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FFWPU and UPF: The Two Locomotives Moving Toward the Completion of the Providence

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The history of humankind is the history of God's providence of salvation. Human beings, who lost their true divinity in the beginning of time, cannot easily move toward goodness solely by their own efforts. Consequently, God sent the Messiah and carried out the work of separating good and evil and of re-creation through God's word and love. Through this, God guided fallen human beings toward goodness by rekindling the flame of their consciences, which barely retained man's original nature from the time of the Creation. True Father came as the true progenitor of humankind. During the ninety-three years of his life, he was constantly full of energy—like an active volcano—for liberating God's heart, for bringing salvation to human beings, who are the descendants of the Fall, and ultimately for creating throughout the universe Cheon Il Guk, the everlasting, ideal world envisaged at the time of the Creation. Even though he came from a tiny nation in the East, his vision and thoughts encompassed the entire world. Despite humble circumstances in his pioneering years, he guided humankind toward an ideal world of freedom, peace, happiness and unification. He raised the beacon of hope, which shone across and beyond the Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean, to all five continents and six oceans.

After emerging as the True Parent in 1960, he began to clear a path toward the completion of the providence of re-creation. While doing so, he nurtured three providential organizations into global organizations. Cheon Il Guk is a world made up of the people of Cheon Il Guk, the territory of heaven, and a heavenly sovereignty of goodness. True Father revealed that God and humankind are bonded by blood in a parent-child relationship. In 1954, True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity to be an ark for humanity's salvation. With the progress of the providence, this developed into the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in 1996. The mission of the Family Federation is to bring each person to meet the Messiah and guide them to the path of rebirth so that they can be reborn as people of Cheon Il Guk. True Father went on to establish global organizations beginning with the Women's Federation for World Peace in 1992 and finally the Universal Peace Federation in 2005, as the final providential institution.

UPF was established as an external providential organization that serves as a nucleus for the vision of unity in diversity, manifested in a realm of a unified culture that acknowledges the characteristics of each region while bringing together people from diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds. UPF serves the role of creating an environment to protect, preserve and nurture the church, which is the ark for internal salvation. It is nearly impossible to register the church or engage in church activities in Buddhist kingdoms, nations where the Islamic faith is deeply rooted or in communist nations rooted in atheism. UPF, on the other hand, is registered in religious and communist nations and has grown to become a global NGO recognized by the United Nations.

In May this year, True Parents appointed special emissaries and explained that the regional presidents should focus on finding and nurturing the people of Cheon Il Guk, while the special emissaries should expand the scope of the external providential organizations such as WFWP and UPF in enlightening people about the Cheon Il Guk ideal. This is heaven's direction for managing and running the providential field by maximizing the capacity of the leaders as we carry out the 2020 Vision toward the creation of Cheon Il Guk. FFWPU and UPF are the two locomotives moving toward the completion of heaven's providence. All members of the Unification family and ambassadors for peace should work together in accelerating their efforts to fulfill the interreligious, international and intercultural ideal of Cheon Il Guk. 

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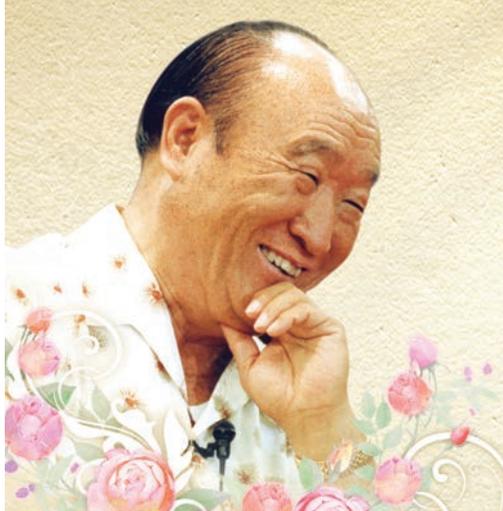
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Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth

This is the speech True Father gave on July 7, 1997 and through which he established Chil Pal Jeol.

You should know the sacredness of the name, "True Parents." All creation was made for True Parents substantial realm. True Parents' ideal realm must be realized even if it is at the cost of all that was created. The creation exists to achieve this realm. God created all things [Gen. 1-25] with this concept, which he had before the Creation. The name "True Parents," which God had sought for thousands of years, will cut off all tumultuous things happening

in the world and will achieve an ideal world, which is nothing less than the globalization of blessed families.

Proclaiming a liberated realm

How do we globalize blessed families? True Parents will come and completely reverse the consequences of Adam's corruption, which occurred at the age of sixteen, resulting in false love and the collapse of the family. Centered on True Parents, the path through which all people on earth can

enter the kingdom of heaven has been opened—a path through which a perfected Adam's family, which befits the original ideal envisaged at the Creation, is from God's lineage, receives the blessing, serves God and leaves behind God's lineage.

The kingdom of heaven has been empty until now. Adam's family did not enter that kingdom, nor did any other ancestor until now. Thanks to True Parents, we will be organized into a first generation and a second

generation and completely fill the kingdom of heaven. Today is the day through which we proclaim this liberated realm. What day is it today? It is the day of the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Throughout history, the only field that God could take possession of was the realm of the Sabbath. Everything else, however, belonged to Satan. The sons and daughters were not God's nor was all of creation or even the nation. Nothing belonged to God. In order to return everything to God, True Parents had to come.

Our ideal family is the home where God rests. We, therefore, need to understand in what kind of home God can rest. God lost the home where he could rest. Hence, finding the ideal family for God meant finding that home where he could rest. Can everyone reach that level of home where God can rest? What level is it? There is a home of rest on the individual level, on a couple's level and on a family level. A family level home includes sons and daughters. Next, the home in which God can rest at the family level needs a tribe, a tribal home of rest. Transcending the tribal-level home is one at the national level. Following this is a home at the global level, one at the cosmic level and finally God's home of rest. How many levels of homes are there? There are eight levels.

What has the formation of this home of rest centered on? True Parents and the True Children. An entire line should form centered on this family. That is why Unification Church members must become tribal messiahs. You should become familial messiahs and tribal messiahs. After forming a nation, you become a national messiah and then a global messiah. The global messiah is the king of kings. When this happens, the kingdom of heaven forms on earth.

We are promoting purity and absolute sex. Absolute sex is sex based on true love, which is why we are leading a purity and true family movement. True love is the center of this purity and true family movement. A family becomes a pure, true family centered on true love. Without true love, neither purity nor a true family emerges.

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Calligraphy with this speech title from Chil (7) Pal (8) Jeol (roughly, "holiday,") declared at 7 seconds, 7 minutes after 7:00 on the 7th day of the 7th lunar-calendar month in 1997 when Father was 77 years old. The day of 8 7s

Salvation through re-creation

The providence of salvation is the history of restoration, which must pass through process of re-creation based on the principle of indemnity. Otherwise, perfection is unattainable. How shocking is a history based on this standard! That is why you must forget all of Satan's sons and daughters. How great would God's pain be being in a position where he cannot forget those whom he would rather forget? How much did God invest from an unfathomable position for those whom he cannot forget? What, then, is God trying to achieve by investing in this manner? He is looking for an object partner of love.

Who can understand God's lone-some circumstances in loving those whom he cannot love? God is in a position in which he cannot interfere even if we follow a path that may lead to the destruction of the entire cosmos nor can he forget those whom he would prefer to forget. Even though he should break off from them, he continued investing in them. That is not the end. He has to love them more than he did the original Adam and Eve.

Given that he is unable to forget what he would rather forget, who can understand God's heart and how lonely it is? Who can truly understand God's circumstances as he repeatedly invested, forgot that he had invested and invested again in people that could not be re-created, for thousands of years? Who can truly understand God's heart as he loved those people who has left behind the worst and had many bruises, people whom he would rather not love?

Because I was aware of that tradition, I am investing even my life to save the enemies' children, people

that deserve to be beaten and thrown into hell. You should be aware that the circumstances True Parents are in require that they love such children more than their own sons and daughters, even if it means sacrificing their own children. That is why, no matter the amount, the existing seawater is insufficient to fill the valley formed by the tears that have been shed. Only true love can fill this valley.

We must follow the path of not forgetting even what we would rather forget, investing in those we cannot invest in and loving those we cannot love. Even if one is to die once, twice, thrice, one should follow that path even after resurrection. The Old Testament Age failed. The New Testament Age failed. The Completed Testament Age failed. That I had to go through a forty-year wilderness course within one generation is grievous. The failure of one generation of Adam's family is not a problem. This is sadness greater than that experienced when Jesus could not rule over all nations.

From that position, I have pioneered the way that can open the door of liberation to all nations, based on families worldwide, and guide all people in one direction.

Just as the people of Israel set off to establish a nation when they were suffering in Egypt, families that Satan had imprisoned have become families in the ideal kingdom of heaven that can enter the liberated kingdom of heaven. This is that very moment and the fact that we can partake in it is indeed something we should feel great gratitude for and respond by rendering due glory. This moment constitutes nothing less than the declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. ㄸ



**Without True Mother
We Cannot Be Reborn**

God created all things in heaven and on earth, and then created Adam and Eve. He had a big dream. Yet, did that dream come true? Because of Adam and Eve's mistake, God's providential history was actually a miserable course filled with indescribable hardships and suffering. Nevertheless, because he could not leave fallen humanity as it was, God began creating the right environment to save humanity.

One world is achievable

Heaven chose the people of Israel and for a long time, four thousand years, his only concern was how to bring his children, who had fallen into Satan's realm, back into his embrace. He repeatedly established a central figure for each age and continued the providence of restoration.

Abraham was the son of an idol maker. Abraham was a person Heaven could not choose; yet when Heaven chose him and called him to leave Ur of the Chaldeans with absolute obedience and faith; he left his native city with an absolute and obedient heart. Abraham was then eligible to be in the position of an ancestor Heaven could establish.

On 5.25 (June 22), True Mother held a special congregation to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of WFWP's dispatch of volunteers at Cheon Jeong Gung. Below is an excerpt from the message True Mother gave on that day.

Heaven worked to find a family he could embrace in the fallen world and thereby establish a nation—this was Jacob's course. Thanks to the cooperation of Jacob's mother, he was able to obtain the first son's right of inheritance. Then what happened? There was a period of indemnity. After twenty-one years, didn't Jacob take his family and bring Esau to surrender? Thanks to that, the foundation upon which Israel could be a nation was established.

Through WFWP you were sent out and you have been active for twenty-one years. Should I praise you for your hard work, saying that the results of your work can accelerate the realization of Cheon Il Guk? Your effort, however, is still weak from Heaven's perspective. There are still seven billion people waiting for us. I cannot help embracing them because I am a True Parent. However, can True

Parents do it alone? Blessed families that are following True Parents must take the lead. We must therefore be able to embrace all seven billion people and bring them into our Heavenly Parents' bosom. One big world... This should not remain imaginary. We are living in a time when we can truly work toward realizing it. We have True Parents with us.

I just mentioned the story of Abraham. Abraham's faith became the basis on which Heaven could send his only son through the nation of Israel. How great a blessing is this to fallen humanity! Yet, did the people in those days receive the son well? Heaven sent his only son to the people of Israel after a long wait and after raising them for four thousand years. Yet, the people of Israel and of Judaism ended up sending God's son to the cross. Jesus, however, said that he would come again.



WFWP volunteers with True Mother after twenty years of dedicated effort in nations far from their homes

The only-begotten son, whom God could love, had appeared for the first time since the Fall. What do you think our Heavenly Parents' heart would have been like when he had to send his only son to heaven? Heaven wanted to educate and embrace all humanity, people living in ignorance; he wanted to do so through Heaven's lineage, through the Messiah. When that could not happen, imagine what God's heart would have been like.

Yet, the providence had to continue. Heaven's providence cannot work, however, with God's only begotten son alone. Did you know that the six-thousand-year providential history was also concerned with finding and raising God's only daughter? God did this even during Jesus' time. However, it did not bear fruit. History remembers God's only son but not God's only daughter. Isn't the providence of Christianity one in search of the bride? The providence was also concerned with looking for God's only daughter. You know about True Father but not about True Mother.

Satan became the king of the fallen world. In order to restore fallen humanity, Heaven raised figures that were able to overcome all conditions that gave rise to Satan's accusations. Heaven had to find his only daughter through a good dynasty from within a world where Satan was king. Does that make sense? When a central figure that Heaven chose and worked through failed to fulfill the given re-

sponsibility, Heaven did not work again through the same person. We know all this through the Divine Principle. Since the people of Israel failed, they could no longer wait for God's only daughter.

True Mother's background

If you study more in the future, you will come to understand the background through which Heaven chose Korea a long time ago as the nation where the Messiah would return. Before the Kojoseon era, the Han Dynasty existed; it was a good dynasty. Through the succession of this line, the providence was steadily connected. This is True Mother's history.

Hong Sun-ae (Dae-mo nim) and I are the only daughters in three generations. Father once said that for a woman to become the mother of the universe, she had to come from a family that had only one-daughter for three successive generations. This shows us how Heaven prepared the environment for this one time.

Heaven created all things before he created Adam and Eve. He first created an environment for them. This also applies to the providence. I am saying that Heaven's work is remarkable. In other words, the mother of the universe did not suddenly appear after the returning Messiah came. This result comes from establishing indemnity conditions that freed her from Satan's conditions in the long providential course. That is why I was

born; it was around the time of my birth that Christianity entered Korea. Before that, Korea was a Buddhist and Confucian nation. It has not been long since Christianity entered Korea.

Christianity first entered through northern Korea. A lot of spiritual phenomenon occurred centered on Pyongyang then. When many Christians were waiting for the returning Messiah to come on the clouds, there were spiritual groups waiting for the Messiah to come in the flesh. Why? Because they were aware of God's providence. Only by coming in the flesh can the Messiah become the True Parent. Only by doing so can the lineage of fallen humanity change. Blessed families cannot be formed if the Messiah does not become the True Parents.

Soon after Korea's liberation, an ideological confrontation with communists arose. History often depicts groups collapsing by making many mistakes and then rising again and developing again. History has been this way. That is because there had been no owner. Until the true owner came, humanity had to go through repeated labor pains. Nevertheless, Heaven continued to raise us to stand on the good side in this manner through the work of our original minds.

We must realize the kingdom

You have probably heard of this already through Father's teachings: A



True Mother encourages WFP volunteers working in foreign lands.



The audience joins Mother in a toast.

spiritual group under Kim Song-do and Heo Ho-bin prepared to receive the Lord at his Second Coming. Dae-mo nim and my grandmother Jo Won-mo were key people in the group. Members of the group genuinely believed that Pyongyang would become the palace of Eden. They did not care about the political situation of the country. They stayed there because they believed that Pyongyang would become the palace of Eden. That was around the time when Korea was about to be divided at the thirty-eighth parallel and many people were fleeing. It was then [in May 1947] that Father received a revelation from Heaven, instructing him to go to North Korea. He went to North Korea as instructed. While ministering in North Korea, Father was sent to prison by the communist government. Heo Ho-bin was also in prison then. Father, who came to know that Heo Ho-bin was in the same prison, asked her to deny everything and be released. You heard that the message was discovered in the process of being conveyed and that Father suffered as a result.

Heo Ho-bin's mother was leading the group then. I was six years old at the time. She called me and gave me her blessings through a prayer. What do you think she said in her blessing prayer? When I was born, Satan tried to kill me, saying, "Because you have been born, I will die and descend.

Hence, I have to kill you." Satan was already aware of who I was. Because he knew it would not be good for him that I live, he tried to kill me.

Why did I end up coming to South Korea? My uncle was then studying pharmacology at Waseda University in Japan. However, after graduating, he entered the South Korean Army instead of coming to his hometown. Thus, my grandmother wanted to come to South Korea to see him, and her daughter and granddaughter came with her. Others in the group were all waiting in North Korea because they believed that North Korea would become the palace of Eden. Two years after we came to South Korea, the Korean War broke out. After the Korean War started, we were able to cross the Han River with my uncle's help just before the Han River Bridge was destroyed.

That is why when I met Father and the issue of marriage came up, I already understood the providence. No matter how difficult and hard, I was determined to resolve everything within my generation. In the end, if I fail to fulfill it, Father cannot complete it either. It will not work with only True Father. A mother is essential for a child to be born. True Parents appeared on earth, but you should understand how difficult it was for them to come.

All seven billion people are indebted to True Parents and our Heavenly Parent. The parental heart gives

repeatedly, forgets about that and gives again. True Parents practiced this. Unification Church members should know about True Mother. You could not have been born if it were not for True Mother. Hence, the fact that I am still physically living with you while you are working so hard at this time is something to be grateful for. You should be truly grateful for this. Do you understand that? How aware of that are you?

I spoke about indemnity. You should end all indemnity in your lifetimes. Only then can there be hope for our second generation's future. You should think, "We have to build the kingdom of God on earth. I have to build this." We must realize one nation, one world. We have received so much love and so many blessings from our Heavenly Parent. We are greatly indebted to him. Simply put, Heaven worked this hard to bring about True Parents' births.

