

## European and Middle Eastern Unification Church leaders meet in Holland

Teddy Verheyen

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*Glory House*

Unification Church leaders of 27 nations in Europe and the Middle East met from August 11-13 at "Glory House" in Bergen, Holland, for their annual conference. President of the conference, Mr. Teddy Verheyen (leader of the Holland Unification Churches) gave the opening speech and prayer. Speaking on the heart of the Father, he stressed the importance of unity between individuals and between nations. He called upon members to take up the mission of saving Europe and the world from godless Communism.

The 116 members present learned new songs from America and heard lectures on the Divine Principle based on the study guide written by HSA-UWC President Young Whi Kim. Recently returned graduates of the 100-day training program at the Belvedere, New York, training center gave the lectures. National leaders heard reports and discussed plans of action in Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Verheyen closed the conference with a deeply moving speech and prayer.

The stormy weather of the previous week cleared to give the family members a joyful outdoor picnic overlooking the beach. An afternoon of swimming in the sea, sports on the beach, and sandcastle building united the family in great happiness, according to the Dutch correspondent.

"Our headquarters, 'Glory House' felt so blessed to have been chosen to serve our Father's family," the Dutch family wrote. "We still leave the flags flying in front of Glory House. It seems to keep us reminded that we are still serving the world as we go out daily to look for our Heavenly Father's lost and lonely children. We have a new spirit now, we have become broader in our understanding of life in the family. More people are coming to study the Principle and are staying on to know how to live and apply the Principle to their daily life."

The summer holiday season was very successful for the Dutch family. People of many different nations throughout the world attended their weekend training programs. The Divine Principle was taught in several different languages each day. They spent most of their time witnessing in a drive to gain new members, and prepared more members for the American mission.

The prayers and thoughts of many of the European members go to America, to their many brothers and sisters working there for a great twentieth century spiritual awakening. Brunhilde summed up their feelings: "We receive great joy from all the encouraging news from America and are proud of Rev. Moon's revival tour, of every successful campaign, and of the day-and-night efforts of our brothers and sisters abroad. In the shadow of the great events taking place in America, we are proud to take part in Father's work."