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Northeast Region 21-day Leadership Training Workshop

After the 3rd anniversary of True Father's Universal Seong Hwa Regional President of the Northeast Region organized 21-day leaders' training workshop for the leaders of NER on September 4 ~ 24, 2015. National Leaders of 9 nations of the Continent, District and Church Leaders from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia gathered in Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training center. This is already the 2nd leaders' workshop for NER leaders. First one was held in Ukraine in April 2015.



The purpose of workshop is for leaders to take ownership for their spiritual lives, revive themselves, and gain true ownership for their mission, for accomplishing Vision 2020 in their nations and churches.

The Conference on the Church Growth organized by Korean HQ became the first program of NER leadership training workshop.



On September 7, FFWPU International Vice President Rev. Ahn Joon Seuk and Special Emissary to the Great China and Northeast Regions Dr. Hideo Oyamada addressed participants. Rev. Ahn said that we should live our life in a way to feel no regret and repentance when we go to spirit world after we finish our life on earth. We should question ourselves whether we support True Parents or we only take advantage of True Parents.

Then Regional President Rev. Jin Hwa Chung gave speech outlining goals for the workshop. He asked leaders deeply reflect on their life, realize contradiction and fallen nature inside of ourselves and purify ourselves. First of all we have to become true people only then we can lead others. Rev. Chung also emphasized a vital importance of Jung Sung in the spiritual life.



The workshop had various programs covering the most important aspects leaders need to implement in order to become successful. Every day participants made Jung Sung condition of 120 bows and invested their hearts in cleaning environment with humble attitude of service. They created atmosphere of The Kingdom of Heaven. Every day leaders attend morning Chang Yang session to remove evil spirits and purify ourselves. Many experienced professors were invited to give deep profound lectures on various facets of spiritual life.



On September 8, Dr. Kittel the Special Emissary for the Asia Region gave lectures. He spoke on Divine Principle and explained how to discern and balance vertical and horizontal in one's life, heavenly and universal issues from individual and selfish, how to see good and evil.

Rev. Jin Hun Yong for two days, September 9 – 10, has been giving guidance on leadership, church growth and family care. He told how to eradicate evil habits and acquire good habits. Later it will become heavenly character. It takes 66 days of perseverance to strengthen a habit.

September 11 started with soccer match play. On that day everybody gathered for prayer at Blessing tree in Cheong Pyeong. After that there was a water challenge program. Participants rode rafting boats on the lake overcoming their limitations. It helped leaders to become one and solidify their relationship.



On September 12 Prof. Oh Taek Yong and Rev. Lee Jae Il gave lectures. Prof. Oh spoke about providential viewpoint and meaning of Foundation Day in building the Cheon Il Guk. When we invest in our partner and rear him, we should help him develop to the level of Abel. We should continually engage in give-and-receive action fostering partner's steps for perfection. Prof. Lee told about Shim Jung education. There should be spiritual experience in our life of faith. How one can feel God and connect to God's Heart penetrating mind and body. Relationship between man and God should be very personal and keen.

Prof. Cho Un Tae made address on topic of "Happiness and Suffering". There can be trials and suffering in original world as a way to achievement and fulfillment. In restoration era there is suffering that was not meant in original world. Thanks to True Parents' victory we can find gratitude and absolute happiness in the midst of any suffering and hardships.



On September 13 workshop participants joined Sunday Service at Cheong Shim Seorak Family Church.

Pilgrimage to special holy places took place on September 14 - 15. In Daegu high spirit of witnessing impressed NER leaders. In Pusan everybody prayed at the Rock of Tears and climbed the mountain following steps of True Father. In Yeosu True Father made a lot of Jung Sung conditions by fishing for many days and hours straight. True Father's fishing rod and fish he caught are shown in museum in

Cheong Hae Garden. In order to connect to True Father's heart and way participants went out fishing in Yeosu on boats and made competition. Mr. Matsumoto, national leader of Mongolia won the first prize for biggest fish; Mr. Timofeev, regional leader of Russia, won the second prize for biggest amount of caught fish (22 fishes); Mr. Bergs, church leader from Latvia, won the third prize as the one who caught the first fish among all.



