

Vienna, 8 July 2017

Dear European Brothers and Sisters,

Warmest greetings from Vienna, Austria. I arrived here on Tuesday to greet Yeon Ah Nim and her daughter, who have come here to participate in a Middle East WFWP conference at the United Nations. Through this letter I would like to report on several recent events.

### **European Leaders' Assembly with True Mother in Korea**

From Monday, 26 June, to Thursday, 29 June, leaders from Europe and the Northeast region gathered at Cheon Jeong Gung at the request of our True Mother. About a week earlier the International Headquarters had conveyed to me True Mother's concern about Europe and her sense of urgency about meeting in Korea. A total of 46 participants from Europe and 20 from the Northeast participated in the assembly.

Over several days, the main leaders reported on activities and future plans. True Mother watched and listened to the reports through a monitor in True Parents' living area. In other words, all of us who spoke were speaking directly to True Mother throughout the meeting.



On the final day of our assembly, we were invited to the Hoon Dok Hwe Room to hear directly from True Mother. The tone of her speech was serious. She told us that she has not had a full night's rest since True Father's ascension. She spoke of her concerns about Europe in particular. Acknowledging the foundation of earlier members in Europe, she asked us, "What has happened to that spirit?" My sense of True Mother's feelings is that she was saying to us Europeans, in effect, "I believe in you, and I expect much better things from you, based on the Christian foundation as well as the strong foundation made by earlier members."

All of us listening to her words could only feel sorry that True Mother has anxiety about Europe. At the same time, we could feel the love and expectations that she has for us.



During the closing lunch, both regions were asked to present songs. The Europeans sang “Ode to Joy” (from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony) and “As the Deer Panteth,” a beautiful Christian hymn. Each region then offered to True Mother a gift; the gift from Europe was a beautiful porcelain wall hanging. True Mother also presented a necktie and scarf to each participant.

True Mother asked us to have a *yute* contest, with four teams being chosen by lotto. True Mother came into the room for the final game, and she seemed to be more relaxed and happy than earlier in the day when she had addressed the entire group. As it turned out, Dr. Katsumi Ohtsuka, the continental director of the Northeast, and I ended up on the same team. As it also turned out, our team won the *yute* contest. However, in the spirit of parental love, True Mother gave equal prize money to each participant on all of the teams.

Finally, True Mother asked us to visit a cinema in Seoul to watch the recent movie “Wonder Woman.” There are many significant parallels in that film with True Mother’s role as the True Parent.

Overall, I can say that this assembly in Korea was both a challenge and a blessing. It was a challenge in that, in order to attend, all of us had to make adjustments to our schedules at very short notice. It was a blessing in that we could present to True Parents honest reports about our activities and some of the challenges that we face in trying to fulfill their expectations for Vision 2020.

True Mother has indicated that she would like to announce changes in our worldwide movement after the speech in New York’s Madison Square Garden on 15 July, and we want to be ready to unite with her as she leads us toward 2020.



### **Meeting of the Family Curriculum Group**

Immediately after arriving back in Germany on Friday, 30 June, I attended the third meeting of the Stuttgart Group (family curriculum writers) at the Neumühle Conference Center outside Bad Camberg. Each of the main writers reported on their progress in creating a curriculum to promote a Principle-centered concept of family and society. This was followed by a discussion and suggestions. With the core values of Divine Principle and Unification Thought at the center, the writers are creating an inspiring vision of a God-centered family and social ethics upon which to build a peaceful society and world. This vision will be essential if we are to overcome the destructive values being promoted through the mass media and popular culture, which have led to the widespread moral confusion of today. This vision also will be central to our education program as we reach out to bring families to the Blessing.

### **Meetings in Austria**

On Monday, 3 July, Peter Staudinger, the director of European Headquarters, and I drove to Linz, Austria, where we met some members of the local community.





On Tuesday, 4 July, we were happy to have a dinner meeting in Vienna with Yeon Ah Nim and her 15-year-old daughter, Shin Yuh, together with Austrian National Leaders Peter and Gabi Zoehrer and members of the Vienna community. On the following evening, 5 July, we had a beautiful get-together over dinner with some of the Second-Generation members of the Vienna community.



The following morning, Thursday, 6 July, the Middle East WFPW conference began at the UN center in Vienna. Among the speakers at the opening session were Yeon Ah Nim, the international president of WFPW; educator Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, the 2017 Sunhak Peace Prize recipient; and WFPW President Emeritus Professor Lan Young Moon. The two-day event took place in the same meeting room where True Mother spoke during her visit to Vienna in May 2015.



The next day, Friday, 7 July, I had the opportunity to visit the city of Graz to meet with local members and report to them about our European leaders' meeting in Korea and True Mother's expectations for our youth and Vision 2020.

### **Upcoming Events**

On 13 July I will travel to New York to attend True Mother's speech at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, 15 July. This is a very historic event and a bold challenge to our American movement to bring together more than 10,000 participants. This event will be followed by a two-day leaders' meeting with True Mother, during which she will outline her plans for the remaining time until 2020. Let us offer our prayerful support for True Mother's safety and victory in the United States.

The next major event in Europe will be the celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Rally, which was led by Hyo Jin Nim in 1987. We all recall his passionate and tearful prayer in front of the Berlin Wall. Although our CARP members were attacked and persecuted in so many ways, they did not retreat. This is the spirit that we would like to recall and with which we would like to inspire our younger generation.

True Mother has asked Yeon Ah Nim to attend this event. She has confirmed her attendance, together with two of her sons.

I would like to invite as many of you as possible to join us in Berlin from 4 to 6 August for an exciting program, which will include speeches recalling the events of 30 years ago, videos and other images of those events, as well as visiting significant places where the Berlin Wall used to be. We will also organize a Peace Road march/tour along the route of the Berlin Wall. Yeon Ah Nim has also agreed to present the graduating members of STF with their certificates. There will also be a Rock Out concert, with Hyo Jin Nim's band from Japan, as well as the original Blue Tuna CARP band, who performed at the original rally in 1987. You will not want to miss this exciting event.

## **Choir for the Seonghwa Anniversary**

We are in the process of finalizing a choir from Europe to perform on 7 September in Korea at the celebration of the fifth anniversary of True Father's ascension. The choir will perform an original piece written by Hans Campmann, the national leader of the Netherlands, titled "Glorious Day." The lyrics of this song honor True Parents and the coming of Cheon Il Guk.

Last week, Hans completed a recording with the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, which will be the backing track for the choir's performance. So far, more than 40 (mostly younger) European members have registered to be in the choir. However, we would like to increase that number to 60. If you would like to be a part of this historic cultural event, you may register [here](#).

Finally, I would like once more to thank each of you for your faith, your love and your devotion to the Providence at this time. Although we face challenges in many areas, I believe that through our unity with True Parents we will find the love and vision that will allow us to be victorious.

Sincerely,  
Jack Corley  
European continental director