

Eastern Europe Highlights

July 2024



Sub-Regional President Visits Five Cities in Russia

Eastern Europe Sub-Regional President Jack Corley returned to Russia from 20 July to 4 August. This time, he ventured beyond Moscow to travel to several other cities. He entered Russia through St. Petersburg, where he participated in a prayer vigil, gave the Sunday sermon, and met Second Gen graduates of a summer program in the Kola Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle. After an overnight train trip, he arrived in Moscow, but soon traveled to two cities: Tula, the birthplace of the renowned Russian writer Leo Tolstoy, and Ryazan. In both cities he met members and visited the Holy Ground. Returning to Moscow, he gave the Sunday sermon on the theme of entering the Cheonwon Gung and the Cheonil Sanctum, and greeted some of the 27 Russian participants who were leaving for the Korean Pilgrimage. Mr. Corley next traveled to Nizhny Novgorod, formerly known as Gorky, and went with members to the city's Holy Ground. Back in Moscow, he was given a surprise birthday lunch by Russian headquarters members, who presented him with a beautiful painting of True Mother made by a Russian sister. – *Renee Corley*



Nikolai and Marianna Sokurov



Sunday Service



Kola Programme Graduates



Goodbyes



Saturday Prayer Vigil



Tula

Ryazan



Dinner at the Home of a Member



Visiting Ryazan Holy Ground



Lunch Inside the Ryazan Kremlin



With Second Generation Children



Meeting 83-Year-Old Grandmother



Heroic Larisa Petrovna

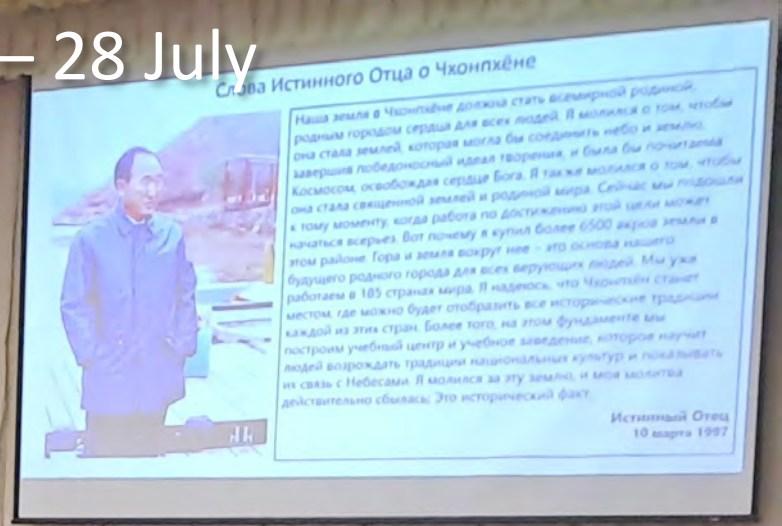
Meeting National Leader and Greeting 1-Day Workshop Participants in Moscow



1-Day Workshop for New Guests at Moscow Peace Embassy



Sunday Service in Moscow Peace Embassy – 28 July





Russian Second Gens Seek God through Nature

Rock climbing, cooking over a campfire, and a day hike were some of the activities at a seven-day workshop in the Leningrad region for 16- and 17-year old Second Gens. The goal of the program was to see God through nature while gaining practical experience camping and meeting other Second Gens. Thirteen young people participated in the program, with three Second Gens as team leaders. Education came through HDH and talks by the national leader. The youths also participated in an environmental festival where they prepared food for all the participants. – *Elena Kalmatskaya*





Belarus 14-Day Workshop for Spiritual Growth

A seminar on spiritual growth was held in Belarus. About 20 First and Second Gen young people from Belarus and Russia attended the 14-day seminar. On the opening day, Sub-Regional President Jack Corley gave an online talk on setting goals and then answered questions about the four fallen natures. The seminar had five days of lectures and spiritual exercises, as well as a service project – and four days of rafting on the Neman River. – *Olga Plotnikova*



