

The major events of True Mother's USA Tour

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Major events of True Mother's USA Tour - Cheon Shim Won, the Second Generation Gathering, the UPA Special Breakfast, the Tour Lectures, and the Special Service celebrating Success



In advance of her coming to America, True Mother specifically requested to meet with members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). The intent was to call the clergy to raise the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) flag in their churches as a show of oneness with our True Mother in this new era.

Understanding the gravity of True Mother's heart, the ACLC executive leadership and staff chose 33 Christian Pastors, twelve of which were present as couples, who they felt were prepared to take the next steps in uniting with True Mother. 32 ACLC coordinators also attended in support. Together, they gathered at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas on October 6 and 7, 2023, under the theme, "Raise the Flag and Lead in the Era of True Mother's Embrace." This gathering was organized by Rev. John Jackson, Co-Chair ACLC; Dr. Luonne Rouse, Co-Chair ACLC; and Rev. Demian Dunkley, Regional Chair and National President for the American Movement.



The 2-day experience began with pastors desperately praying in the Cheon Shim Won and receiving content from True Mother's special lecturer, Professor Jin Choon Kim, on the theology and stature of True Parents and the Only Begotten Daughter. Clergy eagerly soaked up the content and asked many in

depth questions, dialoguing even through dinner with Prof. Kim. They were fully engaged and excited. With their hearts now prepared, the call to action to raise the FFWPU flag in their churches was presented the following morning.



Dr. Mark Abernathy, Senior Pastor of Connect Point Inc., took the lead and delivered a message conveying True Mother's heart that inspired and won over many of the clergy, but the tension in the room was palpable. Though some clergy are only open to discussing this call to action, they all signed an FFWPU flag to present to True Mother later that morning. Many pastors continued to pray fervently that all the pastors present would fully unite to this call by the time they met with True Mother. It all culminated on October 7 with a meeting with True Mother in the main ballroom at IPEC. The space was beautifully decorated and chairs and tables laid out in conference-style to open up the space and allow clergy a familial proximity to True Mother. Clergy offered a kyung-bae and gifts and Pastor T.L. Barrett, Senior Pastor of Life Center Church of God in Christ, which was the first Christian church to officially receive True Parents as a speaker, sang, "You Are So Beautiful," changing the lyrics so it spoke directly to True Mother. True Mother delivered the main message describing to the clergy the providence of God surrounding the Only Begotten Daughter. She concluded with a request to pastors to stand with her to "reveal the truth" and see her not just as a "spiritual parent," but in a real "parent-child relationship" with them and asked that they "proclaim it to the world." The pastors responded with enthusiasm to this request and then offered testimonies prepared by two clergy couples. Rev. Mark and Edna Abernathy shared their life course and expressed their one hundred percent commitment and unity with True Mother and her vision. Bishop Charles Dudley, Pastor of the New Beginnings Ministry of Faith, shared his course and testified to his belief that God prepared him for the last 50+ years to meet True Mother. His wife, Pastor Marion Dudley, shared her love and admiration for True Mother.



The atmosphere in the room lifted and many felt heaven's love pour from True Mother. What followed was an affirmation of oneness by all the clergy present, who stood up and exploded the room with many FFWPU flags lifted in unity with True Parents. Prayers had been answered and every single clergy member present accepted the call to action to raise the FFWPU flag in their church. True Mother was presented with the signed flag, thus declaring everyone's commitment to expand the realm of her embrace in America and realize Cheon Il Guk in her lifetime. Throughout the meeting, and especially during the shared testimonies, True Mother wiped many tears from her eyes and she exited with a face full of joy and laughter. This time for ACLC with Mother was a true victory!

ACLC Affirmation Of Oneness

True Mother, we stand before you today as leaders of the American Clergy Leadership Conference and as filial children, affirming our unwavering commitment to God, our Heavenly Parent, and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. We pledge to lead Christianity towards oneness with True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, expanding the realm of her embrace in unity with Family Federation, and leading the movement to reveal the truth of God's providence. To substantialize this pledge, we affirm our resolve to further understand and begin the process of realizing:

1. *Raise the flag of Family Federation in our church*
2. *Financially contribute to Family Federation and its mission*
3. *Receive and share the Blessing both horizontally and vertically*
4. *Reveal and educate the truth of God's providence in this era*
5. *Establish a Cheon Shim Won prayer hall in our church*

With this affirmation, they all stood up, and raised their flag.



Clergy's Testimonial

Dr. Luonne Rouse, National Co-Chair, ACLC

Reflecting on our "Raise the Flag" gathering, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and inspiration. 100% of the clergy who gathered to hear True Mother stood to affirm their commitment to raise the flag. True Mother, you are the Only Begotten Daughter, and we yearn to have you with us always, just as beloved children long to be with their parents. Your presence alone uplifts my entire being, and I pledge my life and love to you, eagerly embracing everything you have to say. This day has been a tremendous blessing, and I am wholeheartedly committed to walking alongside you in the pursuit of building a Holy community and creating a beautiful world. Your message expressing your dedication to teaching and guiding others in understanding the Heavenly Parent and the fulfillment of True Parents' blessed mission in this era has deeply honored and moved us. As clergy in the Christian community, we share your vision for a world where individuals can embody the essence of Heavenly Parent's teachings and experience the transformative power of true love. Together, we will work diligently to raise awareness of the Heavenly Parent's presence in our lives and cultivate a profound sense of divine love and purpose within each individual. I stand ready to join you in proclaiming and educating others about the path to true freedom and the joy that comes from serving our Heavenly Parent. Through our collective efforts, we can create a world of peace, where the balance between men and women is restored in accordance with the principles of creation. Please know that Marie and I are fully committed to taking responsibility and the necessary steps to fulfill the mission entrusted to us. We deeply appreciate the blessing of your guidance and are willing to serve tirelessly to bring about the realization of Heavenly Parent's dream.

