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I joined the Unification Church in November 1965 when I was a junior at the University of Fukushima in my hometown. After I graduated, I became a full-time dedicated member and had many experiences in various positions. When I was working as an itinerant worker for the church in charge of bookkeeping, I was able to travel all over Japan.

At the time of the Blessing in 1970, I was matched with my husband by True Father. In my case, Father saw me and looked for a male member who, Father said, was most suitable for me. My husband proved to be my good spouse by helping me in various ways with love and patience for the past 40 years. Also, I am grateful to God and True Parents for allowing us to have two children (daughter, Kamiye, and son, Kenshin), who have beautiful hearts and strong wills to live for the sake of others.

In the spring of 1976, I started my new life in America, following my husband, who had been serving True Family here in New York since 1973. Soon after I arrived, I joined the Yankee Stadium Campaign. Then, at Barrytown, I served as a kitchen staff member preparing meals for True Parents. It was my great honor and privilege to serve and be in close proximity to True Parents.

In 1979, Father mobilized all the blessed wives to work for CARP under the late Rev. (Tiger) Park. I served for the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) in California, Boston, and New York.

In 1983, I was mobilized again as a Japanese blessed member. This time I was assigned to serve at the nursery at Jacob House in Tarrytown, New York.

In 1985, Father told the Japanese senior blessed wives living near East Garden to start small businesses to lay an economic foundation. Since then, I have continued working at the same business. I am grateful because, through this small business activity, I have been able to meet many good people and build bonds of trust and love.