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We will do everything to fulfill the role of a providential companion.

TP magazine's simultaneous release in five languages

Thanks to the internet and applications such as KakaoTalk, the entire world can connect within a second, a second! If you have set your antennas to face where the True Parents are, wouldn't you know everything that True Parents are doing?

This is part of the message True Mother gave in Cheon Hwa Gung, Las Vegas, upon her arrival in the United States after overseeing the events of the first anniversary of Foundation Day in Korea. True Mother trusts that all blessed members around the world, who are in the position of children, are immediately aware of all that occurs in the providence. Until now, however, as a result of the limits of time and space, we have had to repent over the fact that we have not been able to align with True Parents' circumstances and providential directions.

True Peace (*TP* magazine) was founded for blessed members that are in that situation. The magazine will not only provide True Parents' messages and news of activities and missions in different countries efficiently and rapidly but will also vividly share heart-moving moments conveying what members feel internally through activities in different parts of the world. In order to provide that experience, links to videos will be added to some articles. This e-book is presently produced in five languages—Korean, Japanese, English, French and Spanish, but we hope to expand this service to other languages over time. We will work toward bringing unity of heart among blessed families in these language groups first.

I believe that what is most important to blessed families as we completely invest ourselves for the fulfillment of Vision 2020 is to advance in unity with True Parents' providence. Taking one step to the left or right of this may lead us to a different destination. Hence, it is important that all of us accurately and rapidly know of True Parents' providence in order to prevent such unfortunate results from happening.

With such concerns in mind, True Mother desires to pass down True Parents' realm of deep heart to all of us and hopes that we all gain good results in the field. In respect to True Mother's expectations and concerned heart, *TP* magazine will rapidly, accurately and vividly convey today's providence to everyone and will do everything to fulfill the role of a providential companion. In order to achieve this, however, the participation and feedback of our readers are essential. We hope for your great participation in making this magazine live up to the hope of all members in the world.

We offer our sincere gratitude to True Parents for their guidance in enabling this magazine to publish its first issue in the month that marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of HSAUWC. We will do our very best to publish a magazine that is full of life and hope. Taking this first step, we pray that True Parents' guidance and presence are always with us as we do everything we can to fulfill the purpose for which this magazine was founded.

Director of the FFWPU History Compilation Committee

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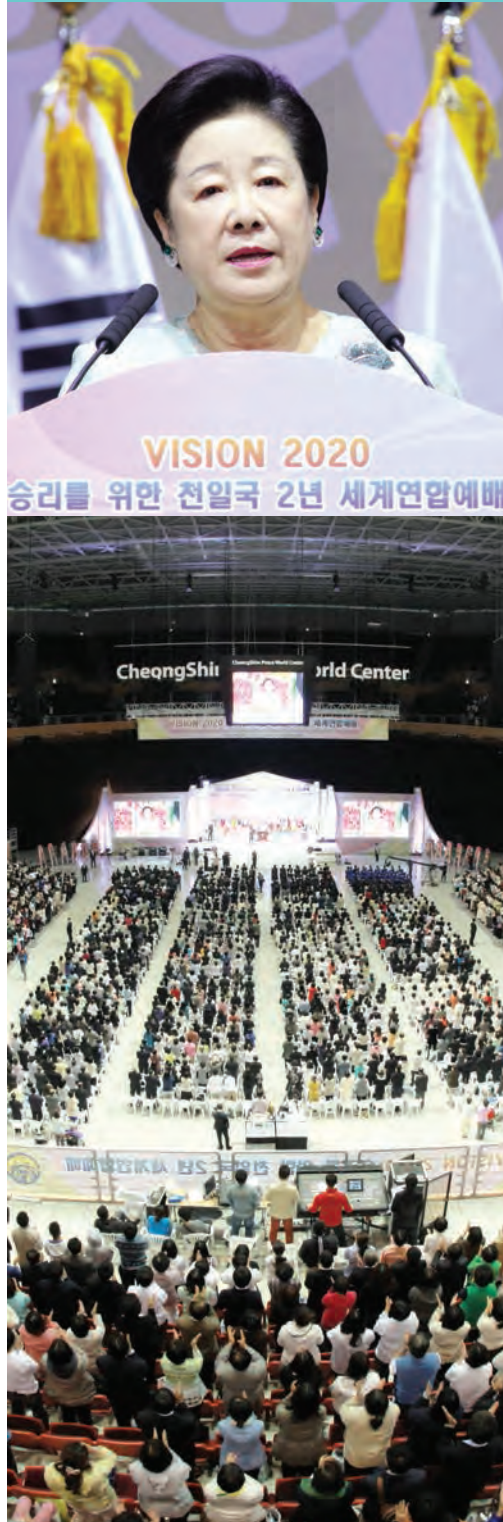
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Congratulations on the new publication, *True Peace* magazine

