

Inauguration of the Unification Movement in Cameroon's youth department

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We offer our gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their abundant grace and inspiration as we gradually usher into the year 2017. Following the reorganization of the unification movement in Cameroon and the creation of the youth department, a general assembly for the youths of the unification movement and the launching of the Youth department, was convened by the newly appointed Director of the Youth Department, Nchia Kamran under the guidance of the National President, Rev. Edwin Plekhanov. This took place from the 14th to 15th of January 2017 at the pastoral mission center of Douala I. There were 28 youths present which included high school students, university students, an engineer, an accountant, a psychologist, a musician among other occupations.

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th of January with holy songs, the CIG anthem and family pledge. An opening prayer was offered by Mr. Tamo Desire, the Regional Coordinator of YFWP Littoral. The new Secretary General for YFWP Cameroon Mrs. Kouakou Laure gave a welcome speech. This was followed by the sharing of Hoon Dok Hae, an extract from the Way of Young People. This was very inspiring as we read the words of true father concerning how young people need to plan for their future before reaching the age of 30 and many of us in the audience were in our twenties. Thereafter, some youths such as Ndum Benjamin, Mandiefe Gaius and Cindy Agwo shared their understanding of the Hoon Dok Hae. The secretary of the session was Ms. Un-Hee and the meeting was cheered by Nchia Kamran assisted by Mr. Ernst Paul Kanga, the Director of the Communication-Sports-Arts and Culture department. After Hoon Dok Hae, a song was presented by Soon-Ae Ndasi before Rev. Edwin mounted the stage to give an orientation of the what is expected of the youth department. He explained that the mission of the Youth department is a very serious one because it encompasses the YFWP, CARP, HARP, and the RYS. He said the future of the providence depends on how this department is managed and so we who are present in this era should invest our utmost best to see that the future of this department is bright for those who shall come after us. He also said that when there are very few youths in the movement, it means there is not enough life and that we have to give life to the movement by first aligning ourselves with flow of the providence and multiply in our numbers.

After this, we went on to receive the reports from the different youth organizations beginning with HARP, then CARP and YFWP in that order. The report of HARP was presented by Victoria Tching-Bobe who is a 16 year old 2nd Generation High School student. She spoke about how she organized and invited WFWP to her school to speak to the students about purity and AIDS prevention on the world AIDS day last December and plans to extend this kind of initiatives to other high schools through other 2nd Generation teenagers. Next was the report from the CARP president, Ndum Stancia who spoke about the re-launch of carp activities and the carp fundraising project for carp. Later she would go on a tour 3 regions to see how to organize CARP by first seeking for CARP core members who are willing to engage.

Next was CARP president of Douala, Soon Ae Ndasi, who gave a report about the plans to get CARP functioning at the University of Douala. Lastly we received the report of the outgoing YFWP president Mr. Obam Patrick who gave the overall report of the activities of YFWP from the time he was appointed president till date. He explained the difficulties that accompanied this responsibility and also the prospects that waited the next generation. His analysis was received with applause and he promised to support the incoming president in whatever area he shall be needed. After this we were entertained by a song from Mrs. Marthe Nchia, the wife of the Vice president Nchia Kamran. She sang “Je Suis Dans La Joie,” raising high the spirit of the participants. We had a lunch break at 2:45 p.m.

After the lunch break we returned for the afternoon session at 4:30 p.m. This time we organized ourselves into 3 groups for group reflection on the internal situation of youths of our movement. This was coordinated by Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga. Each group tried to formulate 3 problematic situations of the state of the providence in relation to the youths and also tried to come up with reasons and practical methods to resolve the situations at hand. After three hours of deep reflection and cooperative team work, the 3 groups presented their findings through 3 representatives who were Ms. Cindy Agwo, Ms. Kevine Seigning and Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga.

After the presentations, we received more orientation from the national president, Rev. Edwin .P. concerning the various issues that were raised. He emphasized that we shouldn't look at them as problems but as situations which need to be resolved because these situations will always be present in each generation until all is restored but that the work done will be taken into consideration and ways would be found to support the youths. We then concluded the first day at 10: 00 p.m. with a unison prayer and dinner that was prepared the FFWPU Douala.

On the second day we all attended the Sunday service with the family members of Douala. After the Sunday service, Rev. Edwin proceeded with the installation of the incoming YFWP president Mr. Tchetchoua Rodrigue and the new executive bureau. Mr. Ndum Benjamin was newly appointed as Vice-President of YFWP. Before the installation Mr. Patrick gave a word of handover before preceding to handover all the administrative documents to Mr. Rodrigue. He pledged to continue to support the YFWP and its new president. After the handover ceremony we had lunch and continued with the next session at 4:00 p.m. This session began with a presentation of the youth department by Mr. Nchia Kamran. He explained the role of the youth department and the responsibilities of HARP, CARP and YFWP which are the current youth organizations functioning. He explained the strategy to be put in place to effectively contribute to increase the number of youths who end up receiving the blessing and establishing blessed families. RYS is stilled to be created. After his presentation, Rev. Edwin took the floor and laid more emphasis on the strategy put in place and explained deeply that this is what would be used by all departments to realize vision 2020.

After that we had a second group reflection in the 3 groups, this time on the external situation of youths in our movement. The problematic was centered on why there has been stagnation in the number of youths joining the church and receiving the blessing for the past 5 years and the methods of practically resolving the situation. 3 representatives each presented their findings once more, Ms. Kevine Seigning, Ms. Mihwa Tiba and Mr. Alexis. Many points were raised and at the end Nchia Kamran asked the 3 representatives to write down a detailed report of the findings which shall serve as a reminder for us and future youths as a guide to improve on the situations we face. He recalled what Rev. Edwin said the previous day that these are situations and not problems and that we need to act as matured youths and take responsibility in resolving the issues within our capacity. After the presentation, we went out and took a group photo. Then Mr. Tamo Desire gave a presentation on a mobilization project that was started in Douala and how this project could serve as an example to inspire the youths from other regions to take initiatives.

After the presentation, some youths gave their impressions about the general assembly which is the first of its kind after many years. Their testimonies are summarized below.

The session ended with guidance from the National president. He stated that henceforth the activities of youths should be based on mobilization projects which are reliable and viable. There was a question and answer session and then he encouraged everyone to get active and that in the end, all that matters is the number of new people who receive the blessing this year and embrace the vision of True Parents. He concluded with a deep prayer to offer all the youths to Heavenly Parents and a unison prayer concluded the general assembly.