

## The inauguration of Europe and Middle East Chung Pyung Training Center

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On January 19 to 20, the inauguration ceremony for the Heavenly Europe and the Middle East Branch Training Center was held with beautiful winter morning and a clear blue sky, bright sunshine and fresh, clean German air.

Before the start of the inauguration ceremony, the Church leaders visited the historic sites at Bad Camberg to feel True parent's shimjeong, starting with True Parents' bedroom, which is now the main prayer room; then the holy ground with its twin trees representing Father and Mother, and finally the training center where True Parents spoke so often and had given the Holy Blessing.

The inauguration ceremony was powerful. Rev. Jack Corley gave a stirring report prayer, honoring the great saints of Christian European history, but also repenting for the great evils that came out of Europe, including slavery, fascism and communism, and the worst sin of all to falsely claim that "God is dead."

Then Dieter Schmidt (President of Central Europe Sub-region) reported about the history of Bad Camberg in God's providence in Europe centered on True Parents. They had beautiful celebration music from two of our very talented youth musicians.

In the remarks, President Gi-seong Lee and Michael Balcomb (Regional Group Chair of Heavenly Europe) focused on the great grace of Chung Pyung and the significance of the branch providence. Many leaders in the audience remember vividly how just five months ago True Parents sent us all to 3 days

workshop with the admonition to "empty ourselves." All leaders determined to keep doing so and to make a life or death commitment until 2020!



After flowers were offered and the celebration cake was cut, Rev. In-pyo Moon (President of Heavenly Europe and the Middle East Branch Training Center) gave his welcoming address. He movingly shared from True Mother's midnight benediction and New Year's Day address, almost in tears. President In-pyo Moon is well known among the elder European 2nd Generation and he pledged to work to bring them closer to True Parents. After that, all participants all moved to a nearby theater complex for the Chung Pyung Special Works program with 732 members from all over the region. The Ancestor Liberation Ceremony, Ancestor Blessing Ceremony and Hyojeong Offering Ceremony were held there. There were many 2nd gens' hard work dedicating themselves to preparing these events. There were many participants sharing their spiritual experience and they were moved to tears. It was a miracle for them to experience a deep spiritual atmosphere here in Germany.