

The Founding of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Austria July 12, 2020

On July 12, 2020 the *Heavenly Parent's Holy Community* was inaugurated in Austria in a zoom event with 130 connections.

It was a combined effort of all Unification communities of Austria and representatives of different religions. A young Unificationist from the community of Linz conducted the program and created a joyful atmosphere. The songs were prepared by talented 2nd gen musicians, who pre-recorded them. Almost each community contributed one song.

The speakers referred to the founding of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. First, Peter Haider, UPF President of Austria, explained about UPF's recent activities and the founding of several sub-committees, such as IAPP, IAPD, IMAP, IASCP and others, which are all part of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. He also recalled the 5 principles of UPF which serve as a guide for all its activites.

Mrs. Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger, Catholic Bishop and Co-founder of the International "Roman Catholic Women Priests" (RCWP) spoke about God's female face, reminding us that the word for the Holy Spirit in Hebrew language is female. It is the same Holy Spirit which decended on the apostles at Pentecost, encouraging them and enabling them to speak in many languages. She concluded with: "May God as Heavenly Father and Mother, and in the terms of the Unifcation community, as Heavenly Parent, bless us all and bless all of the world!"

Rev. Arthur Nzekwu, Superior Evangelist of the Celestial Church of Christ in Vienna and Austria, had participated in the "Peace Starts with Me" Festival in Newark, USA, in 2019,

which brought together Christians of all denominations as well as leaders of various other religions. Rev. Arthur is now making efforts to support the founding of an Austrian Clergy Leadership Conference, working together as a family to bring peace and more understanding among the different denominations of Christianity.

Mr. Murat Baser, first Imam of the Islamic Religious Community of Upper Austria, gave an explanation about the Arab expression "Umma", the community of all Muslims, regardless in which country they live.

Dr. Asfar Rathor, UPF Peace Ambassador, project manager of various UN projects over 25 years and president of the association "LIOS-soil matters" recalled his experience as a participant of the Summit 2020" in Korea: "The most important experience for me was the program in the World Peace hall, together with thousands of people, when Mother Moon spoke. I saw people crying in joy, which inspired me greatly to continue to fight for peace, justice and human values." Further, Dr. Rathor reflected on the name "Heavenly Parent's Holy Community", and as he explored the role of parents in the Koran and the Bible, he realized that in the Bible there are 75 verses which depict the role of the parents. In the Koran he also found 70 verses about the central importance of parents, even the obedience towards the parents being second important to the obedience to God. He concluded that therefore to have a Heavenly Parents Holy community is a continuation of the traditions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

In his last passage, Dr.Rathor explained the importance of religion in the past and in the present days in order to overcome materialism and individualism.

Finally, I myself also reflected upon the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, concluding with the question: "Am I ready to make room in my heart for HPHC? Which walls of prejudices do I still have to break down and what will be my next steps?

We will strife to keep the uplifting spirit of the Service and take steps to strengthen our ties to our brothers and sisters of other religions!

























Beautiful presentation of the song "Light of the World"



Meditational music on the piano