

New possibilities open up with exciting regional restructuring

Matthew Huish
August 4, 2017



This new region, it's fairly big

I hope that by now you will have heard about some of the systematic developments to our European community and leadership. In the beginning of July, True Mother announced some [sweeping changes to the management of our international community](#):

A new region has been created – a greater Europe Region – which includes 7 affiliated regions

Dr. Michael Balcomb has been appointed the President of this Europe Region

Great Britain is now part of the North Europe Affiliated Region, which also includes Ireland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland

Dr. David Hanna has been appointed the leader of this North Europe Affiliated Region

The other Affiliated Regions are:

West Europe (France, Monaco, Belgium, Luxembourg and Netherlands) – led by Jean-François Moulinet

South Europe (Italy, San Marino, Vatican City, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Gibraltar, Greece and Malta) – led by Giuseppe Cali

Central Europe (Germany, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary) – led by Dieter Schmidt

East Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Albania and Bulgaria) – led by Jack Corley

Middle East (all the nations included in the previous Middle East region, but also now including Afghanistan and Pakistan) – led by Umberto Angelucci

The UPF leadership has also been affected; Dr. Katsumi Otsuka (the former regional president for the North East Region) has been appointed the President of UPF in the greater Europe Region; Jacques Marion has been appointed his vice-president

I believe these changes reflect certain needs to which True Mother is intuitively responding. For example, during a meeting with True Mother at the end of June together with leaders from Europe and the North East Region, I observed that there was a hunger for cooperation between countries in the North East Region and their European counterparts. By creating an East Europe Affiliated Region that is part of a broader Europe Region, such cooperation will now be more possible.

On a personal note, I am grateful that I am no longer responsible for the Island Nations sub-regional group (which included the UK, Ireland, Iceland and Malta), since I felt very unable to serve the communities beyond Great Britain effectively. With David Hanna now responsible for the North Europe

Affiliated Region, he will take overall responsibility for managing those nations (except Malta, which is now part of the South Europe Affiliated Region) together with the nations that used to make up the Scandinavian sub-region. I look forward to working again under his stewardship and mentorship: Not only are we members of the same local community, but I also once played second fiddle to him when he was pastor of Bromley and I was his assistant. I trust his judgement and I look forward to supporting him in his new role.

I am also very excited about working more closely with the new Regional Leader, Dr. Balcomb. My wife and I have been very impressed by the development of the FFWPU in the USA under his leadership there, admiring with some envy the programmes they have been developing and the culture they have been fostering. With his arrival to Europe, I expect to see a cross-pollination of ideas and praxis, as he sprinkles some American magic dust in our region which is richly diverse in culture.

I concede that there remain many unanswered questions about how our (greater) European Office will take shape, but I have a good feeling that we will work things out as we go along. During this weekend, most European leaders will be in Berlin to attend events celebrating the 30th anniversary of the CARP Rally at the Berlin Wall. During the next couple of days, I expect some conversations to develop that will begin addressing the organisational issues we now face.

In some ways, I don't expect these organisational changes to have a significant impact on our local communities or even our British community, not yet anyway, as it will certainly take some time for any directions to trickle down from the highest level of regional leadership down to the national and local levels. Nevertheless, I can imagine a number of exciting opportunities that our British community might be able to explore.

As well as the aforementioned example of exchange with Russia and other East Europe nations, the opportunities for overseas missions become increasingly possible. I've personally enjoyed the privilege of visiting Israel & Palestine on 4 separate occasions (twice with the Middle East Peace Initiative, and twice with FaithLink) and I can imagine further collaborative projects being promoted by the regional leadership. Further, the possibility of serving in the Arab world is very attractive, especially since Europe provides the most fertile ground for academic debate within and spiritual reform of Islam, in my opinion. To qualify this conviction, I'm under no illusion that "we" as Europeans with a Christian cultural heritage will be able to solve the challenges faced by our Muslim brothers and sisters; rather, by supporting them and going on a journey together, we will all find ourselves creating a new Europe and a new Middle East that transcends our current crises and perhaps creates a new reality that is closer to Cheon Il Guk (Heavenly Kingdom) than we can currently possibly imagine.