On September 16-17 there was lecture practice. Leader of region of Moscow, Russia, Oleg Kuzmin won first place as the best lecturer. Participants gave lectures to each other in groups.

On September 18 President Yoon Tae Geun explained issue concerning ocean providence and fishing cup worldwide.

Prof. Lee Jae Yong spoke about meditation practice. It is possible to improve one's spiritual life and find original self through meditation.

On September 19 Dr. Thomas Selover and Dr. Jin Su Hwang gave lectures about how to overcome ideology of same sex marriage

and homosexuality using Unification Thought. Those who stand for same sex marriages stress human rights and try to invoke sympathy in public. We need to be able to cope with it and have no delusion.

On September 20 Dr. Gil Young Hwan spoke about Heavenly Tribal Messiah School. When we are witnessing and rear children, 2nd generation we want to see good fruits. In order to see good successors and spiritual children we need to create teachers, parents and leaders of high quality. Quality of the tree determines quality of the fruit.

On September 20 Mrs. Kan Hyun Shil, national Messiah of Russia and first disciple of True Father in Pusan addressed participants. We should have absolute faith and act like if what we believe in already happened, she said. Then real miracles and advancement of providence is inevitable.



Mrs. Kang Dok Rae, who the first fulfilled Tribal Messiah mission in Korea, shared her experience and gave spiritual guidance. In witnessing we need to have patience and perseverance. Our continual investment will bring result. Others should be the center of our lives, not ourselves.



On September 21 party evening was held. Leaders went to restaurant where True Parents liked to go. Then they gathered around a campfire and sang songs and shared their heart among themselves. Another day there was quiet time for reflection and deep pondering.



On September 22 national messiahs of Northeast region countries were invited to workshop to give them warm welcome, express appreciation and spend time together.

On September 23 evening leaders held a candle prayer around the Tree of Loyalty, then they climbed up to the Tree of Blessing where they had Shim Jung meeting, with repentance and forgiveness ceremony. Through this barriers of resentment and misunderstanding were torn down.



After the finish of workshop schedule True Mother especially invited workshop participants to join celebration of Korean traditional holiday Chusok. On September 27 leaders went to Wonjon – burial place of members of True Family, True Parents' family and early members of our Church. It is located in Paju, close to North Korean border. They celebrated together with True Children.



On September 28 everybody was invited to Cheon Jeong Gung. Leaders from different countries by groups showed their performances. Then they played traditional Korean game Yut. Final game they played in presence of True Mother. Everybody was immersed in a warm heartfelt atmosphere.

Reflections of participants:

Many leaders shared that they had special experiences during Chang Yang sessions. Some felt strong spiritual power coming to them, some were deeply crying feeling God's love, one person could see light from other people, some people had deep realizations about Divine Principle and lectures they heard.

One national leader shared: "I was doing fundraising for many years to make money for my mission country: pay off debts, rent witnessing center, pay church property expenses, including national leader living expenses, plus some big expenses. It was big burden for me, need a lot of time and efforts. That's why I had struggle, but I understand that if I will not do it, nobody will take responsibility and church will just accumulate debt. On the day when we visited Bon Hyang Won, True Father's burial place, I prayed: "Father, please don't worry about my country, I will take care." Then I heard voice inside of me: "Are you sure you will do?" I said: "Yes, I will take care of current situation and also will make foundation for future business." It was spiritual experience with True Father which also liberated me."

Another national leader had very deep experience with Hyo Jin Nim. During 21-day he was praying every morning from 5 am at Jeong Shim Won. Few months ago True Mother directed to put in Jeong Shim Won photo of Hyo Jin Nim together with Heung Jin Nim's and Dae Mon Nim's photo. One morning during prayer True Parents appeared to him, together with True Parents there was Hyo Jin Nim. He strongly told to national leader: "Don't worry!" These simple words were very encouraging. National leader felt big support and stimulation for his mission.

