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Moldova

“Eurasia-Europe Dialogue for Peace” Conference

A conference on “Eurasia-Europe Dialogue for Peace” took place on Dec. 5-7, 2014, in Chisinau, Moldova. Before the audience of 120 participants, in a major hotel of the Moldovan capital, the conference was opened by the First Lady of Moldova, Mrs. Margareta Timofti; she was followed by distinguished guest speakers from Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Moldova, Netherlands, Russia and Ukraine.



This was the fourth event of the kind, in a series of Europe-Eurasia conferences initiated by the UPF founder in 2011.

UPF-Eurasia invited prominent Ambassadors for Peace from three nations; they insisted on a peaceful dialogue. Although all openly expressed their positions, debates were proceeding calmly. Each of the four sessions featured speakers from Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Europe. The audience actively participated in discussions, sometimes explaining rather emotionally to Russian presenters their personal opposite views. However, by the end of a long day, everyone agreed that the Dialogue for Peace was timely and fruitful. Due to the presence of the First Lady and international delegates, and the importance of the theme, the conference was covered by the national TV and broadcasted twice on the news channel that day.

Education and Witnessing Activities

As we are continuously working for realization of the “Vision 2020” Project. In December we focused our efforts both on raising the standard of core members and developing social activities.

In the church we continued our weekly Prayer Meetings following the Internal Guidance that is making people open their hearts in sharing with Heavenly Parents in prayer. So the number of people attending these meetings has grown; they are now more than twenty.

We have renewed Blessed Wives Meetings and hold them twice a month.

Also we initiated a new kind of activity which is Mentors’ Meetings with the purpose of training a number of core CBF to take care of the Unification Community members and assist other CBFs in solving the problems they are facing now, taking as a standard the Divine Principle and True Parents’ life course.

In witnessing, we proceed with daily frontline witnessing activities by efforts of 3 local full-time members and 3 home-members. Besides, we hold weekly Movie Club Sessions and Famous People’s Club sessions for new guests.



Russia

Development and Perfection in Family – Special Workshop by Prof. Oh Gyu Yong

The special family workshop of Professor Oh was held at the end of December in Khabarovsk. Among the participants were 10 families including 4 family from Vladivostok, and three members whose spouses for various reasons could not come. There were total 23 people.

Despite the fact that the time for the seminar was not the most comfortable for the Russians — national preparations for celebration of the New Year — everyone was very inspired by the seminar of such level rare in the Far East. Members came to learn from Professor and his wife. Some travelled to the seminar a long way, more than 10 hours by train, with their small children. Paying of workshop fee and transportation expenses to Khabarovsk became an additional jeong seong condition for Vladivostok.



The seminar was very short - just the evening of December 29, the whole day on the 30th, and the morning of December 31. There were just few lectures, the event was mainly focused on communication within couples. Also, surprisingly, the theme of the seminar touched on a very profound issues; not only relations between the spouses, but also couple's relations with their parents. Practical trainings that have been applied in the seminar were so efficient that moved tears not only sisters but also brothers. During the seminar, it was possible to ask questions; but only two families were able to get personal consultations. Some couples admitted that they for a long time didn't even try to look so deep in each other's eyes. Someone dreamed for a long time to share about his or her everyday concerns, but did not meet response of the spouse. Much time was devoted to empathic communication. We learned to speak without blaming, listen to the interlocutor trying to understand his feelings and accept them. The seminar was fruitful. It was not easy for Professor to spur us to activity, and we could not easily open our hearts. Perhaps that is why after the seminar, some of us felt like a "squeezed lemon." But thanks to the spiritual power of the Professor, many of us realized things they could not accept a long time before.

The main and the only regret is that the seminar was very short. Some members just started to open their hearts and look deeply inside to heal their old problems. It takes more than one seminar to complete the healing. We would like to invite Professor O once again, for a longer period of time, 4-5 days. Although it is a significant financial burden for the region, we will be happy to welcome Prof. Oh and his family! Our families are much more precious than money.



WFWP Activities

“From Heart to Heart” charity program

Several times in December 2014 WFWP of Moscow took part in charity programs for disabled children and for elderly people in the rehabilitation center “Kentavr” (together with WFWP volunteers from Japan), in the Center of social care “Meshansky”, in the Moscow Jewish Cultural center, in the Social House for elder people “Maryino”, in the House for War veterans. The purpose was to bring joy and support to those who are in need.

Second Generation children’s ensemble Angles of Peace gave a beautiful concert there. Children and elder people were very happy and grateful.

We also held a charity program in the Cancer department of Morozovskaya Children’s Hospital. We congratulated cancer sick children with New Year and gave presents.



Global Women’s Peace Network conference.

Caring hearts are able to heal

To inspire women from different NGOs to work together for the sake of peace and reconciliation and to learn from each other women representing many different NGOs took part in the Global Women’s Peace Network Conference on December 6. We shared experience in holding Bridges of peace and other peace and charity programs. It was also precious to be able to learn from other NGOs. After the conference, there was a beautiful concert. One of the Youth Peace Ambassadors said that this was the most practical and heartistic program she had ever attended before.



