WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a great start the New Year 2014. One of the best ways to show our Heavenly Parents our love is to keep a positive attitude in challenging situations. Just as we know, in the midst of the cold, that spring is on its way, so also, in the midst of our spiritual challenges, we know that through our consistent faith, optimism, and action – the Ideal of Heaven is coming!

Let's embrace the new motto, let's become true owners, let's resemble our Heavenly Parents, and let's become the most optimistic people the world has ever known!

Once again, take note in the announcements of the request for a Foundation Day donation.

And, please make use of this time leading up to True Heavenly Parents' Day (Jan. 31) and Foundation Day (Feb 12), to offer a consistent daily time of prayer and hoondokae – and prepare your best plans, strategy, and goals for victory in the new year.

God Bless You Andrew Compton

Sermon

The sermon, given at Belvedere was given by Andrew Compton. "Be the One in Whom God's Ideal Is Strong, Alive, & Growing!" You can see it at: vimeo.com/83669207

Light Thought for the Day:

New Year's Dinner

As in many homes on New Year's Day, my wife and I faced the annual conflict of which was more important - the football games on television, or the dinner itself.

To keep peace, I ate dinner with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-dinner conversation before retiring to the family room to turn on the game.

Several minutes later, my wife came downstairs and graciously even brought a cold drink for me. She smiled, kissed me on the cheek and asked what the score was. I told her it was the end of the third quarter and that the score was still nothing to nothing.

"See?" she said, continuing to smile, "You didn't miss a thing."

Testimonies/reports

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

Providential News

Jan 31 is God's Day. We will also celebrate True Parents Birthday on that day. Check with your local church for celebration plans

Feb 12 is Foundation Day

The 20-20 Providence has begun! WestRock and Upstate have been paired with the Solomon Islands and Italy. Metro NY and Long Is have been paired with Nepal and Israel.

Quote for the Week:

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.

Lucille Ball

Announcements

Outreach

WFWP first Lunch and Learn in 2014, Sunday January 12. From 12:00 to 2:00pm at the White House. Speaker: Mrs. Lydia Compton will report on the WFWP 21st. National Assembly that took Place on Oct. 25 & 26th. 2013 at the University of Maryland. Any questions please call Renate

Bookmarks for Peace: We will have a program at the White House on Sat. Jan 11 at 2 pm.

ACLC Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, Jan 11 at Little Rock Zion Miss. Church; 946 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Registration from 8:30 am, Fee is \$10

DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Monday January 13, 7 PM, Nov 25. Topic: History has a Destination

Community

Foundation Day Donation: True Parents have asked each family to make a Foundation Day offering of \$130 or more. At a time when True Mother is raising funds to educate and raise up our youth, let's do our best to show her our love and support!

God's Day, TP Birthday and Talent Show: we will have midnight prayer on Jan 30 at the Belvedere Holy Rock and a 7 am God's Day pledge service on Jan 31 at the Training Center. The offering table and celebration will take place on Sunday Feb 2 at East Garden at 10 am. At that time we will serve a simple lunch and there will be a talent show. If you would like to participate please contact Andrew Compton or Dominic Barber.

A New Club is Starting Up: DP Alive is a new club with a mission: To personally understand and lecture the Divine Principle within a supportive and nurturing club while reaching viewers on YouTube and via blog as a witnessing effort with the aim

to represent a positive and knowledgeable presence about God, True Parents, and Cheon-II-Guk on the internet. Everyone is welcome to join this group. Students in middle-school and high school who really want to understand the Divine Principle are encouraged to join. If you are interested please contact Somiya.

• Starting a Wed Night Prayer: Would you like to join a Wednesday Night Prayer beginning Jan 8, 9 pm at the White House? We can choose our topics as we go. Contact Lydia Compton or just come.

Teri and Motoe Onoda had a baby girl:, Lillian, born Dec 22. CONGRATULATIONS to mom and dad and Grandma and Grandpa Onoda!

Project 20/20 Solomon Islands: We are asking members to help send 88 Color coded DP books to the Solomon Is. They are using them in their one-on-one witnessing program. \$20 sends them one book.

Scholarships for study in Korea at Sun Moon University: Dead line to register for Spring semester (March) is Jan 8. Please contact Rev Compton

<u>Prayer</u>

Laura Nabetani – she continues to fight pneumonia and other health challenges. She is now in the White Plains hospital.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein - she continues her fight with lung cancer

Next Ahn Shi II: Thursday, January 9, 2014

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!