

FFWPU UK: Mourning Hannah Gough

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our whole community in the UK and beyond is shocked and saddened to hear of Hannah Gough's sudden and tragic death on Thursday. It is no secret that this is the second suicide in our South London community this year, and we are all reeling with shock and grief.

At times like this we can't help asking ourselves what more we could have or should have done, and are filled with sorrow. These questions do need to be answered. Our whole national ministry team, and others with expertise in the mental health area will be getting together soon to consider how we can provide the best care and improve our response.

But not this weekend. Now is the time to reach out in prayer to Russell and Akiko and all their family, especially to dear Hannah who is on her way home to the Heavenly Parent.

The scriptures assure us that in the last days – which are now – all suffering will finally come to an end, saying, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4) True Mother uses that same verse as the subtitle of her Memoir, *Mother of Peace*, and I know it is one of her favorites that gives her hope when all seems lost.

Further details on the Seonghwa ceremony and memorial service will be provided soon.

Sincerely,

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb