

FFWPU UK: British Clergy Leadership Conference Retreat and Holy Day Weekend

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This weekend saw the end of the BCLC retreat, leading into Holy Day celebrations across the UK, see how all the communities came together to celebrate...



The British Clergy Leadership Conference (BCLC) has just concluded a small retreat for pastors and ministers at our newly-renovated Cleeve House conference centre. The theme of the three-day event was "Saving the Nation" and on the vital role that faith leaders play in community cohesion and strengthening the family. Pastors from London, Bristol and the West Midlands attended and heard presentations on the Divine Principle, and the life and work of the FFWPU Founders, Father and Mother Moon. Group discussion, prayer and worship formed an important part of the experience with a focus on the challenges facing our nation and the world.

Dr. David H. was the main lecturer, sharing the essential content of the Divine Principle in relation to Biblical scripture, and God's work through the ages. Other presentations were given by Rev. Isaac A. and Dr. David E..

"Does anyone here NOT think that we are living in the Last Days?" asked Dr. Michael Balcomb as he introduced the topic of the end times as described in the Bible, and prophecies surrounding the Second Coming. The pastors all agreed: there is a feeling of urgency and uncertainty shared by believers of many faiths, as a well as a hope that God's kingdom of lasting peace is still possible.



The day after the conference, Rev. Abba T., an Anglican pastor from Birmingham joined our FFWPU London River South community to celebrate True Children's Day. "I am deeply moved by your community," he said, "I see people of all different ages, national and ethnic backgrounds here, a real family of faith. And the young people are the most important, for they are the future."



"We would like to hold more conferences and retreats for pastors," says BCLC Director June Darby, "and we need everyone's help to spread the news of these workshops in the UK and overseas." The next opportunity is coming up in just two weeks time in Las Vegas, USA.



Hear from our beloved sister Maryann, about the Holy Day Celebrations of our Scotland Community-



'We had a lot of fun during our Holy Day celebrations last Sunday. Simon J. and Juliano A. teamed up to host our celebration. Our two young lads shared with us about the meaning of these traditions, whilst also providing good back and forth banter and a chance to discuss deep questions in groups. They really helped us to engage with the occasion! David F.H. also shared with us a couple of stories that will definitely be remembered! Of course, a lot of Jeongseong went into preparing this celebration, whether it be preparing the offering table or a tasty lunch! Big thanks go to Heidrun W., Eric W., Masumi Y. and Harumi C. for their help.'

