WestRock Family News

Andrew Compton September 7, 2014

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!

Important Happenings Around the World

• TRUE MOTHER: is back in Korea – where she celebrated Chuseok (a holiday in which Koreans gather together with their families to honor their ancestors and celebrate the harvest season – it is somewhat similar to our Thanksgiving)

SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE FAMILY FEDERATION WORLDWIDE:

Next Ahn Shi II is on Sunday, September 14

HERE IN AMERICA:

American program to honor the 2nd Anniversary of True Father's Seong Hwa will take place at the Manhattan Center on Saturday, September 20 at 10:30 am There will be a \$100 plate banquet lunch at 1 pm

Help with the offering of signatures from America, in repentance for True Father's prosecution and imprisonment. Go to

Recognition of Injustice and Apology

September 18 is a date for us all to remember – Madison Sq Garden and Washington Monument speaking events took place on this day

IN NY District:

We are conducting a series of local God's Hope for America Rallies throughout the NY District.

The first one took place on Saturday, August 30th in downtown White Plains, the next one will take place on Saturday, September 13 in Brooklyn (corner of Newkirk Ave and Marlborough Rd). at <u>3:00 pm</u>. (just 1 min. walk from Newkirk subway station (Q train))

AND IN WESTROCK: Divine Principle 1-Day workshop: Saturday, Oct. 4 at the White House, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Divine Principle Study & Discussion: Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30pm at the White House.

The Sermon this Week

This week, at Belvedere, Justin Okamoto gave the sermon. To watch the few sermon go to: (sorry the first minutes were not recorded) Part 1: <u>http://vimeo.com/105663496</u>

Part 2: http://vimeo.com/105663497

Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Happy Chuseok Everyone!

Sometimes it is really a blessing to be in NY! That will be especially true on Saturday, September 20th.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 our national HQ has organized a special memorial for our True Father. Up until now, we haven't really held a memorial that was open to the public – in which we could honor our True Father's

incredible life and appreciate what he has done for us and for all humanity.

Let's all take this as an opportunity to reach out to our family, friends (including those members who, for whatever reason, have distanced themselves from our church) and our contacts and invite them to join with us in this celebration. It is a time when we can go beyond our differences and simply express our love and appreciation to True Father.

On Saturday Sept. 13 - leading up the memorial there are going to be 2 events, 1) an ACLC prayer breakfast at Johnny Youngblood's church in Brooklyn. And 2) a God's Hope for America Rally in Brooklyn (see the announcements below for details)

Finally – please take a look at our new section on Blessing and Family Ministry by Debby Gullery.

And in the testimony section, Lynn Walsh shares about the UT workshop that was held. Thank you Lynn!

God Bless You and your Family! Let's make it a great week! Andrew Compton

Blessing & Family Ministry

Please congratulate Masae Josephs, who recently completed her training to become a Matching Advisor in hopes of supporting WestRock brothers and sisters!

Reminder: The Japanese version of the Family Matching Handbook is now available.

Parents Matching Convocation • Oct. 24~26 • UTS

- There will be a National Parents Matching Convocation (PMC) at UTS, New York on October 24~26. The PMC is a great opportunity for parents to understand the Matching Process, learn from those who have matched their children successfully, network with other parents, and consider possible matching candidates. All parents of teenagers 17 and older should try to attend to familiarize and educate themselves about the process and their role and begin developing a family plan for matching their children.
- **Registration Save Money by Registering Early!** To encourage prompt registration and facilitate planning and organization, participants can save money by registering early. You can pay directly online by credit card:
- EARLY BIRD Pay by October 10th: \$120/individual; \$200/couple; \$80 for each additional family member
- Pay after October 10th: \$150/individual; \$240/couple; \$90 for each additional family member

National Marriage Enrichment Webinar Thursday, Sept. 25 • 9pm (EST)

• This month's Marriage Enrichment Webinar will be presented by *Debby Gullery* on the topic "*Marriage* as a Spiritual Practice", and will discuss a practical approach to spiritual growth within marriage. Debby is an experienced Relationship Coach and educator for marriage and family relationships.

Level 2 Blessing Workshop: October 3-5, UTS. Mandatory for anyone desiring to become a matching candidate and enter into the matching process.

Four Part Parenting Series:

• Getting Through to Your Teenager!

Monday, September 27, White House, 7-9 pm, 548 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Cost: \$10 This program is open to guests! Flyers available soon.

• Parenting Your Young Adult Child / October 27, 7-9 pm

The next two programs in the series will be held in November **for members only** and will focus on preparing for and navigating through, **the matching process**.

For more information, to register for a national program, to access archived marriage enrichment webinars, and just to see what else is offered, check out the national Blessed Family Ministry website at bfm.familyfed.org. It

is full of helpful information!

REMEMBER TO INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES!

Prayer Requests

Laura Nabetani is now at home - and doing better. Thank you all for your prayers!

Jiau-Lan Weinstein (she is in Taiwan - and her situation has grown worse)

Moses Kiely – 3 years old, grandson of Michael and Maria Kiely, diagnosed with leukemia

Testimonies/Reports

Unification Thought Workshop (organized by, and report given by Lynn Walsh)

On Sept. 5 and 6 a Unification Thought workshop was enthusiastically attended by twelve young adults and several adults at the white house. Gerry Servito presented deep content about how God created each of us uniquely and with clear purpose, showing the universality of God's principles as applied in many areas such as biology, physics, relationships, marriage, the arts, history and education. Uncle Gerry teaches with creativity, sincerity, personal examples and great passion, all of which makes his appreciation for Unification Thought quite contagious. When much of the world has lost its understanding of God and the purpose of life, UT offers clarity that is profound and much needed. One participant reflected that this knowledge will help them better filter the God-less perspective often taught in college classrooms. Because of the brevity of time Uncle Gerry could only touch on many of the issues. The main "complaint" heard in the reflections was "we want to hear more."

