



# Northeast Region Newsletter

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### Global Top Gun Workshop 2016

On February 1 - 21 Global Top Gun workshop was held in Cheong Pyeong, Korea. Leaders from 26 nations gathered together for this workshop. Eight leaders from Northeast Region nations participated.

True Mother especially initiated series of Top Gun workshops for raising young future leaders. True Mother wants to see a new generation of devoted leaders of Unification Movement who will be a match to sacrificial members in early years of Unification Church. We have many senior key leaders in our Movement, and True Mother wants to raise good successors for them. Top Gun participants meet True Mother personally and unite with her and with Vision 2020. Top Gun workshop is life changing for many of them and is just a beginning of many new endeavors.

Participants listened to deep and profound lectures during the workshop. They had pilgrimage to Yeosu and Pusan. They went to Demilitarized Zone for peaceful unification of North and South Korea. They participated in Holy Song Sessions (Chan Yang) in Cheong Pyeong Training Center, and it made their spirit more clear and bright.

Global Top Gun alumni received good education and now have energy to act for victory in the Vision 2020, for the sake of the world.



### True Parents' Cosmic Blessing Ceremony

This time our offering to Heavenly Parent and True Parents was rather small but we invested our hearts and *jeongseong* to make it good and pure. Among the participants of the Blessing events, from Northeast Region, were 8 matched couples including one of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, and 12 PMC couples. Nine PMC couples from Mongolia who received Blessing during passed year likewise had joined this Blessing group of 2016.



### ***Ceremony in Korea***

Six couples participated in the main ceremony in Korea. It was a wonderful experience for them. Son of National messiah of Ukraine, Chung Bok Hyung, who is 3<sup>rd</sup> generation participated in the Blessing this time in Korea along with other couples from around the world.

The Holy Wine ceremony was magnificent and solemn. Couples shared that they could really feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. One couple from Russia was representative on the stage. Our members felt happy and united. They embraced and congratulate each other!

The Blessing ceremony was beautiful. One could really feel transformation in our candidates. We were embraced by God! Everything looked like shining brightly; spirit and emotions were so high! There was a lot of media, some interviewed our couples. Our members talked with great dignity.

After the ceremony all brothers and sisters of our Region who were guests at the ceremony came down to congratulate the newly Blessed couples. It was really great and inspiring. We felt that we belong to one big family. All our original minds and true emotions were revealed and expressed so brightly in the presence of our Parents!

### ***Ceremony in Moscow, Russia***

The Holy Wine ceremony took place on the eve of the Cosmic Blessing ceremony, February 19. Two couples representing the whole Region attended the ceremony. One couple was from Russia – Evgeny Mukhanov and Alla Nedelko; the other couple was from Ukraine – Ruslan Snezhko and Anna Fedorko.

Before the ceremony, Alexey Saveliev delivered a very deep lecture “Changing of the Blood Lineage and Providence of Family Restoration”. He talked very impressively, gave numerous evidences of God’s Work in restoring the humankind through changing their blood lineage.

On February 20, 2016, at 3 am Moscow time, a beautiful Blessing ceremony was conducted. The participants and guests watched the Third Foundation Day Celebration and the Blessing ceremony via the Internet.

### ***Ceremony in Ukraine***

In Kyiv the Blessing ceremony was conducted for one PMC couple. Seventy participants from Kyiv have gathered in “Yellow Castle” in order to watch the broadcast from 2 am to 5 am. Blessed families were preparing for this upcoming Blessing in order to receive it with utmost devotion by participating in the mobilization for witnessing. Members were inspired to see True Mother and all the beautiful couples, especially faces they know on the video. The PMC couple was instructed to do the 40-day purification and separation period.



## 21-day NER Sub-leaders Training Workshop in Korea

In February 1 – 21, 2016 in Guri, Korea 21-day NER Sub-leaders training workshop took place. It was a workshop to raise future leaders who can take responsibility in the nations and in the Northeast Region. Program of workshop included lectures, front line activity, challenges in nature, pilgrimage, lecture and sermon practice, etc. Many lectures were given by professors of Sun Moon University. Testemonies of elder members gave inspiration and determination to overcome all barriers and make one's life be closely guided by Heavenly Parent. Experience gained on this workshop helps participants to improve themselves in their missions. Spirit of chosen Korean people effected participants and let them better understand True Parents, connect to them heartistically, and step forward in realizing Heavenly culture which is in many ways likened to Korean traditional culture. Workshop made a good impression on all participants.



## Farewell Ceremony for Rev. Jin Hwa Chung

On February 28, 2016 a Farewell Ceremony for Rev. Jin Hwa Chung was conducted in Moscow, Russia. From February 2013 till February 2016 he was a Regional President of the Northeast Region. After anniversary of a Foundation Day in 2016 True Mother changed his mission.