Dr. Song Yong-cheon
Chairman, Federation of Blessed Families in Japan



The power latent in information is what causes human beings and society to be great. Within information, it is knowledge and wisdom drawn from the lives and experiences of those who are respected and loved by the people of the world that allows us to find greatness in our own lives. In that

sense, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the media, which handles information. Especially, if that information is a means to convey the heart and word of God, His will and providence, it would surely harbor value and power that can direct the course of human history.

I am sure that *True Peace* magazine will provide a wide range of accurate information and timely news reflecting the true love and truth from our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for the benefit of not only the leaders and other members of the global Unification movement but also of all its potential readers throughout the world. By doing so, I believe without doubt that this magazine will play an important role in helping its readers find wisdom when making a decision or taking a course of action, thereby guiding them to become people of Cheon Il Guk who create true families and ultimately a society embodying the vision of one family under God.

People often liken the media to air. As we live, we constantly breathe air which is something that is vital to our existence. Though we are aware of its value, we often live our lives without fully appreciating the air that we breathe. This is probably because we easily believe that air is in abundance and that it can be produced without much effort. We are beings that cannot survive without air for more than several minutes and yet do not value it enough. I truly hope that *True Peace* magazine can find its place in the world as a viable source of heavenly information that can prompt all members of the Unification family and even the people of the world to properly understand and appreciate the significance and value of all information pertaining to God and True Parents. Once again I offer my heartfelt congratulations on the first issue of *True Peace* magazine. ☯

Congratulatory remarks on the first publication of *True Peace* magazine

Dr. Kim Ki-hoon
Regional President of North America



Together with all our brothers and sisters from North America, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on the launching of the *True Peace* magazine.

I have seen how the History Compilation Committee has tirelessly worked to this day in conveying True

Parents' tradition and message and news from the field to our members worldwide. The committee's efforts have played a significant role in raising awareness among our worldwide membership of the fact that we are all part of global a community under the Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I thank True Mother for bringing together the important news about True Parents and their message so that it can be disseminated more quickly and easily to the English-speaking members.

Along with the English PeaceTV website, *True Peace* magazine is truly a product of True Parents' devotion, commitment and passion, and also the result of the efforts of all the staff at the History Compilation Committee beginning with its president, Kim Seog-byung. I would like to express my respect for their hard work and offer my full support.

During her message on the fiftieth anniversary of True Parents' Day, True Mother reminded us that we live in a world where everything is conveyed and disseminated around the globe in an instant and that this was a result of Heaven guiding the development of human civilization.

In the same vein, I believe that *True Peace* magazine is a publication for Cheon Il Guk prepared by True Parents so that it can help all members worldwide in fulfilling their mission as tribal messiahs and restore the nation and world.

I sincerely pray that *True Peace* magazine can serve as an important conduit in accelerating the fulfillment of Vision 2020 through all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Once again I congratulate the first publication of *True Peace* magazine. ☯

Congratulations on the publication of *True Peace* magazine

Rev. Shin Dong-mo
Regional President, South America



The radiant sun has dawned in the era of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. With deep emotions from Foundation Day still in our hearts, the lives and teachings of our True Parents, who are advancing toward the fulfillment of Vision 2020 with life-or-death resolution, is like the water

of life to members working in the field to expand the substantial domain of Cheon Il Guk. In reality, members were unable to receive these teachings because of limitations of language.

However, with True Parents' grace, the publication of a magazine made for the Spanish-speaking nations is truly inspiring and uplifting to see. I am grateful for True Parents' grace and love toward Latin America and for this opportunity to receive timely messages from True Parents in a way that helps us better understand the recent developments in the providence. Now we have an e-book and can expect a printed version for areas with little or no internet access. We look forward to accessing lively news about True Parents' providence and news from our global community including best practices and stories of people's success in carrying out new tribal messiah activities.