You might feel disappointed about being second in the world, but you are blessed people. You are happy people. You must not shirk your responsibilities. This world came about because Adam and Eve shirked their responsibilities in the beginning. They did not understand that they had responsibilities—the responsibility to absolutely obey. He has shown us everything in this manner. What else is there to wish for? Now you should fulfill your responsibilities as mature children. 



True Mother and women she is leading toward the fulfillment of God's dream on earth

Results Harvested in Africa

On 5.25 (June 22), WFPW volunteers gave testimonies at a special commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of WFPW's Dispatch of Volunteers. We would like to introduce two of their testimonies.



A Testimony from a WFPW volunteer (1)

Activities to Support Education in Mozambique

By Ms. Akiko Houzan

Mozambique is in the south-east part of Africa. After experiencing colonization by Portugal, it gained independence on June 25, 1975. Soon after independence, a civil war broke out. This was actually an African proxy for the cold war. Victims of the civil war reached one million; the war also displaced another five million people. This war has been called the most tragic war in Africa. In late 1992, two years before we entered Mozambique, a ceasefire agreement was concluded; this brought an end to the sixteen-year civil war.

We entered Mozambique in 1994. Having been devastated by the long civil war, the country ranked as the world's poorest. We decided to support and to focus on education and therefore opened a middle school in 1995. Even though it was a ramshackle school with a thatched roof, we saw an increase in the number of students every year. Hence, we began building a new concrete school in 1997. In 2001, we opened a high school.

I had the following experience ten years after my arrival, in 2005. My mind and body were utterly exhausted and I was thinking of ceding the school to the Ministry of Education and returning to Japan. For the past ten years, I had been unable to

play my role as a mother to my three children. I had an exchange of memoranda regarding the ceding of the school with the Ministry of Education and began preparations to transfer the school over a period of six months. Two weeks before the actual transfer was to take place, True Father told me, "You must not hand over the school. If you do so, all the sacrifices you made until now will come to nothing." I renewed my determination and submitted a cancellation of the transfer to the Ministry of Education.

Nine years have passed since then. The number of students that have graduated from the school is over nine thousand. Among the graduates, more than three hundred and fifty have gone on to attend national universities. Presently, more than six hundred people connect to the school—we have around five hundred and fifty students, forty teachers and fifteen volunteer workers. Thanks to this, we were able to distribute more than six hundred copies of *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* in a day. Korea sent us the books.

Among the graduates, there are some who became members after going to university; they joined CARP and later received took part in the Blessing Ceremony. In 1995, two sisters saw True Mother in a dream. In

the dream, she told them, "Meet the president!" Soon after, we started arranging to meet the president. A month later, we were able to meet then President Chissano at the presidential residence. In addition, someone who was then a presidential aide became the Mozambique UN ambassador and by renting a room at the UN for WFPW made it possible for True Mother to give a speech there.

When I was dispatched to Mozambique, my children were seven, five and four. A few months after my dispatch, my oldest daughter suffered a car accident and passed away. Later, I gave birth to my fourth child, our youngest daughter. My children were especially lonely without their mother, lonelier than I. I could see them only once every year or two. My husband was my pillar; he did everything to support the family. Raised in an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation, my oldest son and second daughter attended Sun Moon University. They both received the blessing. My first daughter, who had passed away from the car accident, received the second-generation spiritual blessing last year. I sincerely offer my gratitude to True Parents for protecting our family behind the scenes. *TP*



Some of the six hundred happy recipients



A Testimony from a WFWP volunteer (2)

Vocational School in Rwanda

By Marie Nozaki

The Rwandan Genocide began on April 7, 1994, three months after we were assigned to Rwanda; this prevented us from immediately entering the country. The conflict between the Tutsis and Hutus continued for a hundred days until the end of July. A million Rwandans were killed. The mass slaughter that occurred during this time is known as the most horrendous massacre in human history. Soldiers and civilians alike engaged in the killings of neighbors, friends and even families for the single reason of having a different ethnicity. The massacre was a cruel one, where people used hatchets and clubs with nails hammered into them as killing tools.

We could enter Rwanda seven months after the end of the war. Even then, the streets smelled of dead bodies, and we could see bullet holes in buildings. Too many people had lost family members and the nation had become spiritless when we started activities. In those days, so many men had died that women made up 70 percent of the population. Educating women and helping them stand on their own feet seemed essential to the development of the country, so we started supporting women to help them become financially independent.

To help the women learn diverse skills, starting from dressmaking, we began building a vocational school in December 1996. The school was completed in July 1998 and opened in August. When the school first opened, many of the students were deeply traumatized; some had seen their parents being killed in front of them; others had seen their own parents carry out a killing. This made it difficult for the students to focus fully on their classes in those days.

After three years, looking toward the future, we thought it best to transfer the school management, which we had taken care of until then, to the local members. However, the large gap in culture, habits and especially values regarding money and faith were too great and we were unable to wipe out our distrust of the local members. We were divided in our opinions over the idea of transferring the school management. Some approved and some did not, but we thought that time would be our only chance to do it. The first step we had to take was to trust the local members personally. To build a trust relationship with those whom we were transferring the management to, we did everything together for a year and conveyed our serious heart regarding the project. We were so strict when it came to public money management that we even roused hostility; when miscalculations, no matter how small, occurred, we strictly went through everything until we got everything correct, even a single cent. We wanted them to realize the preciousness of money; however, knowing that conveying it verbally had limits, we showed it in action; this is how desperate our hearts were.

There is still work to do; however, I feel our efforts paid off because locals are managing the school. Even though we started from nothing, the project could go this far because our Heavenly Parent and True Parents were always on our side. It has been sixteen years since the school opened and around 2,600 students have gone through our program. Boasting a forty percent employment rate on average, our school has become famous in Rwanda. Many graduates are standing on their own feet.

Sixty-four percent of the National

Assembly members are women and this ratio ranks first in the world. Women in Rwanda are exercising their skills and influence in major posts. Since 2007, a project has been in operation, funded by the World Bank, to provide vocational training for ex-combatants. Through the recommendation of female members of the National Assembly, our school was chosen to carry out this project among Rwanda's many vocational schools. We have been given that government commission. The ex-combatants, who were once enemies, are now studying with everyone else in amity.

I caught malaria many times during my six years in Rwanda. Once a bug bit me, and the resulting itchiness was unbearably bad. I washed my hair with medicated soap, which caused all my hair to fall out. Physically and psychologically, I hit rock bottom.

Despite such experiences, I had the support of my national messiah, the WFWP headquarters, the ten other volunteers that had been dispatched with me, volunteers sent by the Family Federation and my husband. My husband waited ten years for us to start family after our blessing. Now I have a family and husband that send me off to Rwanda. I am deeply grateful for True Parents' great love because we could continue the project through it. The difficult environment in Africa and with the project brought all the sisters together as family by going through all joy and sorrows. Thanks to my sisters, the idea of "one big family under God," which had just been notional to me, became a reality. Everything I experienced was possible thanks to God's and True Parents' grace. *✠*



Students learning dressmaking

Hawaii Workshop for Members of Our Younger Generations

2014 Aloha Reunion with True Parents

The Hawaii workshop for forty-six second- and third-generation members, which True Mother personally guided, occurred from July 22 to August 4. The theme of the workshop was "Let us become devoted children that love True Parents!" This was the second Hawaiian workshop; the first was for the true grandchildren only. The following article will provide you with an outline on last year's workshop and a description of what likely occurred at this year's workshop based on a schedule we received before going to print.

The 2014 Aloha Reunion with True Parents started on July 22 and will continue until August 4 at Queen Coffee Garden, Hawaii. The workshop's theme is "Let us become devoted children that love the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!" Forty-five second- and third-generation members, aged fifteen to sixteen, will go through the workshop. The aim of the workshop is to enable the young people to inherit True Parents' traditions and filial hearts, experience God's heart at the time of the Creation by interacting with nature in Hawaii and to guide them in nurturing the dream of becoming Cheon Il Guk leaders.

As background information, the surprise attack by the Empire of Japan on United States' naval facilities in and around Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, resulted in the U.S. declaring war on Japan; hence, Hawaii formed the basis through which liberation came to Korea, God's hometown. Additionally, on December 6, 1991, before their visit to Pyongyang, True Parents offered conditions in Hawaii to be able to embrace Kim Il-sung of North Korea.

Last year, under True Mother's instruction and guidance, the first workshop occurred, for thirty days, May 6–June 6. The true grandchildren went through that workshop, which had the theme, "Let us plant seeds of gratitude and love!"

At the 2013 workshop, the true

grandchildren started their day with hoondokhae at half past six every day. They took turns reading As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen. After hoondokhae, they would greet True Mother. Morning hours also included listening to lectures on the Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses and learning True Parents' favorite songs and other Korean songs, to help the grandchildren experience Korean sentiments. They then had some time to do their personal schoolwork.

Programs in the afternoon focused on experiencing nature in Hawaii or doing special activities. True Mother usually accompanied the true grandchildren when they visited some beautiful places in Hawaii. Special activities included artwork (drawing, taking photos, ukulele lessons), sports and hobby activities (yoga, table tennis, swimming, fishing, snorkeling), touring and experiential activities such as manual labor (harvesting coffee beans, planting trees) or such things as touring a sea horse farm, horseback riding, watching movies and other activities.

In the evenings, the true grandchildren said goodnight to True Mother. They then wrote an entry in a diary to contemplate what they had done during the day, discussed the day with the other grandchildren and then went to bed.

Taking into consideration the various flight itineraries, the workshop graduation, or completion ceremony,

occurred on August 3 at 5 pm. At that time, True Mother asked her grandchildren to become proud grandchildren that follow True Parents' path. The true grandchildren generally testified that they were able to learn about and empathize with True Parents' difficult courses through the workshop and that they were determined to become devoted grandchildren that follow True Parents' examples. They expressed gratitude to True Mother for hosting the workshop.

True Mother then instructed that a similar workshop take place the following summer in Hawaii. She asked that the workshop be established as a fourteen-day workshop and be expanded to include forty students—ten from each of the four major regions (Korea, Japan, Europe and North America). This year's workshop was prepared based on these instructions.

The 2014 aloha reunion

On the afternoon of the first day of this year's workshop, Tuesday, July 22, a welcoming ceremony, orientation and team meetings occurred. Pastor Cho Seong-tae was the master of ceremonies at the welcoming ceremony, which started with a holy song. Everyone recited the Family Pledge and bowed and Kim Ki-hoon, regional president of North America prayed. Ms. Moon Sun-jin, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, gave a welcoming ad-



dress and then True Mother spoke. Members of the workshop staff introduced themselves. Sun-jin nim gave the benediction and Pastor Cho made some announcements.

Dinner began at 7:50 and concluded at 8:50. Following that was an introduction of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation and then a ten-minute prayer session. After concluding the day's schedule, the workshop participants had free time until their bedtime, between 10:50 and 11:00.

The basic schedule started the second day; it included a fifty-minute hoondokhae from 6 am, yoga for an hour (led by Sun-jin nim) breakfast, presentations and then lectures on the Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses.

Enhancing the basic schedule were special outdoor activities in the mornings, including a visit to a Hawaiian research institute on natural energy on July 25 and sightseeing on the Island of Hawaii for the whole of the following day. The workshop group went fishing and visited the Hilton Waikoloa Village Oceanfront Resort on the morning of the 29, played on the beach on the morning of July 30 and then repeated the July 29 morning schedule on the morning of the final day of the month.

Afternoons mainly focused on special presentations and lectures on the Divine Principle but also included some special afternoon outdoors activities. The schedule called for them

to go to a beach on July 24 and to visit the Mauna Kea Observatories, which has the world's largest observatory for optical, infrared, and sub-millimeter astronomy, on July 27. Apparently, they will compete in an athletic competition the next day and visited Pololu Valley, which oversees and has trails down to a black sand beach on August 1. Yut games and free time filled their afternoon the next day. They held a cultural festival the following afternoon and the workshop graduation ceremony took place on August 4.

During the course of the workshop, the young people heard a series of presentations on broad topics, including one describing True Parents' deep connection to Hawaii by Jeong Won-ju, senior secretary to True Mother. Dr. Kim Man-ho, secretary-general of the FFWPUI International Office, spoke about True Parents' vision for the completion of the providence. Kim Jin-chun, deputy chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council gave one presentation on understanding the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and another on understanding what occurs at Cheongpyeong spiritually. An older member of the second generation, Hwang Won-jae, an associate professor of international politics, gave two presentations. A professor at Cheongshim Theological Seminary, Cho Gwang-bong, gave the Divine Principle lectures. Head teacher Kim Dong-u, of the Universal Peace Acad-

emy, gave the lectures on True Parents' life courses.

We received the schedule in advance of the workshop, but the workshop likely followed fairly close to it. The workshop concluded on Monday, August 4. The young people that took part in the workshop presented their reflections on the experiences they had. The workshop's conclusion mirrored its ceremonial beginning, with a master of ceremonies, pledge service and bows. Mr. Farley Jones, chairman of the Pacific Rim Educational Foundation, prayed. Sun-jin nim spoke and True Mother gave her concluding remarks. Each of the workshop graduates received a certificate. Sun-jin nim prayed and then a group cheer marked the conclusion of the fourteen-day workshop.

Second- and third-generation members participating in the 2014 Aloha Reunion with True Parents had an opportunity to nurture their dreams of becoming Cheon Il Guk leaders, not only through lectures on the Divine Principle and True Parents' life courses, but also through the natural beauty that surrounded them in Hawaii. They had a chance to reach toward the theme of the workshop itself, to become proud grandchildren that inherit True Parents' traditions and filial hearts in response to True Mother's hope. Our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have focused their special attention, grace and love on this workshop in Hawaii. 7



Become Like the Pure Water the World Needs

My message today for you is to become water that disperses the true love of our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Water is a living substance that is essential to all people and creation, including animals, without exception. What would happen if we did not have water? We'd die. Though water is precious, it has become polluted; however, we cannot let it kill all living beings.

Thanks to True Parents, you are like pure water born from blessed families. This was possible for the first time in six thousand years. You are like pure water. All living beings should delight in your presence wherever you go. However, we do not enjoy such an environment today. Why is that? You will learn why through this workshop; you will learn what kind of people True Parents are, what your responsibilities and missions are, and about the victorious en-

vironment that True Parents have achieved thus far. You must be able to see it yourselves and experience it. You are still growing, so I hope you all can nurture expansive dreams during this workshop. Do you understand?

True Parents must not be only your true parents but also humanity's. Even though the seven billion people of the fallen world do not know how they ended up in such an environment, their original minds desire to become happy, to find peace and to live a good

This is Mother's welcoming message to the young people attending the 2014 Aloha Reunion with True Parents at Queen Coffee Garden, Hawaii, on July 22.

life. Yet, the reality is that members of the human race throughout history have been aggravating every problem. Not a day goes by comfortably. We thought that we would be happy if food were abundant and if we lived well, but that is not the case either. We become discontent.

Why is that? It is because the people of the world today did not live according to God's word and did not receive the blessing. The Fall, committed by Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, brought about our dismal history. God was supposed to become the king of peace and the owner, but because the world came under Satan, peace could not reign in the world. Do you understand? When you look at history, territorial problems, racial problems, religious problems and the development of not-so-good culture for the convenience of civilization are causing destruction. Do you understand? The only people that can resolve all these problems are True Parents. Only True Parents can do that. Yet, not many people know of True Parents.

This points out that your parents, who received the blessing first, whether they are in the first or second generation, did not fulfill their responsibilities. Do you understand? They were supposed to create a wider, larger environment in front of True Parents; yet, what can you say? They lacked the ability and the competence to carry it out, so they were not capable enough to support True Parents in all fields. Consequently, I would like to entertain great hopes in your big dreams. What do you think?

The first thing I did after True Father's ascension was to organize Father's teachings. We have accumulated around six hundred volumes of his speeches over the past fifty or so years. Not everyone can read them all. It is difficult to read all those volumes. Digesting the material they contain would be hard. That is why I have classified the material, given titles to parts and have organized it by level so that you will be able

to easily understand and digest the teachings Father gave for the purpose of raising you into beings that can bring about new changes. For that purpose, I am in the process of making three volumes; two of which have already been completed. The last volume is Cham Bumo Gyeong. Once these three volumes are completed, all humanity will have access to these teachings and will know how they are supposed to live.

All people need water. Living beings dance wherever there is water. However, you are the only pure water in the world. You are pure, untainted and not polluted. The world today, however, has become heavily polluted. As you probably know through the news, this is a season when Korea should be having rain. It is the rainy season there, but it has not been raining much. This drought has caused fields and farms to go dry and crack. Human mistakes have caused this phenomenon and I cannot just helplessly watch this happen as the True Mother. We must stand up and correct this problem. We must teach people that we must restore the environment to the form that God created, a world that has not fallen and one that is pure. This is our responsibility. Do you understand?

Now, when we look at the world, Hawaii can be seen as the most unpolluted island in the world. The Hawaiian Islands comprise seven islands, and we call the island of Hawaii, which is the island we are on, the Big Island. This is the most unpolluted island. The volcano that created it is still active and exploding underwater. In other words, the island is still expanding. It is a growing island.

