Ascension of Won Bok Choi: Mother of faith, love and devotion

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Mrs. Won Pak Choi

Mrs. Won Bok Choi, who fulfilled multiple providential responsibilities in the early history of the Unification Church, ascended at age 91 on January 15, 2006. Mrs. Choi was an associate professor and dean of students at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Ewha Womans University when she joined the church in 1954. She and four other professors were fired when they refused to leave the church.

Prior to True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, Mrs. Choi was assigned to prepare True Mother, and she continued to serve in a mother's role afterward. She accompanied True Parents on their first three world tours and had major responsibility for the first official translation of Divine Principle into English in 1973. Mrs. Choi was director of the World Mission Department from 1972 to 1977 during the period when the Unification Church sent missionaries worldwide, and she handled all correspondence from them as True Father's secretary.

She also often translated for True Father during that period. She served as the principal of the Little Angels School after 1977 and the first president of the Women's Federation for World Peace. In 1998, she was blessed to Buddha at Madison Square Garden in New York. At her ascension, True Father bestowed upon her the honorific title Shin Ae Choongmo: "Mother of faith, love and devotion."