# FFWPU Europe Launches EMPOWER - Cultivating Faith and Future Leaders

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A new cohort of young adults from across Europe and the Middle East has embarked on a transformative journey as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) officially kicked off its EMPOWER program for the 2026 - 2027 cycle. Designed as an intensive faith-development and missionary gap year, the initiative aims to guide participants aged 18 to 30 into a deeper personal spirituality, rooted character building, and active community leadership.

The launch marks a key milestone in the program's ongoing evolution within the Heavenly Europe and Middle East (EUME) region. Building on the integration established over recent cycles, EMPOWER continues its formal alignment with the Heavenly Top Gun (HTG) missionary framework, equipping participants not only to explore theological foundations but also to step into frontline service and outreach across diverse cultural landscapes.

At the heart of the EMPOWER experience is a dual focus: internal spiritual grounding and external, actionable service. The program centers on in-depth study and practical application of the Divine Principle and Unification theology, challenging participants to bridge philosophical conviction with everyday life. Through structured workshops, communal living, mentoring, and public engagement, participants are encouraged to experience Heavenly Parent directly and embody those values in their relationships with others.

During the kickoff sessions, regional leadership emphasized the broader vision behind the acronym - fostering young people who are empowered to own their personal faith, mature their character, deepen their love for God and humanity, and serve as pillars within their local and international communities. The upcoming year will see the cohort take on diverse missionary assignments, interfaith dialogues, grassroots community-building projects, and leadership workshops across various European centers.



For the participants, the kickoff represents both an adventure and a pledge of dedication. Leaving behind conventional academic and career trajectories for the year, they step into an environment defined by shared purpose and collective responsibility. As Europe navigates complex cultural and social transitions, the FFWPU youth leadership views initiatives like EMPOWER as vital engines for raising conscientious, service-oriented leaders capable of fostering unity and building lasting peace across borders.