As you observe this amazing environment during the workshop, I hope you can offer sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Parent. As you enjoy the natural surroundings, please think of the environment in your countries and reflect on what field you need to study in order to become leaders that can make your countries beautiful, that can realize the ideal of the kingdom of heaven that our Heavenly Parent originally intended and leaders that can become pure water. Please be determined to become like pure water. Do you understand?

You were chosen to be in this workshop from among second-generation members around the world. Dozens, even hundreds of young members want to be where you are now. This is how precious every single moment you spend here is. Please always remember this and study hard. 



Love and beauty interact: True Mother and the young members interrelate at the Hawaii workshop





MAJOR EVENTS

for the Second Anniversary of the
Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon,
the True Parent of Heaven,
Earth and Humankind

August 8

- ◆ **True Parents' History Archives Dedication Ceremony**
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Second Floor,
FFWPU Korean Headquarters
- ◆ **Exhibition of Contest Essays and Volunteer Service Photographs**
Time: 2 PM
Venue: Hwalchak Lounge, Seoul Citizens Hall
Host: Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation
- ◆ **2014 Martial Arts Festival**
Date: 2 PM
Place: Choongjeong Hall, Sunjung High School
Host: World Peace Martial Arts Association



August 9

- ◆ **World Summit 2014 Welcoming Banquet**
Place: Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel
Host: UPF
- ◆ **2014 Multicultural Global Citizens Festival for Peace**
Time: 10 AM
Venue: Seoul Citizens Hall Plaza
Host: Multicultural Peace Federation in Korea



August 10

- ◆ **World Summit 2014 Opening Ceremony**
Time: 10 AM
Venue: Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel
Host: UPF
- ◆ **2014 Love Sharing Festival**
Venue: Local churches and centers in Korea
Host: FFWPU-Korea
- ◆ **Special Exhibition on the Providence in the Americas and True Parents' Legacy**
Date: August 10-12
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung Museum
- ◆ **Global Assembly for the 20th Anniversary of the Youth Federation for World Peace**
Time: 2 PM
Venue: Kim Koo Museum and Library
Host: YFWP
- ◆ **World Summit 2014 Presentation of Honorary Doctorates**
Time: 5 PM
Venue: Sun Moon University
Host: UPF



August 11

◆ 2014 Symposium on Peace and the Unity of the Korean People

Time: 10:30 AM
Venue: National Assembly Memorial Hall
Host: Citizen's Federation for the Unification of Korea

◆ Inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

Time: 11 AM
Venue: 19th floor, Korea Press Center
Host: Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

◆ Special Seminar for Heads of State at the National Assembly Building

Time: 2 AM
Venue: Main Hall, National Assembly Building of the Republic of Korea
Host: UPF

◆ Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Women's Peace Initiatives in the Americas

Time: 2 AM
Venue: Convention Hall, Kim Koo Museum and Library
Host: WFWP

August 12

◆ Pledge Service on the Second Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa

Time: 7 AM
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung

◆ The Second Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

Time: 9 AM
Venue: Cheongshim Peace World Center

◆ Musical Savior on the Second Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa

Time: 10:30 AM
Venue: Cheongshim Peace World Center

◆ Commemorative Banquet on the Second Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa

Time: 12:30
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung

August 13

◆ Victory Celebration

Time: 9 AM
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung

◆ Vision 2020 Strategy Meeting for Strategic and Providential Nations

Date: August 12-16
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheongpyeong
Host: FFWPU International Headquarters

◆ International Women Federation Leaders Workshop and Banquet

Time: 4 PM
Venue: Seoul Women's Plaza
Host: WFWP



COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

for the Second Anniversary of the
Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon,
the True Parent of Heaven,
Earth and Humankind

International Conferences

- ◆ **World Summit 2014**
Date: August 9–13
Venue: Cheongpyeong and Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel
Host: UPF
- ◆ **Vision 2020 Strategy Meeting for Strategic and Providential Nations**
Date: August 13–16
Host: FFWPU International Headquarters
- ◆ **Global Assembly for the 20th Anniversary of the Youth Federation for World Peace**
Date and Time: 2 pm, August 10
Venue: Kim Koo Museum and Library
Host: YFWP



Peace Symposiums

- ◆ **Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Women's Peace Initiatives in the Americas**
Date and Time: 2PM, August 11
Venue: Convention Hall, Kim Koo Museum and Library
Host: WFWP
- ◆ **Special Seminar for Heads of State at the National Assembly Building**
Date and time: 2PM, August 11
Venue: Main Hall, National Assembly Building of the Republic of Korea
Host: UPF
- ◆ **Peace Discussion Republic of Korea Tour**
Date: August 6, August 8
Venue: Busan, Seoul
Host: UPF
- ◆ **2014 Symposium on Peace and the Unity of the Korean People**
Date and Time: 10.30 AM, August 11
Venue: National Assembly Memorial Hall
Host: Citizen's Federation for the Unification of Korea
- ◆ **PWPA Academic Seminar on Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Theory of the Korean Peninsula as the Central State**
Date and Time: 2PM, August 8
Venue: 19F, Korea Press Center
Host: Professors World Peace Academy
- ◆ **Commemorative Symposium on the Second Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon**
Date and Time: 2 PM, August 11
Venue: 19F, Korea Press Center
Host: Sun Myung Moon Research Center, Sun Moon University
- ◆ **First World Food and Forest Forum**
Date and Time: 1 PM, August 12
Venue: 20F, Korea Press Center
Host: *Segye Times*
- ◆ **Twentieth World Agriculture Technologist Association Award Ceremony**
Date and Time: 5 PM, August 12
Place: 20F, Korea Press Center
Host: *Segye Times*
- ◆ **2014 Multi-Cultural Peace Symposium**
Date and Time: 1 pm, August 9
Venue: Seoul Citizens' Hall
Host: Multi-Cultural Peace Federation of Korea
- ◆ **Special Academic Conference on the Second Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon**
Date: April 29–August 12
Venue: Five cities (Busan, Jeju, Daejeon, Gyeong-in South Korea and Harbin, China)
Host: Professors World Peace Academy



Sharing and Volunteering

- ◆ **Inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee**
Date and Time: 11 AM, August 11
Venue: 19F, Korea Press Center
Host: Sunhak Peace Prize Committee
- ◆ **Exhibition of Contest Essays and Volunteer Service Photographs**
Date and Time: 2PM, August 8
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- ◆ **2014 Love Sharing Festival**
Date: August 10
Venue: Local churches and centers in Korea
Host: FFWPU-Korea
- ◆ **Peace and Sharing with Filipino Marriage Immigrants**
Date: May-July (scheduled to be held six times)
Host: UPF
- ◆ **Absolute Sex Workshop**
Date: July 28-August 18
Place: Six locations in South Chungcheong, North Jeolla and South Jeolla Provinces
Host: YFWP
- ◆ **Overseas Volunteering by the True Love Peace Service Group**
Date: August 1-6
Venue: Manila, Quezon and Caloocan city in the Philippines
Host: Multi-Cultural Peace Federation in Korea

Cultural Events

- ◆ **Dedication Ceremony of True Parents' History Archives**
Date and Time: 10.30 AM, August 8
Venue: 2F, FFWPU Korean Headquarters building
- ◆ **Special Exhibition on the Providence in the Americas and True Parents' Legacy**
Date: August 10-12
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung Museum
Host: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification
- ◆ **2014 Peace Bike Journey for One Korea**
Date: May 24-August 12
Venue: Korea, Japan, China and Russia
Host: Citizen's Federation for the Unification of Korea
- ◆ **2014 Multicultural Global Citizens Festival for Peace**
Date and Time: 10 AM, August 9
Venue: Seoul Citizens Hall Plaza
Host: Multicultural Peace Federation in Korea
- ◆ **Holy Ground Pilgrimage**
Date: August 15-17
Venue: Important holy grounds in Korea
Host: FFWPU-Korea
- ◆ **2014 Visit to the Peace Road Site by Korean and Japanese University Students**
Date: July 31-August 3
Venue: Korean-Japanese tunnel construction site, city of Karatsu, Saga Prefecture, Japan
Host: Tunnel Foundation for World Peace
- ◆ **2014 Martial Arts Festival**
Date and Time: 2PM, August 8
Venue: Choongjeong Hall, Sunjung High School
Host: World Peace Martial Arts Association
- ◆ **Religion and Peace Cultural Festival**
Date and Time: 5 PM, August 7
Venue: Baengnyeonsa, Buddhist Temple of the Taego Order
Host: The Korea Religions Association
- ◆ **2014 Welcoming Festival for New Members**
Date: August 22-24
Venue: Cheongshim International Youth Center and Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Host: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification
- ◆ **Homeland Pilgrimage for the Unification of the Two Koreas by University Students**
Date: August 1-9
Place: 21 locations in Korea
Host: FFWPU-Korea



*Special Feature:
The Still Vivid Memory of
True Father*



I Can Still Distinctly Hear True Father's Praying Voice

By Kang Hyun-shil

Mrs. Kang is one of the earliest members of our church. As early as 1957, Father was sending her out to witness to leaders of other faiths and people that had received special revelations. Today, she is an adviser to the Women's Federation for World Peace.

In 1953, the early days of our church, True Father would often ask me to wet a handkerchief and pass it to him at three in the morning. After dipping the handkerchief in hot water and passing it to True Father, he would wipe his face with it and go to pray. I cannot forget his praying voice even now.

You cannot imagine how cold it was in those days. Yet, Father covered himself with only a light blanket and prayed. I could hear him say, "Father!" and feel the different circumstances and the substance of what True Father alone knew hidden within his voice. He cried so much as he prayed. "I will realize your will at all cost one day and build a world where all people can truly live well." With this heart, he prayed, and this is what he promised God.

He lived in an awful room that was almost collapsing within a very poor neighborhood in Daegu. A woman that sold vegetables for a living in a market, which helped her get by one day at a time, owned the house.

Those were days when many others had evicted Father. Despite such circumstances, people would hear his tearful voice early in the morning saying, "Father!" He was so shook up that his voice did not come out clearly. Father would cry bitterly, saying, "Father, I had promised to achieve this by this time, and then..." in his prayer.

As I watched True Father going through all that, I often thought, "How great it would be if many talented people joined the church and worked for God's will!" In his prayer, True Father received revelations from God and Father promised, "I will follow this path." Not only did his voice contain the promise that he had

made, but also his life in prison and many other things expressed this. Even now, I can still vividly hear True Father's voice, saying "Father!" with a heart containing all this background. I cannot forget how True Father would call, "Father," while getting choked up in the process and not knowing what to do during his prayers.

Memory of his voice strengthens me

Later, whenever I faced a difficult situation, whenever something that was hard to bear loomed, True Father's praying voice would often play in my ears. I thought, "Think of everything that had to be done for God's will to be realized and to have the Unification Church of today." Whenever I thought of that, the feeling of increasing determination to fulfill my responsibilities at all cost would overwhelm my heart.

These days, I cannot even properly

walk; however, if there were a way I could restore my lost health, I would do anything I could. I feel determination. These days, I am doing all kinds of things to restore my lost health, thinking, "I should do anything to become healthier and to testify about True Father as much as I can." The only things that occupy my mind are becoming healthier and testifying about True Father within my small capacity. I do not know how much of my life remains. I hope to fulfill my responsibilities to the point that I have realize all of True Parents' expectations of me so that they are not disappointed.

The right time to rest

After following True Parents for thirteen years, Father told me, "Just work for three more years and then rest for a while." However, three years passed and the fourth year was nearly over,



True Father praying in the 1960s



True Parents with Missionary Kang Hyun-shil in 1980



True Parents as a sweet couple working side-by-side in South America

but True Father had said nothing. So I said to him, "You told me to rest after three years; now it is almost the end of the fourth year." True Father responded, "People who have nothing to do are the most unfortunate people in the world. So as long as your health allows it, please continue to work; not only will you be happier working, but our Unification Church will improve; so let us continue to work!" With this, I could resolve the problem. Such

things happened.

When following the way of God's will, one cannot advance when one is self-centered. One should be able to move with the heart desiring to have only God and True Parents within! You cannot follow this path if you try to do things by yourself. When I no longer see those talented people among the people connected with our church, I often assume, "That is because they became self-centered.

Greed became their motivation. They left because they became self-centered!" Then I would think and worry a lot, "What if my heart also changes?"

These days, I am strongly determined to testify about True Parents even after I die. I live in prayer, asking God to give unique blessings to True Mother and to set her in a position through which she can exercise heavenly authority wherever she goes. 



Still Missing and Longing for True Father and True Mother

By Song Yeong-seop

Rev. Song is the Adamic national messiah to Argentina. Over the years, he was involved with important initiatives, such as overseeing the Japanese blessed family activities and inculcating hoondokhae as a daily practice for Unificationists in Korea.

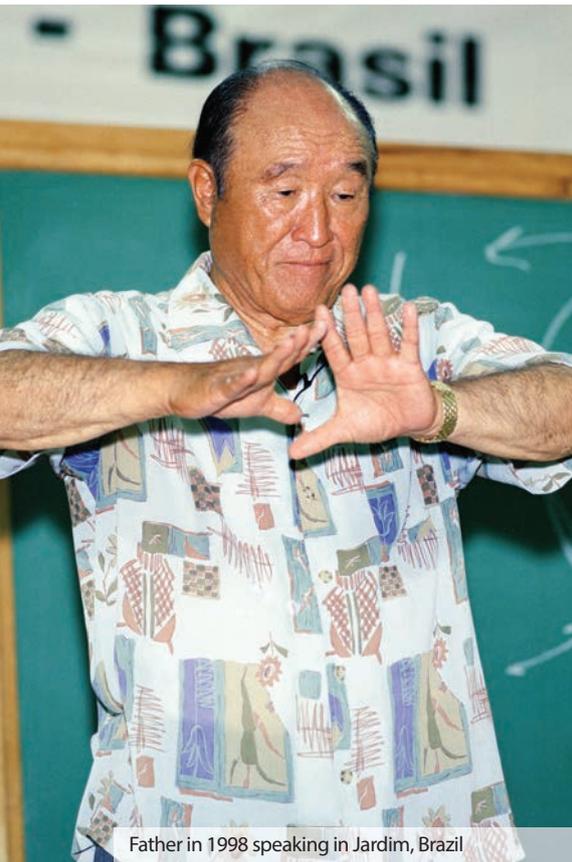
On April 24, 1995, while sitting at the table with True Parents in East Garden in New York State, True Father asked me, "Would you like to come with me when meeting presidents of South American nations?" I replied, "It would be an honor to accompany you." He then designated four people including me for this mission, instructing us to get visas quickly; he even gave us the money to pay for the visa procedures.

In the evening of May 11, we ar-

rived at the Jardim farm in Brazil. True Father asked us to give testimonies in front of an audience of members working on the construction there, about eighty people from various countries. The next morning, on May 12, he placed the four of us that had accompanied him in charge of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay respectively. From May 13, he started meeting the then presidents of Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. After meeting them, he began fishing on the Parana River, which crosses the vil-

lage of Paso de la Patria in Corrientes Province, Argentina.

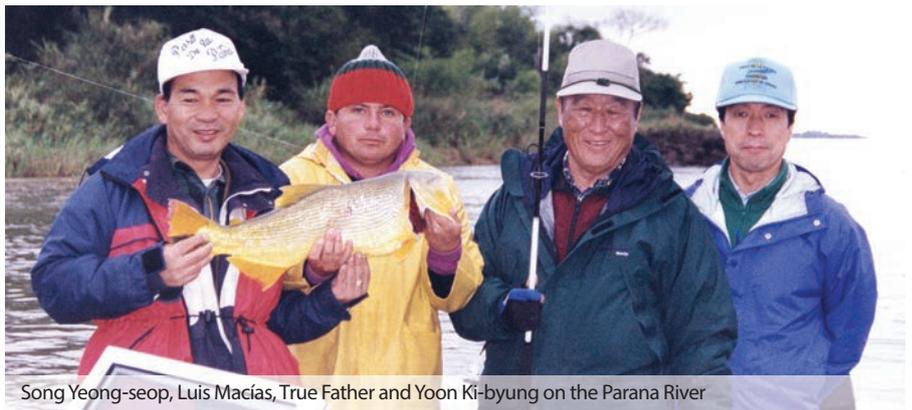
Father stayed in an inn called the Cabana don Julian. He used a boat made out of galvanized steel that could carry three to four people. It had been purchased for \$6,000 to use when fishing on the Parana River for dorado, a popular South American freshwater game fish. Once an angler hooks a dorado, from a distance of perhaps forty meters, it will jump out of the water several times, trying to regain its freedom. Being gold in color, one can experience the



Father in 1998 speaking in Jardim, Brazil



Father in 1999 speaking at a forty-day Ideal Family Workshop in Jardim



Song Yeong-seop, Luis Macías, True Father and Yoon Ki-byung on the Parana River

true beauty of fishing through the golden magnificence emanating from a dorado and feel enraptured by it.

As True Parents caught dorados, they planned the second forty-year world course. [Father visited South America to find a base in late 1994, as the 1954–1994 course ended. He situated himself in South America from 1995.] At night, even past midnight, True Father, looking lonely, would gaze at the Parana River, as though he were intently watching something and would meditate. When I would tell Father, “It is time to rest,” there would be no answer. He always stayed up long past midnight before going to bed.