Minister, Marie Rouse

Time spent with you today touched my heart deeply. It was a divine arrangement, showcasing the boundless love of a mother for her children. I sincerely hope that you felt the immense love we have for you, as it is a reflection of God's love. Did you feel it, True Mother? We love you! I want you to know that we are wholeheartedly committed to responding to your call to action. Yes, in unity and solidarity, we, the clergy, are ready to "raise the flag" as a symbol of our unwavering dedication. We proudly stand as American clergy, aligned with the mission of True Parents and being determined to save the day for humanity: True Heart, True Love, True Word.

Bishop Charles Dudley

As True Mother was speaking, I realized that God had been preparing me for this moment since I was 17 and I joined the Marine Corp. At that time, I didn't know that the Marine Corp would take me around the world to meet people from different cultures, different nationalities. Over those years, from 17 to now, God knew that at 60 years old, on this day, at this time, I would be standing before this true woman, sharing with her. This woman, who stands before presidents, spiritual leaders and political leaders around the world; this woman who speaks and the world listens. God has been preparing me for 50+ years for this moment. God was gradually preparing me through life experiences whether that was military or ministry or marriage or whatever it was. He was preparing me because He knew I would be standing before this woman of God, the Mother of mankind. I saw her take a tissue to dab her eye so I hope that something we said touched her heart. I can't say thank you enough to the people that gave us this opportunity. When we first started getting involved, we had a lot of questions, but through reading the memoir we really began to understand who Mother truly is. We are truly inspired by the True Mother who has the voice, the vision, the guidance, and the direction from God.



Pastor Marion Dudley

This weekend has been more than I had anticipated. I didn't know what I would say when I got up there to speak. But once I saw her, it just changed my whole heart. I have been reading True Mother's Memoir, and I felt that I knew her based on her writings and it was easy to stand there and talk to her. When I spoke to her today, it was genuinely from my heart and I wanted her to know how much I love her, how much I admire her. I felt that she was pouring out her heart to tell us who she is. So I want to say, thank you mother, thank you mother, thank you. I love you and I am so happy that I had the chance to look at your face and to see you. I have this indelible picture etched in my brain; so when I close my eyes all I see is your face.

Archbishop Dr. Sulanch Lewis National Co-President and ACLC Wim National Co-Chair

True Mother, this is a beautiful day! It's a wonderful day. And so am I happy to stand in your presence as you are the only begotten daughter to say how much I thank you, how much I love you and how much I stand near at this moment with esteemed love from my heart to let you know that I will be with you across the nation to raise these flags as we answer the call today. The time is now. True Mother, I just want to say to you, stay sweet as you are. You are beautiful.

Rev. Kenneth and Madelene Alexander

It was mind-blowing because we could present the flowers to Mother. It was warm, rich, and loving. True Mother carries with her such a presence. When we talk about how Mother is the embodiment of the Holy Spirit, you can feel she has a pull of the Holy Spirit emanating through her. We cried ... We cried because we have prayed for this moment since 2017. For nearly 7 years we waited to be in the presence of Mother. To have that intimate space. So this was a blessing to the core. We wanted to let her know that we love her, we appreciate her, and moving forward there is no problem for us to share who she is to the world. We believe our assignment is to introduce Mother to everyone we come in contact with. We started with our daughter's book club. We read the Memoir in her book club with 15 young ladies. In the beginning it was controversial, but our daughter stood up and defended Mother. They continued to read the Memoir

and in the end they were so pleased. Mother writes so well, and her life shows the fruits of the spirit in substance. Mother is saying, "I am the Holy Spirit!" How can we deny that! She has taken the responsibility of the world on her shoulders; not just for Korea, or for America, but for the world! Who has done that? No one. We now recognize how important it is that Christian clergy understand the Only Begotten Daughter, just like we understand the Only Begotten Son. Today we declare that she is the substantiation of the Holy Spirit and it is embodied in her life work, how she was born, and her identity as the Only Begotten Daughter. Therefore, it meant so much for us to see her. We could value Jesus and now we value True Mother in the same light. In conclusion we thought, "Yes! Here is the son and daughter of Heavenly Parent right here!"



Rev. Marilyn Kotulek

When we folded the flag in front of Mother and gave it to her, she got up and said "thank you" to me. I could see her face was filled with tears. I could feel the love of Mother as my mother.

Dr. Mark Abernathy and Edna Abernathy

True Mother, we are so happy to be here today enjoying our love with you. I am so glad that I am your son. I am no more John the Baptist. I am your son. We met in 1986, my wife and I, went to Korea. In 1988, we went to Korea. We came back and we studied, and we studied, and we continued to study until we began to be blessed, and then my family began to be blessed. And also, my church began to be blessed. I am excited about being part of True Parents and their mission that they have today. True Mother, I've got your back! I'm supporting you. I'm with you all the way. We believe you are the only begotten daughter of God. I'm going to stand with you as a Christian pastor and we are going to take America back. I love you dearly. Bless you so much, appreciate you.