Ukraine

Internal activities

On November 28-30, we had the all-Ukrainian meeting with members that was attended by over 100 people. On November 30, the 7-day DP workshop was attended by 4 people.



On December 1, 2014, the leaders' meeting was presided by Rev. Chung, among the participants there were guests from Russia and Belarus: total 30 people.

On December 4, 2014, our NGO representatives held a meeting with Rev. Chung, with the participation of 21 people.

On December 7, 2014, we held a youth meeting with participation of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations from Korea, Japan and Ukraine, which took place in Kyiv. Holding such meetings on the weekly base became a good tradition; they help us deepening our faith and knowledge of the Movement.

On December 10, 2014, we had an evening prayer service at the Yellow Castle with participation of our Regional President Rev. Jin Hwa Chung and a delegation of Korean journalists. Around 100 people attended the meeting.

On December 22, the 11th 7-days Divine Principle workshop started in Ukraine attended by 4 participants plus one 9-year old (daughter of one of the participants).

UPF activities

“School of Peace” activities were held in the Slavyanskii gymnasium at the end of November. This is a project initiated by the UPF-Ukraine though which theoretical education based on IEF contents is given to different NGO representatives as well as practical presentations on how to develop projects. One of the “School of Peace” students gave a report on the project she has held.



WFWP activities

A project called “World without violence in children’s eyes” was held on 18.12.2014 in Kyiv. WFWP bought prizes for children and gave them out.

Children from Kyiv send their works for a drawing contest dedicated to the campaign “16 days against gender violence”



Latvia

The 10th Festival of Global Culture was held in Riga, Latvia, at the Peace Embassy, on December 20, 2014. Activists of the Universal Peace Federation, Japanese missionaries and seven new guests attended the event. One guest decided to take part in the 7-days seminar which will take place in Antalya, Turkey. He came to the headquarters of the UPF in Riga, to learn about the Divine Principle, and as a result decided to go to the seminar in Antalya. Interesting programs inspire and draw us closer. Dr. Ando, the national leader in Latvia, gave a short lecture about the Give-and-take Action. Participants were deeply inspired by the Divine Principle.

It was a good opportunity to witness to the Latvian youth and students. Some students have joined our Movement.



Belarus

Two-day Divine Principle training workshop for core members was held on December 13-14 in Belarus. The half of 25 participants was elder children of the second generation for whom it was the first experience to learn the teaching of True Parents together with adult members.

On December 15, a Christmas program-congratulation for handicapped children started for the 14th time. During 10 days, volunteers and Unification Church members dressed as Father Frost and Snow Maiden visited families with invalid children and gave a small celebration party in each family. The volunteers and Unification Church members visited disabled children's homes, with gifts and performances. On December 30, the second-generation children gave a performance in the orphanage of Orsha (a small town, 200 kilometers from Minsk), and handed presents to the children. Five volunteers participated in a Divine Principle workshop.



Kazakhstan

This month we decided to focus on reading DP lectures, as a Jeong Seong condition. Every day, in the Peace Embassy of Almaty, from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., one by one, we were giving lectures at the 1-day and 2-days DP seminar to the spiritual world. A lot of us received a reviving spiritual experience. Once more, we were convinced of the DP power.

We had two 2-days DP seminars attended by eight participants, two of them were newcomers, and six wanted to refresh their knowledge of DP and were in general more active.



We organized a club for sisters. This month we were learning handcraft. Already during 6 years our elder sister Larisa Lee has been running a handcraft club. Among the participants, there are 20 elderly women. We attended their classes every Saturday. It was a pleasure for us to communicate with the elder generation. They introduced to us a young boy, their volunteer. He is attending our clubs and educational lectures now.

We continue visiting the Holy Ground. We are trying to adapt our Sunday family meetings and Sunday Services for the second generation.

Our project “Run for Peace” is becoming more and more popular. We run every Tuesday and Saturday.

We continue with our educational clubs; at the meetings, we convey DP to people by simple lectures, and tell them about True Parents.



Mongolia



In Mongolia, we regularly hold Forums for Peace. This year it was held on December 13, 2014. In addition, we had a workshop where 3 members reported on the further development of the Universal Peace Federation and reported on their own work. We understand each other well, and our work goes smoothly.

On December 20, 2014, we held a seminar, which was attended by university students. We set a goal to increase the number of UPF members and Ambassadors for Peace by involving university students and other young people.

We invited three brothers, who visited the workshop of Young Ambassadors for Peace in Yong Pyong, Korea. They are actively cooperating with us.



The Universal Peace Federation held a meeting at the end of 2014, which took place on 29 December. We discussed the results of our activity, ensuring that it contributes to peace and prosperity in Mongolia.

