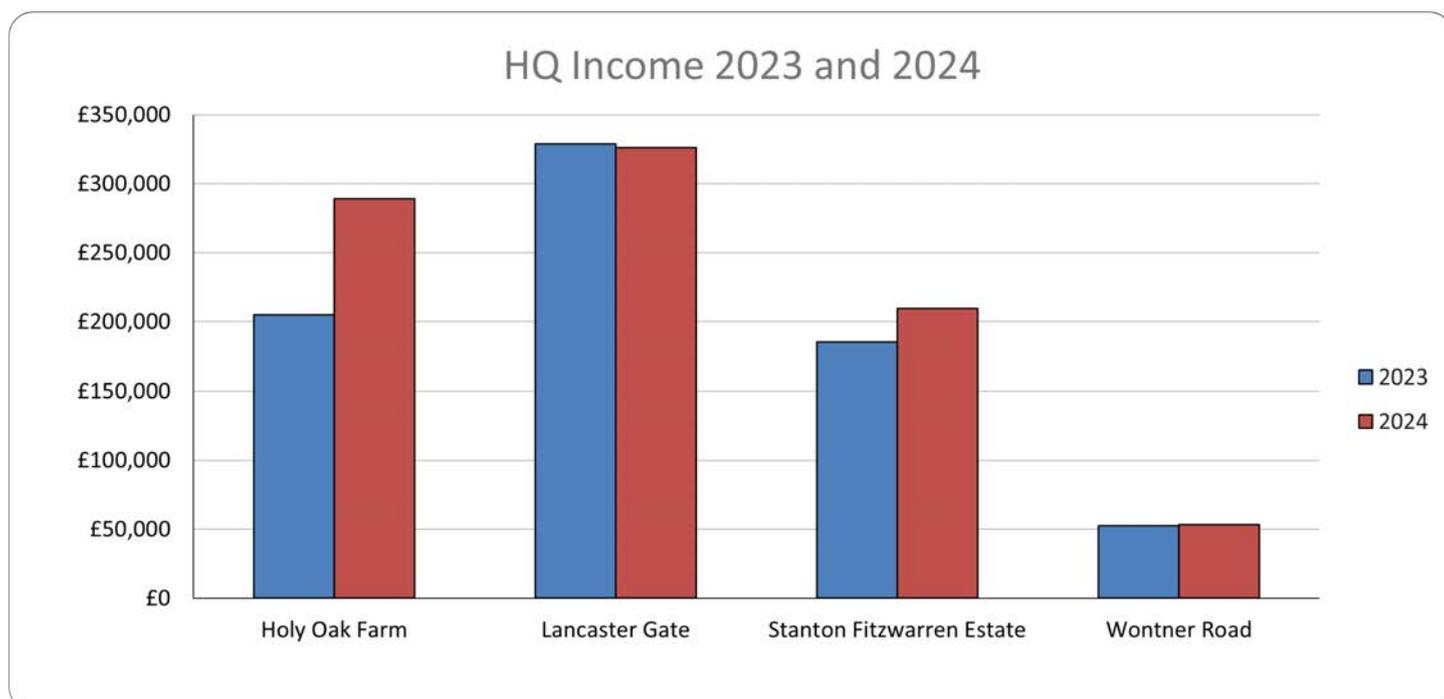
Photo above and the first one on the left below: Period poverty Ghana - Sewing reusable sanitary pads and a girl in Ghana seeing a reusable pad for the first time. Middle photo below: Many eating from the soup kitchen with more queuing in South Africa. Third photo on the right: Period poverty South Africa - Girls receiving pads at Walmer Primary School in Port Elizabeth from Jessica the nurse.



FFWPU-UK FINANCIAL REPORT

2024 saw most of us at FFWPU-UK Headquarters Office working on the migration process from the former trust entity to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation entity. New bank accounts had to be set up, transfers of properties submitted, lots of paperwork to be prepared, etc. There were definitely challenging and frustrating moments but we are happy to report that the process is now complete. We thank everyone who was involved in the process for their amazing support, perseverance and tenacity.