On Sunday, during Farewell Ceremony Rev. Chung gave a sermon. Brothers and sisters of the Northeast Region said a lot of warm words to Rev. Chung and presented gifts to him. National Leader of Russia, Olga Gavrilina, presented a commemorative plaque to him on behalf of all Blessed Central Families of the Region. Rev. Chung invested much efforts in development of the Movement in NER and love in brothers and sisters during his presidency. During 3 years he emphasized importance of *Jeongseong* conditions for spiritual life and for victory in mission.

Later Rev. Chung gathered leaders and brothers and sisters with whom he worked closely in last 3 years, had finishing meeting with them, and they could share their hearts. Then there was an outing, and Rev. Chung embraced with his love brothers and sisters and gave final guidance for their life and missions.



## Russia

### Moscow

#### *16-day Divine Principle Workshop*

It was a pilot workshop, which lasted 16 days, in contrast to the ordinary 21-day Divine Principle workshop. Lectures were harmoniously combined with a variety of cultural programs, workshops and interactive sessions.

The seminar program included:

- Visiting the Jewish Museum for Tolerance, and a review of the history of Israel;
- Visiting a mosque and a review lecture;
- Meeting with an Ambassador for Peace, survivor of clinical death; meeting the producer of an author's film; questions and answers on the subject;
- Participation in two Sunday services, including one festive Sunday service; a performance by the workshop participants;
- Professional training in communication, by Marina Savelyeva and Elena Knyazeva;
- Individual consultations with Igor Germanovich Rumyantsev;
- Art therapy by Bayarma Efremova;
- Training in resuscitation methods, by Anatoly Titov;
- Korean evening under the leadership of Mr. Song, the game of Yut, master classes in other Korean and Japanese games;
- A long prayer in the open nature;
- Practice of fundraising and witnessing.

In addition to the Divine Principle lectures, we also tried to convey, with maximum care, the personal aspect of God and the God's heart to the workshop participants, to make the subject for them clearer and more accessible.

The workshop was of an international character; among the participants were delegates from Armenia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Russia. Songs in different languages, different cultures, and different traditions have also contributed to creating a special atmosphere.

Undoubtedly, all the participants and organizers of the seminar have had an unforgettable experience and have worked at their hearts content. Many participants received awareness, and someone got even spiritual revelations. Some directly communicated with True Father. I do not know whether all the participants will become members of our Movement, but it is obvious that they have acquired precious experience.

Now we are connecting leaders with the purpose of drawing up a detailed plan for further growth and development of the workshop graduates.



## Ural-Siberia

### *Celebration of the Holy Days*

On February 8, we celebrated the Day of Heavenly Parents. In Yekaterinburg, the main ceremony was held in the center of CARP.

On February 13, the Birthday of True Parents was celebrated all around the world. The main event was held in Korea. In Yekaterinburg we celebrated the Holy Day in home groups. Adults in holy robes gathered together with their children. During the festive lunch we told the children about importance of this Day.

On February 20, there was a celebration event of the 3rd anniversary of the Foundation Day. The ceremony of Blessing was broadcasted through the Internet. For technical reasons, we couldn't watch the broadcasting, so after a brief sermon we celebrated this day by ourselves.

On February 21, in Yekaterinburg, we organized a solemn meeting dedicated to all Holy Days. The musical "On the Waves of Recovery" was created by director Natalia Lomaeva. The plot disclosed the idea of the Ocean Providence! The musical was attended by more than 20 adults and children.



### **Workshop on "Development of the region"**

Last year, on February 14-15, we launched the regional seminar "New Future for our Movement in the Urals". This year we decided to conduct the workshop in stages that means holding workshop lectures at three Sunday services respectively. Within three weeks we have presented our reports, plans, and vision.

On February 7, the "Report on the results of development of the region in 2015" was presented by 5 speakers.

On February 14, we heard the report on "Vision and strategy of the region development in 2016."

On February 21, there was a lecture on "Vision 2020 in the words of True Mother."

### **Presentation by the foreign visitor**

The family of Dale and Galina Rose stayed in Yekaterinburg one week, up to February 22. This missionary family worked in Russia and the Baltic States for a long time. Now, already more than 4 years, they live in England. Dale shared his profound experience of his life and work in our region and expressed his views on education for the second generation, how to create a balance between the spiritual life and the practical reality.



## Novosibirsk

In February, successfully started three small groups to work in Novosibirsk on the Brazilian system. The life of blessed families through meetings filled with a new hope and a spiritual experience.

Novosibirsk Unification Family members' meeting was held on February 23rd. Such meetings are conducted twice a year in honor of two memorable dates – anniversary of Foundation Day and Sonhwa ceremony. This meeting was a continuation to the events dedicated to the Foundation Day. Six-month reports about church activities, young people witnessing, second generation education and finances were delivered. Furthermore all present could discuss strategy of developing our community and proposed to form a church council on a city level and continue to work in this direction.