Corrientes Province in Argentina is the lowest region in the world and is full of water. True Father came there more than twelve times a year to plan the providence. He would strategize and make necessary preparations to start a fish farming project as a means to resolve humanity’s food crisis, or would buy a boat and research ways to catch fish. When he rode a plane with Senior Capozzolo, a rich Argentinian man, above the Argentinian countryside, Father grieved, saying, “I must live long. I came here too late.” True Father would frequently call leaders he had appointed to the four countries, receive their field reports and give the leaders money to carry out education. With this, True Father took his first steps toward the salvation of South America.

Commanding the providence
He would instruct us, “Open an exhibition! Have friendly matches with Ilhwa Chunma!” He also invited the Little Angels to perform in South America, and displayed the great qualities of the Tongil Group in South American nations. In this manner, Father directly and indirectly proclaimed himself as the Messiah. He then designated Argentina as the Adam-country, Brazil as the Eve-country, Uruguay as the Abel-country and Paraguay as the Cain-country and established the headquarters where he could command the world providence in earnest from South America.

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True Father often called our lead-

ers from countries all over the world to Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil and presided over meetings with them. He conducted big blessing events and we purchased the Victoria Plaza Hotel in Uruguay and enlarged it. Our organization also ran a bank and newspaper company. Father founded *Tiempos del Mundo*, the South American version of the *Segye Times*, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As the providence started in earnest, he dispatched national messiahs to 184 countries.

Later, the Jardim providence developed more fully. We bought land; we bought cows. After the Ideal Family Educational Center was erected, blessed families from nations around the world came to go through a forty-day educational workshop. After completing the workshop, participating families each took a photograph with True Parents. Memories of those days remain vivid in my mind today. I will fulfill my mission as a tribal messiah centered on True Mother and invest everything at the risk of my life for the fulfillment of Vision 2020. *TP*



Father Saw the True “Me”

By Sakurai Setsuko

In the evening of January 28, 1965, the doors to an airplane that had landed at Haneda Airport opened, and Father was the first to come out. Late in the evening of that day, a welcoming service was held at the church headquarters in Tokyo. Seeing Father in tears talking about God’s miserable heart, I thought, “He is so crazily in love with Heaven!” I firmly resolved to take after Father and become his follower.

Father shook hands with each person and when it was my turn, he looked at me and said, “Hello, Setsuko. Are you doing your best every day to give Divine Principle lectures?” He had remembered me! I felt as if I would fly into the skies.

During his stay, Father did not miss a single opportunity to speak to us. Around that time, I received a telegram stating that my father was seriously ill and I should come home immediately. My father had been sick in bed for five years and was now in critical condition. It was a great shock to me. Yet, I was entrusted with the responsibility to welcome True Father, so I could only pray for my father.

In the evening of February 5, I learned of my father’s death. I had prepared myself for this but the news weighed heavily on my heart. I had wanted to share God’s word with my father more than anybody else. I silently prayed in my heart for my father’s soul.

For the next two days, Father continued to talk about Jesus’ suffering and about the pain in God’s heart. Father appeared to me as the father of humankind. I realized, “Father is indeed our parent! I am alive today only by virtue of this parent.” On September 29, 1965, Father visited Japan

again after his world tour. He visited the major districts in Japan and spoke day after day. During this time, I was holed up at the Divine Principle lecture center and had hardly any chance to hear Father speak. One evening, mindful of my situation, Ms. Shin Mi-shik took me to see Father.

I was happy and yet at the same time concerned that Father might be displeased and make a bitter face if he saw my sinful and ugly appearance. I was tense when I approached Father but he welcomed me with a warm smile saying, “Setsu-chan, you’re here.” He gave me some confectioneries, and asked me many things about the center with an affectionate gaze like a parent watching his young child.

“Setsu-chan, what do you usually think about during the day?”

“Um... I am a heavy daydreamer.”
“Really? What do you daydream about?”

At first, I modestly replied to his questions but Father continued probing—“And then?” “What next?”—as if listening to me talk was his favorite pastime. He then told me, “I want to quickly give you, Setsu-chan, the blessing, and see you happily married.” Hearing this, my heart was bursting with emotion.

After I returned to my room, I could not fall asleep. I kept recalling Father’s expressions and each word of what he had said. I could not understand; I was not worthy of God’s love. Looking up at the ceiling in the dark, I kept asking aloud, “God, why are you expressing so much love to me this evening?”

At that moment, I heard a response, “Why do I love you? You are my child! The true life that I embedded in you, who is my image, is something pristine, priceless, beauti-

ful and endearing to me....”

How infinite and great is God’s love! One usually finds salvation when one encounters a person that understands one’s heavy baggage and carries it on one’s behalf. When I understood the fact that the omnipotent God had understood my struggles and was walking at my side, I no longer had anything to worry about. All I had to do was discard my old and false self and make effort to manifest my original and true self. I found peace. Boundless hope and gratitude filled me.

On the day we sent-off True Father, Ms. Shin told me that Father had praised me saying that I was a “good child.” Hearing this brought me to tears. I felt that he was referring to the true me. While facing Father as he boarded the plane, I promised myself, “I will become a true child that can repay this grace without fail.”

Until then, I had been a reserved person, easily hurt by others and unable to candidly show myself or join in heart with my fellow brothers and sisters. After that day, I began to change. I learned to find joy in discovering God’s precious life within my brothers and sisters. My hope was to invest my entire being until the day I perish in building the kingdom of God, in which all people can blossom as flowers of precious life. I could feel this hope spread throughout my heart. *TP*





True Parents Are the Messiah Because Of Their Love

By Rev. Sudo Ken

Although, I felt distant in heart from True Father, I would like to share my testimony about how I realized that the messiah is a being of love.

In 1966, when True Parents visited Japan for the second time, the late Rev. Eu Hyo-won, the first president of the church in Korea, lectured Divine Principle to us. In the evening, Father would talk for a very long time. During these sessions, Father explained, "If I live with someone for more than two days, I find myself wanting to give everything that I have to the person." He added, "I have difficulties suppressing my love." The workshop ended, and Father prepared to leave. After a very intense sermon, Father asked us, "Will you all do this?" and everybody enthusiastically responded, "Yes. We will!" Hearing this, True Father left the room. Yet, as we all began to stand up, he suddenly came back.

Although, he had just left after delivering an intense and passionate speech, his aura felt different this time. We all sat down again. True Father began to speak again, saying, "The happiest time for a child is when he is with his parents. The happiest time for a parent is when he is with his child. However, I have to go now. An elder brother should be like a father, while an elder sister should be like a mother in taking care of those below them. The younger siblings should follow the elder brothers or sisters as if they were their father or mother." As he spoke, tears flowed from his eyes. I realized that Father had returned because although children might stay away from their parents, a parent cannot stay away from his children.

Father's point about what happens

"after living with somebody for more than two days" struck my heart. I saw other people crying, too. Although he had only spoken briefly, Father spoke solemnly as if he were separating from the person he loved most.

After True Father left again, our members began to disperse. I remained and returned to working in a room next to the one reserved for True Father at the headquarters. I felt the door behind me open quietly and turned around to find Father standing there. I said, "True Father, welcome back," but he said nothing, just stared at me intently. He finally asked me if everybody had left. I said yes. I saw Father's shoulders sag and he turned around to leave. As I watched him, an inexpressible emotion filled me. I understood how he was feeling.

Earlier, Father had to leave us because of some business he had; yet I felt that he did not want to leave us or separate from us even though he had to go. Even though he had forcefully asked us to leave, when he came back again, I felt that he had hoped that somebody would be around, even just one person, and that he could meet someone again.

As I watched Father leave my room, I felt an urge to call his name and go after him. Through this incident, I discovered the "True Father." I truly felt that he was True Father because of his overflowing love rather than because he was the one who had discovered the Principle and had brought Satan to submission. My heart began to undergo a great change from this time.

Father savoring my heart's flavor

Later, I had the chance to go to Korea to help with preparations for the 777-couple blessing. While in Korea, I realized that True Father was a person of heart. Father invited me to watch a video with him and some Korean

leaders. True Parents were sitting right in front of me. When I glanced at the back of Father's head for some reason, it appeared completely white, even though I knew that he dyed his hair. Father was probably in his fifties at that time. The hair of someone his age should not have been completely white. I realized that his hair appeared white because of the many hardships True Father must have gone through. I could not suppress my emotions and I began to cry without end. For the first time in my life, I felt that I wanted to be assimilated into another person. I had never before entertained such an emotion toward anyone.

Later, we walked a bit and entered a restaurant with True Parents. I bought a bag of roasted chestnuts at the entrance, went inside and offered it to True Father. Father shared the chestnuts with everyone and gave me one as well. I took a bite but it had no taste at all. The other people were also making faces. Father was the only one who was eating them and saying that they were delicious.

After he finished eating, he told me to buy another bag. I bought him another and he began to eat it as if it were delicious. I wondered why Father could eat those chestnuts, which did not taste good at all, with so much satisfaction and then ask me to buy a second bag. I realized at that moment that Father was not simply eating the chestnuts but was actually accepting my offering heart while "savoring the flavor of my heart."

I saw that True Father could see through my heart, that he was aware of it even though he had not said anything. The distance between True Father and us is not spatial; it is determined by the distance between his heart and ours. This was a valuable experience for me in understanding what kind of person True Father was. 



True Father Is With Us Still

Neil Salonen

Dr. Salonen joined the church in 1967. He was president of the church in the United States from 1972 to 1980. Since 1999, he has been president of the University of Bridgeport. His remarks, which were recorded earlier, are offered here to honor True Father on the second anniversary of his ascension.

I was in Washington DC when I met some members of our church that brought me to their center where they were living. In those days, you studied the Divine Principle very slowly, just one lecture a week; it took weeks and weeks. The woman who later became my wife was my teacher. She began teaching and everything seemed so clear. When we came to the conclusion and talked about the coming of the Messiah, I suddenly realized that the Messiah didn't come to take responsibility to do the work of salvation; he came to take responsibility to teach us to do the work of salvation. From that moment on, I never doubted the basic truth of the Divine Principle.

Almost two years later, True Parents came to visit Washington DC. We listened to them, and I could just feel that everything I had been taught was real. Father is the only person I can truly say I always knew was saying whatever he was saying—even when he was scolding me—for the purpose of helping me to become a better person. I found I could trust him unconditionally, absolutely, and that feeling never went away.

Many times, I was asked to work on projects that were different from the usual project. We used to have an anti-communist movement in the U.S. that we called the Freedom Leadership Foundation. We spent all our time trying to persuade people that God was the answer to the problem of freedom, not some economic theory.

An unexpected posting

Ultimately, those times changed, and then I was asked suddenly and to my great surprise to become president of the American church. I didn't think I was the most religious member. I did

believe that I wanted to do everything in my power to support and help True Parents. So when we began these tours throughout America, it was exciting because it was an opportunity to organize, and to proclaim to people in a realistic way—in a strong realistic way—what kind of change had to come. We went to every state in America. I saw Father and Mother every day, month after month, and that time only confirmed my deep faith that their devotion, their determination, was absolute. Probably everyone else in my life had days when they were on duty and days when they were not on duty. I never saw that with True Parents. They were devoted to their duty every minute of every day for every year that I ever knew them. That, probably more than anything else, confirmed to me that they were the most real thing in my life and I wanted to do everything I could to help them, and I still do.

We went on small visits throughout every state, but then we had several big visits. We did Madison Square Garden and Yankee Stadium and ultimately we did Washington DC. In Washington DC, we divided the whole area into many small parts, and we spent all of our time asking people to come to hear a message of hope. We worked night and day. Brothers and sisters came from Europe, came from Japan—they came from everywhere. We all came together and it was a great celebration. In some respects, it was one of the peak moments of victory for Father's public appearances in the United States, because at that time, even though there was some controversy from people that could not understand the whole of our religious message, there was no doubt that our

message was intended to bring hope and excitement. The many, many people that were joining at that time, were excited. They were sincere.

Righteous and unafraid

We were sometimes accused of separating people from their own church background or from their parents, so we went around the whole country having parents' receptions, where we invited all the members' parents to come and to talk. Ultimately, I think we helped to convey the idea that we were not against the family. We were at the very heart of family. Nevertheless, when some people, especially some of the most fundamental Christian critics, persuaded a few of the leaders in Washington to attack, they did so mercilessly and unfairly. We tried so hard to speak to them. One famous senator at the time said, "If the IRS can't find something wrong with Rev. Moon, something is wrong with the IRS." Shameful! Shameful!

Actually, through a series of unbelievable distortions, Father was accused and convicted of something that any other person would just have had to pay a fine for. In his case, we were told privately, that if he left the country, that was fine, but if he did not agree to leave the country, they would put him in jail.

Actually when he got that news, he was in Korea. He did not have to come back, but he did in order to show that he was not afraid to be put in jail, and he went to jail for little over a year. It was a very painful time for us. I visited him in Danbury one time and he was the same Father. He said that it was taking all his strength not to be mad at America for what had happened. He understood that our job

was not to turn against the people we were attempting to save, but no matter how long we had to keep expressing our love, our love had to be unconditional and unending until it was successful.

A genuinely forgiving heart

Some years later, we had a meeting at the UN and True Father spoke. On the panel with him was that same U.S. senator that had been responsible for putting him in jail. That same senator praised Father and said many wonderful things about him at that time.

At the end, True Father got up, walked across the stage and hugged the senator. I happened to be where I saw Father's face at that moment, and his smile was fantastic because what he was saying was "true love won. I melted his heart. I changed him and changed hatred into love."

I have never forgotten that, and every challenge I have ever faced, no matter how wrong the people are that might attack us, and no matter how distorted or angry they may be, I realize it's not our job and it won't solve the problem to try to fight back. What will solve the problem is finding a way to love them more. Based on that I have tried to accomplish everything I can in the spirit of our True Parents.

He is with us all, always

Shortly after Father was released, I was asked to get involved with the University of Bridgeport and eventually came here. When I came here, he said that our mission was to make a great university where people come together, all different cultures, find mutual respect and become great leaders. He came to visit several times in order to reinforce his commitment to that goal.

Some years later, when True Father was ill and began to pass into the spirit world, I went to Korea for his seonghwa and I still felt he was right here. I still knew he was right here. Everything I do and everything I try to do, I know that someday I will have to stand right in front of Father and say, "This is what I tried to do."

Every time I need advice, I feel that I can ask him, "What's the best way to solve this problem?" He's with us still. I feel it, and when I see True Mother, I feel that he is still with her as well.



True Father is reviewing plans for Bridgeport University that Dr. Salonen is showing him

Unity will see us through

So much depended on True Father in the years that he was with us on earth that it is very natural that after he passed into the spirit world our unity would be tested. I think anyone would recognize that our unity has been tested. During these years, people are wondering if this is right or that is right.

The most important thing is to remain united around our True Parents. If we can maintain our unity, all the other problems that we have can be solved. At the end of the day, our work is not done until we have all entered the kingdom of heaven, so we cannot divide into this group or that group. We have to work together as one family. I know it's easy to say but not easy to do. Yet, each of us has to be responsible to do his part, to stay strong in our loyalty and unity with the True Parents but continue to do our best to reach out in love to all of our family. We need to remain one great unification family in order to become God's hope for the restoration of the world.

Love will carry us to better times

After Father's seonghwa, I told many people that I thought that for three years, our unity and our focus would be tested, but if we could remain determined for those three years, God's blessing would really come.

I think the leadership in the different states and the different regions are doing quite well in this regard, even

though they are being tested by some of their friends and sometimes by former members. In most cases, I see them passing the test. Increasingly I believe they will again find their momentum to proclaim the urgent message that is needed, which is that the only thing that can transform the world is true love coming from God. That is the message of our True Parents. That is how you can rebuild the broken hearts and the damaged souls of the people of the world to make them capable of building a new society. I see it happening. I believe it is happening and I believe that Mother will see that happening too. We want to inspire her and we will.

Along the same lines of what I've said, since I have been here at the University of Bridgeport, we have been blessed to see many wonderful things happen and to receive support from the governor and both of our senators. Yet, one person has been unbelievably critical. I won't mention his name, but some of what he has done has been very harsh and unfair. We get frustrated. I worry that the members will feel hurt. When I reported to Father about that, he just smiled and said, "Keep loving him." If there is one phrase that I remember when I am faced with a difficulty or an opponent or a situation that seems unfair or a burden that feels too heavy, I just remember Father's words, "keep loving, keep loving," and I know that it works. *☞*

The following tributes to True Father were first published in Peace King and have been adapted for publication in honor of the anniversary of his seonghwa.



A Refined Religious Approach

Abdurrahman Wahid (1940–2009) | president of Indonesia (1999–2001)

In the speech and in the person of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, we could find a very long struggle to establish peace in a peaceful way. Religion does not permit the use of violence. Under Islamic law, only if you are abducted from your home are you

entitled to physical defense. Christians are admonished to give the left cheek if the right has been struck.

