

FFWPU USA: Happy 22nd Anniversary of the 2001 United Nations Blessing

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Happy anniversary to all the participants of the 2001 UN Blessing! January 27 marks the 22nd anniversary of True Parents' World Peace Holy Marriage Blessing ceremony held at the United Nations for 210 couples from 135 countries.

True Father called for a religious assembly or interreligious council at the United Nations the previous year, during "Assembly 2000," as well as an official commemorative day to uphold the ideal of the family. As part of the 7th World Culture and Sports Festival held jointly at the New York Hilton and UN headquarters in 2001, True Father reinforced his proposal by conducting the World Peace Marriage Blessing.

During the ceremony, each couple was dressed in traditional national or ethnic attire in the UN assembly room. The couples took an oath to establish eternal families based on true love and pledged their commitment to world peace. With the room filled, sports festival participants watched the event via closed-circuit TV in another room. At the end of the ceremony, couples and conference participants received chocolate bars with the words "True Love" inscribed on them. Later, when UN officials objected to the Marriage Blessing as a religious event, True Father considered the necessity of inaugurating a complementary "Abel UN."

Congratulations to all the blessed couples celebrating their anniversary!