

WestRock Family News

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Motto for the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar:

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

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy winter! Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!

I was born and raised in California, so it's a challenge for me to be happy in really cold weather – and today it is really cold! Thank you God for the challenge – I am praying for our brothers and sisters further north, I hope they are keeping warm.

With God's Day, (Sunday Feb 10) just around the corner and Foundation Day less than one month away, I encourage everyone to invest with your utmost sincerity in preparing your heart – through prayer, reflection, Hoondokae, and all the various activities by which we love one another.

God's Day will be celebrated locally in each church on Sunday, Feb 10. At that time we will be conducting the Holy Wine ceremony in preparation for Foundation Day. Everyone is invited to attend this special Holy Wine ceremony.

I want to make it clear to everyone that we will celebrate Foundation Day on Thursday evening, Feb. 21 (NOT on FEB 22). Metro NY, Long Is, and WestRock will celebrate at the Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown. Up-State NY will meet at UTS in Barrytown.

I encourage those couples who would like to go to Korea, but cannot because of finances, to apply for a scholarship. We cannot cover everything – but we do have the scholarship donations that Brothers and Sisters have been sending in. If you would like to apply for funds, send me an email. I need your name and your spouse's name and the name of your local church pastor. I also need to know how much you can contribute towards your ticket (it should be at least half – currently you can get tickets for \$1200). The church can't give money directly to anyone, but we can purchase tickets.

As you may have heard True Mother is encouraging us to teach God's word - as much as possible, day and night. It will enrich and strengthen us – and it will transform those to whom it is given. With True Father's passing to the spirit world let's not ease up in our determination, but prepare ourselves so that we can make a strong beginning on Foundation Day and beyond. This is a good time to reach out to our friends and neighbors in the church in order to brain storm, discuss, and develop strategies as to how we can support each other so that we can take more initiative in promoting and accomplishing God's will.

Let's continue to work together for the victory of our Heavenly Parents!

God Bless You!
Andrew Compton

Sermon

My apologies – I did not record my sermon this week. And I did not receive sermons from other pastors in our district.

Light Thoughts for the Day

Frozen

A wife texts her husband on a cold morning: "Windows frozen."

Her husband texts back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it."

The wife texts back 5 minutes later: "Computer completely messed up now."

Newly Married (think of the fortune as the Blessing)

A newly married man, feeling a little insecure, asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?"

"Honey," his bride replied sweetly, "I'd have married you no matter who left you that fortune!"

Providential News

- True Mother is in Korea
 - **True God's Day will be on Sunday Feb 10**
 - 30 Days until Foundation Day; 13th Day of the First Month of the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar (which will be Feb 22 on the solar calendar) – We will celebrate simultaneously on Thursday night, Feb. 21
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Quote for the Week

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."- **Aristotle**

Announcements

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Outreach

True Father's Autobiography- please continue to do your best to distribute True Father's Autobiography

OSDP/Bible Study – at the White House, the next date will be Monday, Jan. 14

Community

God's Day and Foundation Day: We are putting together a team to plan the events for God's Day and Foundation Day. If you would like to be on the team please contact Rev Compton

Foundation Day Registration: All members need to register for Foundation Day – on line, <http://foundationday.unification.org/> If you need help, please contact Toby Gullery (914-334-8829) or Rev Compton. We will connect you with someone who can help you.

Foundation Day Scholarship Fund: If you are not going to Korea for Foundation Day,

please consider making a donation (beyond the \$130) to a scholarship fund to help couples who are going.

Up and Coming Brothers Sleepover: All high school and middle school brothers are invited to a sleepover at the White House on Friday, February 1st. We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover food. We will meet at 8PM.

Other

Car for Sale: 2000 Buick LeSabre Limited \$1,000 or nearest offer. If interested, reply by e-mail or call Will at 845-353-4655 (or Renate Sato)

Looking for a part-time baby-sitter in Irvington: if anyone is interested, please contact Mishiko Kumagai at 201-704-0538.

Prayer

WestRock Prayer by Conference Call- Sunday 8 to 8:20 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416# All are welcome.

Prayer Continues for Jiau-Lan Weinstein, she is still fighting to overcome cancer. Let's all pray for those who we know – who for different reasons became distant from our True Parents – that they can join us, with True Mother and our True Father in heaven, to receive the Blessing of our Heavenly Parents on Foundation Day.

(if you have someone you would like the District to pray for, please send me the information)

Next Ahn Shi II: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!