All religions insist on peace. From this, we might think that the religious struggle for peace is simple—but it is not. The deep problem is that people use religion wrongly in pursuit of victory and triumph. This sad fact leads to conflict with people who have dif-

ferent beliefs. For this reason, Rev. Moon's call for peace though religion was something of great nuance and profundity. We were deeply fortunate for the chance to hear him and observe his life-long struggle for world peace. We could see how he lived peace so fully in his life. He endured unspeakable persecution. I know this. This put us in his debt. *TP*



Heart-Propelled Endeavors

Dr. Morton A. Kaplan | professor emeritus, University of Chicago

Rev. Moon's greatest contribution to peace lay not in any specific thing he did but in the heart that guided his activities. I have been intimately connected with some of his activities for more than twenty-five years. Initially I was attracted by the character of the activity and the quality of the participants. However, I had initial doubts stemming from the stories about Rev. Moon that were widely circulated but that I learned were false.

Because of my association with those closest to Rev. Moon and through my own interchange with

him, I knew who the real Rev. Moon was. He was a man with an immense heart, a heart with room to love all human beings, a heart big enough to love sinners who injured him. It was this great heart that drove him, twenty-one hours each day, to build activities for a better world. It was this heart that led him to bring thinkers from all the disciplines and arts into great collegial enterprises. It was this heart that inspired him, because of the need to support an anti-Communist policy, to build a great newspaper in a city, Washington, D.C., that many thought could support only one newspaper. And it was this same heart that turned him into a partisan of the new Russia that

emerged from the ashes of the old while most anti-Communists were unable to distinguish between communists and Russians.

Rev. Moon's heart had produced conferences and organizations of religious leaders from all the major and legitimate faiths of mankind, despite the tensions that exist among them. I have serious personal doubts about the direct contributions most religious leaders will make to peace. But I do not doubt—especially at a time when the hate-filled pseudo-religions of people, who like Osama bin Laden do so much damage—that bringing religious leaders together into common endeavors is an important step toward peace. *TP*



A Defender Who Came in Troubled Times

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. (1924–2010) | secretary of state, United States (1981–1982)

I first visited this historic land of Korea in 1950 as a member of the U.S. Tenth Corps, which landed at Inchon and liberated it. Two of my grandsons were born in Korea during the time my son served as executive assistant to the United Nations Commander. Thus, you might say that the Haig family is part Korean, nourished by three generations of experience!

Together Rev. Moon and I have seen our paths converge on several important occasions, if not physically then certainly episodically.

He was born near North Korea's capital Pyongyang. After high school in Japan, he returned home and began to promote Christian values in clear opposition to the Godless communism that had gripped the northern half of the peninsula. Shortly after the invasion of the Republic in June 1950, Rev. Moon was imprisoned and sent to a concentration camp near Hungnam on North Korea's east coast.

Shortly after the Inchon landings, I was a part of the second United Nations amphibious landing near Hungnam. That action resulted in the liberation of Rev. Moon, who was able to flee to freedom in South Korea. This was the first time our paths crossed.

During the next two decades, we both in our own way struggled against communist tyranny and for the establishment of a world characterized by rule of law and peaceful change, in contrast to a world dominated by the rule of the bayonet and violent change.

In the early 1970s, during the period I served as President Nixon's chief of staff, Rev. Moon came to America to launch his ministry. Then, as today, his ministry was based on our most cherished Judeo-Christian

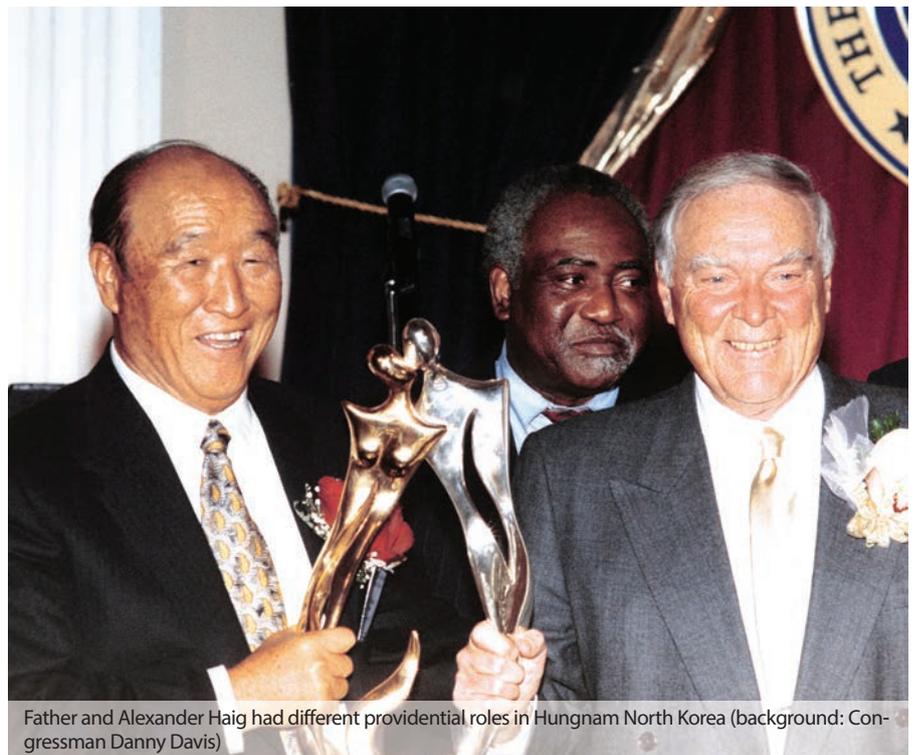
values: that the family unit was to be safeguarded and strengthened, that our youth need to be provided with sound moral education, and that our religious institutions, regardless of denomination, must play a pivotal role in these tasks.

In carrying out his mission during that troubled time in America, the Reverend Moon and his Unification Church promoted the concept that the Watergate-besieged president of the United States was as entitled to due process and full protection of the law as any other American citizen. He opposed a process dominated by emotion, hatred or base political motivation. Being at the center of that Watergate maelstrom, I have been grateful to Rev. Moon, who as a result was himself subjected to retaliation from certain circles in the

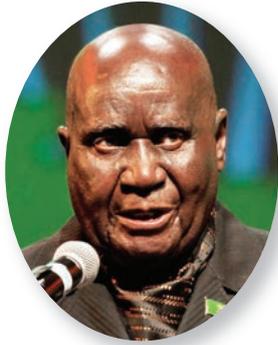
United States. While during that period the Rev. Moon suffered his share of pain, it did not deter him from continuing to promote his global mission.

Rev. Moon founded the Washington Times, which in my view has proven to be indispensable to the preservation of objective journalism in my nation's capitol. Rev. Moon's foresighted leadership prevented Washington from becoming a one-newspaper town, dominated by a distinct philosophic bias.

He emerged as a great peacemaker and unifier on the world stage. He was a leading force of interreligious dialogue and understanding between peoples of all backgrounds and, above all, for global peace and stability. *✝*



Father and Alexander Haig had different providential roles in Hungnam North Korea (background: Congressman Danny Davis)



An Embodiment of the Message

Kenneth D. Kaunda | president of Zambia (1964–1991)

It is said that the world is a huge stage and life is a great drama. Every day, lives are born on this great stage, but usually they go unnoticed. Once in a long while an extraordinary person appears on the stage. The Rev. Moon was truly an extraordinary person. I knew the Rev. Moon beginning in 1983, only a short period during his life's work. But it did not take long to appreciate the tremendous impact he made upon the world, even in the smallest corner of it.

Rev. Moon dedicated a lifetime to a message. He did this against great odds. The greatest of the world powers opposed him. But the message continued because it is a message that was anointed. It is a message that echoes deep in the human psyche. It

is a message about the most basic unit of human life, the family. It tells the world the truth, about our nature and about what we must do if we are to have true peace in the family, in the community and between nations.

Rev. Moon dedicated his life to giving practical expression to this message. It remains consistent today and it remains as relevant as ever. Thank God for giving him to the human race and to the world. Rev. Moon touched many lives. He touched the lives of the poor. He ad-

vanced the arts, sports, physical sciences, social services and above all peace in the world.

He can take comfort in the knowledge that his wife was beside him as he did his life's work. They are a magnificent gift from God to each other and to humanity. They are still a valuable example to us all. He was a teacher. But not an ordinary teacher. Rev. Moon was a messenger. But not an ordinary messenger. The truth is that Rev. Moon was a prophet of our time. *TP*



Then President Kaunda (left) with True Parents at the UN during UPF's conference on Governance and the Role of Religion in Peace and Security on August 18, 2000



Standing Up to Bigotry

Rodrigo Carazo (1926–2009) | president of Costa Rica (1978–1982)

For Rev. Sun Myung Moon, there were no boundaries of land or time, no insurmountable obstacles, no foes, no barriers in his hard-fought struggle. His goal was the fraternal unity of all people. Since early youth, his was the voice of reason and moderation. He championed true brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. He mediated conflicts and embraced those separated by different creeds.

He created many organizations to resolve conflict. His approach was to refresh our hopes for world peace with practical applications of cooperation, brotherhood and unity. A united world was his foremost goal. He was a man of constructive, fertile action in so many fields. His true renaissance-like abilities were as multiple and endless as his energy and his drive. In this gathering of democratic leaders of the nations of the world, he carried the torch of liberty.

He defended religious freedom. He fought against all forms of racism and

discrimination.

The underprivileged heard their defense from his lips and received succor from his generous hands. Minority groups the world over recognized his support. His native Korea witnessed this patriot's unflagging efforts to promote the reunification of the Koreans. Devoid of personal ambition and pride, he served all peoples. His sincerity and devotion were an inspiration to the young and the old. He preached that we must place God at the center of our lives and all our endeavors. *TP*



The Spirit of a Midfielder

John Haydon | sports writer, the *Washington Times*

The great Brazilian soccer player Pelé once called it “the beautiful game.” Rev. Sun Myung Moon called the sport the “game of peace,” for soccer, motivated in the right way, has the power to bring harmony in a troubled world.

Those of us who follow the game of soccer would like to thank Father Moon and Mother Moon for being true benefactors and generous supporters of the world’s most popular game. They invested time, effort and substantial funds to lead soccer in a new direction as a catalyst for peace and unification. Although Father Moon was a very busy man, working on numerous projects to bring world peace, he took time out to invest in soccer and the world is a better place for that.

While the FIFA World Cup is the largest single-sport event in the world, its motivation and purpose is ultimately a commercial venture focusing on individual national interests. Father Moon created soccer tournaments that promote peace and encourages soccer clubs, and those involved in the game, to go beyond their individual interests and help serve others in the wider community. His aim was to make the sport a vehicle for bringing peace and inspiring young people to live for the greater good. In this sense, Father and Mother Moon are forerunners in championing soccer’s potential for bringing about world unity beyond individual club and national interests.

After the success of the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Japan and South Korea, where the South Koreans stunned the world by reaching the semifinals, Father Moon established the Peace Cup, an eight-team club soccer tournament held in Korea every two years. He consulted Pelé and FIFA, soccer’s governing body, and urged them to help

in the project. Dutchman Guus Hiddink, who had guided the Koreans at the World Cup, returned with his club, PSV Eindhoven (the Dutch champions), to win the first-ever Peace Cup, defeating French champions Lyon. Hiddink called the Peace Cup a “very prestigious event and one of the best tournaments in the world.”

The Peace Cup was not Father Moon’s first venture into soccer. In 1989, he founded the Ilwha Cheonan soccer club, which now plays in the city of Seongnam. The club won seven Korean League championships. They were crowned the Asian champions in 1996 and runners-up in the Asian Champions League in 2004. Perhaps it is no accident that the team founded by Father Moon has been so successful. The motivation behind all of Rev. Moon’s projects was to live for the sake of others, which is after all the very essence of winning team sports. Father and Mother Moon also established soccer teams in Brazil’s Sorocaba of Sao Paulo and the CENE team in the impoverished Pantanal region, which continue to be successful despite their short histories.

After the tremendous success of the 2003 and 2005 Peace Cups, which involved men’s clubs, in 2006 Father Moon founded the women’s Peace Queen Cup, involving national women’s teams from eight nations.

North Korea was invited to the 2006 event, but due to political fallout surrounding the North’s nuclear program, they had to decline at the last moment. The North Koreans sent an unusual and rare letter directly to Father Moon, expressing regret and asking for his understanding of their absence at the event. The letter commended his efforts to bring about unification of the divided nation.

The United States women’s national team, winners of two World Cups and two Olympic gold medals, won the Peace Queen Cup in November 2006

at the Seoul World Cup Stadium, beating Canada. It was a beautiful occasion to see Father and Mother Moon hand the trophy to Kristine Lilly, one of the greatest women players ever, who has competed in a record 317 games for her nation. “The tournament was excellent, from the stadiums we played in to the hospitality of the Koreans and the games, which involved some of the top teams in the world,” said Lilly, the event’s MVP.

The Peace Queen Cup was the biggest women’s soccer event ever in Korea, and after the Women’s World Cup and the European Championship, it is the premier competition among women’s teams. The prize money was the largest ever after the World Cup. “We got more experience here than we could have in a hundred games playing against youth teams,” said Vera Pauw, the Netherlands’ coach.

When asked by a reporter what he thought about the Peace Queen Cup, Canada’s women’s team coach Even Pellerud did not hesitate to answer: “Fantastic!” said the coach. “I can’t imagine another event like it. At every level it was organized perfectly.”

“We are very happy to win the first Peace Queen Cup and hope to get invited back,” said U.S. coach Greg Ryan.

One can imagine him having been a great soccer player in his youth. In my mind, I see him as an attacking and creative midfielder, controlling the game, setting up plays and scoring goals. I would not have been too keen to play against him, as I’m sure he would be a tough defender to get past. I would much prefer to play on his team. No doubt Father Moon would have been a great soccer player in his day, but as we know he sacrificed his individual desires to follow the path of religion to bring about world peace. Because of that, he truly is the Pelé, the Diego Maradona, the Ronaldinho, and Ji Sung Park of world soccer and world peace. *7*

Renewed Interest in True Parents' Accomplishments

An Argentinian poet and writer introduced True Mother in the book *Prominent Women*. The book covers the accomplishments of forty-five women from various countries that greatly contributed to world peace and the development of South America. In Korea, MBCNET, a cable television station; the Chosun Weekly and the JoongAng Monthly magazines covered True Parents' accomplishments in the United States and South America.

A woman teaching the logic of love Background on *Prominent Women*, published in Argentina



Prominent Women, a book published in Argentina introducing women who have greatly contributed to world peace and the development of South America, includes a part on True Mother. The author, Stella Maris Arzuaga, is an Argentinian poet and writer from Arrecifes in Buenos Aires. She graduated from a college of education and served as the head teacher of Santa Teresita Nino Jesus School. She is a member of "History of the Clergy" of San Nicolás in Buenos Aires. She has devoted herself for the past thirty years to the

study of the history of her native land. While involved in social educational projects, she published *That Street and Its People*, and *The History of Arrecifes Municipal Assembly*.

With the purpose of instilling courage and confidence in all women, she compiled a book that introduces the achievements of forty-five woman leaders that contributed to world peace and the development of South America. In this book, True Mother appears in a three-page article along with her photograph. The author introduced her as a person who teaches the logic of love. Here are some quotations from the book: "With her husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Dr.

Han Hak-ja contributed in elevating and emphasizing the stature and role of women worldwide."

"In particular, as the chairwoman of the Women's Federation for World Peace, she carried out various support and educational programs for elevating women's stature and establishing true families based on true motherly love. She also carried out campaigns for reconciliation and resolution of international conflicts."

"Rather than the logic of power advocated by men, Dr. Han taught the logic of love. In 1993, she was the first Korean woman to address a meeting of United States senators and congressional representatives on Capitol Hill; months later, she was also the first Korean woman to give an address in the United Nations. She has received international honors and awards for her contribution to world peace." *TP*

The hope of South America (MBCNET)

A forty-minute program on MBCNET beginning at five o'clock in the evening of July 4 introduced True Parents' projects in South America. The program, "The Hope of South America: The Pantanal Project," begins by showing scenes from the World Cup festivities held in Brazil and then moves on to show another side of South America. It states that for five-hundred years, Western Christian civilization exploited the continent, which is blessed with rich resources and labor power. The program introduces True Parents as having discovered the potential of the continent that led to their endeavors in reclaiming and developing this land.

"Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr.

Han Hak-ja first visited Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1965, which marked their entry into Central America and South America. Since then, they traveled on numerous occasions to nations in Central America and South America, while conveying a peace ideology that transcends religion." The documentary focused on how True Parents carried out many peace initiatives in Central America and South America, such as the establishment of the Confederation of the Associations for the Unification of the Societies of the Americas (CAUSA) and a local newspaper. It also introduces projects in the Pantanal and pioneering activities in Leda, Paraguay. The program included some scenes from the International Leadership

Conference held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on April 22 this year and scenes of the Sorocaba football team and Peace Cup Football Tournament, which True Parents founded.

