

Farewell and Inauguration Ceremony of the European Continental Director

Dr Yong Cheon Song, Mrs Hai Ok Song Lee and Rev Young Shik An, Mrs Mi Jung Cho
31st January 2013, 20.12. Year 3, London, United Kingdom



Congratulatory Address of Dr. Chang-shik Yang, International Executive Vice-President FFWPU

I send my heartfelt congratulations from Korea, God's Homeland, on the occasion of the induction and farewell ceremony for the European Regional President. With but twenty-two days left until the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, this ceremony is being held surrounded by the deep love and grace of the Heavenly Parents and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

I offer my deepest appreciation and congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Yong-cheon Song for working together with the leadership and members in Europe for the past ten years. Since then Europe has achieved and offered many significant victories and accomplishments, the delisting of True Parents from the Schengen List, which until then had seemed impossible, is one of the most important achievements. I am sure that the excitement and memories of True Parents' tour of Europe, just one year before True Father's passing, still remain in the hearts of all our brothers and sisters.

Now Dr. Yong-cheon Song has received a calling from the Heavenly Parents and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to take on the important role in Japan, the mother nation. I know he will bring to Japan the experience and foundation he helped build during his time in Europe and in other mission nations.

I also congratulate Rev. Young-shik An on his new mission as regional president of Europe. Although his time in service as the regional itinerant worker to Europe was short, he is one of the many leaders that have been prepared by Heaven. Rev. An was the director of international affairs at the Bridgeport International Academy, secretary-general of the Professors World Peace Academy in Korea, and team captain of general affairs at the Korea Cultural Foundation. Among other responsibilities he served as the church district leader for Atlanta in the United States. The Rev. An I know is a sincere and genuine person. He has been involved in the field of education for a long time and has built an exemplary blessed family. His years of experience have helped him attain a perspective that transcends the limits of one faith. I have known him to be a humble man who is always ready to listen. Through my experience of working with him in Korea and the United States, I can testify that Rev. An is truly a valuable partner and leader prepared by Heaven. I offer my deepest appreciation to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for sending Rev. An to Europe.

I sincerely pray that the leaders and members of Europe can work together with Rev. An, and, as True Parents reminded us, "move forward without stopping."

Europe is where early Christian culture took root, and it is currently the home of many important providential nations. I hope that through this induction ceremony, you can further come together as one, make great progress, and take the lead in building Cheon Il Guk with life-or-death resolution and complete commitment.

(This is a summary of the message sent by Dr Yang)



Welcome Address to President Young Shik An from Dieter Schmidt, National Leader of Germany

We welcome you Rev. An and your wife Mrs Mi Jung Chow to Europe, our continent which is a home for more than double the population of the United States of America. Seen as one country our population is the third in the world after China and India.

We have just said good-bye to President and Mrs Yong Cheon Song. The change of their mission to Japan was for most of us totally unexpected, but we have been trained in Europe to welcome and unite with our Continental Director, as we did with Pres. Young Whi Kim, Rev. Byon Ho Kim, Rev. Won Bill Kim, Rev. Kwang Kee Sa and Rev. Song. And now it is your turn. How do you feel to receive this important mission out of the hands of our True Mother? We have always opened our hearts to our Continental Director who is representing True Parents. The loyalty of European brothers and sisters has been proven for more than 40 years and we are ready to open hearts to you, Rev. An.

How can we describe the heart of Europe and its people?

The Divine principle explains that Christianity in Europe was chosen as the central dispensation of God to welcome the Lord of the Second Advent for most of the last 2000 years. Our history is full of Christian saints who sacrificed their lives and longed for the return of Christ. But our history is also full of wars and battles, and often religion was at the core of these conflicts. People became disillusioned by the practices of the churches, their Kings and their governments, because of the corruption. This struggle has led to the birth of the Cain and Abel major philosophies and worldviews. Europeans have always battled fiercely for what they thought was the truth and righteous. The bitter experience and the loss of millions of lives of the World Wars have led to a strong desire for Peace.

This is probably the reason why we could finally enjoy Peace in the European Union for the last 67 years, which was acknowledged with the Nobel Prize of Peace this year. We have also seen the peaceful reunification of East and West Germany and celebrated last week 60 years of friendship between France and Germany.

European societies have learned much and have matured through all these experiences. Now Europe, even though it has its financial crises, is ready to welcome a new spring, which will strengthen our unity even more. True Father remarked in one of his speeches in Europe that the underlying principle for this unity is the values and the spirit of Christianity.

Our Unification movement in Europe is even more ready for a new spring.

What a wonderful occasion for you Rev. An to start your new mission at the time of the Foundation Day, the beginning of Chon Il Guk. Through the huge grace of the total Amnesty granted by our True Parents we can all make a new start together, being lifted up into the position of direct children of our Heavenly Parent. At this historic moment we are taught we will enter the time before the Fall when we will hear only the sound of our True God! This implies we all should be young people again and we should especially turn our main attention to our young brothers and sisters.

We want to build with you, Rev. An, a CIG community, a community which follows our main Principle to live for the sake of others. In this spirit we want to support the individual abilities and talents of our young brothers and sisters. They long for a church community where they can participate in the decision making process and where they can share freely and openly about the Divine Principle and about our cultural backgrounds and differences. This desire reflects the European spirit of self-determination and the ideal of responsible citizens in the realm of CIG.

