

UK's True Father's Ascension 2nd Anniversary

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Universal Peace Federation (UPF) - UK held an event recently in the UPF-UK Headquarters to commemorate the 2nd Anniversary of True Father's Ascension. The warmth shown by Ambassadors for Peace was very moving. To hear testimonies from Imam Sajid or David Hart or the response of Patti Boulaye to a general invitation was to volunteer to sing despite her busy schedule. Keith Bennett similarly expressed deep affection and determination to work for a peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula. Lancaster Gate Ballroom was full with people as well as using the overflow area downstairs. It was an opportunity for Mark Brann, Tina Coombs and myself to share personally and to show videos about True Father and his vision for UPF to many Ambassadors for Peace and friends. There were also inspired performances from the Japanese Missionaries, part of the South London Peace



Embassy choir and Rev Harriott with Patti Boulaye.

[Imam Sajid](#), who True Father called 'his favourite Imam' said 'I have witnessed myself his great contribution in building bridges to establish peace in the

world. That is why he is rightly named as a 'peace king' because he has worked beyond borders of any differences of race, culture, religion and many other areas in which we human beings are divided.'

The two slogans emphasised by Rev'd. Moon I first heard from my father at the age of four and a half years old. He was teaching me several sentences in Arabic from the Koran: 'Best human beings are those who serve others, (my father added) selflessly'. When I read that Rev'd. Moon said 'you must live for the sake of others', I thought that is the Prophet's Message so he is the Prophet of God who inviting us to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others.

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Rev. Dr. David Hart, a retired Anglican Priest, commented during an address commemorating the second Anniversary of Father Moon's passing, that to him, Sun Myung Moon was like Jesus calling humankind to realign their faith to deal with current challenges

informed by personal inner experience of the living God. [\(For More\)](#)



Keith Bennett has tried to understand the relationship of Father Moon with North Korea. He has visited North Korea regularly since 1983. He has many friends there. He loves the Korean people and thinks they are blessed with the finest

qualities of human nature. He feels the Korean peninsula is unsurpassed in its physical beauty.

As a regular visitor to North Korea I have been able to see with my own eyes something of the surface of this work. Things like the Potonggang Hotel that was renovated by Rev Moon and maintained by the Unification Movement. The Peace and Convention Centre in front of the Potonggang Hotel. The Billboards of the Peace Motors is the only non-political advertising in all of North Korea.

He knew that Father Moon was ideologically opposed to North Korea. He knew of the two times that Father Moon had been imprisoned in North Korea. He was very surprised in 1991 by the ground breaking visit of an arch enemy of NK to meet President Kim Il Sung. At that time there was no North Korean mission in the UK so he called his friend in the North Korean Mission in Paris. His friend seemed to be as surprised by the news as he was. His friend explained that as Korean people get old they think more about their native place and he felt Rev Moon would not be an exception. ([For More](#))



Ahmed Shebani, Founder of the Democratic Party of Libya, commented, 'I want to start with a reference to a verse in the Koran. Chapter 6 verse 32 'God tells us whoever revives the soul of a human being,

it is as if he has revived all of humanity. Whoever kills the soul of a human being, it is as if he has killed all of humanity.'

Two verses of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) 'Whoever removes the obstacle from the path does an act of charity.'

'A person in the life after his work has not finished through three channels. If a child prays for him. An educational institution that he left behind. A charitable institution and good deeds that he left behind.' His Holiness, the late Father Moon has

subscribed to all three good virtues I just mentioned. ([For More](#))



Justina Mutale said that 'Father Moon was a man whose heart was focused on bringing together people of different faiths to bridge these divides. His call on people of faith to serve others is an important legacy that needs to be upheld.

Father Moon advocated that humanity should learn to love and share without limits, to sacrifice and suffer without limits, to practice courage and service without limits; not only for one's own family, race, community, nation or country, but for the whole of humankind.

Father Moon, also believed in a new age of spirituality, one based on the universal principle of unselfish service to others and a culture of God-centered families where people of all nations, cultures, races and religions would live together in harmony. Just like Father Moon, in Africa we believe in the spirit of Ubuntu. This is a traditional African philosophy that offers us an understanding of ourselves in relation with the world. In the philosophy of Ubuntu, we believe that "a person is a person through other persons" and that there exists a common bond between us all. It is through this bond, through our interaction with our fellow human beings, that we discover our own human qualities.

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Tina Coombs in closing remarks reminded everyone that Mother Moon had supported Father Moon's mission throughout and was now leading the Unification Movement inspired by Father Moon.

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