I see this as another example of True Mother's powerfully intuitive foresight. I keenly anticipate working together in this newly calibrated system, with a hope that our local and national community can rediscover itself with new meaning as we connect our grassroots activities with God's global work of restoring the world.



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuihq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

Ref. No. FFWPUI 2017-115

To : Special Emissaries, Regional Presidents, Special Envoys, National Leaders
Cc : Heads of Providential Organizations
From : FFWPU International Headquarters
Date : 6.4 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 5th year of Cheon Il Guk (July 26, 2017)
Re : Restructuring of Regions and Reassignment of Personnel

May the love and blessings of Heavenly Parent and True Parents be with all mission nations.

Following their victorious “Peace Starts with Me” Interfaith Celebration at Madison Square Garden on July 15, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind held a special gathering of Special Emissaries and Regional Presidents on July 17.

During the gathering, True Parents gave directives about the restructuring of regions and the reassignment of personnel to help realize VISION 2020 and the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk. In accordance with True Parents’ directives, International Headquarters would like to announce the following restructuring of regions and reassignment of personnel. All changes are retroactively effective from July 17, 2017.

1. Restructuring of Regions: Restructuring aimed at comprehensive management centered on ‘Witnessing,’ ‘Creating Environments for Witnessing,’ and ‘Raising Future Leaders’

- A. The existing 13 Regions are restructured into 7 Regional Groups and 16 affiliated Regions
- 1) Korea
 - 2) Japan
 - 3) North America
 - a. North America Region 1 (USA), North America Region 2 (Canada)
 - 4) Asia
 - a. Asia Region, Greater China Region, Oceania Region, Central Asia Region
 - b. Note: Central Asia Region is a new Region composed of former North East Region nations (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Mongolia) and Nepal
 - 5) Europe
 - a. Northern Europe Region, Western Europe Region, Southern Europe Region, Central Europe Region, Eastern Europe Region (Eurasia), and Middle East Region
 - b. Afghanistan and Pakistan (part of the Islamic Cultural realm) are added to the Middle East Region
 - 6) Africa
 - 7) Latin America



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuhq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

2. Reassignment of Regional Personnel

The new position of Regional Group Chairman is implemented (No leader can hold dual titles of Regional President and Special Emissary)

Regional Group	Regional Group Chairman	Affiliated Regions	Regional President	Vice-Regional President
North America	Kim Ki Hoon	North America 1 (USA)	Kim Ki Hoon	Richard Buessing (USA National Leader)
		North America 2 (Canada)	Kim Moon Shik	Yoo Jong Deuk
Asia	Yong Chung Sik	Asia	Yong Chung Shik	
		Central Asia		Yoon Chan Wook
		Greater China	Thomas Hwang	Lee Ker Sheung
		Oceania	Park Shang Seon	
Europe	Michael Balcomb	Northern Europe	David Hanna	
		Western Europe	Jean François Moulinet	
		Southern Europe	Giuseppe Cali	
		Central Europe	Dieter Schmidt	
		Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	Jack Corley	
		Middle East	Umberto Angelucci	
Africa	Bakary Camara		Bakary Camara	
Latin America	Kim Sang Suek		Kim Sang Suek	

- A. Cheon Jeong Gung HQ (True Mother's Secretariat / FFWPU International HQ) will directly oversee the Asia Regional Group. All Regional Group chairmen must report and coordinate with Cheon Jeong Gung HQ.
- B. The 'International Association of Overseas Chinese' is newly established. Its executives are: Thomas Hwang (committee chair), Ker Sheung Lee (committee vice-chair), Chang Kuei Sung (committee vice-chair)



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuihq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

C. The ‘Happy Health Mission Support Medical Team’ is established. Former West Africa Regional President Cho Dong Ho is its President (He must focus the mission support in Africa)

3. Reassignment of Special Emissaries

Special Emissaries refer to leaders appointed by True Parents to execute special assignments (no leader can hold dual positions of Regional President and Special Emissary)

