

Eastern Europe Monthly Report

June 2022



250 Participants, Including Heads of State, Gather at UPF Balkan Conference



Participants at Swiss Diamond Hotel, Pristina



Opening Plenary



Live TV Coverage



Kosovan and Albanian Staff



Prime Minister Albin Kurti



With Prime Minister Kurti

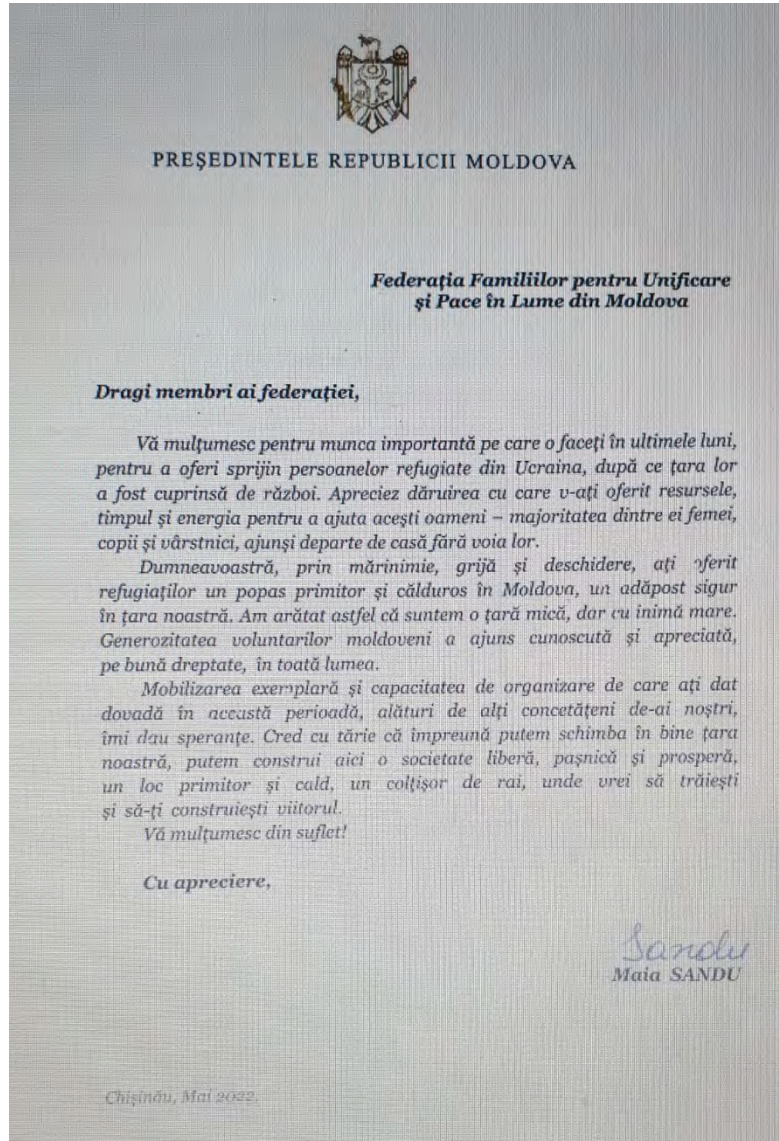
A Balkans Leadership Conference was held in Pristina, Kosovo, under the theme “Peace, Security and Development in the Western Balkans.” The conference was held at Pristina’s Swiss Diamond Hotel on 11 June under the auspices of the Kosovan Government and the direct care of Prime Minister Albin Kurti. There were about 250 participants from 14 nations. The conference was broadcast live by the KosovaPress news agency, the partner in organising the conference, and many other media and TV channels.

Moldovan Peace Embassy Activities



The Peace Embassy in Chisinau, Moldova's capital, continues to be a hive of activity. On weekdays, humanitarian assistance is provided for Ukrainian refugees, including educational programs for mothers and children. In addition, the National Youth Council of Moldova has held meetings there. In the evenings and on weekends, however, a variety of church-related activities and educational activities also are held in the Peace Embassy, including Sunday service. – *Sabina Nadejdin*

Moldovan President Praises the Work of FFWPU



President Maia Sandu

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

To Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Dear members of the federation,

Thank you for the important work you have been doing in recent months to provide support to refugees from Ukraine after leaving their war-torn country. I appreciate the dedication with which you have given your resources, time and energy to help these people—most of whom are women, children and the elderly—who have moved away from home against their will.