Wife of Russian Regional leader had deep experience. Before going to 21-day workshop in Korea her husband went away for Peace Road mission. Regional Leader mission was transferred to her. Many unsolved issues remained. Two of three children got sick. Through central figure she heard God's voice: "Go to 21-day workshop! This is not an issue of choice." On the other hand she heard voice: "How can you go? You are not qualified." So, she excused herself: "Yes, I am not qualified, and this is not good time to go." Then God told her: "Don't pity yourself! Sacrifice!" and added: "You think you are not qualified to be leader of the region? Then I will make you Vice National Leader of Russia!" She realized, God is testing her motivation and making her stronger. Right before going to seminar she got sick. She missed her train to Moscow because she came to wrong train station. Everything was against her coming to Korea. However, finally she made it and came to Korea.

She continued: "When I came to Cheong Pyeong I felt as in Heaven. So much love, beauty, care and tenderness, I was like in magic dream. In the beginning of seminar I was quite sick. Even many great and profound people gave lectures, I was quite suffering. However, I received an answer about our Continental Director, what kind of person he is. In Russia we have saying: "Tell me who are your friends, and will tell you who you are." Since Rev. Chung is so much trying to support True Mother, since because of his invitation such good lecturers came to our workshop, also he shared to us honest analysis of himself, I made conclusion, he was sent to us by God. Through him God expresses His love to our Continent and helps us to gain necessary experience."



Russia

The Day of Peace in Novosibirsk

On the eve of the International Day of Peace, which is celebrated annually on September 21, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, called on all the warring parties around the world to lay down their arms for a day and comply with universal ceasefire: "I call to stop killing and destruction and create conditions conducive to lasting peace." He emphasized that this year the International Day of Peace is celebrated on the background of brutal violence and destabilizing conflicts. If war and violence in the world stop at least for a day, then 1 400 people will stay alive - such is the number of people that die every day as a result of hostilities and acts of violence. Meeting of the Siberian Peace Council began with the message of the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, followed by a minute of silence. On this day, representatives of socially relevant non-governmental organizations of the Siberian capital, consisting the Siberian Peace Council, gathered at the regional office of the party. The participants discussed various peacemaking and patriotic projects.



Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation, Siberian chapter, Dmitry Officerov, shared about the global campaign "The Road of Peace" that was held in Russia in summer 2015. In his speech, he paid special attention to interdependence as an integral precondition for successful partnership in achieving the Sustainable Peace Development Goals, including the widespread elimination of poverty and hunger in all their forms, improving food security, promoting sustainable agricultural development, promoting healthy lifestyle and

prosperity for all the people, and more. Thematic projects of the Cossack Party Regional Office of the Russian Federation in the Novosibirsk region, were presented by secretary of the branch, Dana Pronina. Participants talked about the contest of teaching materials "Lessons on Patriotism," of Cossack squad, and their Mutual Assistance Club. Quite impressive was the initiative of the Cossack Party in Novosibirsk, in response to numerous requests from low-income families. On the Day of Peace, the party initiated collecting humanitarian aid (primarily, articles of food). All participants joined the action. In the coming days the collected articles will be handed over to the families.



Ukraine

International Day of Peace, Kyiv.

International Day of Peace was celebrated on September 19, 2015 in the Sports and Recreation Complex of the Kyiv University of Law Sciences of Ukraine. On this day held friendly competitions on mini-football among higher educational institutions of the Kyiv city "Today with sports - Tomorrow with the future."



First in the Kyiv Law University competition of mini football was held three years ago. University leadership actively supported the initiative of "Peace one Day" and the Universal Peace Federation. If in 2013 the competition took only two teams, but this year joined the campaign team of the National University of Physical Education and Sports of Ukraine; Interregional higher professional school of communication (girls' soccer team); Kiev Theological Academy Kyiv Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Every year more and more participants get involved.

