

American Resurgence in Las Vegas: The Hyojeong Era of True Mother's Embrace

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Heavenly American 2nd Generation Rally Radiating with True Mother's Jeongseong and Love. A landmark event with over 1,200 second and third generation Americans in attendance for the first time ever.

On October 7-8, 2023, more than 1500 youth from America gathered in Las Vegas for a special meeting with True Mother, called "RESURGENCE: Hyojeong in the Era of True Mother's Embrace." Young people and blessed children came from all over America and from parts of Canada came for this precious opportunity to meet with True Mother. Young Unificationists of all ages came to see her: babies and children, middle and high school students, young adults and professionals, and elder second-generation blessed children. This was the first time that they could welcome True Mother as a nation since 2019.



The RESURGENCE experience was created by Rev. Demian Dunkley, Regional Chair and National President for the American Movement, Jinil Fleischman, National President for the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) USA, and Yasutaka Ozawa, National Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) Coordinator. They intended to cultivate a resurgence of spirit and truth in the American youth centering on True Mother and True Parents and on the understanding of True Mother as the only Begotten Daughter.

The 2-day experience began on October 7 with the Las Vegas Family Church band leading everyone in song. Yasutaka emceed and led the youth in a fun interactive quiz about True Mother with youth typing in their answers on their phone. Together, they also watched the animation, Mother of Peace to set the tone. The youth then received greetings from Dr. Ki-Hoon Kim, Cheon Eui Won Chair, Rev. Dunkley, and from Dr. Yong-Cheon Song, International President of FFWPU. Dr. Song encouraged the participants to have a determined spirit and that "we will win the battle" of God's providence. After some icebreakers, participants read True Mother's words and connected to her heart. They then welcomed Dr. Jin-Choon

Kim, Chairman of Cheon Beob Department, for a special lecture on the stature of True Parents. Through his lecture, the youth could understand clearly the victory of True Parents and the importance of the era that we are living in today.



As this took place, there was a special gathering at the Cheon Shim Won for young families with small children. Kaeleigh Moffitt, WFWP USA President, volunteered to organize activities when she learned over 60 small children, including her own, would be coming with their parents to greet True Mother. These young parents are raising their children in True Parent's tradition and are one hundred percent committed to figuring out how to teach their children about True Parents. Most of the adolescents are third-generation Unificationists. Parents and children participated in a Hyojeong Nuri workshop with singing, dancing, crafts, and even swimming. They also prepared the song "You are my Sunshine" practicing with True Mother's lyrics. This moment was very special to the young parents as they were able to make an offering as a family singing and performing for True Mother as families.



Back in the main ballroom, the youth had the special opportunity to spend time with Prof. Yeon Ah Moon in the evening. She was warm and welcoming and walked about the room giving everyone a chance to be close to her. She smiled and shared True Mother's heart very personally and encouraged everyone to continue to take steps in their growth and never be discouraged. Hwa Yun Chun Moon also shared a short message. After that, Rev. Dunkley shared about True Mother's recent victories, especially the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung. He conveyed True Mother's urgent intention to create the substantial environment of Cheon Il Guk during her lifetime.

On Sunday, October 8, the youth prepared to meet True Mother. The main ballroom was packed; every chair and every bit of floor space was filled. People spilled out into the halls. The Las Vegas Family Church band led praise and worship to prepare the spirit. True Mother entered the room to thunderous applause that didn't stop, despite the emcee's effort to continue the program. Everyone offered a standing kyung-bae and flowers were offered by eight beautiful children, and gifts were presented by youth leaders. Then, the Shin-Miguk HJ Children's Choir, made up of sixty 2nd- and 3rd-generation children sang, "You Are My Sunshine" with their parents. After that, True Mother shared her message. She encouraged the youth to be "pure water" who can flow throughout the world and cleanse all the sin and pain and to firmly settle the substantial Cheon Il Guk. After True Mother's message, there was a performance of Hyo Jin Nim's song "Do-ra-i" sung by Hannah Bush and Yoshiha Tsuchida on guitar. Then, three testimonies were offered.

The first testimony was given by Eri Combs. She spoke about her determination to raise her family in

True Parents' tradition. Next was Kevin and Shannon Bordeaux. They shared their journey of finding the Only Begotten Daughter coming from a Christian background. The final testimony was given by Emily Iseda. She shared how she felt True Mother's embrace while praying in the Cheon Shim Won after being distant from the church for a few years. She expressed the reality of how many 2nd-generation blessed children hold True Parents in their heart and yet have a difficult time connecting to the church. To close the program, all the youth sang and danced to the song "Unite Into One" with True Mother's new lyrics. Their testimonies were met with tears shed by True Mother and by many in the room. To close the program, all 1200 youth sang and danced to the song "Unite Into One" using True Mother's new lyrics to the song. The event closed with another thunderous applause and roaring cheers of "Oog Mansei" which put a huge smile on True Mother's face.

This was a precious experience for all the American youth. There was so much laughter, joy, singing, tears, and deep prayer. It was a big family reunion for a lot of the young people. Centering on True Mother, the youth are determined to be pure water who can heal this world and establish God's ideal.



Testimonies

Amiko Nkwethat (high school aged sister)

Your inspiring words have reinvigorated my faith within the church and I wish to help out even more to achieve God's vision.

Tobi Rissannen (young adult brother)

Through this experience I really feel your urgent heart that we need to become leaders that can lead humanity to live in Cheon Il Guk, and I am inspired to do my part to help my mother. I am extremely grateful for this experience and I hope that our devotion and effort will be felt by you and by heaven. Thank you Mother.

Jaya Alvarez (high school age sister)

I am so very grateful for you, for your strength, your power, your will, your everything. You've inspired me to really follow the providence and follow through with your plans, Mother, for everyone here on earth. Today is truly the best day of my life, and I am so glad to be living in a time where you are still living and breathing. Heavenly Parent has truly chosen the perfect Only Begotten Daughter. I love you with all my heart True Mother!

I always feel as a young parent that I'm too occupied with raising kids, and have no time to offer things like witnessing activities and church activities. But I'm raising the 3rd-generation blessed children; they are the future, the next generation to attend True Parents and lead this movement together. I have more confidence now about what I'm contributing towards. We sang True Mother's version of the song "You are my Sunshine." The lyrics say, "Our deepest wish is to see your smile." That is my wish as well. This experience was irreplaceable for me and my kids! I'm so grateful to be able to participate!"

My favorite part was where this program was held. It literally felt like coming into Mother's home and backyard. It was clear we were there because our Mother had called. This program allowed for a space for children to be in a safe and free environment to connect and play in the beautiful sacred space that is our True Parent's home. Parents feel so much more motivated to come knowing something is being sincerely prepared to welcome their little ones and help them grow their faith as a family. This is the longing we as parents have for our children. That they can create meaningful memories of being embraced by True Parents.