

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

Greetings!

This past Sunday the title to my sermon was “Sharing God’s Love with Others – It Takes a Community”

If we want to give life to others – we can’t do it on our own. Our challenge is to go at least one step beyond our family and create a tribe – a group of families – that is bound together in love, sharing together the goals and purpose of our True Parents. Of course, if you can do that with your own relatives and contacts, that’s great. But most of us need to build that “Tribe” of families with the other Blessed Central Families in our area. And, for that to happen we need to spend time with each other, doing things together. Sunday service is good, but not enough.

I want to encourage us all to do our best to spend 2 other days of the week (another 3 hours) with other families – studying DP together, witnessing together, having meals together, going to the beach together and doing other fun things together.

If we think of such activities as being secondary – that they are not really that crucial – and we regard other activities as primary (money, job, career, etc.) this isn’t going to work. We aren’t going to become that community of life that is able to give life to others.

Please consider:

Helping to create a DP Study Small Group on Wednesday or Friday evening, from now until the end of Sept

Location: at the White House. Time: is up to you (6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, or 7:30 pm)

If you are interested, contact Andrew Compton

Help us with Sunday Service, Join a Sunday Service team:

Sunday Service Support Teams

We need your help. Is there an area listed below in which you would like to help.

If so, for how long? ____ 1 month, ____ 3 months, ____ Other

- ___ Set-up: Early morning before service – set up chairs
- ___ Signs: Put up 2 signs on Broadway and 2 on the road leading to the training center
- ___ Coffee & Tea: Prepare and set up coffee and tea before service
- ___ Snacks: Prepare and set up snacks before service
- ___ Technical Audio Visual: Work with Charles Patterson on audio visual
- ___ Greeting: Greet members as they arrive and give each family a bulletin
- ___ Ushering & Offering Collection & Counting: help people to find a seat, collect the offering, count the money after service
- ___ Music: participate in the music ministry team, come early for rehearsals
- ___ Hosts of Sunday Service: Help provide special care for guests and new members after Sunday service
- ___ Clean up: stay afterwards to make sure chairs are put away, snacks and coffee tea things are put away, air-conditioning/heating and lights are off, doors are shut.

Send your name and email address – to Dominic Barber and let him know which category you are interested in.

Let's make this a great week!
God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

Sorry, no recording this week, I had technical difficulties

Light Thought for the Day:

Wedding Advice

At a wedding, the DJ polled the guests to see who had been married longest. The bride's grandparents took the honors.

The DJ asked them: "What advice would you give to the newly-married couple?"

The grandmother said: "The three most important words in a marriage are, 'You're probably right.'"

Everyone then looked at the grandfather for his answer.

He, wisely, answered: "She's probably right."

Testimonies/reports

I had a great experience this past Sunday. I took the handmade bookmarks,

that we (members and guests) had made, and set them on display on a table on Broadway – just next to the entrance to Columbia University. I was amazed at how many people were on the street. Next to me were street sellers selling all kinds of things – it was like a mini farmers market.

It was a great joy to invite everyone to take a bookmark and to offer a donation, whatever amount they felt like giving (donations go to the Jean – Marie Foundation orphanage and school in Haiti). Some gave, most didn't, but it was a great way to meet and talk with people. One person signed up to help create bookmarks at our next Bookmarks for Peace event.

I am going to try again this week – with an improved display board. I will go Sunday from 1-3pm (so we can attend the Seiko Lee concert at the New Yorker) If you are interested in participating, please give me a call. Andrew Compton

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

Providential News

- True Mother has returned to Korea.

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!**

9 Days left in our special 40-Day of **Sharing the Blessing!** Everyone is invited to make special effort during this time to reach out to others with an invitation to learn more about our movement and the Divine Principle

Quote for the Week

...let us remember the large numbers of citizens who, day in and day out, through acts of volunteerism large and small, bring hope to so many of the world's disadvantaged. Let us ensure that this wonderful resource, available in abundance to every nation, is recognized and supported as it works towards a more prosperous and peaceful world. -- Kofi Annan

Announcements

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Outreach

National HQ has put together a new website just for guests. The site is: www.dplife.info Please check it out.

Seiko Lee will be performing a concert to benefit Syria: July 28th (Sun.) at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel. No fee, but an offering will be taken

"Play soccer make peace": Robin Graham is heading this up. Please check it out at: (watch your emails for this) www.indiegogo.com/projects/peace-club-play-soccer-make-peace/x/3638361

Community

Opportunity for Youth to Study in Korea:

Summer 21-Day and 40-Day workshops at Cheongpyeong. Financial help is available for transportation. See the email that was sent to you for details (or call Rev Compton)

Sun Myung Moon University: Scholarships are available. See email that was sent to you for details, (or call Rev Compton)

NY/NJ Ocean Challenge Program: Meaning & History of the Ocean Providence, Captain Training, Fishing, BBQ. Saturdays, July 13-August 31 10:00 am-4:00 pm
20 Riverside Avenue Little Ferry, NJ 07643 fee: \$250

Other

Family of 4 is looking for TEMPORARY Lodging from July 15th Until September 15th in the WestRock Community. 1-2 Rooms are needed
Please Contact **Chaplain Daryl Clarke** with any information or for questions

Prayer

- Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am
- Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays

Next Ahn Shi II: Thursday July 25, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!