2024 further saw the completion of the major repairs & renewals project at Cleeve House. We are already able to see the increasing level of income that the substantial capital investment has brought. Headquarters have also been making regular financial contributions to the operation of Livingstone House in support of their strategic vision of making the property as a spiritual community centre.



With the new solar farm at Holy Oak Farm is now up and running, there has been a more than 40% increase in its income. After a moderate level of capital investment is made in Stanton Fitzwarren Estate, its level of income has been increased by 13%.

However, the income at both Lancaster Gate and Wontner Road seems to be stable at best. It is our intention to implement a plan to increase the income in 2025.

We recognise there will likely be difficult strategic, financial or operational decisions to be made. Nevertheless, we aim to achieve a stable and sustainable financial growth for our Charity with determination to take action and proactive monitoring.

As we plan for 2025, with our fingers crossed, we know high operation costs and inflation are not going away any time soon. It will be our focus to continue looking for ways to utilise our resources more effectively.

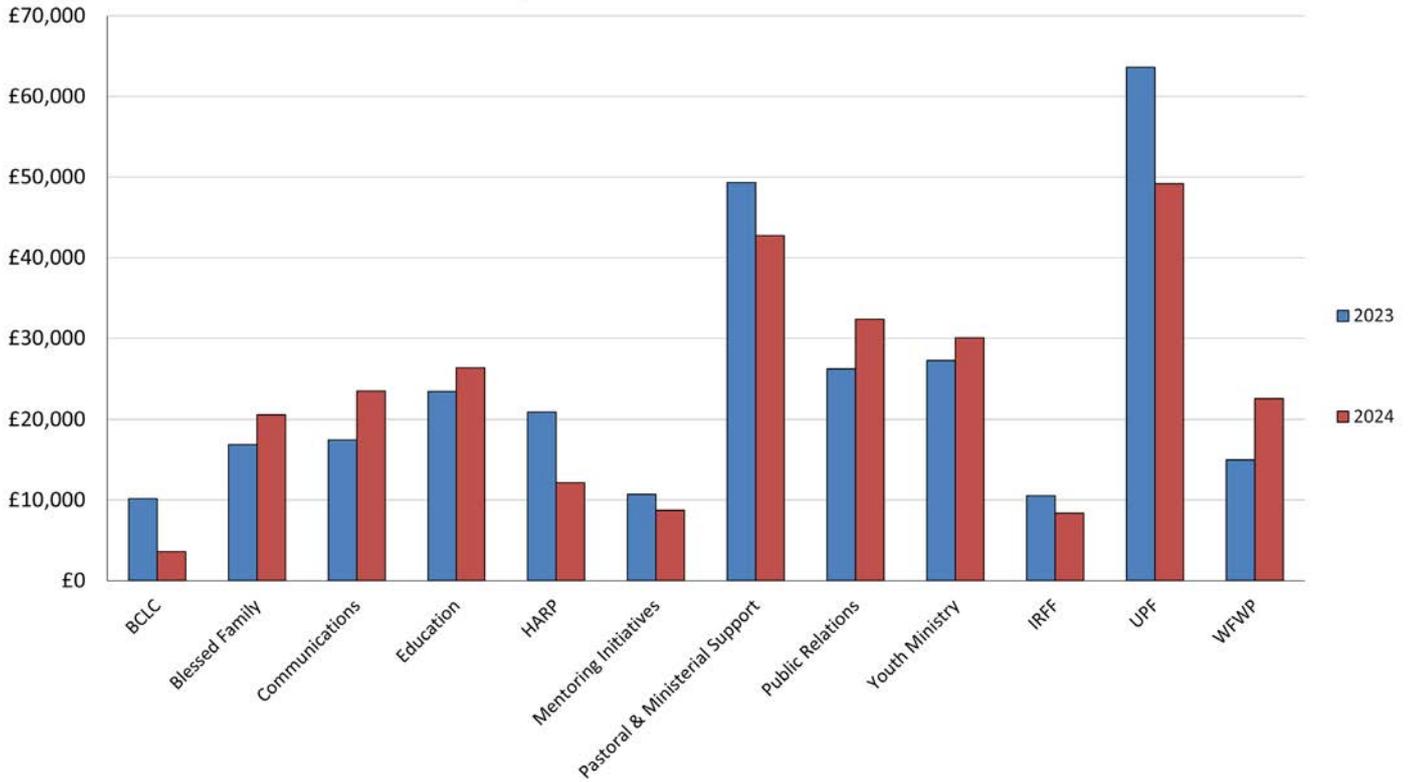
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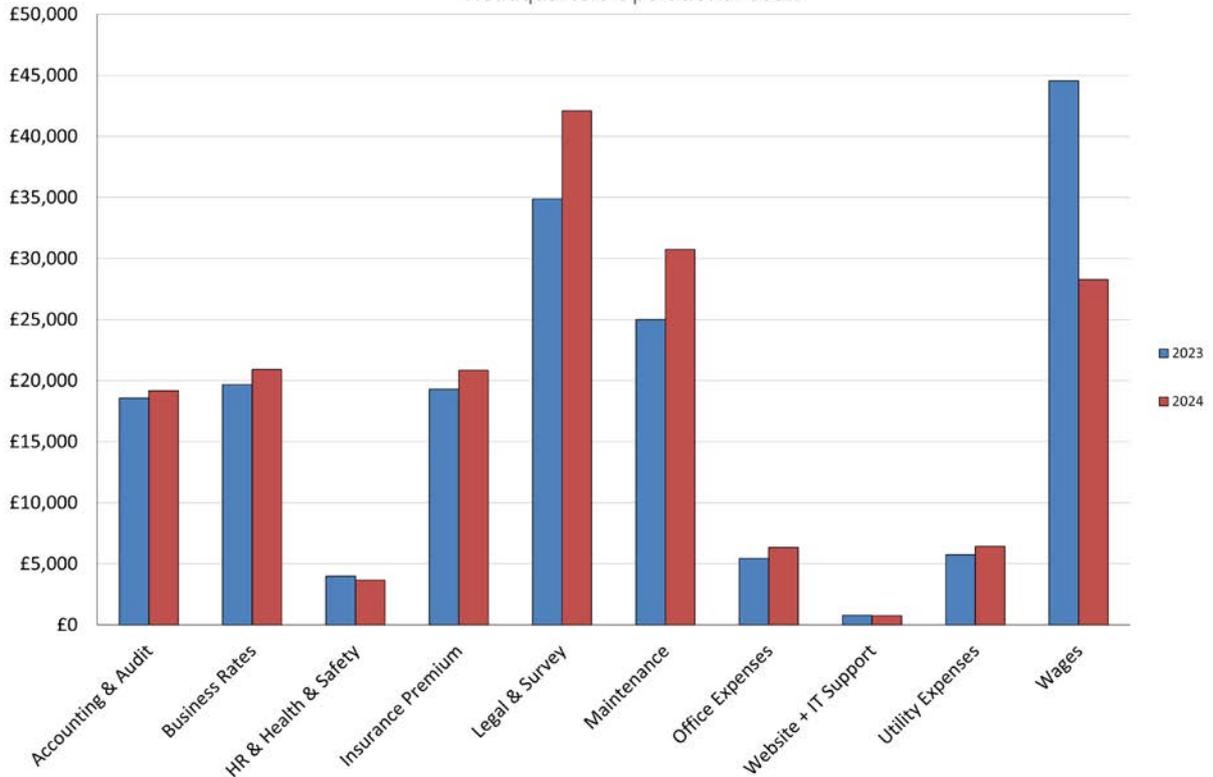
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Note: Communities maintain their own accounts which are not included here. All charitable donations go to the donor's communities, which then tithe to headquarters.

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