# Ukraine

## True God's Day celebration

More than 100 members gathered in Kyiv at the workshop center to celebrate the Heavenly Parents' Day, on February 8, January 1 by the Heavenly calendar. The festive events were also held in witnessing centers of 5 other cities of Ukraine, as well as in Blessed Families' homes and those of home members. The day before it, after the Sunday Service, we gathered together in Blessed husbands' and Blessed wives' groups to analyze the results of the third year of Cheon Il Guk, and set goals for the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk. We wrote our repentance letter concerning our life of the past year, burnt it and offered a midnight prayer together.



## Members' meeting and True Parents' birthday celebration

On February 12-13, we held an All-Ukrainian members' meeting to analyze the results of the past year and celebrate the True Parents' birthday. Our elder brothers and sisters shared their experience and realizations before the young members; we discussed our victorious and weak points of 2015, and made plans for the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk.

On February 13, we celebrated True Parents' birthday by cooking Korean meals for lunch and organizing a Yut competition.

## The Foundation Day Celebration

On February 20, all members in Ukraine joined the online celebration of the Foundation Day. Brothers and sisters in 6 Cities of Ukraine gathered in witnessing centers and watched the broadcasting from Korea.



## Latvia

### Cheon Il Guk Japanese missionaries joined witnessing in Latvia

Within the period of February – March the team of three Cheon Il Guk Japanese missionaries joined our witnessing campaign in Riga, Latvia. We focused on witnessing to young people and students. Almost every Saturday the missionaries brought guests to our newly re-modeled witnessing center and to the “Happy Day” workshop. Blessed families in Latvia have also invested in witnessing and brought in new guests.

The Unification Church members are studying the Divine Principle regularly. In Latvia, we consider the time of Cheon Il Guk missionaries working in Latvia as a fortunate period of witnessing to good youth and students who are ready to take responsibility for the providence in Latvia. Now we have unanimously decided to pursue the goal of making our unity ever stronger.

We continue our witnessing program in Latvia.

### The Global Culture Festival 2016 in Latvia

The Global Culture Festival program for Unification Church members and Cheon Il Guk Japanese Missionaries was held in Latvia, at the Peace Embassy, on February 27. Some new guests witnessed by the Japanese missionaries attended the event and had a good time.

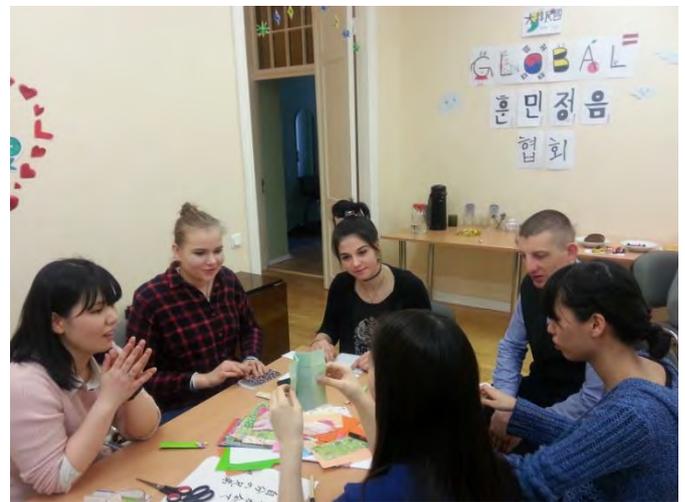
Our festive program included a Japanese song, an ocarina performance, and a song with a guitar. Also we played some games and sang one song together, which helped us to unite in heart with our guests.

Dr. Ando, Latvian National leader, gave the Divine Principle introduction lecture to the new guests.

They listened with interest and promised to continue studying the Divine Principle. The atmosphere was warm and friendly.

Our new member Vika was especially active in organizing the program. She joined our Movement a year ago, and now is the leader of the Latvian CARP.

The Global Culture Festival was a great success.



## Georgia

On February 13, in the office of UPF was held a meeting with ambassadors for peace and guests dedicated to the Birthday Celebration of True Parents. MBC Special Program about True Parents' investment in the unification of Korea was shown to guests. Ambassador for Peace Mr. Vilen Alavidze after the video reviewed the life of True Father and shared with guests his experience in the Leadership Conference held in Korea. Professor Mr. Vladimer Narsia (who has deserved to receive official diploma of ambassador for peace) also attended the meeting. After meeting he was given True Fathers biography. He expressed readiness to cooperate with UPF at any level.



Also, in February we connected to our old contacts, and two of them started to learn Divine Principle again. Three times a week we hold lectures for them.