I hope that our Spanish-speaking members can keep pace with the providence through True Peace magazine and members all around the world can strive together to reach our common goal through unity of the heart.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the staff who have worked hard for this magazine and I pray that your efforts can bring more details of True Mother's messages and abundant news of the wondrous works carried out by our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

I would like to extend my gratitude again to True Parents for their love and blessing in including the Spanish version in the publication of TP magazine's first issue and sincerely pray that our Heavenly Parents' and True Parents' blessings be with the FFWPU History Compilation Committee and all those at PeaceTV. ☯

Congratulations on the first issue of *True Peace* magazine

Rev. An Young-shik
President FFWPU Europe



Dear FFWPU History Compilation Committee and Peace TV, I am delighted to know that True Peace magazine will be available to European and world-wide FFWPU members from this month.

While Today's World had been such a valuable resource, it is

surely time that we move toward an on-line publication of similar quality and relevance.

It is very encouraging for our members in Europe that resources that share True Parents' heart and words and other sources of inspiration and good practices are being made freely available.

As we all work toward fulfilling our goals for Vision 2020, news of success in one area can become a source of encouragement to members in other areas. Similarly, the effort toward success exerted by dedicated members in one area can be of comfort to those elsewhere.

In this way, all members can comfort and encourage one another and can advance with one heart in our effort to accomplish our goals with True Parents at the center. I hope True Peace magazine can play the important role and mission of connecting members around the world in this manner.

In addition, we greatly appreciate the efforts of iPeace TV and the History Compilation Committee to distribute news and information in a wider range of languages in order to make them increasingly accessible to our global and European membership.

You will surely have many avid readers here in Europe and can also expect us to be regular contributors, as we seek to share with other parts of the global FFWPU community European news, successes and experiences.

We are confident that you will be open to feedback and comments and that you will invest your utmost to make True Peace a publication that will share the heart of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and the valiant efforts of devoted members to advance toward Vision 2020 in every nation of the world. ☯



The Day of All True Things and the Process of Restoration



Today marks the ninth Day of All Things.¹ Since the Day of All Things was established on May 1, 1963, this year marks a full eight years. Holy days that the Unification Church celebrates are not celebrated by any tribe or nation; the Day of All Things is one of our celebrations. The Unification Church has four major holy days: Parent's Day, Children's Day, the Day of All Things and God's Day.

The gap with God must be narrowed

Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of humankind, fell at the top of the perfection level of the growth stage, resulting in the disappearance of humankind's parents. God needed to have a family that he could delight in, but because that did not happen, we are aware that a four-position foundation centered on God could not be established.

Instead, fallen children were born into that family. The family fell within the evil realm where they could not establish a relationship with God either internally or externally. As a result, God has been working until now to find a family with which he can have a relationship. That has been the history of the providence of restoration. In order to find it, one man and one woman must be found. A family must be found and established before a clan is found; a clan must be found before a tribe is found, and a tribe must be found before the nation is found.

In other words, a man and woman that can naturally bring Satan, the center of evil, to surrender and that can give orders to Satan as though they were dealing with a servant must appear. A man and woman that possess a standard through which Satan has no other alternative but to act according to their orders and instructions must appear. Unless that happens, the positions of a son and daughter of God cannot be determined. Only by receiving God's love after becoming such sons and daughters can a man represent God's love and a woman represent God's love.

When a man and woman of that type exist, no resentment whatsoever should be left in the relationship be-

Why do we celebrate the Day of All Things? To unite all the things that belong to you with God. In order to do that, you must dedicate to God all jointly held property... not to mention private property.

tween them. From a perspective that takes men and women into consideration, it is understood that Eve, the woman, caused Adam, the man to fall; hence, women are seen as the enemy of men and men as the enemies of women. Adam, who as a man was in the subject position, had the responsibility to maintain dominion over himself no matter how craftily Eve, in the position of an object, tempted him. Despite that, the fall occurred because he listened to what the woman said.