The documentary concludes with the epilogue: "The Pantanal Project began in 1965. It was not simply a project to reclaim the wild; it was an endeavor to create an ideal village of peace. Many hours of sweat and tears were spent in making the impossible possible. Never losing hope, their efforts have led to the blossoming of new life in this abandoned land, while they delved into finding a solution for the food problem and environmental issues afflicting the world. They are on a path toward a peaceful community that transcends the boundaries of nations, race, religion and languages. They are following this dream in South America one step at a time." *TP*

To liberate humanity (JoongAng Monthly)

An article in the July issue of *JoongAng Monthly*, "The Passionate Course to the Liberation of Humanity," introduces True Parents' peace initiatives. It introduces Father as Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Family Federation for World Peace, who led an intense life for the sake of world peace and the salvation of humankind. It explains why he included the phrase "world peace" in most of the organizations that he created. The article explains, "Rev. Moon primarily focused on the realization of world peace through religious movements. He revealed that the purpose of religion is not to save just the individual but to bring about God's nation, wherein all people on Earth can live in peace." The article goes on to introduce *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. What it quotes from the book reemphasizes that the goal of religion is creating God's ideal world and therefore believers should make effort to



convert people to the realm of religion so that many people can be reborn as God's people.

The article states that although True Father had initially intended to realize the vision of world peace through Christianity, when facing opposition from Christianity, he instead established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity on May 1, 1954. The name of this institution changed to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

on May 3, 1994. FFWPU aims to create peace first in the family and then in stages in the tribe, ethnic group, nation and world. The article introduces True Father's efforts to realize a peaceful world through his many initiatives including interfaith movements, campaigns for the reunification of North Korea and South Korea through the Victory-Over-Communism movement and international peace seminars for university student leaders held in Moscow. It also introduces True Father's proposal for a peace park in the DMZ, which he spoke of at an Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) assembly. It outlines his investment in the Little Angels dance troupe and in Universal Ballet, the establishment of the Sun Moon Peace Football Federation and Peace Cup Tournament in 2003, and the Women's Federation for World Peace. "The many institutions left by Rev. Moon, who was born in Korea and lived his life as a global citizen, are continuing many projects for the realization of world peace under Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon." 

Rev. Moon in the U. S. (Chosun Weekly)

The July 7–13 issue of *Chosun Weekly* included an article, "What did Rev. Sun Myung Moon do in America?" which introduced True Father's achievements and the foundations of FFWPU in the United States. The editor-in-chief of the *Chosun Weekly* met with Rep. Edward Royce, chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, one of the most influential members of the United States House of Representatives. He also met Rep. Mat Salmon (from Arizona) who is also on the committee and two former congressmen. The article acknowledged that the *Washington Times* had made these meetings possible and noted that Father had founded the *Washington Times*, which has substantial influence among conservative politicians in the Republican Party.

The writer recollected, "The Unification Church created a wind in America in the 1970s and 1980s. The notable transformation of hippies, who were into drugs and alcohol, was



the talk of the town at that time. People were shocked to see them clean-cut, dressed neatly, and proselytizing on the streets. Rev. Moon also held large-scale rally that attracted people numbering in the thousands on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C."

The writer of the article confesses that he did not know much about the Unification Church but that through this trip he was able to understand what True Father had been trying to

do in America and in South America and in the Middle East from the United States. He also introduces the New Yorker Hotel, the maritime business in the Bering Strait, Master Marine, a shipbuilding company in Alabama, and the University of Bridgeport. FFWPU officials are quoted as saying that True Father hosted a conference with the title, "Islam and the Future of World Peace" in Jakarta, the capitol of Indonesia, from December 20–23, 2001, soon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and made a foray into South America, a predominantly Catholic region, as extensions of his interfaith activities. The official explained that the Unification Church's international marriage is based on the proposition that the family rather than religion is better equipped to transform the world.

The author of the article concludes by expressing his admiration. "The activities, which I confirmed, of Rev. Sun Myung Moon in America are without a doubt remarkable. I wonder if there will ever be another Korean that leaves such a legacy in the United States." 

The Heart of a Mother

This article, which affords a glimpse of the growing effectiveness and relevance to society of FFWPU-related organizations led by women in the Philippines, was based on reports from leaders in that country.



Moon Yeon-ah testified to True Mother.

The role of women has been evolving in many homes in many nations around the world. Balancing her role in the family and her role in society remains a challenge for many mothers today. In some places, governments deny women treatment and protection equal to what men receive, and some women continue to suffer in bleak home environments where men consider women inferior. We must not rest until the growing respect earned by women in some homes and throughout some nations is enjoyed by women everywhere. Women are vital to all societies as contributors to the national economy and as the moral guides to the nation's future generations. This is well reflected in the theme for two recent Global Women's Peace Network events held in the Philippines on June 27 and 28—"Mothers Leading the Way in Raising Filial Children and Patriots of the Nation."

The first event, Mothers' Hearts Network International Conference, was held at Traders Hotel in Pasay City, Manila, on June 27. Around forty foreign delegates and two hundred Filipino woman leaders joined the conference. In its opening session Dr. Moon Lan-young, president emerita of the Women's Federation for World Peace International, gave the keynote address. Dr. Yong Chung-sik, regional chair of the Universal Peace Federation in Asia, gave the opening message. He lauded WFWP in the Philippines for spearheading the cause of educating mothers to raise children that are devoted to their parents and that dedicate their hearts to their country.

Among the speakers in the opening session were Mrs. Merly Barrette Barlaan, president of WFWP-Philippines and Rep. Maria Georgina P. De Venecia, congresswoman of a district of Pangasinan Province, who among her many public service deeds was instrumental in the establishment of the Haven for Women, shelters nationwide for battered women.

Three breakout sessions that afternoon were held on how to uplift the status of the family, on mothers' participatory role and leadership in nation building, and on the education and advancement of women, their values, rights and responsibilities. The conference concluded with a dinner banquet filled with songs and music. Prof. Moon Yeon-ah, Hyo-jin nim's widow and the new president of WFWP, gave the main message at the banquet.

Excerpts from Yeon-ah nim's speech

"In my family, I have five children. The oldest is fifteen years old and the youngest is seven years old. Honestly speaking, they still have a long way to go before they become filial children

and patriots. It will probably take more than twenty years to see if they do or not. So what came to my mind when I heard the theme of this conference, Mothers Leading the Way in Raising Filial Children and Patriots of the Nation?"

I thought, "This is a very appropriate, essential theme in this problematic society. But I don't have the experience of raising such a child yet. What can I say about this topic?"

Because I am a novice mother in the process of raising filial children and patriots, I thought I could introduce my role model instead. I would like to speak to you about the teachings of True Parents, who are the beginning point of my life as well as the guiding star of my goal and direction. As you all know, True Parents always emphasized the importance of family, especially the importance of becoming true parents.

True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, spoke many times on children's education: "What will you tell your own sons and daughters? You should live an exemplary public life and educate them to inherit that tradition... People are to be educated by their own parents. Education is not done only in school, especially regarding inheriting tradition. Children find all of their values in their parents. Who will the children resemble in their family as they grow up? They will resemble their parents. And who will the children follow? They will follow their parents." (1969.7.20) "Parents should practice what they teach their children." (1970.6.4.) "You should be able to tell your children to resemble their mother and father when educating them. Children learn the shimjung of their parents." (1970. 3.17)

Everybody knows this wisdom already but it is not easy to practice. I would like to tell you an experience I

had as an example related to it. As a mother of five children, it is not easy to do my job in a UN NGO organization and be a mother at the same time. So I always receive a lot of support from my mother in raising them.

One day, my mother and I were having an argument because we disagreed on a technical point on how to educate them on proper manners. Unfortunately, one of my children heard us. He said to me, "Mom, why don't you speak more nicely to grandma?" I couldn't say anything to him because I always taught my children to be respectful and polite in front of elders. I took it to heart once again that I need to teach them not through just knowledge or words, but by showing them through my own actions. I also realized why True Parents risked their lives and lived each day as if it were "the last day of their lives."

Ridding the nation of corruption

The second event was held the following day, when around thirteen thousand Filipino mothers, female leaders and supporters met to launch the national campaign for a nation without corruption and to raise awareness of the important role mothers play in the process of improving our nation.

Among the women that the Global Women's Peace Network presented an award to as an outstanding leader was Senator Grace Poe. She is one of twenty-four senators, each of whom represents the entire nation. Philippine senators do not represent a limited constituency. Among those running in the 2013 senatorial election, Grace Poe garnered the most votes. What follows is an unofficial translation of what she said in Tagalog to the large crowd that day:

"My biggest role as a woman is not as Senator Grace Poe but as the mother of my three children. This is the reality of career women in our country, whether they be in the public or the private sector: Our obligation doesn't just stop with our work but more importantly extends to the home. I have inculcated in my children's minds that the people of the country entrusted in me a position to serve; therefore, they should never use my position to get special privileges. Just as I have an obligation toward the Philippine society, I have a

responsibility to bring my children up as responsible citizens that can be productive and that our country can be proud of. Other people may make the laws that I will pass in the senate, but I am the only one who can mold my children's personalities so they can be dignified citizens, which is why I also have to tune in to this role. The home is the basic unit of our government, which is why transformation and change should also start at home."

Remembering those we lost

One of the highlights of the convention was the launching of WFWP chapters in all the eighty-one provinces in the Philippines. WFWP Philippines envisions expanding its foundation all over the nation to reach out to and to teach 20 million mothers and other women by 2020.

To conclude the convention, a tribute ceremony was held to pray, honor and remember all the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, as well as those who died during recent calamities that devastated the Philippines. Many participants cried during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the convention, Mrs. Barlaan, the new president of WFWP-Philippines, challenged the audience to unite together as mothers and as women in order to save future generations.

The Mothers' Hearts Network Conference and Convention gained remarkable support from national government sectors and local governments. The Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Education, as well as several city governments endorsed the events. Some

mayors and local government leaders even supported their delegates by paying for their registration and providing transportation.

Women's Federation for World Peace in the Philippines has been going through much reorganization this year under the guidance of the Asia region's special emissary and its regional president. According to Julius Malicdem, the national leader of FFWPU-Philippines, the concept of using "mothers' hearts" to multiply the vision of WFWP and expand membership came about like an inspiration from heaven, which has so far proved to leave a lasting, positive effect on many. We launched the Mothers' Hearts Network last September. Ever since its launching, it has conducted many conferences and seminars for women in different parts of the Philippines. We have held a Women Ambassadors for Peace Forum every week at the WFWP Philippines headquarters. Thanks to these efforts, WFWP came to connect to many prepared female leaders. Inspired by True Parents' vision, these women have in turn greatly contributed to the success of our activities. Some prominent women that have recently become involved in our work volunteered to muster the support of other women and to organize seminars. Some even provided cars to the WFWP staff members to use during activities. These efforts led to the success of both the conference and convention at the end of June. We hope these efforts continue and allow us to reach many women throughout our nation. *TP*



The WFWP-UPF conference on Family Values and Their Link to Economic Well-being and Social Outcomes

Creating the New Culture of Cheon Il Guk

By Julia Moon

The seventh Presentation of Cheon Il Guk Art Scholarships to Elementary School and Middle School Students was held on June 29 in the Azalea Hall of the North Topia Building in Tokyo, Japan. Julia Moon, also known as Hoon-sook-nim, whom Father blessed to Heung-jin nim in February 1984, spoke to the recipients. She is the artistic director of the Universal Ballet Company. What follows are excerpts from her remarks.



Julia Moon giving words of encouragement to the young musicians at the event

Whenever I meet Japanese members, my mind is filled with only gratitude and respect for them. Today, I was again greatly moved by the dances and songs presented by our young students. Yesterday, after arriving, I visited Hikarino Koen Kindergarten [roughly, “kindergarten of light”] and had the opportunity to see your younger second- and third-generation brothers and sisters sing the Cheon Il Guk anthem and the “Three Bears Song” [곰세마리] in Korean with such bright smiles. I sincerely thank our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for allowing me to be able to see our children, who are very talented and possess rich sensitivity, today. I would also like to convey my deep gratitude to the

Japanese headquarters and the members involved for creating an environment through which our young children could grow within True Parents’ culture of heart.

According to True Parents, the purpose of culture and the arts is to bring joy to God and fellowmen and to express truth, beauty and goodness, which comes from God. Their performances today did exactly this. I felt transported to another world through their art. Just as the Divine Principle mentions, who is the best artist? It’s God, our Heavenly Parent. Whenever I faced difficulties as I followed this path of art, I obtained much strength by looking at nature. God’s creation never stops amazing me whenever I look at it. The creation, which God made for his loving sons and daughters, is just truly beautiful. The beautiful sunset, the endless sea, the huge mountains, etc. just take your breath away.

Recently, True Mother visited the Swiss Alps. Unfortunately, global warming, a product of our fallen nature, is causing the glaciers and snow to melt. True Mother was greatly saddened and concerned about it. One of her main concerns was the decreasing amount of land that will result from the thawing of the ice while population keeps increasing. Her concern was, “Where will our children live in the future?” According to True Mother, if we had created a better foundation for True Father, we could have prevented such a thing from happening. True Mother asked, “What can we do in light of this problem?” What we can do to save the world, humanity and

creation is to help many people know of True Parents.

In 1990, Father founded the Kirov Academy of Ballet and in his inauguration speech, he said that ballet is truly a heavenly art form because dancers go on their toes, jump up and reach for the sky; in this way, it is an expression of man’s desire to reach God. On that day, True Father wrote the calligraphic message, 예천미지, which means creating a beautiful world through heavenly art. This has been the purpose of Universal Ballet for the last thirty years. Last February, we had a gala performance, celebrating our thirtieth anniversary. A Korean critic wrote about our performance after watching it. I will read part of it to you.

“For thirty years, through the Seoul Arts Center Opera Theater, ballet pieces have been presented to us by the Universal Ballet Company, which



Inoue Laima, a student who had also received an arts scholarship in the past, performing ballet as a guest

possesses a repertoire with many performable pieces, one that the National Ballet Company has not been able to establish. What we must take note of is that the Universal Ballet Company has now made it possible to not only turn aspects of the Korean wave into ballet, but also classic Korean literature such as the stories of Shim-cheong and Chun-hyang [famous Korean fairytales].

“Even though it was regarded as a means to expand the influence of a particular religion, regarding the artistic path that the Universal Ballet Company followed for the past thirty years, or the consistent individual activities of Julia Moon, its director, I believe it is high time that we remove such labeling from the history of Korean ballet. No religious group or social group has contributed to cultural arts as much as has the Universal Ballet Company, nor can we talk of the development of Korean ballet without the Universal Ballet Company.

“The special gala, which is presented by the Universal Ballet Company to thank its audience, reflects its thirty-year history; it is a monument that represents the beauty created by Universal Ballet Company over thirty years; it reflects the development of Korean Ballet history and is an artistic masterpiece in itself.”

I was quite surprised when I saw this article. It took thirty years for such an opinion to be formed. Hence, if we keep on dedicating ourselves centered on our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, develop our skills and

seek for only the best, the world’s people will one day acknowledge our efforts. I believe this is natural submission. This is why I wanted to share this with you all. The Universal Ballet Company held performances in Japan every year in its early days. Thanks to those performances, the ballet company could develop. Even though we were not good, you still gave us big rounds of applause and waited for us to grow.

In just the same way you waited for our ballet company to grow, time is needed in raising artists. Since artists pass through a growing period, please have faith in these young children and wait for them to grow. If you do so, I believe they will grow into great artists. In April, our ballet troupe presented a new ballet piece. The Sewol [ferry sinking] incident arose just around that time. All other performances in Korea were cancelled as a result. We didn’t cancel ours since a world-renowned choreographer had helped us create this new piece and was present. During a press interview, a journalist asked the choreographer the following question, “Please say something to the people of Korea who are in much pain now.” The choreographer replied, “Dance and music have a soul with the power to heal. I hope that the people of Korea can find at least some comfort during this performance.” Someone who watched it tweeted about the performance, “I could somehow detach myself from the pain of the Sewol incident through this dance for a short time and was

greatly comforted.”

Among our audience, we have Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and people with no religion. Hence, we cannot deny that cultural arts transcends all national, racial and religious walls and has the power to heal the hearts of people and the power to bring together all people as one family.

Twenty years ago, True Father said that all people must learn Korean. When I heard this, I thought, “Would such a day truly come?” Today, people worldwide are learning Korean because of K-pop and Korean dramas. I never imagined that True Father’s words would come true through the culture and arts. Culture and arts has great power, power that can move the world.

We must also build a new Cheon Il Guk culture centered on God’s will. We should create a “Cheon wave” based on Cheon Il Guk instead of a “Han wave [“Han” is “Korea” in Korean].” As you know I have spent my whole life in the arts, and being an artist is very challenging. I wanted many, many times to stop and give up. Now I am very grateful and happy that I endured because the arts has filled and enriched my life and has given me the opportunity to indirectly witness to and give True Parents’ love to society through the world of the arts. Dream big and aim high. I hope and pray that you make the world a more beautiful and better place through your talents. ㄸ



Adults connected with the Japanese movement, Hoon-sook nim and the student recipients of the Cheon Il Guk Arts Scholarship at the conclusion of the ceremony



Elementary school students from the Tokyo area singing together as part of the Seonhak Chorus

One Korea 2014 International Peace Bicycle Tour

As part of the memorial event for the second anniversary of True Father's universal seonghwa, the One Korea 2014 Peace Bicycle World Tour is being held from May 24 to August 12 in fifteen nations including Korea, Japan, the United States, China and Russia. The Citizen's Federation for the Reunification of North Korea and South Korea, the Federation for Peace and Unification, Universal Peace Federation, and the Universal Peace Academy are sponsoring the tour, which is taking place under the themes Building the DMZ World Peace Park, the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel and Building the DMZ World Peace Park and International Highway.