We want to bring with you the victory of manifesting the Shimjung of our Heavenly Parent, which has been wonderfully shown by the life of Jesus Christ, and our True Parents. This will take away all doubts, mistrust,

cynicism and resentment, which have lowered the life of faith of many of us. It will make our true-self blossom and our hearts will speak the language of True Love.

My wife and I have seen this desire and hope in the eyes of our brothers and sisters, young and old, while teaching the OSDP seminar all over Germany.

The time of winter when our movement could hardly grow in terms of membership is over and spring will inevitable come, a time when we will unite the vast potential of our youth with the wisdom, determination, sacrifice and the faith of the first generation.

The Foundation in Europe has made significant steps forward by overcoming the Schengen Ban and introducing our True Parents to an audience of thousands during the time of President and Mrs Song's leadership.

You, Reverend An, have already shown that you are a good listener when you visited our communities in the last months and thus have won the heart of many. I surely speak for most if not all of us by declaring that we are ready to welcome you to Europe with an open heart.

Let us bring together joy and glory to our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents.



More pictures can be seen under:

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Program

Blessing of Glory

Words: Rev. Sun Myung Moon 1950; Music: Duk Chin Kim

Now the light of glory arises like the sun that shines on high;
 Now awaken into freedom, O revive, you spirits, O revive!
 Wake the mountains and the valleys; bring alive the springs of the earth.
 Light the world forever with the Light of your rebirth.
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We are called to bring back the glory to the life of God above;
 Now the Lord in His greatness fills the universe with tender love,
 Ever seeking souls awakened, ever calling them to be free.
 How shall I attend Him who is calling to me?
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From the dark of death I awaken and rejoice to live in grace;
 When the one who came to save me holds me tenderly in His embrace;
 I rejoice to feel the comfort of the love He has for me.
 What a Blessing of Glory, to rejoice eternally!
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Now He lifts me up to embrace me in the blessing that is mine;
 What a blessing to receive Him in a love so tender and divine;
 How can I return the blessing? Tho' in all my life I will try,
 I can never stop feeling how unworthy am I.
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True Parents in Toledo, Spain, 24.03.03 (26. April 2011)



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 14.10.1982 6000 Couples Blessing
 Feb. 1983 CARP Korea, head of culture department
 Feb. 1984 CARP leader for Myung Soo University
 01.11.1986 CARP Kenya leader
 01.06.1989 Missionary to Australia
 30.03.1990 Missionary to New Zealand
 30.01.1993 New Zealand, National Leader
 05.09.1996 National Messiah for the Solomon Islands
 17.04.1999 Oceania, Continental Director
 14.04.2003 Europe, Continental Director
 Feb. 2005 Doctorate in Theology by Sun Moon University



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 17.03.1979 joined Unification Church
 14.10.1982 6000 Couples Blessing
 Feb. 1983 Geon Buk National University Business Management
 Jun. 2001 UTS – Unification Theological Seminary
 Jun. 1986 ICSA – International Christian Student Association, Block Leader
 Jun. 1989 CARP Korea
 Jul. 1991 CARP Europe
 Aug. 1992 Korea, Church Regional Leader
 Nov. 1992 Assistant Regional Leader for South West, USA
 Jan. 1994 Regional Leader for South East, USA
 Jun. 2001 Korea PWWA General Secretary
 Oct. 2005 Vice Principle, Bridgeport International Academy
 Mar. 2012 Itinerary Worker for Europe

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Program from 19:30

Opening Remarks	Jack Corley (MC) <i>National Leader, United Kingdom</i>
Songs	London HQ Music Ministry
Bow and Opening prayer	Jean Francois Moulinet <i>National Leader, France</i>
Special Address by Dr Chang Shik Yang International Executive Vice President FFWPU	Read by Tim Miller <i>Vice President FFWPU Europe</i>
Farewell to President and Mrs Song Tribute to President and Mrs Song's work in Europe	Rainer Fuchs <i>East Europe Sub-Regional Director</i> Mark Brann <i>UPF Europe, Secretary General</i> Carolyn Handschin <i>President for Europe, WFWP International</i> Matthew Huish <i>Bramley UK Community Pastor</i>
Offering of gift and plaque to President and Mrs Song	Giuseppe Cali <i>National Leader, Italy</i> Maryvonne Jamois <i>National Leader, Spain</i>
Farewell Address	Mrs. Hai Ok Song Lee President Yong Cheon Song
Presentation of flowers to President and Mrs Song	David and Patricia Earle <i>Vice National Leader, United Kingdom</i>
Presentation of Awards to European Leaders	President and Mrs Song
Musical presentation for President and Mrs Song	Bernard Chellew Marva Sobambi
Inauguration Ceremony Words of Welcome	Dieter Schmidt <i>National Leader, Germany</i> Robert and Christabel Haines <i>Youth Ministry, United Kingdom</i>
Presentation of flowers to President Young Shik An	President Young Shik An
Inauguration Address	South London Band
Musical presentation for President Young Shik An	
Cake cutting	
Holy Song	
Benediction	President Young Shik An