Students' teams were supported and greet by Mr. Prudnyk Eugene, arm-wrestling world champion, Ukrainian actor Kyiv National Operetta Theatre; Mr. Kolisnichenko Ruslan, coordinator of youth programs "Universal Peace Federation", presented certificates "Youth Peace Ambassador" pupils Sviatoshynsky region youth center "Leader", vocal duet "Sisters Adriana and Midyeya Narutski" - the most active participants in sports.

A volunteer Saori Kikuchi from Japan taught the Ukrainians to make origami; she said that origami-crane is a symbol of happiness. According to her, in Japan there is a tradition that if you make 1,000 pieces, your dream will come true and peace will come.

The participants of sports competitions on mini-football received an award from the Rector of the University, Professor Yuri Boshitsky. Their friendship was the winner in the competitions for peace.



Belarus

The second generation pilgrimage

The second pilgrimage of the second generation elder children of Belarus to the Holy places, connected to life and work of True Parents, was held in Korea, on August 17 – 31.

Eleven children took part in the program. The deepest impression for them, during the special 3-day workshop at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, was to see and hear our True Mother.

The participants of the pilgrimage could feel True Father's heart when they were going up towards the first Holy Ground in Pusan against a stormy wind and heavy downpour. They prayed holding hands, resisting a strong wind and singing "The Principle Youth March" song. As if in answer to their prayer and song, the wind abated and the rain ceased. It was a very special experience for the second generation children! It was great!

In their effort to unite with True Parents in their hearts, the participants visited Cheon Jeong Gung, Chong Padong church, the workshop center in Yeosu, and the Sun Moon University.

The ceremony "Peace Bridge" was held for Belorussian and Korean (Seoul) second generation children. The participants of the ceremony after spending time together, became closer in their hearts; they were able to deeply understand and feel the meaning of their pilgrimage motto "We are one family under God."

It should be emphasized that the children were preparing for the pilgrimage during the whole year. They participated in workshops on the Divine Principle and True Parents course, and did Jeong Seong conditions.

And of course, the great final event of the pilgrimage for the children was their participation in the Universal Seong Hwa of our True Father, the third anniversary!



Moldova

In September we were motivated to work with more determination for restoration of our nation. We continue with improvements in three areas of our activity: Church, NGO, and business.

Church area

Weekly meetings for witnessing, included: Prayer Meetings — Monday evening; Famous People Club sessions — Thursday evening; Sports Club sessions — Sunday afternoon; Sunday School — Sunday morning; Movie Club Sessions — Sunday evening.



The daily frontline witnessing activity done by the local full-time members supported by the 6 Cheon Il Guk Missionaries became even more resultative and joyful. On Sunday afternoons, missionaries held Korean Language classes. After having invested for almost 2 months in witnessing with all their efforts, the CIG Missionaries left our country.

Blessed Wives' weekly Meetings. On September 19, the Special Envoy Rev. & Mrs. Cho gave to Moldovan Blessed Wives their relevant internal guidance on implementing "Hun-Dok Church" in our families. They shared many wonderful experiences on how to become the True Parents' representatives in our society.



Special CIG Envoy visit Blessed Central Families.

On August 9, our community of the Second generation welcomed a newborn son to Codreanu's BCF. From the very beginning, the Special CIG Envoy Rev. & Mrs. Cho got involved in actively visiting BCF of Moldova. Also they participated in many public meetings and national activities in our nation.

NGO sphere

UPF

The Peace Road project action was held the capital of Moldova, Chisinau, on August 5. Over 50 people participated in the event, including Ambassadors for Peace, NGO volunteers, students, and children. New guests and students received Rev. Sun Myung Moon's autobiography book as a gift. The event was covered the National TV program of Moldova, channel 1.



Ambassadors for Peace, Mrs. Gutiera Prodan (Media Relationship), Mr. Pavel Cherbusca, Mrs. Eugenia Ursu, and Mr. Marin Mazur actively supported the event by mobilizing participants. Missionaries and local members, including the Korean missionary Rev. Lee Hong Mo actively participated in the event.