According to the promotional material provided by the Citizen's Federation for the Reunification of North Korea and South Korea, this tour will cover seven-hundred kilometers in Korea and three-thousand and four hundred kilometers in Japan. In Korea, the cyclists will travel from Imjingak to the West Sea Dam and the Japanese cyclists will go from Hokkaido, Japan, connecting with Tokyo and Osaka and Shimonoseki; they will resume the trip from Busan, Korea.

Participants in each nation will conduct this cycling tour according to their own itinerary. The federation expects about a thousand cyclists to participate

this year. In Korea, participants will start from Imjingak and cycle down to the mouth of Nakdong River in Busan. They have been asked to meditate on the creation of a DMZ World Peace Park. In Japan, participants will start from Hokkaido and cycle south through the Japanese archipelago to Karatsu, the site of the undersea tunnel intended to connect Japan and Korea. From there they will cross over to Busan, Korea through Iki Island and Daemado (Tsushima Island).

The Korean and Japanese cycling groups will rendezvous at Busan. From there, they will cycle the length of the Korean peninsula to Cheongpyeong. The grand finale of this cycling tour will take place on August 12 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center with True Parents and peace-loving leaders of the world.

From June 28 to July 3, under the slogan "A powerful step toward peace in Northeast Asia," the Universal Peace Federation and affiliated organization organized a tour to Mt. Baekdu for Korean and Japanese youth and Student Leaders for Peace and Unification. They visited Lushun Port (formerly known as Port Arthur) in China where the Korean patriot Ahn Jung-geun (the 1909 assassin of Ito Hirobumi, the first Japanese resident-general of Korea) was put on trial and the building in which he was later imprisoned. The UPF delegation

visited the Amnok River (the Yalu River in Chinese and in most English books on the Korean War) and reflected upon the history of these nations while praying for the peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula and for peace to take root in Northeast Asia.

"Peace Bike 2014 China" was also held as part of this visit. The purpose was to raise awareness of True Parents' unification movement and endeavors for the peaceful reunification of the Koreas. The delegation departed on bicycles from Dandong and cycled toward North Korea which lay across the Amnokgang. The site of these cyclers raised hope for a bright future for the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia.

The South Korean actor Song Il-gook was also at the departure ceremony, participating in his capacity as a representative of the General Kim Jwa-jin Memorial Association. Song Il-gook congratulated the organizers for holding the event and gave some words of encouragement to the students from Korea and Japan who were taking part in the Peace Bike initiative. The students cycled along the Amnok River in clear view of Sinuiju, North Korea. In their reflections, some students stated that this event was a good opportunity for them to reaffirm their commitment to a peaceful world. 



The launching of Peace Bike 2014—Japan at Cape Nosappu, Hokkaido

Peace Councils in the Balkans

The following is adapted from recent reports submitted by UPF Albania.

The Albanian Peace Council established by UPF-Albania and Kosovo in November 2013 visited Serbia from April 26–27 to organize a Peace Council in the city of Presheva, the cultural center of Serbians of Albanian ethnicity. A delegation of more than twenty ambassadors for peace and other dignitaries from Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo traveled many hours to attend the conference. In the group were people from the Chameria area of Albania. These are mainly descendants of Muslims of Albanian ethnicity that had long lived in Greece, until their expulsion at the end of World War II.

Dr. Alfred Moisiu a former president of the Republic of Albania (2002–2007) now senior adviser to UPF Albania and Kosovo; and Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy Shin Gi-yeong headed the group. On the evening of April 26, Mayor Ragmi Mustafa of Presheva Commune, an ambassador for peace, welcomed them. Early the next morning, the whole delegation traveled to the nearby city of Bujanoc, where ethnic Albanians comprise the majority of the population. The mayor's office expressed its appreciation to the visiting delegation.

A Peace Council in southern Serbia

In front of an audience of nearly a hundred government officials, academics, teachers and civic leaders a conference began at the TV station conference hall. Mr. Bajram Ibraj, chairman of the Presiding Council of UPF-Albania, moderated. Dr. Moisiu gave the keynote address in Bujanoc. He expressed joy at being able to be among the Albanian people of Presheva Valley, giving him the opportunity to better understand their situation. He advised them on how to deal with the challenges they face. He expressed appreciation to UPF and its ambassadors for peace for their initiative to establish a UPF Peace Council in that area.

Rev. Shin gave a profound talk, pointing out the sad reality of humanity today. He emphasized the need for peace and reconciliation by putting God at the center of one's life. He described the vision for a Balkan Peace Council to bring reconciliation and peace between the Balkan nations, who have suffered so much. Mr. Gani Rroshi, national leader of UPF-Albania, gave a presentation about the UPF's five fundamental principles of peace. He and the secretary general of UPF-Albania, Mr. Sokol Rexhepi, gave heartfelt talks and conveyed messages of peace, love, reconciliation, encouragement and faith based on the examples of the UPF founders. At the end of the conference, they appointed seven people ambassadors for peace and established a Peace Council. The four-hour conference was broadcast live to enable all the people of Presheva Valley to see it.

Tirana, Albania

After the successful event in Serbia, the Albanian Peace Council, a structure of UPF Albania and Kosovo, organized another one at the Academy of Science in Tirana, Albania, on "The cultural and historical inheritance of the Cham ethnic group and perspectives on the peaceful solution of its cause." This year marks the seventieth anniversary of the displacement of the Muslim population of Albanian ethnicity from their lands and homes in Western Greece, an area then known as Epirus, which currently is the district of Thesprotia, Greece.

The program was divided into two sessions with a dozen of speakers from Albania and abroad. Mr. Bajram Ibraj, chairman of the UPF Albania Presiding Council, moderated the first session, presented the speakers and described the mission and the path of Albanian Peace Council.

A North Korean analog

Moon Lan-young, vice-president of

FFWPU International, who was visiting Albania at that time, was the first to speak the audience. She recalled the pain of leaving her hometown in North Korea fifty-five years ago and called for forgiveness and overcoming the resentment over the past based on our common desire to see one family under God. She emphasized her gratitude that through Father Moon's teachings she could forgive the North Korean leaders who killed her father and brought so much suffering in her family.

Mr. Jonuz Musliu, one of the signatories of the Albanian Peace Council and head of Communal Council of Bujanoc, Serbia, gave a congratulatory message. Mr. Enver Kushi brought to the attention of the audience a golden era of Albanian-Greek relations when Mr. Theodor Pangallos, led Greece as its president and prime minister (1925–1926). He quoted some of Mr. Pangalos declarations to the press that serve as a model for today's leaders on handling this issue.

The order of speakers was concluded with Mr. Ali Laçej, co-coordinator of APC who spoke on "The identity of Chameria on the focus of integration." In conclusion, he said, "The solution of Cham issue absolutely demands implementation of EU integration policies and it can only be successfully addressed by turning reciprocal hatred and contemptuousness into understanding and love, through seeing diversity as richness, for those who exchange it. The solution will never come if we curse each other, nor if we ever think that one side will eradicate the other. We pray to God this will never happen!"

Reports of the event appeared on news broadcasts of major television stations. A few days later Mr. Ali Laçej, coordinator of Albanian Peace Council, appeared on a talk show to explain in detail about council along with the chairman of the Chameria Association, Mr. Ardian Tana. *✍*

The Battle for the Family Raging in Europe

By happenstance, WFWP and UPF held an event on family values in UN offices in Switzerland, where a week before a dispute arose between delegates that define “family” differently. This article, written by a True Peace staff member, gives background on the speakers at the WFWP-UPF event and some information on threats families face.

The United Nations has four headquarters—in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi. Not all of the exciting action takes place in New York. On June 16, the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva adopted a Resolution on Protection of the Family. Those that drafted the document recognized that “the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children” and feel certain that the family “is the fundamental group of society.”

Nevertheless, passing the resolution caused vociferous protests from groups associated with the UN that represent lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transsexuals. These groups angrily objected to the word “family” and deplored the fact that some phrase such as “all types of families” was not used instead.

For the national representatives that passed the bill, it was a bold move. An attempt to pass a similar resolution failed a year ago. That 2014 is the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Year of the Family gave extra impetus to the supporters to pass it this year. In 1974, it was not necessary to include language that did not offend homosexuals, so the singular “family” could be used freely, but in 2014 a deep struggle occurred during the session at which the resolution was being considered.

Representatives of nations that opposed the singular word “family” tried to have it changed but the majority thwarted their attempt. When the resolution successfully passed, those that supported it stood, applauded and cheered.



Family Values and Their Link to Economic Well-being and Social Outcomes (June 30–July 1)

WFWP and UPF support the family

The following week, in the aftermath of the resolution’s passing and the backlash that followed, the the Women’s Federation for World Peace International and the Universal Peace Federation held a conference on Family Values and their Link to Economic Well-Being and Social Outcomes. As Mark Brann, secretary-general of UPF Europe stated, our members as well as the members of the other organizations participating in the event, worry about “the rise of alternative forms of marriage and family and the breakdown of families,” because the family is an institution that “we hold dear.”

Threats to the family

It seems fitting that one presenter, Dr. Walter Baar, director of the Institute for the Trends Research, from Austria, gave a fact-based presentation about interrelated demographic trends related to family breakdown, which is

briefly summarized here.

The global population is rising. Meanwhile, birth rates are falling in nations, rich and poor. This is also true of religious nations, such as Iran and Indonesia. How can population rise while birth rates fall? We have the highest number ever of women in their fertile years. Many more women are each having fewer babies.

Though the population continues growing globally, the rate of growth is slowing. In some nations, the declining birthrate has been a contributing factor to a decline in national population. The declining population leads to fewer skilled workers, prompting governments to push women to re-enter the workforce again as soon as possible, thereby further dampening the birth rate. The decline in population is slowed in aging societies. Better food and medicine have allowed people to live longer.

The globalization of the world economy combined with industrialization (as opposed to agriculture) means the distance between home and workplace has increased. People move to find work and most move to cities. By 2040, 80 percent of the world’s population will live in cities of more than 10 million inhabitants (megacities). Urban dwellers have few children. Moving has exacerbated the disintegration of the extended family. With no older folk in the home to take responsibility for some tasks, external institutions, such as kindergartens and nursing homes, fill the gap.

The growing independence of women is also one of the most challenging factors in the national family-policy conundrum: The better

educated she is, the later she marries and the fewer children she has. Growing economic independence of both men and women leads to increased privacy among family members. New individualism, a shift in the concept of marriage as an economic partnership to a partnership based on emotional satisfaction and companionship has occurred. Emotional satisfaction and companionship are positives, but we need to consider what they mean to a society. A rise in personal satisfaction has had an inverse effect on community spirit.

Fewer marriages and more divorces occur worldwide. Eighty-seven percent of countries have watched their marriage rate falling since the 1980s. Concurrently, divorce rates rise. As broken families proliferate, the family seems less precious than in the past. In part because the family appears less valuable, policies unsupportive of the family have been enacted.

The question is: How do we define “family”? A family is not just two people living together. Nor is it one adult living with children. Discrimination has occurred against genuine families of one man, one woman and a child or children. Who has discriminated against families? Governments provide so much support for single mothers or fathers that it does not make economic sense to marry. Politicians create dependencies and want votes for the benefits. The deep problem underlying that is that those subsidies come from the taxpayers.

Religious political activism

It seems clear from the caliber of speakers, such as Dr. Baar, that participated in the June 30–July 1 conference that the consistent effort at collaboration by our European members has resulted in alliances with organizations and individuals that are veterans of the fight to uphold the value of the family. They have done significant conscientious work, a brief introduction of a few of the other speakers should make that clear.

Maria Hildingsson is the secretary-general of the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE), an organization redolent of the Moral Majority, its Protestant predecessor. Jerry Falwell (1933–2007)

a co-founder and president of the U.S.-based Moral Majority wrote that he began the organization because he feared God’s judgment on his sinful nation. “Many have exclaimed,” he wrote, that “If God does not judge America soon, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.”

FAFCE, described as partner in the conference, is similarly proud of its faith and unapologetic in its political activism. Its web site states, “FAFCE is the only European family organization that explicitly refers to the social teaching of the Catholic Church.” In preparation for the 2014 elections for the European Union Parliament, FAFCE created a Vote for Family 2014 Manifesto, which calls for EU family-friendly policies in twelve areas. FAFCE then made available to voters to “assist them in their choice” the list of those EU Parliament candidates that had signed their manifesto. In a like manner, Moral Majority used to mail “score cards” to voters that graded candidates for political office by how they had voted on moral issues. FAFCE is working to help elect politicians of good moral fiber.

Standing up for the silent majority

Mr. Drazen Vukotic from Croatia is the vice-president of In the Name of the Family. Youthful members of the group went throughout Croatia collecting signatures that would allow them to present a referendum to Sabor, Croatia’s unicameral parliament, asking, “Do you support introduction of a provision into the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia to the effect that marriage is a living union of a woman and a man?” Mr. Vukotic announced at the conference, “Despite more than fifty reports to the police because of violent attacks on our volunteers, we are proud that more than 750,000 citizens signed a request for a referendum.” While their government follows most governments in Europe in liberalizing, the average citizens value the family.

When the nation finally voted on the constitutional amendment, it passed with 66 percent support. Zoran Milanovic, prime minister of Croatia, was not pleased with the change in the nation’s constitution, which now defines marriage as “a

lifetime union of one woman and one man.” In response, the prime ministers said that his government has sent an “Act on life partnership, which regulates the rights of same-sex couples in an identical way as traditional marriage, up through the Parliamentary procedure.” Additionally, Mr. Vukotic explained that today in Croatia, citizens are legally able to declare that they have changed their sexual identity “simply by signing a paper in front of a notary public.” Despite Mr. Vukotic’s deep commitment and effort, the fight for family values appears far from over in Croatia.

A deeply faithful politician

From Slovakia came Dr. Anna Zaborska, a medical doctor. She is both a member of the Slovak Parliament and the European Parliament, where she is the chairwoman of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality. Her father, who spent twelve years in prison in communist Czechoslovakia, was a former ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Vatican. Dr. Zaborska is a devout Catholic and a staunch conservative. On families, the Slovak Press Agency quoted her as saying, “We want to protect the traditional family based on the marriage of one man and one woman. We voted on this basis in the National Parliament but we want to proceed in the same way together with our partners in Europe in the European Parliament.”

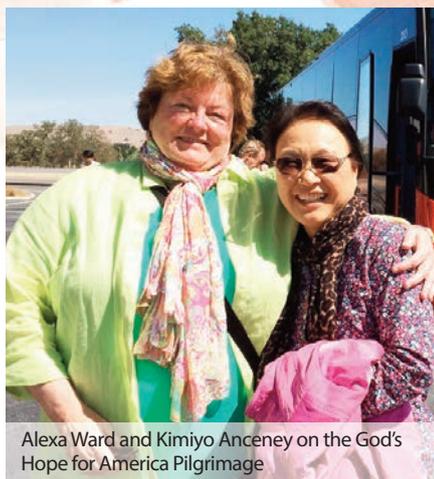
Even where her faith-based views may be controversial, Dr. Zaborska remains firm. When asked about aborting a child that is the result of rape, she replied, “Such cases are very rare; abortions that result from rape are only about 1 percent of the total amount.... The woman getting pregnant after an act of violence endured a trauma. Undergoing abortion, she is exposed to another one—she ends her child’s life.... The jolt from killing her own child is often bigger than the one suffered from rape.”

These were just a few of the fine presenters that gave of their time to support an effort to uphold values each of them believes in deeply. The battle to protect the family continues. Against fierce opposition, we need to ally ourselves with others that are determined to do good. 

On Sacred Ground

A testimony of the God's Hope for America Pilgrimage

By Alexa Ward



Alexa Ward and Kimiyo Anceney on the God's Hope for America Pilgrimage

I had the privilege of participating in the God's Hope for America Holy Ground Pilgrimage during its first full week, June 22–29, from San Francisco, California, to Dallas, Texas. I would like to share an experience I had in prayer during this time. As context for my testimony, I will begin with a number of valuable insights from Dr. Kim Ki-hoon, regional president for North America, who joined the pilgrimage for four days, from San Francisco, California, to Las Vegas, Nevada, and from Dr. Michael Balcomb, president, FFWPU in the United States, who was on the bus for the entire trip. Dr. Kim rejoined the tour midway, in Washington DC, as well as for the final week.

Dr. Kim shared many deep insights with us, while he was on the pilgrimage, as well as during the weeks that followed, providing valuable context for our own experiences. He shared how True Father pushed himself in 1965 as he traveled the country in forty-three days to establish the holy grounds. No one on the trip brought any luggage, or any extra clothes. Some members purchased what clothes they needed along the way.

