

FFWPU Heavenly Europe and the Middle East: Thank you - and two reminders

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Dear EUME Families,

We did it! Thank you to everyone who made the 2026 celebrations of True Parents Holy Birthdays and the Winter Great Works such a memorable success. As you may have heard from Rev. Lee Ki Song and others, our EUME region managed 5,297 registrations for the Great Works, by far and away our best result and absolutely crushing our goal of 3,000. Well done everyone!. This time, Fumiko and I had the joyful experience of joining Blessing of some of our relatives - specifically our grandparents siblings, all long ascended of course. We hope you also experienced a time of grace and peace.

Thank you also for the lovely photos you all sent of your holy day celebrations and the offering tables made with so much care and love. We are sending the best photos and your testimonies to our World Mission Department in the hope that True Mother will soon be able to see them.

Looking forward, we still have one more important event to conclude this period of special devotion. This coming Sunday, March 1st , (January 13 by the Heavenly Calendar) we will observe Foundation Day. Foundation Day was proclaimed by True Mother 13 years ago, but True Parents spoke of it ever since the Coronation of God's Kingship back in 2001. This year, Foundation Day falls on the same day as the 1919 "Sam-il" movement in Korea that paved the way for the birth of the True Parents.

These turbulent times are good opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual "Foundation" As I prepare my sermon for Foundation Day, I am reminded of Jesus famous parable of the two builders (Matthew 7:24-27) at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. I am asking myself "Is my life of faith built on rock or sand?" The fact is, we only really find out when the storm comes. Before then, all houses look the same. And who would disagree that our international community is right now facing huge storms?

Let me close by mentioning one detail that may have escaped many of us. Although we managed such an outstanding result for the Great Works, I notice that far fewer EUME families than usual have made and reported the requested Holy Day Donation for True Parents' Birthday. We probably all know how embarrassing it is to show up at a party without a gift - and we would never do so intentionally - so if you somehow overlooked this (or if your community has not reported) may we urge you to remedy that oversight at least by the end of February? And preferably today!

Wishing you every blessing in the Year of the Red Horse!

Sincerely

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