



# Eastern Europe August 2022 Summary



# Youth Leaders Bring Peace Design to Tirana



Twenty youth leaders and young architects from five nations worked on redesigning three of Tirana's public spaces. The programme was funded by Tirana European Youth Capital 2022 in partnership with the Tirana Municipality. Three architects of Tirana's urban planning department came for discussions and to accompany the planning process. YSP-EUME President Bogdan Pammer said the young participants "[dove] deeply into the principles of peace design."





# “Peace Starts with Me” Outreach in Shin Albania



On 31 August in Shin Albania a special outreach team began a four-city campaign to witness to True Parents, celebrate True Father's Centenary and offer True Parents' autobiographies for sale. Before going out to their first city of Shëngjin, the team spent time in the Mullet Training Centre to prepare for the events and receive guidance and inspiration from national leader Manjola Vasmatics. In each city they obtained permission from local authorities to display roll-up posters about the life and accomplishments of True Parents. Many thanks to UK brother Dale Rose and his family who generously offered financial support for this programme.



# Russian Youth Hold Kickoff Meeting for New School Year



Kickoff Meeting in Moscow Headquarters

After holding 10 workshops for 350 participants in various regions throughout Russia, the Eastern Europe Youth Education Department invited a representative group of staff and participants to a special kickoff meeting for the new school year. More than 30 young people—Second Gens 18 years and older, CARP and YSP—gathered at the Eastern Europe sub-regional headquarters in Moscow for several days of planning for the upcoming year, as well as discussions about how young people can and should lead their spiritual life.—*Elena Kalmatskaya*



# News from Moldova



Certificate of Gratitude from Ukrainian Ambassador



Goodbye until 12 September

The Sunflower Centre summer camp in the Chisinau Peace Embassy came to an end. As usual, 45 children came every day. ... On Ukraine's Independence Day, five children and their mothers, together with the Sunflower dance teacher, performed at the city's refugee shelter. ... On the summer camp's final day, Mrs. Olesia Shevchenko, the wife of Ukraine's ambassador to Moldova, visited the Sunflower Centre to present a certificate of gratitude from her husband, the ambassador. Children and mothers presented a show, including a birthday cake for August birthdays and a *piñata* in the shape of a sunflower. Each child 5 years and older was given school supplies as a gift from the Sunflower Centre. At the very end, children and moms said goodbye to each other in tears. Now the Sunflower team is on holiday until 12 September. – *Sabina Nadejdin*



Sunflower Teachers



School Supplies and *Piñata*



Performance Team



# Second Gens from Four Nations Gather in Lithuania



Thirty Second Gen children aged 7 to 14 participated in a five-day summer camp/workshop organized by HARP leaders and elder Second Gens in the countryside outside Vilnius. The participants came from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Ukraine. The team leaders were mostly 13- and 14-year-olds. The camp opened with a commemoration of True Father's Seonghwa anniversary, with a Pledge service, a speech by True Mother, and a festive table. They also honoured Ukraine's Independence Day – *Aram Karagezian*



# News from Ukraine



**UPF Training in Kyiv**



**Ukrainian Second Gen activities in Poland**



**Three-Day Workshop in Lviv**



**Humanitarian activities**

Throughout August our Ukrainian brothers and sisters have continued their work in spite of the many challenges posed by the war situation. In Kyiv, UPF-Ukraine director Ihor Korsun organizes special seminars to educate members and guests about the work and activities of UPF. In the western city of Lviv, workshops have been held to teach Divine Principle. Many Second Generation who are now in exile in Poland have been busy reaching out to their fellow refugees as well as young Poles. In addition, WFWP-Ukraine has been doing humanitarian work both in Ukraine and in Poland. — *Anna Kalmatskaya*



# Eastern Europe Participants at Seonghwa Anniversary in Korea



**Albanian and Kosovan participants at the closing banquet**



**Moldovan MP Grigore Novac (left) and former Serbian President Boris Tadić (2004-2012)**



**Eastern Europe CIG leaders with Dr and Mrs Balcomb**



# President Gorbachev Ascends to the Spirit World



**Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev, the final leader of the Soviet Union, passed to the spirit world at the age of 91 on August 30 after a long illness. President Gorbachev made history in 1990 by meeting True Parents at the Kremlin and then inviting our movement to work openly in his country. Over the next few years Mr. Gorbachev attended several of our movement's international events. This year also has seen the passing of Ukrainian leader Leonid Kravchuk and Belarusian leader Stanislav Shushkevich – both of whom supported our True Parents and our movement.**



# President Gorbachev Ascends to the Spirit World



On September 3 in Moscow, former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Raisa, in Novodevichy Cemetery. A wreath in the name of True Mother was delivered to the House of Columns in central Moscow, where people could file past and pay their respects. The first wreath they would see as they entered had True Mother's name and FFWPU in Cyrillic. September 3 is also the 10th Anniversary (solar calendar) of True Father's ascension.



A close-up photograph of a single, fully bloomed pink rose. The petals are layered and have a soft, velvety texture. The color is a vibrant pink, with some lighter shades towards the edges of the petals. The rose is surrounded by dark green, glossy leaves that are slightly out of focus. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a garden setting. The lighting is natural, highlighting the delicate structure of the flower.

*Thank you!*