IRFF

Fifteen volunteers from Italy stayed in Moldova in August 9-17. Their purpose was to learn more about the "Long Distance Adoption" project organized by IRFF ONLUS of Moldova in collaboration with the Italian IRFF.



The foreign volunteers participated in 2 Moldovan quarterly IRFF projects:

a) The first inspiring event took place in the summer camp, in Chisinau. Volunteers spent a long time with children at the camp, living and playing with them. 31 children came from the orphanage and 39 were from families in difficult circumstances.

b) Also, the volunteers together with 7 missionaries and 9 organizers, participated in the IRFF project "Helping those in need" in the Bujor village, Hincesti region. The event included offering food and household products to 12 families (21 children) in need.

The Origami class was given by our Japanese and Korean missionaries. Children and families enjoyed it very much and had a great time. The guests brought back gifts and long time memories.

CARP

CARP volunteers organized an ecological project, which took place on August 29.

The event started with warm welcoming words and a general presentation on “Relations between nature and people” concerning the present environment situation, as well the causes of such a poor reality. After that, 17 participants “armed” with gloves and garbage bags went out and did all “to save” a small part of our city. The volunteers confessed that they

could never imagine, how much garbage was there around. Also they proposed to organize more events of the kind involving even more young people. We are planning to do it in the near future.

Finally, after everyone enjoyed a tasty snack prepared by Japanese and Korean volunteers we played sports and had a nice time together.



WFWP of Moldova

The International Day of Peace.

On the International Day of Peace, in Durlleshti, Republic of Moldova, we planted the Alley of Peace. September 21 offered an occasion for celebration with dances, reciting poetry and singing songs about peace. The festive event took place at the High school Hyperion of Durlleshti, suburb of Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Over 250 Students, teachers, school administration officials, NGO volunteers, and representatives of the local and central administration, were involved in the service project. Students repaired and painted the bus station near the school, and other participants of the program planted 400 roses in the school yard, and created the Rose Alley of Peace.



The project team included volunteers from High school administration, City's Department of Education, and Women's Federation for World Peace. The action was covered by two TV channels and the National Radio.

The Pillar of Peace.

Another important action, organized by teachers and students of the High school Hyperion, was establishing the Pillar of Peace in the center of Durlleshti town (suburb of Chisinau).

This project was assisted by the European Club of teachers of the High school Hyperion with financial support of the EU and Durlleshti local Administration.



Kazakhstan

Workshops

In the beginning of August, we held a 3-day workshop attended by 3 people. Among them, one was a new guest. On the first and the second day, we listened to lectures. On the third day, we went to the local park and organized there an action of cleaning the territory. In such a way we practiced the ideal of living for the sake of others.

Two of our guests went to a 21-day workshop in Ukraine; one guest attended a 21-day workshop in Moscow; and one brother went as a volunteer to participate in the Baikal project, after which he joined the continental MFT in Korea.



Celebration of Father's 3-rd Seonghwa Anniversary

We celebrated True Father's 3rd Seonghwa Anniversary. We did our best to make it a good and significant event.

Tribal Messiahship

We invited our relatives to attend our educational center. We witnessed to them and shared with them the love of God and True Parents.

A Family program

As the unification family, we went to Kapchagai Lake to spend time together; our goal was closer unity and communication.

A challenge program for our guests

We held a challenge program for our guests; it was hiking to the mountain of about 3200 m height. We spent in the mountains 2 days and 1 night. Our goal was to challenge ourselves. Two guests joined us. They gained a good experiences communicating with God through nature. We are planning to continue with such programs in the future.

Sunday Services

We are trying to improve Sunday Services each time. On Sunday services in September, we tried to inherit good experience from each other. Our elder members gave Sunday sermons one by one. This was a good experience for us, because we could hear personal testimonies of our brothers and sisters. We see now, how God is working in our lives, with love and care.

Educational clubs

We continue with our educational clubs for guests; there we make effort to convey the DP teaching to the public. For young people our ideas seem very revolutionary, and they like them. Also we have English club. Our peace ambassador Lamin Bangura offering to us every week free English study. His lessons are very creative and interesting.

