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Letter from the STF Director Deborah Cali - Purpose of STF Michael Balcomb August 12, 2017

Dear national leaders,

It was great to see many of you at the recent event in Berlin, and I am grateful for the ones of you who participated to our STF graduation soon after that. I decided to send this email to all of you because of the desire and wish that I have to cooperate more with you all from now on, especially regarding the STF members who are coming back home every year.

I hope that a brief explanation of the activities that they did in STF and what they have learned can help you to support them in finding creative ways to get involved in our "church" activities, either it be UPF, WFWP, Family Federation or other entities .

In STF we encourage the participants on a daily basis to practice our traditions of prayer, HDH and living for the sake of others, we open and close the day in front of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and throughout the year we take turns in giving the chance to everyone to experience leadership in taking care of each other on different levels. This provides for them an ongoing habit throughout the year of research for a deeper relationship with Heavenly Parent and True Parents and for self-improvement as well.

During witnessing, the STF members study and give lectures about Divine Principle , and learn how to witness on the street through questionnaires , and in some cases to give lectures on the street.

Part of the witnessing training also includes organizing events and workshops for guests.

This year especially we have received the Blessing to have met our True Mother directly while we were in Korea for our pilgrimage tour, and I believe that this has been a very clear turning point for many of the STF participants to strengthen their faith and understanding of True Parents. Prior to this experience we also had a whole one week workshop entirely based on True Parent's life and teachings to prepare the members to this pilgrimage. Over the years, I have seen many STF members being very interested in helping out the HARP and CARP organizations as they see them most fitting to their interests, but I wouldn't doubt that after some guidance and training they could be supporting also other organizations like UPF and WFWP or even become Family Federation's pastors or leaders.

I also want to mention that the STF experience is lived in a very different way by each single participant that attended the program, and therefore this indications I am giving to you are only based on a general perception of what the whole group has gone through.

Coming to an end, I wish to encourage you all to take into consideration the possibility for the STF members who are coming back home to be a valuable resource for your countries and nations and to take care of them in keeping on pursuing a life lived for others with True Parents at the centre. I wish you all many blessings and a lot of fortune,

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