### FFWPU Europe and Middle East: Let's Celebrate True Parents' Birthdays Together

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb January 25, 2025



#### Dear Family,

Happy New Year! Fumiko and I would like to share an important memorandum from IHQ (copied below) concerning the celebration of True Parents' Birthdays, which this year fall on . Let us honour and celebrate our True Mother on her 82nd birthday and our True Father on what would have been his 105th birthday. As much as possible, we want this to be a joyful outreach-focused celebration to which we can invite all of our friends, family, and guests.

**1. Dates:** This will be the joint celebration of True Parents' Birthday and Foundation Day, as requested by IHQ. True Parents' birthday is on February 3rd (January 6th lunar) and Foundation Day falls on February 10th (January 13th lunar.) There is also a request to hold a special devotional Sunday Service on **Sunday**, **February 2nd.** Each community can choose to combine all these events, and we expect many will do so on Sunday, February 2nd.

**2. The international celebration will be in Korea,** and True Mother has invited the Regional Presidents and Vice Presidents to attend in person. In addition to the holy days and the Sunday Service, there will also be an international choir competition on the 2nd and the kick-off for the 2nd year of Heavenly Top Gun Missionaries from February 1st to the 3rd. There will likely be a chance to watch some of these events online, and further details will follow.

**3. Holy Day Donations:** As in previous years, all members families and friends are invited and warmly encouraged to offer Holy Day donations. The suggested international guidelines remain at US 210 / 200 / 180 for families and 120 / 115 / 105 for individuals. Of course, all donations are welcome, bigger and smaller, and you may follow local /national guidelines.

**4. Holy Day Offering Tables:** All communities are encouraged to prepare a Holy Day Offering table which may include offerings of fruits (including persimmons, jujubes (red dates), chestnuts and pears) and other candies and cookies. Larger offering tables may also include meals for True Parents. The holy table should be shared with the congregation following the service. Families joining from home are also encouraged to prepare a simple holy table. Please take some lovely photographs!

**5. Greeting Cards and Gifts:** All members and communities are welcome and encouraged to send a birthday card to True Parents if they wish. To arrive on time for the birthday, cards would need to be mailed by this coming Monday, January 20th. But, it is also appropriate to sign a communal card during the celebrations on the 2nd, and send that card together with a group photo and any local gift the following day. The address to use is: Tadekuni Onozawa, Cheon Jeong Gung, 324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, 12461 Republic of Korea.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Michael and Fumiko Balcomb Regional President, Heavenly Europe and the Middle East

Donations can be sent to: Account Holder: FFWPU-Europe Bank: Frankfurter Sparkasse IBAN: DE97 5005 0201 0200 6918 80

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Memo from World Mission Department

# Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

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- To: Cheon Eui Won Chairs, Regional Presidents, Subregional Presidents, National Presidents
- Cc: Heads of Providential Organizations, Personnel-in-charge in Regional and Subregional Headquarters
- From: Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Family Federation for World Peace and Unification World Mission Headquarters
- Date: 12.15 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 12<sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (January 14, 2025)
- Re.: Guidelines on the Commemorative Events and Special Donation for the Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Birth and the 12<sup>th</sup> Cheon II Guk Foundation Day

May the blessings and love of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents always be with you.

The World Mission Headquarters is currently organizing the following upcoming events in celebration of the Anniversary of the Holy Birth of our True Parents.

We would therefore like to encourage leaders and blessed families around the world to unite in heart in offering sincere devotions in preparation. We are also requesting the assistance of the worldwide membership in the offering of a special donation to express our gratitude to Heavenly Parent for this celebration of True Parents' Holy Birth.

No.	Event	Date
1	Cheon Il Guk Commemorative Pledge Service	1.6 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (February 3)
2	Banquet to Commemorate the Holy Birth of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind	1.6 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (February 3)
3	Special Worldwide Commemorative Worship Service for the Victorious Entrance for Cheon Won Gung	1.5 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon Il Guk (February 2)
4	Cheon Il Guk Songs of Praise Festival	1.5 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (February 2)
5	Kick-off Workshop and Launching Ceremony for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase of Heavenly Top Gun	1.3-5 by the Heavenly Calendar, 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon Il Guk (January 31 to February 2)
6	Heavenly Korea Youth Assembly 2025	1.3-6 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (January 31 to February 3)
7	Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works	1.10-12 by the Heavenly Calendar 13 <sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (February 7-9)

#### 1. Schedule of Main Events

\*The above event schedule is subject to change.

#### 2. Special Donation Guidelines

- A. Contents: Offering of the Special Donation for the Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Birth
- B. Members Asked to Participate: Blessed families and members around the world
- **C. Special Donation:** The following are the special donation standards for each main group. For more details, please refer to [Attachment #1].
  - 1) Heavenly Korea: 210,000 KRW or more (120,000 KRW or more for single adults)

- 2) Heavenly Japan: 21,000 JPY or more (12,000 JPY or more for single adults) (Taiwan: Group 1)
- 3) Heavenly USA: 210 USD or more (120 USD or more for single adults)
- 4) Group 1: 210 USD or more (120 USD or more for single adults)
- 5) Group 2: 140 USD or more (80 USD or more for single adults)
- 6) Group 3: 60 USD or more (30 USD or more for single adults)
- 7) Group 4: 25 USD or more (10 USD or more for single adults)
- 8) Group 5: 10 USD or more (5 USD or more for single adults)
- **D. Deadline of Donation:** 1.17 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 13<sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon II Guk (February 14, 2025, Friday)
- E. Administrative Matters
  - 1) Method of Seeing the Donations: a) Bank transfer or b) Bringing the donation to Korea
  - 2) **Remittance Information:**

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- Each regional headquarters and national headquarters are requested to manage and keep a name list of members that have offered the special donation. (Please record the name, date of deposit, donation amount, region, nation, and date of Blessing)
- 4) If you are making a deposit by check, please check your bank balance in advance.
- 3. Attachment: [Attachment #1] Bank Account Details for the Special Donation

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