

## First Peace Festival of HPHC Copenhagen, Denmark honors 80 year olds

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We had our first attempt to hold a Peace Festival of HPHC in Denmark. The occasion was to celebrate and honor 4 senior members of our community who had turned 80 (Thomas), 70 (Thorkil), 70 (Hisami-san) and 60 (Dilshad). Instead of a regular Sunday Service style content we used the inspiration from the new Peace Festivals held in Korea and Japan, to let Heavenly Parent instead be present through the four of them sharing their testimonies, wrapped with favorite pieces of music, which they had chosen and requested and which expressed the topics of the sharings. It was held outdoor in the garden of our UPF Peace Center on what became a beautiful summer day for all 40 participants and as we afterwards shared nice healthy food.

There was then an extra program of more music with solo performances by James Houston and Elizabeth Bramsen and spontaneously younger musical talents offered songs one after the other prolonging the event. Since this was our first major event that became possible after the lifting of the corona restrictions, it then also became a kind of reunion meeting, where several participants met each other for the first time in one year and therefore no one seemed to want to leave. This all added to a warm and joyous atmosphere becoming an unforgettable experience for all.