Through generosity, care and openness, you have offered refugees a welcoming and warm stop in Moldova, a safe shelter in our country. We thus have shown that we are a small country, but one with a big heart. The generosity of Moldovan volunteers has become well known and appreciated all over the world.

The exemplary mobilization and the organizational capacity that you showed during this period, together with other fellow citizens of ours, give me hope. I strongly believe that together we can change our country for the better; we can build a free, peaceful and prosperous society here, a warm and welcoming place, a corner of heaven, where you want to live and build your future.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

With appreciation, Maia Sandu

Chisinau, May 2022

‘Crown of Glory’ Is Read on Moldovan Television



On June 1, a major TV station that reaches out to both Romanian-speaking and Russian-speaking audiences broadcast a special programme in celebration of International Children’s Day. They invited Andrei Eșanu and his wife, Diana, to offer greetings in both languages on behalf of Family Federation Moldova. This was followed by YSP-Moldova Director Cornelia Garanovschi and several other young people, including Second Generation, reciting True Father’s poem “Crown of Glory” with a picture of True Father in the background. – *Sabina Nadejdin*

YSP-Moldova Director Chosen as VP of National Youth Council



The National Youth Council of Moldova, which consists of 38 youth organisations, recently held its General Assembly at the Chisinau Peace Embassy, as YSP-Moldova has been a member organisation of the council since 2021. During the General Assembly, elections were held for new leaders, and Cornelia Garanovschi (centre photo), the director of YSP-Moldova, was elected as the council’s new vice president. – *YSP Moldova*

Seven Russian Communities Host Cheonbo Events



St. Petersburg



Moscow



Yekaterinburg



Ulyanovsk



Ufa



Petrozavodsk



Novosibirsk

On June 4, Cheonbo events were held in seven Russian communities with close to 350 participants.

Cheonbo Events in Estonia and Belarus



Tallinn, Estonia



Korolyovo, Belarus

Russian Second Generation Enjoy Summer Workshops



A busy summer of programs for Russian Second-Generation children and teens began in June. The first program, "If I Went on the Road with God," had a total of 62 children in two groups—7 to 8 years old, and 9 to 10 years old. Another program followed soon afterward—"Be the Light of This World," for elder Second Generation. In July and August, a variety of programs are planned for both First and Second Generation and young non-member guests. – *Elena Kalmatskaya*

Russian Second Generation and Youth Enjoy Summer Workshops



After a Divine Principle workshop for 64 Second Generation children aged 11 to 13 at the Moscow Peace Embassy, another workshop began for 40 Second Generation children aged 14 and 15. These are just two of the ongoing summer workshops for our Second Generation and newly witnessed youth in Russia and Belarus. The workshops included an introductory presentation by Sub-regional President Jack Corley, followed by presentations from Second Generation Education Director Elena Kalmatskaya, Family Federation President Vitaly Vakulinsky, and other elder blessed members. The programs also include discussion groups, games, prayer and meditation in the prayer room and at the nearby Holy Ground, as well as challenging climbs at a special recreation park. Young participants are encouraged to reflect deeply about their lives, their understanding of Principle, relationships with their parents, and the importance of purity. – *Elena Kalmatskaya*

Russian Supermarathon Concludes after Two Weeks, 1,350 Km



Thirty-two runners completed a Peace Road event after travelling 1,350 kilometres through eight regions of Russia. Starting on 12 June in Kazan, the capital of the Russian Republic of Tatarstan, the mostly young participants finished in Moscow on 26 June. Under the banner "I Choose Sport," the event encouraged young people to choose sport over drugs, alcohol and other vices. The team passed through numerous towns and were welcomed by local authorities and given police escorts. Along the way they were also joined by many youthful supporters for a portion of the run. Dmitry Samko, the leader of UPF-Moscow, not only ran about 200 km but also posted updates and photos on the Internet every day. Tens of thousands of people watched and read Dmitry's reports, which were reposted by the media, the official pages of local administrations, and the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs. At the conclusion of the supermarathon in Moscow's Victory Park, UPF Eastern Europe Secretary General Konstantin Krylov awarded five Ambassador for Peace certificates to coaches and five Youth Ambassador for Peace certificates to the most distinguished young runners. – *UPF Russia*

Leaders Unite to Build Shin Albania



Durres Community



Albanian leaders meet at Peace Embassy.



