

Attend the Annual General Meeting January the 12th, 2019

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The AGM will be at 2:00pm to 4:00 pm in the ballroom upstairs at Lancaster Gate in London, on Saturday the 12th of January.

We will live stream and record video. Any member of FFWPU can attend the Annual General Meeting either in person or watch online. It will be available on the FFWPU [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/familyfederationuk/)
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Read the 2018 reports from: [Estates](#), [Farm](#), [Livingstone House](#), [The FFWPU UK National Council](#), [FFWPU UK Trustees](#)

2018 was a blessed year for the estate with many renovations/repairs successfully completed. Good progress was made at the Memorial Woodland to maintain and improve it by building a new drive way and the Memorial Woodland office at the site.

The repair and renovation work carried out has ensured that the estate which was donated to T.P. by the Masters, continues to develop and be of great value to the movement.

Brief financial information

- Total income: £187K
- Total contribution to FFWPU: £111k
- Total invested back into the estate: £ 65K

Many of our tenants are long staying tenants and tend to take excellent care of the houses they live in. This year only two tenants changed and we achieved 99% rent for the year which is an excellent result. We also have a good waiting list of people who would like to move into our properties which is something we are proud of.

Main works carried out

- Re-tiling the stone roof at the Barn South Farm
- New drive way to Mill Top/1 Mill Lane
- Two new boilers fitted
- Damp proof work to internal walls at 18T
- A new track to the Memorial Woodland and Holy Ground
- A new Memorial woodland office building

Holy Oak Memorial Woodland and the Holy Ground

The new drive way has allowed us to drive up to the Memorial Woodland and park there all year round. This has made the site much more accessible to all visitors who come from all over the UK and world to pay their respects to loved ones.

The Holy Ground has been fenced off from the field and been made into a special place where all are welcome to come and meditate and pray by the Holy Oak Tree planted by True Father 1974.

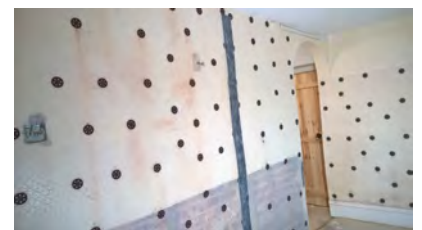
Hundreds of daffodils, snow drops and crocus bulbs were planted last year and this year made a wonderful display for all to see.

We have been trying to create a beautiful spiritual environment for all members to come and enjoy a day out with their family or friends at the Holy Ground and the woodland.

A huge thank you to Ed Stacey and West Country brothers and sisters for their support in developing the new Memorial Woodland Office. Without their help, the place would not be what it is now.

The second Memorial Day in July was attended by about 70 members. It was a wonderful day and is an annual event so please check the National Newsletter for the next date. Or contact Françoise Murphy: pfgodart@aol.com for details.

It was a busy but very successful 2018 and we are ready and looking forward to 2019!



Livingstone House Annual report 2018

This year has been dominated by the repairs and improvements to the house, to the endless debates on the future use of Livingstone House and the ill health and eventual departure to the spiritual world of our brother and gardener Hideo Suda and consequently the need for more staff to help manage the building its gardens and activities. Financially the building continues to be self-sufficient with a small profit being generated which is being used to improve the interior of the building over time.

Repairs to the masonry on the tower above the main entrance and 7 Chimneys has now begun with scaffolding being erected around the front of the building and over the roof. This is expected to take several months into the new year to complete. The process of planning, organizing and contracting this work has taken a considerable part of the year. This is the first part of the repairs that the building's main structure will require over the next few years. More repairs to the roof will need doing next, although this work isn't urgent, the sooner it is completed the better. It is important to note that no major structural work has been done on the building for at least 30 years.

At the same time, we have upgraded 9 Bathroom/toilets in the house many of which needed a complete rebuild and major replumbing work. The corridor "landing" floor outside of the ballroom is presently having a new wooden laminate floor installed as the carpet was old and thread-bare and the underlying floorboards needed attention. This is a high traffic area so needs to look presentable and be durable. High quality commercial/industrial standard materials are being used as has been our policy with all the other repairs that we have carried out in the house. Unfortunately, many of the repairs being undertaken are a result of domestic standard materials being used and poor workmanship from the past. Our goal is to slowly but surely improve the building so that it can continue to serve the movement for many years to come.

Livingstone House continues to be very busy as we try to keep a balance between the business and church use of the building. The business use is still mainly renting to Yoga, Pilates, Mother and toddler groups as well as the antenatal classes run by the National Child Birth Trust. We have regular longstanding classes running 5 days a week with between 150 and 200 non-unificationist people using the building every week.

