

Speech Event in London Celebrating 50 Years of the Unification Movement

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From 16th to 17th May, our UK Movement was blessed with a series of special events as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our European Movement. Newly appointed FFWPU International President Sun Jin Nim and her husband, FFWPU International Vice President Insup Park, visited London accompanied by Yeonah Nim Choi, the president of WFWP International, as well as Dr Man Ho Kim, the director of the FFWPU International office.



On Saturday, 16th May, Sun Jin Nim spoke to more than 600 members from across the United Kingdom in the ballroom of the Royal National Hotel. She spoke with great eloquence, passion and sincerity and moved the hearts of many.



The program began with several songs by Laurie Mann and Carmel Mould, the South London Band together with Music Loving Harmony. Dr David Earle, pastor of the Birmingham Community, offered the

opening prayer, and Kathleen Moloney sang “The Prayer” as a congratulatory song. She was followed by Mr. Keith Best, a former MP who spoke warmly about his respect for True Parents and our movement, in particular the work of UPF.

Three videos were shown: the first about the [history of the European Movement](#), one about [the life and work of True Parents](#), and a third containing excerpts of [True Mother speaking](#). After a brief introduction by UK National Leader Jack Corley, Sun Jin Nim came on stage. She read from [a written speech](#) for over an hour, using many excerpts from Cheon Seong Gyeong. At one point, she departed from the written speech to express her sincere apologies for any difficulties which may have negatively affected brothers and sisters due to the actions of some of her siblings. Many in the audience commented later that it was one of the best speeches they had heard in a long time, and many comments mentioned her sincerity.



After a 30-minute performance by the Little Angels and a cake cutting, Sun Jin Nim and her party had lunch with around 35 UK leaders, in which each participant introduced themselves and some shared special stories from their life or their thoughts on her speech.

The Little Angels

The public performance of the Little Angels took place in the Hackney Empire theatre in East London on the evening of 16th May. Originally it seemed impossible to find a proper theatre for the performance, but due to the persistence of our General Affairs team, the Hackney Empire became available after the cancellation of an earlier booking. All 1,300 seats were booked almost two weeks in advance. A special VIP reception was held before the performance began. European emissary Dr. No Hi Pak, the former director of the Little Angels, later praised the Little Angels for their “flawless performance.” It seems the audience felt likewise, based on their standing ovations and enthusiastic praise after the show.

South London Sunday Service



One special blessing from the visit of our Church dignitaries was a visit to the South London Community of Yeonah Nim and Dr Man Ho Kim on Sunday, 17th May. Dr Kim gave a very profound sermon about True Mother’s life and her work since True Father’s ascension. After lunch, Yeonah Nim spent several hours speaking with South London sisters and Dr Kim travelled to Stanton Fitzwarren farm, at the request of True Mother to meet with the Masters family.

Little Angels Farewell Banquet

On Sunday evening (17th May) a special banquet was arranged for the Little Angels as a way to say thank you and to wish them well as they ended their European tour. It was held at our Lancaster Gate headquarters and was managed by Second Generation couple Robert and Christabel Haines, supported by Anthony McGuigan as chef and a group of Second Generation members as wait staff. Christopher Moloney arranged the musical part of the program, which featured a song by our Cheon Il Guk missionary sisters, a comical song by Peter Graham and a The highlight of the evening was a fascinating presentation of magic by Simon Rosselli, who also happens to be the chairman of the UK Finance Committee.

The Little Angels also had an opportunity for some sightseeing in Oxford, especially locations associated with the “Harry Potter” film series. They also visited famous sights in London and finished their tour by riding the London Eye followed by a traditional meal of fish and chips, before departing for the airport and returning to Seoul.

Dealing with such a variety of programmes within the space of two days was not an easy task. However due to the hard work of our director of General Affairs Tom O’Connell, supported by Selina Luiz Bacon and Julian Hoyte and with the help of many selfless volunteers, the events were an inspiring experience for our membership and our visitors.

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