Vlora Community



Fier Community

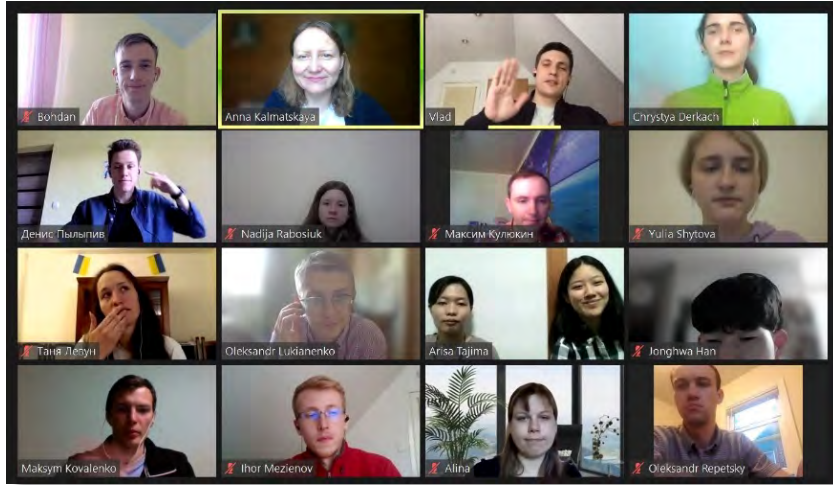
On 27 June, all of Albania's community leaders and headquarters staff gathered at the CIG Peace Embassy in Tirana for a Leaders Meeting. This followed several days of visits by the main leaders—Korean special envoy Rev. Shin, FFWPU national leaders Manjola and Gabor Vasmatics, and UPF director Gani Rroshi—to three communities in Shin Albania. It was a very good opportunity to discuss about the substantial building of Shin Albania. - *Manjola Vasmatics*

Shin Albania Peace Council Meetings



Local UPF Peace Councils, working together with the Albanian National Peace Council, held events in several cities in June. These events included remarks from local dignitaries, cultural performances, a report by UPF-Balkans Secretary General Gani Rroshi, and the appointment of new Ambassadors for Peace. – *Gani Rroshi*

Ukrainian Members' Activities



Despite the ongoing war, Ukrainian members continue their activities, both within Ukraine and, led by members who are now refugees, in nearby countries. These activities include witnessing and education, helping displaced people inside Ukraine and refugees outside Ukraine, and a WFPW program in Poland. – Anna Kalmatskaya

Belarus Activities



Summer Programs for Second Generation

A seminar for 4- to 6-year-olds, "Who Did Noah Take into His Ark?" included a visit to the Minsk Zoo. A seminar for 7- to 10-year-olds, "A Gift for a True Mother," taught the Three Blessings while on a visit to a Minsk park.

Witnessing Programs and HTM Blessing

On the summer solstice, several blessed families were invited to the ecological settlement "Wonderful Hills" in the Minsk region to conduct a Blessing Ceremony. We gave the blessing to six couples. Ekaterina Dozhdikova held a blessed wives' meeting at her home to which she also invited two female leaders from the Catholic and Protestant churches. Our sisters sincerely spoke about their life of faith and embraced the guests with love. During a trip to the Vitebsk region to meet relatives, one blessed family visited the "Quiet Garden" eco-estate and met the founder.

Educational projects

More than 20 members attended a Victory over Communism seminar, which was taught online by Jacques Marion, the co-chair of UPF for Europe and the Middle East. Eastern Europe sub-regional President Jack Corley also appeared at the seminar to answer questions from the audience. – *Olga Plotnikova*

Activities in Armenia



Christoph and Martha Kral, the national leaders of Poland, visited their former mission country of Armenia, meeting members and giving inspiration and guidance. They met with core members at the home of national leaders Hovik and Nora Barseghyan. ... Then they spoke at a two-day workshop for tribal messiah education and development. About 35 participants heard about understanding God's heart, the Three Blessings and Four Realms of Heart, while children and teenagers had their own programmes. ... Several members made a special condition of making a pilgrimage to seven Armenian churches, where they prayed for peace in Armenia and in all the region. — Hovik Barseghyan

Thank You!