Even if one receives God's love, if one receives it as an individual, the connection of a true couple cannot be decided. When this man and woman appear on earth, they should not be two separate beings that have not become one. A man does not exist for the sake of himself nor does a woman exist for her own sake. A man and woman must become one internally and externally centered on God's love, forming a unity no one can break. Without forming a foundation of deep heart, the basis for a true family cannot be made. This is the principle's point of view.

To enter the realm of perfection

Centered on whom have Parents' Day, Children's Day and the Day of All Things been established? These days have not been established centered on parents, children or all things. You must know that they have been established centered on the parents' love. You should also understand that even if you become parents, without establishing the internal aspects of love through which you can become one with God, you

cannot move to the position of true parents, nor can children move to the position of the true children or the entire creation move to the position of true things.

God created all things before he created man. After creating all things, he created Adam and Eve. Once Adam and Eve had grown up, they were to form a family, and God's love was to settle at the center of that family. Hence, God's love was to come later in the process. God's love was to settle at the very end.

An individual man receiving God's love creates a vertical foundation but not a horizontal one. From where, then, does the horizontal foundation start? It starts from the unity of a man and a woman that had received love from a vertical position before that. A man and woman become one not only to conclude their vertical positions, but also because their unity becomes the origin from which the ideal of horizontal love starts. In other words, a horizontal relationship cannot be formed without a man and woman becoming a couple.

Looking at the providence of restoration until now, we see that God sent his only son and could form a foundation through which he could love the son; yet, what was the cause that led to the son's not being able to fulfill God's will? The son could not accomplish God's will not because he could not receive love on an individual level, but because he could not prepare a foundation for familial love. As a result, the motivation to begin the love of a horizontal world could not be established. Consequently, God's will could not be established on earth. The providential perspective is that Christianity has been seeking to restore the origin of horizontal love for the past two thousand years. It is the final purpose that Christianity has been looking toward as their hope, the day of the Lord's return, the Second Coming.

The day the Lord comes, the Second Advent, cannot be accomplished merely by God's son arriving, but only when a bride has been prepared that can welcome that son. Once the bride and groom have been determined, they should not keep their distance from each other but should become completely one and have chil-

1. Father added "true," to this holiday in 1994. "Creation" in the sense of all that God created before Adam and Eve, is an alternative translation of the Korean term for which "all things" is used.

dren based on the foundation of that unity. When this happens, a four-position foundation centered on God will be formed on earth and God can have a people.

Old Testament offerings

Man fell and plunged into a realm of unprincipled living. However, when objects fall, which object reaches the bottom first, a heavy one or a light one? When a person falls, the weighty head falls first; people don't fall feet first. The heavy object will reach the bottom first even if you tell it not to. That is why the most deeply involved fallen culprit falls deepest and is buried at the very bottom.

As a result of the Fall, what moved to the top position and what moved to the lowest position? All things came to be at the top and were followed by Adam and then Eve. The position human beings held and that of all things switched as a result of the Fall. Hence, the providence of restoration has been about restoring these positions to their original ones. Can a human being move up to the realm of perfection by ignoring the realm of all things? The answer is no.

In Old Testament times, the chief priests formed a relationship with God through offerings. They had to become one with the offering. Why did the chief priests have to do that? Offerings were in the position of an object and the man stood in the position of a subject; hence, being in such a relationship, an object receiving official recognition from God opened the way for the subject to be able to also receive official recognition. If a human being had become one with the offering, God would have been present above that.

There are true things and false things among all things. Cows, sheep, doves and the like are good things. What do they represent? The cows chewing their cud while looking off toward the distant hills represent human beings that must be restored. In other words, they represent men and women waiting for that one day of restoration with all their hearts. Sheep are known to be weak creatures. Sheep are rather large, but they can be caught and eaten by smaller wild animals. Sheep represent things that are weak. Furthermore, they do

not resist. Sheep do not resist when their masters catch them. What do you think the dove represents? We often use the term "love-dovey" when speaking of couples. That is because doves symbolize love.

From this perspective, doves are on a higher level of goodness than other wild animals. Human beings had to become one with those animals. This means that a human being had to become a person that was as loyal as a cow, as sacrificial as a lamb while possessing the emotional sensitivity of a dove. In other words, human beings had to become one with the animals that represented the essence of restoration, and based on that they had to work on developing a relationship with God.

A family must be sought

If the Old Testament covered the era of offerings, what was the next era, that of the New Testament? Jesus came qualified as a substantial being, a perfected offering. Jesus was the fruit of the Old Testament. Having come as the fruit of the offerings made in Old Testament times, if Jesus had offered all things and all Cains to God, religious orders and the nation would have been restored. If that had happened, an Abel-type nation would have been established, all things in the satanic world would have been restored and Cain-like religious orders and peoples would have disappeared.

That is why Jesus was the fruit representing all things, representing the religious orders and representing the people of Israel. For this reason, redemption through the cross began to take place. The New Testament is about offering Jesus as an offering, without which restoration would have been impossible.

Next comes the Completed Testament era. Christianity must prepare the motivation for the Lord's return. Because Eve seduced Adam and made him fall, Christianity must form the global realm of Eve, the realm of the bride. Once this is formed, the groom will come.

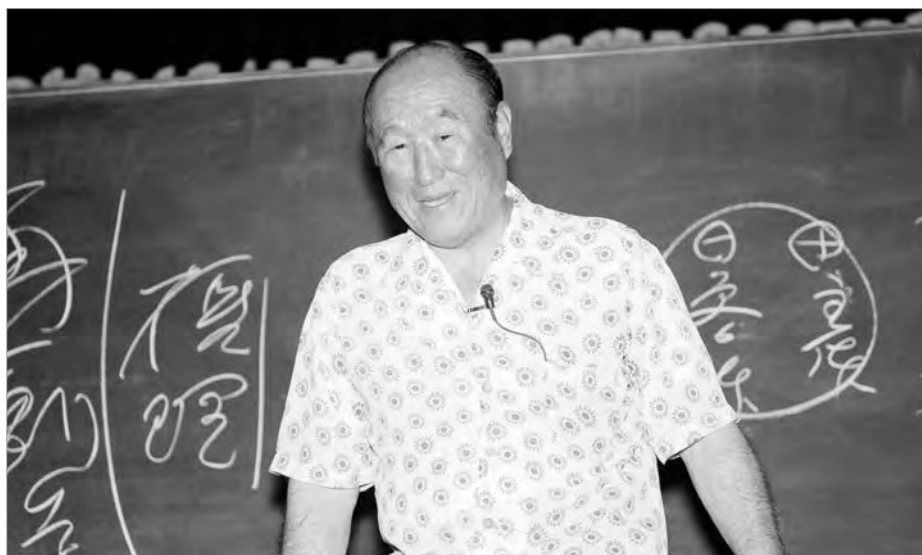
What is the Lord who comes as the groom on earth supposed to do? He should seek a family. He should find a family among those on Satan's side. But, once he finds a family on Satan's side, it would be great if Satan were to

voluntarily offer the family to him saying, "Here you are." Do you think, though, that Satan would do that? He wouldn't. After Jacob worked like a slave for twenty-one years in Haran and planned to leave, taking his property with him, do you think Laban was glad to send him off? He was not. Jacob felt that he could not escape Laban's watchful eye, so he tricked Laban. Moses did the same. The Israelites had to trick the pharaoh, who did not want to let them go, even though he had told them that he would.

The coming Lord is in the same position. Who does the coming Lord come to look for on earth? He came to look for his bride. In that case, where is that bride? He had to find a bride from the Christian realm, but because of their opposition, he had no other choice but to take her from the satanic world. Christianity had to prepare to receive the groom from the position of the bride, but it failed to do so. Because it failed, the coming Lord had to go into the satanic world to take his bride.

If you go to the satanic world and say, "Give me my wife," do you think Satan would give her up, or not? He would not. If Satan did give away the Lord's bride, it would be easy to find her; however, because Satan wouldn't, the bride could not be found. Neither can we kill Satan and forcefully take her away because Satan did not kill God when he took away Adam and Eve. Hence, we cannot kill Satan and claim the bride. She must be found without killing Satan.

Since it is clear that Satan would not give the bride away, tactics had to be set up to find her. In other words, tactics that could bring Satan to subjugation had to be employed. One must perform restoration from the bottom-up, through sacrifice and working from the position of a servant. The archangel, who was a servant, caused Eve to fall, overturning everything. Hence, one must work from the position of a servant. Working from a servant's position occurs in the course of restoration. That is because we must possess greater love than Satan, who is the owner, in order to find the bride. The bride can only be found after a foundation is prepared through which Eve can reject everything about



Father speaking on the Day of All True Things throughout the years; (clockwise from top) in 1994, the year that "true" was added to the name; in New Yorker Hotel in 1986; at the Korean headquarters church in 1971; and in East Garden, 1988

herself and say, "I will follow you even if I have to die."

That partner is a woman, but what kind of woman is she? She is the woman that can become a bride among women. Among women, there are motherly women and daughterly women. They represent Leah and Rachael. This is not what the groom intentionally desired, but such a providence had to take place in accordance with the heavenly principle.

However, the mother, in the position of a servant, must carefully raise her daughter. If the mother is a servant, what becomes of the daughter? She becomes a servant's daughter. An inheritance ceremony is therefore needed for the servant's daughter to be registered as God's daughter. Only through this ceremony can the bride be designated in front of the returning Lord (the groom) and a new proclamation be made. That hap-

pened in 1960.

The era of all things

What, then, should we do during the arrival of the era of all things? We must connect all horizontal nations and the entire realm of all things. When looking at America, what was the first thing Puritans did when they arrived in America? They built a church. Then they farmed and finally they created a new world culture. Today, America has become a leading country in the world. It served God first so it has been blessed. That is the principle. That is why I am doing the same thing.

The families that have been blessed until now all stand in a position of glory. In other words, they are in the realm of paradise and the kingdom of heaven. Then from whom did you receive the benefit of entering into that realm? Did you receive it because of

your own merit? It could happen thanks to Teacher. I have engrafted you to me on the family level. You should be able to repay that.

Why do we celebrate the Day of All Things? To unite all the things that belong to you with God. In order to do that, you must dedicate to God all jointly held property (everything that belongs to the country) not to mention private property. This is your responsibility. Hence, each time we celebrate the Day of All Things, you must think, Has the Korean Peninsula² become a nation that can be dedicated to God?

So far, even the village you are from is still in the grips of Satan's realm, so you are not able to act freely on the foundation of Father's name. You must think about how you can offer this up to God. ㄸ

True Father gave this sermon on the Day of All Things, Monday, May 24 1971, at what was then the Korean headquarters church.

2. The body of land covered today by two nations, North Korea and South Korea.



Let's Work toward a Huge and Beautiful Harvest

The sixtieth anniversary of HSAUWC's founding. When someone turns sixty, we can say that the remainder of the person's life is a time to prepare for the life ahead in heaven more than for life on earth. If we regard the sixtieth anniversary of HSAUWC's founding as a circle, like a growth ring on a tree, as growth rings do, those rings for 1950s and 1960s would indicate that these were the most difficult times for Korea.

Right after World War II and Korea's liberation, Koreans expected

the nation to be established again, but the surging Korean War brought the barely regained nation to ruin once more. No hope could be found. Yet, our Heaven Parent made necessary preparations, centered on Korea through the Christian cultural realm, to realize the promise he had made to the people of Israel two thousand years ago to send the Messiah in the Last Days. However, just as occurred two thousand years ago, when leaders did not know that the Messiah had come, Christian leaders, especially

politicians and other top leaders in Korea that had absorbed modernism, were unaware that the Messiah had come. If the Christians in those days had become one with Father, the world would have changed. Sadly, the Christian foundation that Heaven had prepared took the lead in opposing Father. True Parents had no foundation to stand on as a result.

HSAUWC's sixty years have been like the wilderness course. Now, True Parents have opened the new era of Cheon Il Guk as we start settling

down in Canaan. However, what is your attitude toward this? How strong is your resolve? Are you confident? You have worked hard until now. You went through great difficulty, doing your best through the persecution you received from others in a challenging and unprepared environment.

However, when we look back on the past, we were still inadequate compared to those who were prepared. We had many inadequacies. Much trial and error took place in the process. Looking back on those instances, we need to make new resolutions. Do you understand? We must reflect on our mistakes from the past, reflect on our past efforts and lives of faith in relation to how we could not offer more to Heaven, and then truly repent.

Using these sixty years as a foundation, hasn't a new era, a new providential age, begun thanks to True Parents? In this new era, mistakes like those we committed in the past are no longer permissible. Do you understand? We have True Parents' absolutely perfect foundation with us. Just as was mentioned in the reading today, we have received special blessings thanks to True Parents. True Parents said that true love means to continuously give, to forget and to give again. This is how it is supposed to be. However, from your standpoint, you should be able to repay that in some form.