Dr. Kim also reminded us of the

weather conditions at that time. Using the states of California and North Dakota as examples, he said, "The two extremes in weather are like heaven and earth, as different as day and night—one deadly hot, the other bitterly cold. That was True Father's course for forty-three days."

"When we study True Parents' course, we find it is always a story filled with life-or-death situations. True Father risked his life for God's sake. This was True Parents' life. Nobody expected it when, on February 12, 1965, True Father landed at San Francisco International Airport, filled a small station wagon with five to seven people, and drove the entire expanse of America, eating breakfast, lunch and dinner in the car the whole way, and sometimes even sleeping in the car."

Dr. Kim explained that True Father initially planned to bless members during that visit in 1965; however, the foundation was not yet ready. He wanted to leave America with his blessing, so he decided to bless the land in all forty-eight states. We learned that by making these holy grounds, True Father created sacred ground that spiritually was connected to the time before the Fall.

Following his meeting with True Mother in Korea, early in July, Dr. Kim emphasized that, through this pilgrimage, we can inherit True Parents' providence and heart for the sake of this country; and we can recommit, centering on True Mother, for the sake of America.

During the months leading up to this pilgrimage, Dr. Michael Balcomb received deep insights from God, our Heavenly Parent as well as directions from True Mother, concerning our American members. God shared with him on a number of occasions that He was not going to send new members unless we took good care of the ones

he had already sent. At about the same time, True Mother personally asked Dr. Balcomb to take responsibility to reach out to those members who had grown distant from or who had left the church.

After prayer and careful consideration, Dr. Balcomb launched the Remember Project. As a first step, a team of young men and women is now scanning more than twelve thousand original membership forms, in an effort to identify and reach out to these precious brothers and sisters. Through this pilgrimage, we are trying to set the condition to reconnect with those who joined over the past forty years, as well as bring new members to our church.

As the pilgrimage progresses, Dr. Balcomb has also connected to the heart of God, our Heavenly Parent, toward the holy grounds. He has come to feel repentant that we have not taken these holy grounds seriously enough over the past forty-nine years, and he is asking American members to join him in changing our attitude in this area. In Dr. Balcomb's words, "I feel the urgency of the Lord. Let's clean up the past and move forward with a whole new spirit."

My testimony

As the bus settled into its long journey, two seats were prepared for True Parents toward the front. I was sitting near those seats with my dear sister, Laura Hornbeck. From that day, we could feel the presence of our True Parents on the bus.

During the first week, we visited a total of eight holy grounds. On Tuesday, June 24, we visited two holy grounds, first at Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the continental United States, at nine thousand feet above sea level; and then at Death Valley, approximately two hundred feet below

sea level, both of which are in California. The drive from Mount Whitney to Death Valley was very challenging, marked by hours on a narrow highway that wound its way through arid land, with many sharp turns and steep inclines.

It was on that stretch that I first began to think about and connect to True Father's trip in 1965. They piled into that station wagon and simply took off across the country. They did not spend weeks or months preparing for the trip, researching possible sites for the holy grounds, and making reservations for the many nights on the road. True Father went on faith, with the heart to see America through God's eyes, with a plan, and with the will and determination to see it through. He was gracious and generous toward those who embarked on that trip with him.

I also reflected on the many times, over the past forty years, that True Father and True Mother traversed this country from coast to coast, together as well as separately, sharing God's love and bringing God's word to the American people. At the first holy ground, at Twin Peaks in San Francisco, we heard excerpts from a prayer True Father gave at that very site, at 11 pm, on May 24, 1993. He had just completed the first twelve cities in a thirty-three-city speaking tour. On that night, holding her hand, he turned the tour over to True Mother. She continued on to the remaining twenty-one cities, while he went on to Kodiak, Alaska.

It was at the holy ground on Mount Whitney that I had my first

tearful prayer on the trip. My tears flowed easily, tears for True Father, tears for True Parents' course in America. That tearful prayer deepened with each holy ground we visited. By the time we arrived in Albuquerque, I could feel the tears well up even as we approached the holy ground.

True Father appointed me to the position of president of WFWP-USA, on June 1, 1999. He invited my husband and me to East Garden to meet him on June 3. That was my first meal in the breakfast room at East Garden, with the pool and fish that True Father loved so much. Following hoon-dokhae and breakfast, True Father turned to me and asked me a number of questions. "How often do you pray? Do you cry for me in your prayer? Do you yearn for me in your prayer?" I answered each question honestly. Prayer was not my strong point. At that time, I did not cry in my prayer often, and I did not yearn for True Father in my prayers. True Father sat back for a moment and then said to me softly, "You have no foundation to be a leader in our movement. A leader has to move the spiritual world by crying and yearning for me in prayer. You should serve with a mother's heart and not say anything." On that day, I was not ready to receive True Father's valuable internal guidance so deeply. I did realize that fulfilling these points would probably be more difficult than running WFWP. I also felt, however, that True Father understood my nature, my strengths and my weaknesses, and accepted me as I was.

On this special pilgrimage, fifteen years later, that part of my heart that could cry for True Father and yearn for True Father began to open, and open wide. I realized that following his ascension, I pushed myself to move on, as had so many of my brothers and sisters. The slogan for this tour is "Remember, Revive, Reimagine." Genuine revival has to come from a place deep inside. It is not something you can will to happen. The presence of our True Parents on the bus and the pure spiritual atmosphere at these holy grounds is making it possible for us to have these deep experiences.

When your heart opens like this, the feeling of repentance follows naturally. Genuine revival comes through repentance, through tears, and through gratitude. Genuine revival also includes preparing to move forward. On this path of revival, I believe that God, our Heavenly Parent, wants to give each one of us what we need to move forward at this time.

During the victory celebration at the Palace, the day after Foundation Day, in February of 2013, at the close of her remarks, True Mother said to us softly, "Please make this worth it for me." My heart opened to her on a whole new level on that day. On this extraordinary pilgrimage, I believe that my Heavenly Parent gave me these experiences of True Father in prayer so that I can better support True Mother at this time. 

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Pilgrims at the Twin Peaks Holy Ground in San Francisco, where the tour of fifty-five sites began

» GLOBAL NEWS

» Japan

Cheon Il Guk missionaries

FFWPU-Japan organized a workshop and a homecoming meeting to welcome the first batch of Cheon Il Guk missionaries back. This took place at Kawasakishi Miyajakidai International Training Center from July 1 to 5. Missionaries were able to share their experiences and report on activities done throughout the year. Many agreed about that they had first set out on their mission with the heart to love but instead received much love and were able to grow internally thanks to that.



» Asia

Indonesia—character education

Mr. David McLackland, the UPF Indonesia education director, gave lectures regarding “Discovering our True Identity” to three hundred high school students from Paurilian on June 16. The following day, he held a teachers’ training session on the “Need to Education for Character.” Eighty teachers took this training course.

Indonesia—blessing, Pure Love

On June 21, an Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival and Pure Love Assembly was held in the governor’s office in Manado City, Indonesia as a rededication of marriage for couples and as a way to promote purity before marriage for the young people. This program has received strong support from the government and religious leaders in Indonesia. Many organizations, both inside and outside the

church, worked together to make this event a great success. TV Republic of Indonesia (TVRI) covered and broadcasted the event, introducing it as a historic project for the province. This program will be duplicated in the other 33 provinces in Indonesia with the full support of the government and religious leaders.

Thailand—A blessing festival

Blessed families in Bangkok joined hands to mobilize and educate families in their city to be part of an Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival. Since the end of 2013, blessed families formed home groups in the fifty district of Bangkok. They have been mobilizing families there to join the one-day Divine Principle workshop titled, “Family is the School of Love and Peace.” Thanks to their efforts and the active support of the district government and representatives of the six main religions in Thailand, four hundred and fifty couples from different religious background joined the June 28 Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival.

Nepal—Bangladesh—joint workshop

In order to build a foundation in Bangladesh, Dr. Yong Chung-sik, special emissary and regional president of Asia suggested organizing a Divine Principle education program in Nepal for Bangladesh invitees. Earlier, Dr. Yong sent two Nepalese brothers to Dhaka, Bangladesh, in May to carry out activities and make connections. In just one and a half months, thirteen students came to Kathmandu, Nepal, to attend a five-day program. Some students from India and Nepal joined the same program, which was a great success. Below are some of the written reflections:

“The Divine Principle is a practical necessity for today’s world. Selfishness is

the mother of all evils.”

—Akib Bin Anwar, Bangladesh

“Peace begins in the family and life doesn’t end when we die.”

—Surendra Chaudhary, Nepal

“Honestly, before this seminar, I was very selfish. Now, I want to do something better for society and the world.”

—Muhammad Rakib Hassant, Bangladesh

“I really like Father Moon’s concept for making peace. He is a genius and is practical. His idea is more than just theory.”

—Mustafa Amir Foysol, Bangladesh

» North America

U.S.—GPA holds a graduation

Generation Peace Academy (GPA), a training course for young members, concluded its 2013-2014 year with a five-day workshop at the Unification Theological Seminary. The workshop focused on helping students transition from GPA into their homes and into community life. On June 14, 2014, GPA held its commencement ceremony. More than a hundred friends and family members joined a hundred and twenty program participants convened to celebrate the day.



» South America

Peru-UPF woman leaders’ seminar

On July 5, UPF-Peru and Peruvian Women, an NGO, co-hosted a woman leader’s seminar in the town of Oxapampa, Peru.

Over five hundred women, including

the wives of ex-mayors, some Christian missionaries and local community leaders came. Members shared True Parents' vision of peace, and some woman leaders were appointed peace ambassadors. Many Christian women expressed gratitude for the message of the day.

Colombia—twelve-day workshop

FFWPU-Colombia held a twelve-day Divine Principle workshop for its young first- and second-generation members from June 22 to July 3.

Ten young people from four cities came to Holiday Studio for that purpose. The young members acquainted themselves with the Divine Principle and our True Family Movement. The participants went through programs designed to help them strengthen their faith and to better understand the theological underpinnings of our activities.

Argentina—half-year review

CARP-Argentina held a mid-year three-day workshop from June 30 to July 2 with the theme, "Toward a New Youth Leadership Paradigm." Around thirty CARP members came to report on and assess 2014 activities, to date. Later, they expressed their experiences and internal realizations through testimonies. The meeting was an opportunity for renewal in preparation for the second half of the year.

» Africa

Africa—Cheongpyeong experience

Hoon-mo nim toured three countries this time; her first destination was in Kigali, Rwanda (June 23–26) and then Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (June 26–28) and finally Cotonou, Benin (June 28–30). Altogether about 4,800 members from thirty-three countries attended the three events, which is about a third of all the members in Africa. A highlight of this tour was that Hoon-mo nim, who usually attends only the last holy song session before the Ancestor Liberation Ceremony attended all holy song sessions throughout her tour.

After she visited a church where six thousand people were massacred during the 1994 genocide on her last day in Rwanda, Hoon-mo nim saw many resentful spirits flying around her like bees that night with terrifying voices of resentment saying, "This is the woman that liberates spirits." She calmed them down and promised to liberate the victims at

the church when she returns to Cheongpyeong. She said those liberated spirits would return to Rwanda and guide the spirits of the a million war victims to Heung-jin nim's training center in the spiritual world. During her visit to DR Congo, around 2,300 members came from six countries. Some members, such as a group of blessed wives from the Central African Republic, crossed dangerous war zones in order to reach the workshop. She commented on the vast difference between the spirit of our members and those she saw on the streets of Kinshasa, giving her great hope for DR Congo and for Africa. Around 1,800 members from seventeen countries from West Africa and Central Africa came to the Benin workshop. Overall, the three workshops were successful thanks to the sincere devotion of participants.



Madagascar—HSAUWC anniversary

On July 5, the Madagascar Family Church held a belated celebration of HSAUWC's sixtieth anniversary, to which they invited 46 newcomers. Members testified about True Parents through the various programs, which included a display on church activities and an introduction to True Parents' teachings and projects.

» Europe and Northeast Regions

Austria, Russia—dancing angels

Angels of Peace, a children's dance company founded by WFWP-Russia in 2007, went on a Bridge Of Peace Tour in Austria as part of a reconciliatory effort between Austria and Russia in remembrance of the start of the First World War, a hundred years ago. The tour, organized by WFWP and UPF, lasted seven days from June 22.

Angels of Peace comprises fourteen children aged nine to fourteen and began

as an initiative to contribute to the community, giving performances in nursing homes and wherever needed. Each child was appointed a WFWPI Youth Ambassador for Peace and received a certificate of recognition from the Austrian–Russian Friendship Association.



Belarus—youth workshop

The Second Generation Department of Northeast Regional Headquarters and the Belarussian Family Church held a two-week second-generation workshop in Belarus from June 7 to June 18. Forty-three children from Belarus, Estonia and Russia, aged between ten-years-old and eighteen, came to the workshop. The workshop aimed to help participants develop their self-identity as God's children and as second-generation members, to understand the importance of purity and good spiritual habits, to experience God through prayer, to set internal goals and to create friendly connections between the second-generation members in different countries. The presence of older second-generation members from Austria, Germany, Italy and Austria made a strong impression on the young participants. This workshop helped answer the many questions participants had about purity and faith.



» Middle East

Turkey—a publishing milestone

As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen will soon be published in Turkish. Members of the Dallas, Texas church in the U.S. raised \$1,000 for this publication.

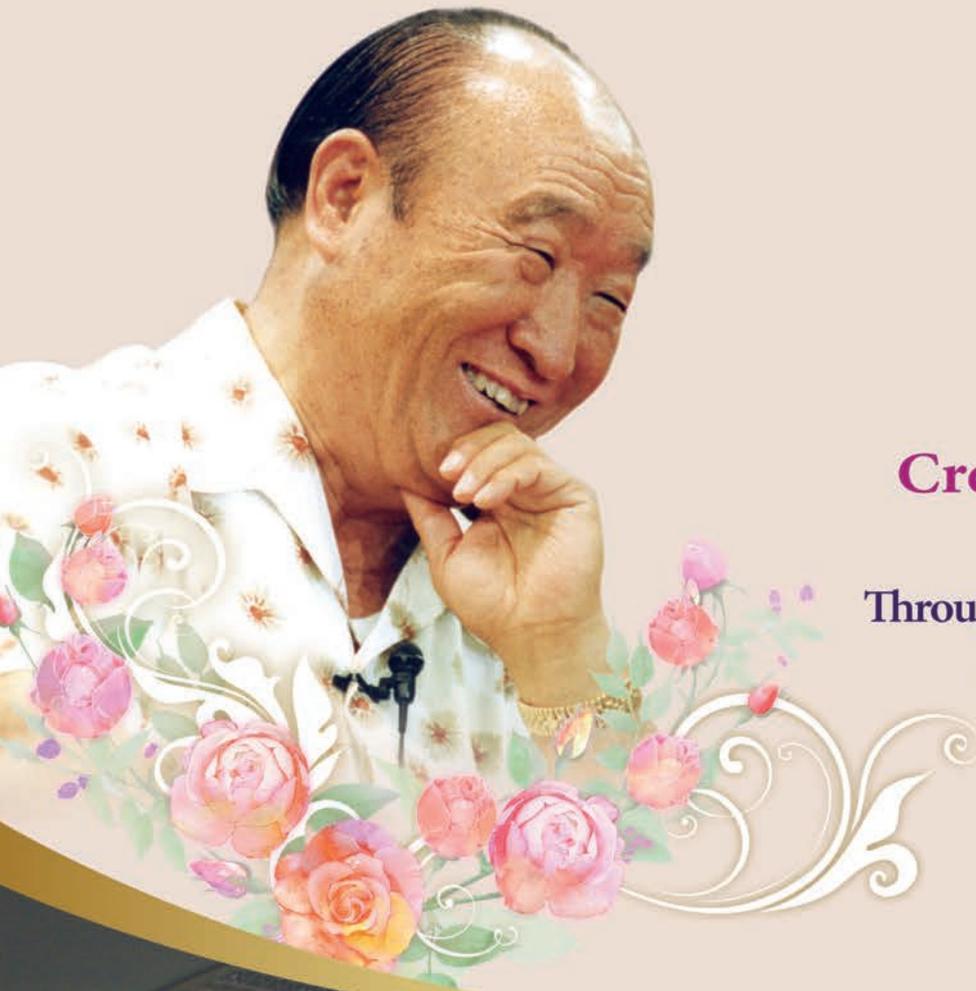
Lebanon—a new national leader

On June 22, FFWPU Lebanon inaugurated Rev. Pak Jong-in as their new national leader.

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and Seoul's Millennium Hilton Hotel

2014 Multi-Cultural Global Citizens Festival for Peace

Date and Time: August 9, 10 AM
Venue: Seoul Citizens Hall Plaza

2014 Symposium on Peace and the Unity of the Korean People

Date and Time: August 11, 10:30 AM
Venue: National Assembly Memorial Hall

Inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

Date and Time: August 11, 11 AM
Venue: 19th floor, Korea Press Center

Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Women's Peace Initiatives in the Americas

Date and Time: August 11, 2 PM
Venue: Kim Koo Museum and Library



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