- **Yong Chung Sik** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to Asia to the position of:
 - Regional Group Chairman, Asia
- **Park No Hi** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to Europe to the positions of:
 - Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker
 - Adjunct Professor, Sunhak UP Graduate School
- **Moon Lan Young** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to Europe to the positions of:
 - Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker
 - Adjunct Professor, Sunhak UP Graduate School
- **Paul An** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to Europe to the position of:
 - Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker
- **Oyamada Hideo** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to Greater China to the position of:
 - Chairman, Cheon Eui-Won Japan
- **Thomas Hwang** has been reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to East Africa to the positions of:
 - Regional President, Greater China Region
 - Committee Chairman, ‘International Association of Overseas Chinese’



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuhq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

- **Katherine Rigney** is reassigned from the position of Special Emissary to West Africa to the positions of:
 - Special Emissary to Africa
 - President, UPF-Africa
- **Yang Chang Shik** is reassigned from the position of UPF Secretary-General to the positions of:
 - Special Emissary to Central America
 - President, UPF-Central America
- **Otsuka Katsumi** is reassigned from the position of Regional President for North-East Region to the position of:
 - Special Emissary to Europe
 - Chairman, UPF-Europe

4. Reassignment of UPF International Personnel

- **Thomas G. Walsh** is reassigned from the position of International President, UPF, to the position of:
 - Chairman, UPF International
- **Thomas P. McDevitt** is appointed to the position of:
 - President, UPF International
- **Tageldin Hamad** is appointed to the position of:
 - Vice-president, UPF International (In charge of the Islamic Cultural Realm – the Middle East, etc.)
- **Otsuka Katsumi** is appointed to the position of:
 - President, UPF Europe (In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Europe)
- **Katherine Rigney** is appointed to the position of:
 - President, UPF Africa (In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Africa)
- **Yang Chang Shik** is appointed to the position of:
 - President, UPF Central America (In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Central



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuihq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

America)

- **Shin Dong Mo** is reassigned from the position of Regional President, South America, to the position of:
 - President, UPF South America (In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, South America)
- **Kajikuri Masayoshi** is reassigned from the position of Secretary-General, UPF-Japan, to the position of:
 - President, UPF Japan
- **Jacques Marion** is reassigned from the position of Secretary-General, UPF-Europe to the position of:
 - Vice-president, UPF Europe
- **Konstantin Krylov** is reassigned from the position of Secretary-General, UPF-NER to the position of:
 - Vice-president, UPF Eastern Europe (Eurasia)



Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

324-275 Misari-ro, Seorak-myeon, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea 12461
Tel: +82-31-589-2320 Fax: +82-31-589-2368 E-mail: ffwpuhq@gmail.com Homepage: www.familyfedihq.org

5. Affiliation of Nations for Particular Regions

Region	Affiliated Nations
Northern Europe	UK, Ireland, Iceland Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland (Scandinavian Nations)
Western Europe	France, Monaco Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands (Benelux Nations)
Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia (Nations formerly of the Soviet Union) Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Albania, Bulgaria (Balkan Nations)
Southern Europe	Italy, San Marino, Vatican City (Italian Peninsula Nations) Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Gibraltar (Iberian Peninsula Nations) Greece, Malta
Central Europe	Germany, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary
Central Asia	Nepal, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
Middle East	Afghanistan and Pakistan are added

6. Other Directives

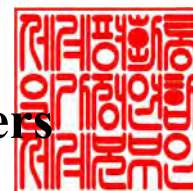
- A. The International Peace Tunnel Foundation's name has been changed to World Peace Road Foundation. It is a global organization affiliated with UPF.

7. Administrative Matters

- A. All former and current regional presidents are asked to properly carry out hand overs as soon as possible so that no administrative issues (Personnel, Administration, Finances and so on) are affected by the changes.
- B. All leaders are asked to ensure proper handovers are executed so that the 5th Anniversary of True Father's Ascension and the 2017 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony are victoriously held.

