

Dear beloved Leaders, Brothers and Sisters, Friends, and Associates,
We would like to cordially invite you to join us in celebrating:

**The “Hallelujah Group International” Reunion.
Honouring Sister Barbara van Praag
On Sunday 17th January, 2021 at 8.00 PM / 20.00-h CET.**

What started as an idea to organize an online zoom reunion for Guyanese members around the world has now blossomed into an amazing broader vision, initiative and celebration of life. That is in the recognition and appreciating of our elder and beloved sister Barbara van Praag from Guyana, for her life's work and dedication to Heaven's will. Realizing that our sister would be going over her nineties, we felt called to do something to recognize her while she is still with us. How wonderful if we can do this together. Barbara is affectionately known by many as Aunty Barbara, she became ninety one years of age on the 31st December, 2020 and has resided in London, GB for over twenty years.

Sister Barbara is the first member and sister of African descent to join our worldwide Unification movement in 1965, now known as HPHC-FFWPU. How wonderful and historic is this. Also, she was the first member to join the Italian church and Barbara is affectionately known as the Grand Mother of our Italian movement and witnessed to many members there. In Italy when our True Father made his first world tour she was there and have stories to tell you from that visit which would make you laugh.

Our elder sister holds the title of pioneer and Mother of the Guyanese church as well, witnessing to and bringing several members to new life. Dedicating her whole life, she has worked to witness and bring the teaching of Heavenly Parent and True Parents to people in various nations and continents around the world such as in the USA, The West Indies and in the UK. Our beloved sister is a true pioneer of heart and was also the Regional Director of the Caribbean. We should not forget that she is a trained opera singer, a brilliant intelligent woman, who worked to finish her PHD in her old sweet age of eighty plus years. In addition we remember her steadfast dedication to Heaven's will in heart, soul and deeds which continue to thrive to this very day.

From this perspective we want to invite you to be with us in celebrating and acknowledging the life and work of this most incredible woman. It has come to our attention that our elder sister has two strong desires that she dearly wishes to fulfil before she leaves the earth's plane. The first is to become a Cheon Bo Tribal Messiah and the second is to finish and publish her autobiography. We are aware that there are more elder members in our movement who have also sacrificed their whole lives for the will, remained faithful, have kept on in heart and faith and who have yet to fulfil this Cheon Bo status. There are also younger members and families wanting and struggling to do the same.

In acknowledgement of the above and not knowing how long she will grace us with her presence on earth, we felt compelled to try to help our elder sister fulfil these goals and cross the finish line. With this appeal of heart we want to organize **a fundraising drive** to support

her in this. **We sincerely need your help to do so.** We see sister Barbara's cause as opening the doorway for more effort in helping such beloved pioneers.

The target figure = \$15,000

We understand that times are hard but we believe that where there is a will, heart and desire that, Heavenly Parent will work, especially if we all pull together in whatever small or big way that we can. Please help sister Barbara by giving a donation from the debt of your heart, as an individual, family, church or organizational group or business. When we help our elders the heart of Heavenly Parent who is the Eldest will be deeply moved and the returns can be beneficial. The bank details will be given below. It is a trusted bank account of our European movement.

To help us better prepare practically, we would like to ask you to fill in the online registration form and the link is found below. This will then give us an indication of the amount of people interested to participate, which countries are participating and so forth. Your information is strictly for this purpose and will not be shared with others. The link to join the zoom will be sent to you after registration, on the 12th of January, 2021.

Here is the link to Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-XVhYq8djXpF-uWywt6qM0YrE3XQkg9FHefvZI5pFp0M1pg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Donations can be made to:

Account Holder: FFWPU-Europe, Nassauerstr. 14, 65795 Hattersheim, Germany

Bank: Frankfurter Sparkasse, Alt-Sossenheim 25, 65936 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

IBAN: DE97 5005 0201 0200 6918 80

BIC: HELADEF1822

PLEASE WRITE THIS INFORMATION ON YOUR BANK TRANSFER:

Barbara Birthday (This is very important)

PS, One more important detail is that: For now sister Barbara only knows of a reunion being organized for Guyanese members and she is very happy about this, but she does **not yet** know of the broader outreach, gradually we will update her. Those of you who know her personally, or otherwise, **please do not tell her about this or mention it on facebook or through other media outlets.** Thank you for your cooperation and input to make this a memorable time and occasion for our elder sister.

May Heaven Bless You All Eternally, Let Us Help Our Pioneers Cross The Finish Line.
Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Lorna Russo,
Bryan Lancaster
Donna Martijn

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