The local Bromley Unification church uses the building all day Sunday, for Holy days and meetings and activities. The number of national and regional level workshops that we have hosted this year has increased greatly.

The number of members living in the building has remained fairly constant with our ability to take more, limited by the lack of kitchens that can be used by them. We are hoping to address this in the coming year.

In conclusion Livingstone House is a very busy place and the limiting factor to it being busier is not the building itself but the number of staff employed. We are constantly turning both business and church events away because we do not have the manpower to cope with everything. If there are any members interested to train and work in bringing Livingstone House to its full potential, then please contact me.

Clive Pollitt, Manager., Livingstone House.

National Council Members: Matthew Huish (National Director), Susan Crosthwaite (Blessed Family Department), Simon Cooper (Youth Liaison), David Earle, Cecilie Fortune, William Haines (Education Department), Tom O'Connell (General Affairs), Carlo Zaccarelli

Summary of 2018

January

The year began with the National Council initiating the Joy Giving Campaign, with booklets printed and distributed to members.

Other points discussed

- Making an advert for a project manager.
- Monthly blog from the blessed family department.
- Publication of Blessing guidelines.
- Hosting webinars for potential young lecturers.
- Having a 7-day workshop during 2018.

February

The National Council discussed and explored ways to improve revenue from HQ. Stakeholders and local estate agents were also contacted for ideas and suggestions.

Other points discussed

- National prayer points and mission statement
- The Memorial Woodland Committee's request for the partial fencing off of the Holy Ground at Stanton and a road for better vehicle access.
- Update on staff turnover.

March

The National Council discussed how the UK could support the 'Peace Starts With Me' events in Vienna and True Mothers visit. We investigated creating an online ticketing & donations system and how to encourage our members to attend this once in a lifetime event.

Other points discussed

- Review of the Joy giving campaign
- Decided on 25% deposit for FFWPU events at Cleeve House
- Preparations for the AGF

April

The National Council discussed and endorsed budget requests for WAIT and WFWP to prepare for Vienna.

Other points discussed

- Youth proposal and ESGD consultation.
- Sponsor Licence for missionaries.

May

There was a significant discussion on the new GDPR policy starting on May 25th and how to implement it correctly. The National Council asked the General Affairs office to spearhead this.

Other points discussed

- Youth proposal
- LinkedIn Learning
- Meeting with organisers for AGF.
- Paternity leave policy

June

The National Council discussed how to build up the Local Initiatives fund over time (formerly known as the Ad hoc budget) and communicated with the Finance Committee how much should be set aside for this.

We also discussed having an annual workshop fund to support workshops that don't break even.

Other points discussed

- Update on plans for Lancaster Gate.
- Discussed the future of Livingstone house and contacted key stakeholders.

July

The National Council discussed William Haines' and Terry Sweeney's visit to Livingstone House. Their visit was to view the building, the repairs required and get a better understanding of how it could be used more effectively. Currently Livingstone House is not appropriate for large workshops.

Other points discussed

- The application process for the EUME fund.
- We agreed to WAIT's request for £1840 for their Ghana trip. This was given from the EUME fund.
- WAIT internship
- HARP finances

August

The National Council discussed the Blessed Family Department's Sharing Project. We explored having video testimonies from the couples and running interactive webinars.

Other points discussed

- Young Adults Ministry on the National Level.
- The National Council decided to support the North London Summer Camp with £500 from the Local Initiatives Fund.
- UPF proposal for James Claxton

October

The National Council decided to have a CIG Assembly in March.

At the National Council's request Tom O'Connell and Selina Luiz have been cataloguing the furniture at Livingstone House. It has been suggested for some of the items to be auctioned amongst the membership. Decisions will be made following a review of the catalogue. This is so that more of the building can be used for educational purposes.

Other points discussed

- Increasing safety at the AGF
- Safe guarding and DBS checks
- Update on GDPR
- Review of last 4 years and next 2-4 year plan

November

The National Council discussed the Lancaster Gate kitchen oven and purchased an oven using the EUME fund.

We discussed having a National History Department. Currently General Affairs oversees the Archives. The Archives makes funding available for safeguarding the CineFilm.

Other points discussed

- AGM in January
- Noise policy at Lancaster Gate
- Considering Church Management systems to improve FFWPU communications

December

The National Council had a budget meeting to allocate the 2019 budget for each department.

This winter since Cleeve House is under repairs, the HARP workshop will be held in Livingstone House. We decided to cover the costs for HARP if a loss is made due to the difference in costs for the venue.

Other points discussed

- Date set for meeting with key leaders to discuss how our assets can be used more effectively.
- Academic Forum