

# WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

***Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind***

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## Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers – whether you have children, or love others as though they are your own, God Bless You All! I am reminded of the Jewish saying – the reason God made mothers is – he couldn't be everywhere at once.

In WestRock Toby Gullery gave a wonderful sermon – he share (with tears) from the perspective of a son, the differences between mothers and fathers, how amazing is the love of a mother, and maybe most powerful was his experience of receiving motherly love from many of the other mothers in our community. It's a testimony of our potential – if we practice what our True Parents have taught and shown us.

This week I would like to speak briefly about mentoring and small groups. How are people who join our community going to be able to sustain their commitment? We have observed that everyone, although initially inspired, always goes through a down period, a test of their faith and commitment. Many of us who joined years back got through that first test because we were being cared for 24/7. But now we don't have that kind of constant care – and several who have joined in recent times – have also left. To remedy this situation we need to work together – and care for new members as a team (a small group) – and each person should ideally have 2 or 3 assigned members to mentor them. To mentor is not a life time commitment to a person. It just requires 1 phone call a week and a face to face meeting once a month. Most often it's about being there to listen to them.

Please consider becoming a mentor. Through it you will surely come closer to God. Even now, 3 new members just joined in Manhattan – who need mentors. And please consider your participation in a small group. A good step would be to attend the Small Group Seminar coming up on Saturday, June 1 at Belvedere.

(If you would be interested in helping to mentor one of our new Manhattan members – send me an email)

God Bless You! And let's make it a great day!

Andrew Compton

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## Sermon

The sermon this past Sunday at Belvedere was given by Toby Gullery:  
Topic: Mother's Day

## **Light Thought for the Day**

### **Fishing with Mom**

I took my mother on a fishing excursion yesterday. Nobody was having any luck. After drifting for hours without so much as a nibble, who should hook into one but my Mom. Everyone on the boat was excited, cheering the old woman on and telling her to take her time.

Finally she lifted the fish into the boat, picked it up, removed the hook, looked at it up and down, and then tossed it back into the water.

I was stunned. I said, "Mom, why did you throw that fish back into the water?"

"I don't know. To me it just didn't look fresh."

### **How Mothers Were Created**

When the Good Lord was creating mothers He was into His 6th day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specification on this order?"

"She has to be completely washable but not plastic;"

"Have 180 movable parts . . . all replaceable;"

"Run on black coffee and leftovers;"

"Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;"

"A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a broken heart;"

"And 6 pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "6 pairs of hands....no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me the problems," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's in the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow ..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one that heals herself when she is sick ... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger ... and can get a 9 yr. old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," he sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

**"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.**

**Finally, the angel bent over and ran a finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I said you were trying to put too much into this model."**

**"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."**

**"What's it for?"**

**"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."**

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### **Testimonies/reports**

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

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#### Providential News

- True Mother has returned to Korea
- The 20-20 Providence has begun! Let's prepare our hearts, minds, and resources to support God's providence on the world level

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#### Quote for the Week

##### **Proverbs 31:25-30 ESV**

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ...

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#### WestRock Council

Chairperson – Matthew Strater  
Vice-Chair – Rob Kitchens  
Secretary – Grace Selover  
Treasurer – Danso Sawamukai

##### Committee Assignments (so far):

Youth and Education – Toby Gullery  
Care Team – Grace Selover  
Finance – Danso Sawamukai  
Outreach – Tokiko Stewart  
Small Groups – Jim Stinard  
Sunday Service – Rob Kitchens  
24+ – Danso Sawamukai and Grace Selover  
Peter Reiner is now on the council, replacing Mary Hida

Elections will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are now receiving nominations. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 pm at the White House.

## Announcements

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#### Outreach

- **DP/Bible Study:** Monday's at 7:30 pm.
- **Philippine Cultural Program:** Saturday, May 25 at the Jewish Comm. Center in Tarrytown. A flyer is available.
- **WFWP – Lunch and Learn Program** will be May 19, 2013, please mark your calendars and on the attached flyer you will find all the information on the topic and this month speaker. Any questions, please call Renate : 914-693-6358
- **District Level, 1-Day DP Workshop:** Saturday June 8. Renew your spirit! Saturday @ Camp Sunrise. For members and guests \$30 (\$45 for overnight – include breakfast Sunday morning). For more info Rev Compton.

#### Community

- **Please Submit Nominations for the WestRock Council today!** Every member is asked to please nominate 4 members – to run for the WestRock Council.
- **The Fishing Tournament is ON! Until May 23: For more info contact** go to [www.peacekingcup.com](http://www.peacekingcup.com)
- **Camp Sunrise Summer Camps Are Back!** To register and/or obtain more information about these camps, go to the BFA website found at [www.campsunriseny.org](http://www.campsunriseny.org) and click on “sponsored programs.” Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15<sup>th</sup>!
- **Small Group Seminar:** will take place on Saturday June 1 at Belvedere, 9:00 – 3:30 pm. Guest speakers Dr Tyler Hendricks and Maio Biacco (Perry). It's going to be great! Registration fee is \$25 (\$20 before May 29).
- **Spring Festival at Belvedere:** Sunday May 26. After service until 5 pm Food, Fun, Games, Music, and more – FOR ALL AGES
- **District Level Sunday Service:** We will have a district level Sunday Service at Camp Sunrise on True Day of All Things, June 9. Starting time – 10:30 am

#### Prayer

- **WestRock Prayer by Conference Call:** Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416# You are welcome to join us.
- **Conference Call to pray for the Sick:** Please join us in prayer at **9:45pm** on **Wednesdays**

#### Other

- Our sister, ACLC member, Pastor Glenda Phillips Lee Yuk is looking to find an apartment to rent with 5 of her family members. Since her family has been living in her church, International Gospel Helpers Church, Inc., located in Harlem, NY, for awhile now.

If any of you have a place that she can rent, or if you know of a place, please contact her.

**Next Ahn Shi II: Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!**