

True Father, a Guiding Star to Humanity

The First Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seunghwa

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Sokol Rexhepi

Friday evening was a special day for Family Federation members and ambassadors for peace that gathered at the headquarters of FFWPU and UPF in Albania to commemorate the first anniversary of the ascension of the world famous leader, Rev. Dr. Saun Myung Moon, or known otherwise as True Father.

The organizers had prepared an hour program including sharing of memories from selected speakers, reading from True Father's speeches and a short video introducing the life and achievements of this great leader.



The meeting was opened with a short welcome speech followed by a prayer from Mr. Sokol Rexhepi, an early member and presently UPF secretary general. In his opening remarks he said "This ceremony is held today as it is the 17 day of the 7-th month according to lunar calendar, exactly one year after TF spent his last day on this physical world. Year 2012 was predicted to be a time of great calamities and the end of the world, but as usual, none of these humanistic assumptions occurred. Reflecting on this fact, as an early follower of TF in Albania I believe that these predictions were related to the fact that that year one of the greatest leaders on the earth Reverend San Myung Moon passed away".

After him, Mrs. Lavdie Ruci, one of the first Ambassadors for Peace appointed in Albania, was invited on stage. During her sharing she said that "We are grateful to Rev. Moon for everything he did for peace in the world and especially for us ambassadors for peace in Albania. Love and goodness, investment for others are basic virtues that True Father is reflecting throughout all his life. Such a treasure and heritage of ideas and efforts to lead humanity to perfection, reconciliation and living for the sake of others, offering everything; the energy, wealth and the passion becomes a shining star to be followed throughout our pathway."



After Mrs. Ruci's words the participants followed a 15 minutes video that included scenes from last year's Seunghwa ceremony in Cheongpyung Korea that moved most of the audience.

Representing international couples Mr. Florenc Shehu and Mrs. Yoshiko Nakata offered flowers on True Father's altar. After that Mrs. Suzana Rexhepi one of the first local missionaries read some parts from the speech "The Founding of the New Era of Universal Peace". She focused on the three stages of life, the importance of seunghwa ceremony, the way for humankind to follow and the last words of True Father to humanity. In some key moments of this speech she was moved deeply as other participants did while reading passionately the precious words of True Parents.

The main speech was held by Mr. Bajram Ibraj, UPF chairman who spoke on the eight spiritual fields championed by True Father. The main content of his speech was drawn by 'A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will' proclaimed by True Father in 2007, in New York city, USA.



During the evening Dr. Astrit Memia (an early AfP), spoke on Rev. Moon's influence on global affairs and the movement of Ambassadors for Peace. "Dr. Moon is not only a peace-loving global citizen but he is also a peace-giver, a peace-maker and a peace-disseminator." He also appreciated TF investment in Albania as the center of peace in the Balkans referring to the establishment of UPF in Kosovo and Montenegro with the initiative and investment of Albanian AfPs and members. Dr. Memia mentioned that dozens of VIPs from all fields of Albanian society have been educated in national and international conferences along with hundreds of young people being trained in FFWPU centers.



At the end of this first anniversary of TF seunghwa the president of WFWP Albania, Mrs. Katerina Minollari, shared her memories of True Father. "When I was young I wanted to know what does Father feel for me?". The answer came through a dream where TF greeted me informally calling my name, shaking my hand and kissing me in the cheek. I believe it is important for all of us to feel Reverend Moon not only as a great leader, but to keep a heart relation to him as a child to his father, trying to accomplish the will and desire of his parents".

The activity was sealed by three cheers of Eok Mansei lead by Mr. Rexhepi. We feel that as the first anniversary of TF ascension this was a meaningful event for ambassadors for peace and brothers and sisters that followed it.