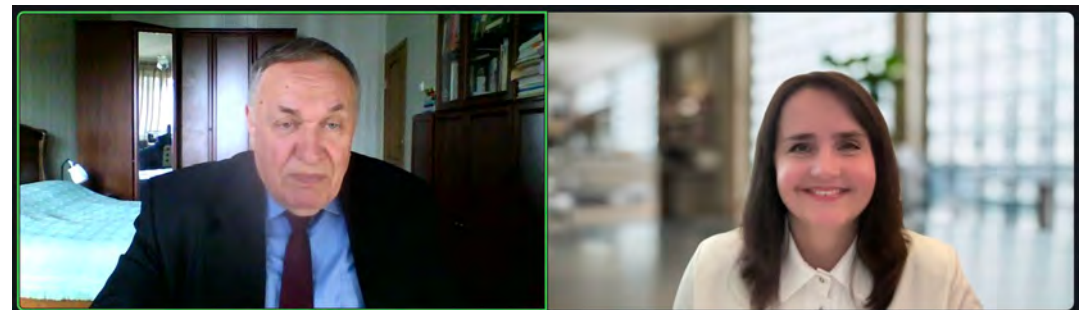
Activities in Moldova - FFWPU

The Municipal Fire and Rescue Department visited the Sunflower Center to give a talk on fire safety. Children and parents learned many interesting things about firefighters' work and tools, and they saw a fire engine up close. ... Despite the high temperatures, both the Sunflower and Fairytale Centers continued their summer activities for children. – Sabina Nadejdin

UPF-Russia Hosts Webinar on Northeast Asian Security

Russian-Korean relations and Northeast Asian security issues were the focus of a UPF-Russia webinar held on 26 June. The event, which coincided with President Putin's recent visit to North Korea and the anniversary of the start of the Korean War, received more than 47,000 views on the UPF-Russia website and social networks Odnoklassniki and VKontakte.

Dr. Alexander Zhebin, a senior research fellow at the Center for Korean Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, was interviewed by UPF-Russia President Maria Nazarova. As in previous webinars, Mrs. Nazarova included True Parents' words on Korean reunification. The webinar, held by UPF and its International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), highlighted the complexity and multifaceted nature of Russian-Korean relations and underscored the importance of ongoing dialogue and cooperation to ensure security and stability in Northeast Asia. – *Maria Nazarova*





UPF-Russia Honors Harmonious Development Leader

On the Day of Family, Love, and Fidelity, which Russians celebrate on 8 July, UPF-Moscow leader Dmitry Samko traveled to Naberezhnye Chelny, a city in the Russian Republic of Tatarstan, to award an Ambassador for Peace certificate to Liria Chukhaldina, an international image consultant, professional educator, and writer who is known in the public sphere as Liria Holdina. Mr. Samko interviewed her on the topic of women's harmonious development, which encompasses not only career growth but also caring for one's well-being and striving for balance between one's professional and personal life. The conversation also touched upon environmental protection and the significance of conscious and rational consumption. – *Dmitry Samko*

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ДЕПАРТАМЕНТ ВТОРОГО ПОКОЛЕНИЯ



