

## 2016 Tongil Group Wives' Workshop

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From the 29th of October of 2016, over two days, the Tongil Group Wives' Workshop that took place in the B Hall of the Chinhwa Building at the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center came to a prosperous end, with 145 members from the women's society, as well as 30 members and foundation representatives and pastors participating.

The 145 wives from the Unification Foundation, Ilhwa, Yongpyong Resort, the Segye Times, Ilshin Stone, Seil Travel, TIC, Shinjeong Special Vehicles, Ilsang Ocean Industries, JC, Seilo, Asian Oceans, as well as from affiliate companies such as Pine Ridge Golf Resort, the Cheongshim International Hospital, Elbon and Pamsco, participated with those that had already been to four Japanese and two American workshops, as well as those who had wished to participate in the workshop.



*The Tongil Foundation Director-General, Ho-Yeol An, officiating the event.*



*The Tongil Group Special Parish Pastor, Chan-Ho Kim, giving a report prayer.*



*The Tongil Foundation Chairman, Yun-Gi Choi, sharing his words of greetings.*



*The Korean President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Kyeong-Seuk Lu, giving his welcoming speech.*

Through his greeting at the opening ceremony, Tongil Foundation Chairman Yun-Gi Choi emphasized to participants the meaning of the workshop that was taking place at the Chung Pyung holy ground, one of the Family Federation's most prominent holy grounds. Korean Family Federation President Kyeong-Seuk Lu then revealed in his welcoming message that since the passing of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, everyone had been devoting themselves toward the path of "Vision 2020," centered on Dr. Hak Ja Han, and further emphasized that the wives of the executives and staff of the Tongil Group must march forward together with the ideologies of the founder in their hearts.



The first special lecture was a "laughter therapy" session, which was conducted by instructor Soon-Seon Cho, the wife of the Chungnam pastor. On the given premise that laughter can relieve the stress often brought upon wives from attending their husbands, working and raising children, and that good fortune may come through laughing, the participants joined together to laugh with the people next to them. The lecture that began in a good mood, was further enhanced by laughing and fellowship.

The second special lecture was about "Recent World Peace Activities by Dr. Hak Ja Han" by the FFWPUI Director-General Seong-II Cho, and proceeded with a report of how Dr. Hak Ja Han has been unfolding activities for world peace in Asia, Africa, Europe, Central America, South America, Japan and the United States for the foundation of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. The wives were surprised when they realized the global reach of the projects that Dr. Hak Ja Han is taking on.



Then a video was presented, entitled, "One Family Under God, for the Realization of Dreams," that had been broadcasted by MBCNET. Centered on the 3rd anniversary of Foundation Day, the video showed global leaders testifying, as well as former and incumbent presidents, prime ministers, chancellors and ministers suggesting to create a world of peace based on the ideals of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han.



The third special lecture was about "The Spirit World and the Truth About Our Ancestors," and was given by the Vice-Director of the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center, Myeong-Kwan Lee. It was a time during which the participants got to know that the spirit world is living on through the cooperation of the spirit world and our ancestors, centered on the Chung Pyung holy ground; and even the wives that do not live a life of faith came to rethink their position on the spirit world. Because it was a workshop that

took place at the Chung Pyung holy ground, it was a time prepared to let the wives know that the spirit world is alive, giving them an opportunity to gain new awareness about it.



After a lovingly prepared dinner by the training center staff, a period of harmony was held. The desks and chairs in the auditorium were all organized, and in a wide area, various activities were conducted, including quizzes solved while running, involving teams composed by each company, in unison, thus providing a unique and memorable bonding experience. After meetings by each company, the day came to a close, and the night was spent communing with good ancestors at the Chung Pyung holy ground.



The next day, after breakfast, the day began with a climb up to Cheonseungdae, where the Tree of Blessing of the Chung Pyung holy ground is located. It was a day where the temperature reached -2 degrees for the first time this year, but the wives of the executives and staff members gathered by company and drank the water of life, climbed the steps to the top of Cheonseungdae to pray for blessings for the companies and families of Tongil Group, enjoy the view of the Chung Pyung holy ground, as well as the fog of the Chung Pyung Lake and captured memories by taking commemorative photographs.



The fourth special lecture was by Tongil Group Special Parish Pastor Jun-Ah Jeong, entitled, "True Love and Family." The key point inherent in the words of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han is to live on while practicing "True Love," and a promise was made to become a family of Tongil Group executives who help realize true love within the family with all three generations, centered on the fact that the field of practice comes true within the family. It was a time where one truly sympathized as a mother of one family, and a valuable time where the means of creating a true family through "True Love" was learned and internalized.



The fifth special lecture was given by former Congresswoman Eul-Dong Kim. His presentation was titled, "The Way I See Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han." Former Congresswoman Eul-Dong Kim testified that he came to respect Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han when they continuously engaged themselves in worldwide peace activities, even amid so much misunderstanding from their surrounding communities. The wives of the executives and staff members were greatly surprised to see the confident and feisty respect that former Congresswoman Eul-Dong Kim, who once took on the heavy responsibility of a member of the Supreme Council of the Winning Party, felt for Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han.



The sixth special lecture was a reading of the greeting remarks of the International President of the Women's Federation for World Peace, Yeon-Ah Moon, by Secretary General Young-Seon Choe, and a time of reporting. The activities meant to create a world of peace through women's peace movements that Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han created were explained in detail.







Lastly, there was a reflection period during which the participants express how they felt about the workshop. Many said, "I thought there would only be contents about the Unification Church because it was a Tongil Group workshop, but I was truly pleased to hear about the activities of women's peace movements. And it was also a good opportunity to think once more about the preciousness of the 'family,'" and gave positive feedback about contents other than that of church activities, such as the women's peace movements and True Family movements.

One person also gave a review by saying, "I am glad that I was able to energize my life and remind myself about the value of family. You really get to meet the wives of the employees of each affiliation, so I recommend people to participate in such workshops. Every time I am amazed by the Tongil Group, and am thankful for the love and consideration they have for our families. I hope more people will listen to the lectures with their husbands, and thus gain the chance to care for and love them even more. Thank you for letting me listen to great words and lectures in such amazing locations; great seasons, every year."