

European Tour of the new Continental Director Rev. Jack Corley

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Jack Corley speaks with members of the Vienna, Austria Community, August 2, 2015

Since his inauguration on 29th June in Camberg, our new Continental Director, Rev. Jack Corley, has been visiting brothers and sisters in communities throughout the European region. After a handover ceremony in London on 12th July in which he relinquished leadership of the United Kingdom to his successor, Matthew Huish, his first stop was Brussels, where he visited the Belgian national leader, Philippe Jacques, who had just undergone chemotherapy for leukaemia. This was followed by meetings with members in Amsterdam, Utrecht and a Sunday Service in Dusseldorf. On 26th July he spoke at a Sunday Service in Les Ulis, south of Paris, to around 70 French church members.

The next stop was the Seebenstein workshop center in Austria to attend the STF graduation on the morning of 2nd August, followed by a meeting in the afternoon with members of the Vienna Community. Together with European Office Director Peter Staudinger, Rev. Corley then drove to Budapest (Hungary), Bratislava (Slovakia), Zagreb (Croatia), Ljubljana (Slovenia), San Marino, and the Italian cities of Padua, Bergamo, Milan and Turin. From there they travelled to Geneva, Zurich and Buchs in Switzerland.

Throughout the tour Rev. Corley emphasized three major points with brothers and sisters: firstly, the importance of understanding and uniting with True Mother as the True Parent; secondly, speaking about his experiences working in numerous countries throughout the world; and thirdly, the importance of preparing the next generation to take responsibility to lead our Movement into the future.

Meetings consisted of public gatherings of members from the communities as well as more personal talks with individuals and families. Throughout the tour he has been warmly received by members, and many families hosted him and Peter Staudinger in their homes. The tour will continue to Freiburg, Stuttgart and Frankfurt, before he leaves for Korea on 25th August for the Third Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa.