

Tadashi Igarashi, Tokyo 1969



I joined the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) in Tokyo, in 1969, when I was student. On July 20, 1973, I came to the United States as one of 120 Japanese missionaries. I campaigned for True Father's Carnegie Hall speech in New York City in 1973, the Madison Square Garden speech in 1974, the Yankee Stadium Speech in 1976 and the Washington Monument speech in 1976. I was blessed with Hope Igarashi at Madison Square Garden in 1982 as one of 2075 couples. In 1983, I joined True World Group in Washington, D.C., for the restaurant providence, and after 27 years, I am grateful to be overseeing many of our Japanese restaurants nationwide.

I have many wonderful memories over the last 40 years: serving our True Parents in Kodiak, Alaska, working in the restaurants with our brothers and sisters, and raising my own blessed children with my beloved wife. One of my unforgettable memories is that my spiritual child, Anthony Gioia, whom I witnessed to in 1974 in front of the New York Public Library and went to the workshop but never joined, suddenly e-mailed me after 34 years. Since then, he has been attending the morning Hoon Dok Hwe at East Garden in the front row, whenever our True Parents come and is involved with the Long Island Unification Church. Thank you for our True Parents and Heavenly Father.