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

Light Thought for the Day:

Flattering Clothes

After giving birth, I couldn't lose the 40 pounds I'd gained. So I dragged my husband to the mall in search of more flattering clothes.

We were encouraged by a sign over a rack of suits: "Instantly hides ten pounds!"

"Look," he said. "You just need to buy four of these."

Announcements:

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<u>Outreach</u>

Special Memorial for our True Father: Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Manhattan Center **Morning:** all members, friends, and guests are invited for the memorial.

Afternoon: lunch banquet, \$100 per seat. (to reserve a seat contact Pastor Compton)

ACLC Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, Sept 20 8:30 am, Mt Pisgah Baptist Church, 212 Tompkins Ave.,

Brooklyn. Speaker: Rev Dr Johnny Youngblood

NY God's Hope for America Rally in Brooklyn: Sat. Sept. 20 at 3:00 pm. Location: <u>corner of Newkirk Ave</u> <u>& Marlborough rd</u>

DP 1-Day Seminar at the White House: Sat. Oct 4 **DP Monday night study at the White House**: 7:30 pm

Community

Dancing after Service: Learn to dance, have fun, and get healthy! \$5 per family. Will start at 12 noon **Next Sunday – is Family & Friends Sunday!** The service will be in the woods just south of Belvedere. Please invite friends and family. We will have a great service, followed by pot-luck lunch and games for the kids. Here is the Pot-Luck food assignment

If the lady of the house was born:

in Jan, Feb. or March, or April: bring a dessert,

In May, June July, or Aug.: bring a main dish

In Sept, Oct, Nov., or Dec.: bring a side dish (veggies or salad)

Signatures for the apology campaign for True Father's wrongful imprisonment are being collected. If you have not signed yet, please sign a petition after service.

Robert Schairer is starting a weekly Korean Study Small group. If you are interested contact Pastor Compton

Donation Request to support True Father's 2nd Anniversary Seong Hwa. \$210 per family, \$120 per individual. Please help America make an offering we can be proud of.

Farewell to the Kiely's! Michael and Maria did so much for our community! They are headed to Alaska and later will settle with their family in the Albany area. We will miss them dearly.

Prayer

Members are invited to come for prayer – Sundays, 9:30 am at the Belvedere Holy Rock. On Tuesdays, 7 am, at the Central Park Holy Ground (call Rev Compton if you want a ride)

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Other

STUDY OF FATHER'S WORDS IN KOREAN STUDY GROUP

1. Purpose: To help develop the ability to read, hear, speak and comprehend Father's words in the original language of Korean

2. Material: True Families: Gateway to Heaven (See accompanying sample)

3. Dates: Saturday mornings from September 13 to December 20th (in Korea); Friday evenings from Sept 12 to Dec 19 in USA.

4. Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am (Korean time) Saturday mornings

5. Meeting Method: Skype group audio call

6. Group Leader: Robert Schairer (not fluent in Korean, just a student of the language who may or may not be a few steps ahead of the other participants) a) Current Employment: Visiting Professor at KAIST in Seoul, Korea teaching MBA students corporate law and securities law b) Educational Background: --Juris Doctor, cum laude, Brooklyn Law School --Master of International Affairs specializing in Int. Finance & Banking and East Asia, Columbia University School of Int. & Public Affairs --Bachelor of Arts, majoring in East Asian Studies, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University School of General Studies c) Blessing: 6000 couple d) Relevant experience: -- leading study group for 5 years -prepared initial translation from Korean to English for portions of the yet to be published Cham Bumo Gyeong and helped to edit and proofread portions of the English translation of the new Cheong Seong Gyeong and the Pyeong Hwa Gyeong

7. Study Group Size Limit: 6 people besides the group leader

8. Cost: Free, however a donation of whatever one can afford is suggested to be made to the church of one's choosing to be designated for use in supporting Korean language education for our 2nd and 3rd generation youth.

9. Study Material Format (See accompanying attachment): a) Paragraph from True Families: Gateway to Heaven with Chinese characters inserted in parentheses and grammatical patterns noted and numbered in bold print referring to grammar explanations in the grammar section end notes. b) Audio recording by a native Korean speaker reading the paragraph(s). c) Vocabulary section: definitions of words used in the paragraph in order of appearance and in some cases with links to an audio of native speaker pronunciation d) Chinese Character Section: Provides a definition of the Chinese character, the radicals that make it up and some explanation regarding the character. e) Grammar Section: Explanations of

the various grammatical patterns, references to Korean grammar books and links to audio and pdf grammar lessons at Talk To Me In Korean, an on line Korean study website. f): Various Official English translations of the paragraph

10. Study Session Format: a) 1 to 2 paragraphs covered each session (See accompanying sample) b) Open with a representative prayer c) Listen to native speaker audio reading the paragraph d) Participants then take turns reading a sentence and then translating it into English followed by comments from the group leader and other participants e) When the paragraph is finished various official translations of the material are read followed by a discussion among the participants

11. To Sign Up please send an email to the group leader with your email address and skype id. Please don't sign up unless you are serious about participating and keep in mind the group is limited to 6.

Make it a Great Week!