8. Attachment: List of Personnel Changes

Cho Sung Il, Director-General
FFWPU International Headquarters



Attachment

1. Reassignment of Personnel: Special Emissaries, Regional Presidents, National Leaders, Cheon Il Guk Special Envoys

No	Name	Reassignment of Position	Other
1	Yong Chung Shik	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, Asia To: Chairman, Asia Regional Group (Asia, Greater China, Oceania, Central Asia)	
2	Park No Hi	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, Europe To: Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker Adjunct Professor, Sunhak UP Graduate School	
3	Moon Lan Young	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, Europe To: Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker Adjunct Professor, Sunhak UP Graduate School	
4	Paul An	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, Europe To: Cheon Il Guk Special International Itinerary Worker	
5	Oyamada Hideo	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, Greater China To: Chairman, Cheon Eui Won Japan	
6	Thomas Hwang	Reassigned from the position of: Special Emissary, East Africa To: Regional President, Greater China Committee Chairman, International Association of Overseas Chinese	
7	Katherine Rigney	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF-Africa (retains the title of Special Emissary)	
8	Otsuka Katsumi	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, NER To: President, UPF-Europe (retains the title of Special Emissary)	
9	Yang Chang Sik	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF-Central America (retains the title of Special Emissary)	
10	Kim Ki Hoon	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, North America To: Regional President, North America Region 1 Chairman, North American Regional Group	
11	Kim Sang Suek	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, Central America To: Chairman, Latin American Regional Group	
12	Shin Dong Mo	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, South America and Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy, Brazil To: President, UPF-South America	
13	Lee Ker Sheung	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, Greater China To: Vice-regional President, Greater China Region Vice-chairman, International Association of Overseas Chinese	
14	Jack Corley	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, Europe To: Regional President, Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	
15	Cho Dong Ho	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, West Africa To: President, Happy Health Missionary Medical Support Group (focus on Africa)	
16	Bakary Camara	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, East Africa To: Chairman, Africa Regional Group	
17	Yoo Jong Deuk	Reassigned from the position of: Regional President, Oceania and Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy, Vanuatu To: Vice-Regional President, North America Region 2 (Canada)	

18	Michael Balcomb	Reassigned from the position of: Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy and National Leader, USA To: Chairman, Europe Regional Group	
19	Park Shang Seon	Reassigned from the position of: Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy, Nigeria To: Regional President, Oceania	
20	Richard Buessing	Appointed to the position of: National Leader, USA	
21	Chang Kuei Soung	Appointed to the position of: Vice-chairman, International Association of Overseas Chinese (Retains position of Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy)	
22	Kim Moon Shik	Appointed to the position of: Regional President, North America Region 2 (Canada)	
23	David Hanna	Appointed to the position of: Regional President, Northern Europe	
24	Jean François Moulinet	Appointed to the position of: Regional President, Western Europe	
25	Dieter Schmidt	Appointed to the position of: Regional President, Central Europe	
26	Giuseppe Cali	Appointed to the position of: Regional President, Southern Europe	
27	Yoon Chan Wook	Reassigned from the position of: Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy, Mongolia To: Vice-Regional President, Central Asia	

2. Reassignment of Personnel: Universal Peace Federation (UPF)

No	Name	Reassignment	Details
1	Thomas G. Walsh	Appointed to the position of: Chairman, UPF International	Also holds the position of: Chairman, Sunhak Global Foundation
2	Thomas P. McDevitt	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF International	
3	Tageldin Hamad	Appointed to the position of: Vice-President, UPF International	In charge of nations that are part of the Islamic cultural realm (Middle Eastern nations and so on)
4	Ostuka Katsumi	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF-Europe	Also holds the position of Special Emissary In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Europe
5	Katherine Rigney	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF-Africa	Also holds the position of Special Emissary In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Africa
6	Yang Chang Sik	Reassigned from: Secretary-General, UPF International To: President, UPF-Central America	Also holds the position of Special Emissary In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, Central America
7	Shin Dong Mo	Appointed to the position of: President, UPF-South America	In charge of the Peace Strategy Center, South America
8	Kajikuri Masayoshi	Appointed to the position of: To: President, UPF-Japan	
9	Jacques Marion	Appointed to the position of: Vice-president, UPF-Europe	
10	Konstantin Krylov	Appointed to the position of: Vice-president, UPF-Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	