

## FFWPU UK Seonghwa Ministry meeting at Lancaster Gate - 14 members attend

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On Saturday 23 March, the 3-monthly Seonghwa Meeting was held in Lancaster Gate. 14 members were present, including 2 who were attending for the first time. It was wonderful to see everyone.

The meeting began with a reading of some inspiring True Parents' Words by Francoise.

We then spoke about the recently created SHM page on the FFWPU website. We will eventually add a memorial of all our members who passed to the spirit world and links to useful organisations to

support our members going through bereavement. The picture of the 2 swans on the website page, taken by Pascal, inspired everyone as it represents the give and take between spiritual and physical world. It was also mentioned that pairs of swans keep a lifelong relationship.

The date of this year's Memorial Service, at the Holy Oak Won Jeon, was then discussed, with the end of July or beginning of August being the most preferred times. We spoke about who can be the sermon giver and MC.

Our elder brother Alec Herzer spoke about his Poetry Project, as he is now working to compile a book of poetry, with the assistance of David Hanna. Alec read a few of his poems aloud to inspire us.

Franklin Fortune, who has recently joined our ministry as a support person, spoke of his plans to visit 2 widowed members who live far from London.

Francoise inquired about how many members have been unable to place a memorial stone at their loved one's grave – there are a few members in this situation, both who have their spouse interred at the Won Jeon, and also at other locations.

The large plaque at the Won Jeon was discussed – unfortunately there is no space remaining on this to be able to add more names. Possibly we should invest in having a second plaque?

Members then made general comments about their situation at present. For several brothers and sisters being unable to sleep easily has been a problem. Several solutions were suggested. How we communicate with our spouse in the spiritual world was spoken about, also receiving messages from Sp Wd regarding our spouse.

Joyce had a very deep experience when her strong prayer regarding her husband was answered through the words of a sister. A commemorative plaque will be placed in the Peace Garden at Livingstone House in remembrance of Mr Suda.

Sonny shared about his situation and how he always thinks – what would his wife want him to do? He felt pushed by her to attend a Sunday Service, where he met a brother who told him to attend the CP Seminar, so he felt this was his wife's wish.

Mr Hayashi mentioned that his wife was always happy, even now she is happy to be in Spirit World and God is happy to have her there. So he feels that he can be happy in his daily life.

Toyoko had a very amazing experience when visiting Japan, where her husband guided her to be able to meet a long-lost relative.

It is important to greet our spouse every day, and to speak with them. Even to set a place at the dinner table for them. We can rightfully feel that we are not alone.

In the future, Francoise would like to do something to support the children of bereaved families.

Everyone felt very uplifted by this time which we could share together, and also by meeting each other especially those we cannot meet often.

It was a very inspirational time for everyone and we left with a renewed spirit.

The next meeting will take place in 3 months from now.

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