

WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

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,

Greetings!

As you may have heard, we are now in a period of 100 days leading to the one year anniversary of True Father's ascension. During this time period we are all encouraged to engage ourselves in making an offering centered on sharing the love of our True Parents and the Divine Principle with others.

The purpose is to take steps toward "substantially establishing God's ideal (Cheon Il Guk)."

I am personally inspired by the example set by our sister Chiaki Hagiwara. She met a young man at WCC (Westchester Community College) named David. She invited him to come to our church service, which he did 2 weeks ago. Afterwards he listened to the Introduction to the DP. This week he attended the service with my wife and I in Manhattan – and then heard Chapter 1 of the DP. It is wonderful to see someone uplifted by the DP and by the witness of our community (he is especially inspired by our interracial mix)

To support you in this effort we have printed 1000 outreach cards (with all the correct information on them). These cards are available at the White House – they will be in the front door entry-way. Please take them as you need. I would suggest that we each make a goal to give out a certain number each day or each week.

Another support for outreach is the upcoming Philippine Cultural Program, Saturday May 25 (at 4 pm at the Jewish Community Center) and the following Day, the Spring Festival on Sunday May 26. For Sunday, you can invite guests to the sermon, or invite them just for the festival. Either way I promise they will have a good experience.

And don't forget, on June 1 (Saturday) we will have a Small Groups Seminar at Belvedere from 9 am to 3:30 pm. (see the announcements below). Our Small Groups are going to be essential – to support each of us, and to support our new guests as they begin a DP oriented life of faith.

Finally, I just learned that our beloved brother Eric Holt is in the ICU at St John's Hospital in Yonkers. He is fighting with cancer of the liver. Please pray for him and his family.

God Bless You! Let's work together to make each day great!

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Sermon

This Sunday Andrew Love and I switched places. I gave a sermon in Manhattan on "My Offering" and Andrew Love came up and gave a sermon in WestRock. I am sorry, we did not record Andrew Love's sermon. If you would like to hear the sermon I gave you can access the audio at: <https://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/uc-nyc-05-19-13-rev-compton-1>

Light Thought for the Day

Getting A's

A professor stood before his class of senior biology students, about to hand out the final exam. "I want to say that it's been a pleasure teaching you this semester. I know you've all worked extremely hard and many of you are off to medical school after the summer. I don't want anyone to get their GPA messed up because they might have been celebrating a bit too much this week, so anyone who would like to opt out of the final exam now will receive a 'B' for the course."

Naturally, there was much rejoicing in the class as students got up, walked to the front of the class and took the professor up on his offer.

As the last taker left the room, the professor looked out over the handful of remaining students and asked, "Anyone else? This is your last chance." One final student rose up and opted out of the final.

The professor closed the door and took attendance of those students remaining. "I'm glad to see you believe in yourself," he said. "You all get 'A's.'"

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me

Providential News

- True Mother will be in Hawaii. There will be a Divine Principle Workshop for the True Family
- The 20-20 Providence has begun! We are now in a 100 day period of devotion leading up the anniversary of True Father's ascension, to share the DP with others – and to inspire them to work with us to build God's Kingdom!

Quote for the Week

Matthew 6: 21

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

WestRock Council

Chairperson – Matthew Strater
Vice-Chair – Rob Kitchens
Secretary – Grace Selover
Treasurer – Danso Sawamukai

Committee Assignments (so far):

Youth and Education – Toby Gullery
Care Team – Grace Selover
Finance – Danso Sawamukai
Outreach – Tokiko Stewart
Small Groups – Jim Stinard
Sunday Service – Rob Kitchens
24+ – Danso Sawamukai and Grace Selover
Peter Reiner is now on the council, replacing Mary Hida

Elections will take place on June 2nd. We are now receiving nominations. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 pm at the White House.

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Outreach

- **DP/Bible Study:** Monday's at 7:30 pm.
- **Philippine Cultural Program:** Saturday, May 25 at the Jewish Comm. Center in Tarrytown. A flyer is available.
- **WFWP – Lunch and Learn Program** will be May 19, 2013, please mark your calendars and on the attached flyer you will find all the information on the topic and this month speaker. Any questions, please call Renate
- **District Level, 1-Day DP Workshop:** Saturday June 8. Renew your spirit! Saturday @ Camp Sunrise. For members and guests \$30 (\$45 for overnight – include breakfast Sunday morning). For more info Rev Compton.

Community

- **Please Submit Nominations for the WestRock Council today!** Every member is asked to please nominate 4 members – to run for the WestRock Council.
- **The Fishing Tournament is ON! Until May 23: For more info contact** go to www.peacekingcup.com
- **Camp Sunrise Summer Camps Are Back!** To register and/or obtain more information about these camps, go to the BFA website found at www.campsunriseny.org and click on “sponsored programs.” Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15th!
- **Small Group Seminar:** will take place on Saturday June 1 at Belvedere, 9:00 – 3:30 pm. Guest speakers Dr Tyler Hendricks and Maio Biacco (Perry). It's going to be great! Registration fee is \$25 (\$20 before May 29).
- **Spring Festival at Belvedere:** Sunday May 26. After service until 5 pm Food, Fun, Games, Music, and more – FOR ALL AGES
- **District Level Sunday Service:** We will have a district level Sunday Service at Camp Sunrise on True Day of All Things, June 9. Starting time – 10:30 am

Prayer

- **WestRock Prayer by Conference Call:** Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am. You are welcome to join us.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays• Let's pray for our brother Eric Holt. He is in critical condition, fighting with cancer of the liver, at St John's Hospital in Yonkers. |
| | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Ahn Shi II: Wednesday, May 22, 2013</p> |
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