동情的 빛은누리에 희망으로

ЛЕТНИЙ
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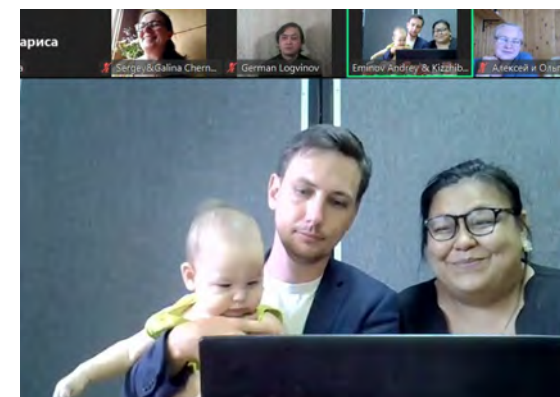
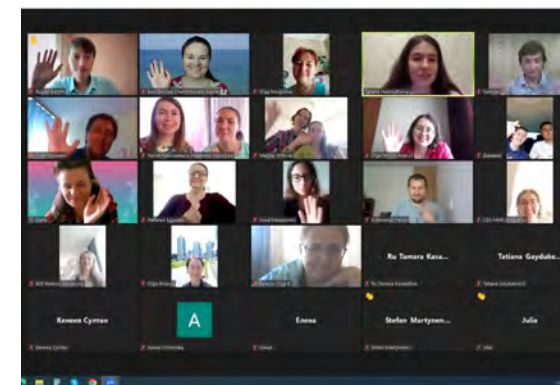
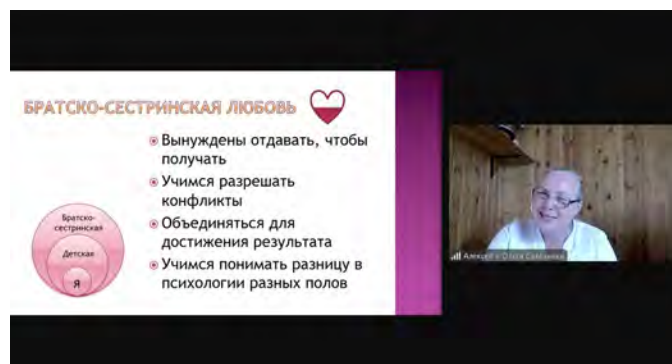
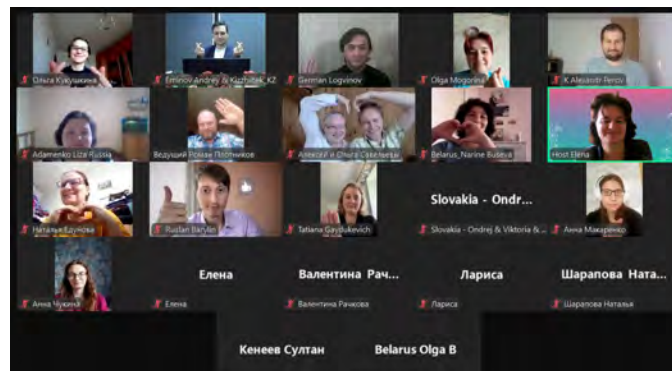
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Preparation for Cosmic Blessing 2025

With the heart of preparation for Cosmic Blessing 2025, East Europe BFD launched new Blessing Introductory Course to help more candidates prepare themselves to join the Blessing event. Saturday webinars every other week gathered the audience of nearly 100 participants from 12 nations of 1st and 2nd gen potential Blessing candidates, of married couples and Blessing preparation supporting staff. We made two groups – in English and in Russian (those are two main languages used in our region) which go through the course simultaneously.

The program started in June and will be going on until the end of August. Participants have an opportunity to meet many different blessed families and hear their real stories along with that they have been introduced to True Parents teaching on ideal family, they learn about our values and core principles through the presentations by qualified lecturers and they have opportunity to ask questions and discuss the content. After each program participants receive some interesting homework to improve their spiritual life or their qualifications for becoming blessed family. – Galina Chernomorets





Youth Volunteers Work Hard in the Russian North

About 20 young people from throughout Russia traveled to the Lapland Nature Reserve above the Arctic Circle to take part in a seven-day volunteer program called “Lapland – Point of Growth.” The participants, who were mostly non-members, were between 18 and 30+ years old. The schedule was very intense, but balanced. Part of it was physical work in the Lapland reserve – painting, sawing, hammering nails, and other work. There was also “Peace Designer” training in which each participant created a project and then defended it in front of professionals who gave feedback. The 14 projects covering topics such as environment, nutrition

Numbers of Participants and Staff for Pilgrimage to Korea



Paintings of True Parents from Russia which will be presented to True Mother during the pilgrimage



Nation	Numbers of candidates for the pilgrimage to Korea	Staff
Albania and Kosovo	8	1
Armenia		
Azerbaijan		
Belarus	5	1
Bosnia Herzegovina		
Bulgaria	1	
Croatia	1	
Estonia	1	
Georgia		
Latvia		
Lithuania	5	
North Macedonia		
Moldova	3	
Romania	1	
Russia	27	2
Serbia		
Total in Eastern Europe	52	4

Fifty six participants (52 youth and four staff) from nine nations

Thank You!