You should double your efforts to reach those people that have lived in the same era as True Parents but who still do not know about them. If you

realize in the next sixty years what you could not do in the past sixty years, Heaven will bless you, regardless of your age. Originally, if humans had not fallen, our Heavenly Parent wanted to give us many years on earth in order to realize a culture of heart amidst God's creation and to enable us to dedicate it to Heaven and return something to him for what he has done for us. This means that the lifespan of a human being isn't sixty years. Do you understand?

Depending on how you act and live, I am certain that God will give you enough time to fulfill your responsibilities. Are you happy?

May is usually connected with spring. The providence and the entire Unification Church history begins from spring. Spring is a beautiful season that throbs with life and a time when hope can be planted and dreams cultivated. That is why True Father loved spring. I do too. I only know songs about spring. You should be grateful as you usher in this day. You are truly happy people. What kind of preparations does a farmer make to plant seeds in the spring? In order to gain a huge and beautiful harvest in the future, doesn't the farmer cultivate his land with all his heart and plant seeds? This also applies to you.

You have a treasure that no one else on earth possesses. You have very important seeds, which I have given to you. What are they? The three great scriptures and the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. Do you know what a great miracle those are? Armed with those

treasures, and depending on the type of plan you develop for this spring and whether or not you plant seeds, you can show the world such great power, power that even surpasses that of a natural disaster.

For the past few days, tornadoes have been hitting the mid-southern United States. They swept through five states. What happened to America? Why are such tragedies happening? You should become true owners and fulfill your responsibilities. You must educate the world. We are the only ones who know the truth. All politicians and those in leadership positions should learn. They should learn from you. This is the only way for the nation and the world to live. You are holding such tremendous power; yet, if you fail to yield results and have nothing to return to Heaven, you, who are living in this era, will not be able to hold your heads high in front of your future descendants or your ancestors. You will have nowhere to stand. Do you understand? Please do not forget how desperate this position—this very moment—is and how grateful you should be. I sincerely hope that you become people that live a life of practice. ㄷ

True Mother delivered this message on the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of HSAUWC, May 1, to an audience of more than five hundred people including True Family members, church elders, True Parents' relatives and heads of organizations at Cheon Jeong Gung.



True Mother and the members that came to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of HSAUWC; Moon Yeon-ah nim and True Mother with the anniversary cake





A Message of Hope for Humankind as We Welcome Spring

Given at the Global Joint Worship Service for the Victory of Vision 2020,
4.13 on the heavenly calendar (May 11) Cheongshim Peace World Center



This is the second spring that we have welcomed since the introduction of the Cheon Il Guk heavenly calendar.

Spring is the season of hope. It is a precious season through which our dreams can rise higher, grow bigger, and expand wider.

Despite the beautiful season, we hear horrific and indescribably painful news from this country and from the world. This phenomenon can be compared to the world's people being on a ship that lacks sailors, a captain and even a compass and thereby experiencing deep insecurity, not knowing when or how well the ship will face strong winds and high waves or if it may sink by hitting a rock in its way.

As we watch these incidents take place, blessed members of the Unification Church around the world and Unification soldiers should stand up. We can no longer just look on and wait. We should not keep the blessing that has been bestowed upon us to ourselves. If we think of the seven billion people struggling like orphans, we must educate them and let them know that our Heavenly Parent lives within True Parents and is working with True Parents. It is in this light that as of yesterday I relocated the FFWPU International Headquarters to Cheon Jeong Gung. Our Heavenly Parent has begun a period through which he will directly visit this holy ground and command the providence. Isn't this something we should feel thankful for?

The blessing cannot remain ours alone. Not only are you true children



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that resemble True Parents but you should be in the position of the originators of a noble bloodline once you fulfill your missions as tribal messiahs. We need to take action to fulfill all these responsibilities. We can no longer wait. Many people across the

world are still dying, unaware that True Parents are alive and well at this very moment. When we think of our brothers and sisters living in misery—not knowing the providence and without having received the amazing blessing of Heaven, even though they live in the same age as the True Parents, and being aware that that blessing has been bestowed on us for the first time in six thousand years—we cannot avoid rolling up our sleeves and taking action with all our strength. You must confidently proclaim True Parents and testify that this nation and world cannot live without True Parents. Let us offer gratitude to Heaven for being here at this very moment. I believe it is time we take the initiative to repay Heaven.

I have divided the different regions of the world by language. I am trying to give an opportunity to all people to partake in the providence in this age when everyone can be connected in a second. Accordingly, I have appointed special emissaries that can embrace all the regions, all the world. The emissaries will be with you on the front line to testify about True Parents to all people on earth.

Hence, I would be truly grateful if all of you here today support the emissaries wherever they go as though you were accompanying them yourselves, with the same heart and resolution. I believe that these efforts will bring about the spring days that will give hope to humanity. I will conclude my message today with the sincere request that all members around the world rally until the day we bear results. 7



During the Global Joint Worship Service, True Mother presented new regional presidents, special emissaries and national leaders with items signifying their official appointment. Notably, Sun-jin nim was appointed director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

The Mission of Special Emissaries

On May 8, True Mother held a meeting of regional presidents at which she spoke about the mission of the special emissaries that she officially appointed three days later at the Joint Worship Service. These were some of her remarks about the special emissaries.

I have looked at the world map dozens of times recently. I asked myself how I could create a united world that the Heavenly Parent desires and offer it in my lifetime. It was a painstaking effort. Hence, I decided to reorganize our regions by language groups. English is not commonly used in all nations. The other major languages are Spanish, French and Arabic. I could group the regions in this way but if we were more specific, we'd have more regions.

Two-thirds of the world's population is in Asia. More loss than gain usually occurs when resources are equally distributed by region, so I plan to focus on Asia. India and China most represent Asia with 1.2 and 1.3 billion people respectively. What can we do with these nations? You might have heard but this is why I will be appointing special emissaries. I will give the same salary to each of these emissaries. I will tell them to use it as public funds. If they have a family, their wives should be responsible for the family.

Two women represented model mothers in Korea's Joseon Dynasty. Korea's ₩50,000 bill features Shin Saim-dang; she is one. The other is the mother of Han Seok-bong. She raised him well despite being poor. The scholar Han Seok-bong's hometown was in Gaeseong. He taught himself how to write calligraphy from the age of seven and is famous for his calligraphic skills. Not having the money to buy paper, he practiced writing on the ground after wetting it with water. Hence, you cannot say that you are unable to do something because you

didn't have the proper environment.

This gentlemen passed the civil servants' exam, went on to become a minister, and also served as the governor of Gapyeong. Don't you see the connection with us? As for families, mothers in particular, should go forward pioneering the future with the heart that Han Seok-bong's mother had in raising her son.

I have repeatedly told you to become noble families. Becoming the originator of a noble bloodline is only



possible while I am still alive. This moment is one through which you can reach the position of a forerunner and establish a noble family.

The special emissaries that I appoint should utilize foundations such as that of UPF or WFWP to have exchanges with the government of their respective nation or region. Only when you established connections with prominent figures can a nation

be restored. Otherwise, when will it ever be restored? This is evident in the history of Christianity. Didn't the entire nation accept Christianity based on the decision of the top leader?

Can we say that we cannot do the same in this age? That is not acceptable. You haven't been able to do so because of your inadequacy. Anyone inadequate must make effort to develop. You have to have hope. How many nations will we be able to restore by 2020? This is serious. Those who have been appointed special emissaries should become completely one with his or her regional president and move in concert with him. All the special emissaries will also be appointed as the vice-heads of the Cheon Jae Won (Cheon Il Guk Foundation); hence, they should fully cooperate so that I can grasp each region's problems at a glance. Do you understand? I had considered reducing the number of regions but instead increased it. I made Central America a separate region. I created the Great China region to concentrating our activities there, and I divided Africa into east and west.

I appointed someone who speaks French, because many nations are French-speaking. As much as possible, I will appoint local members to central positions. Wouldn't that assure our future? I am saying that you, as people who are currently in charge, should raise your subordinates.

If your decisions, your devotion and the results you have gained can become eternal treasures of Cheon Il Guk, how precious is that? How blessed is the position you are in? Will you be negligent in carrying out your responsibilities? I can really be a difficult person. Still, when you see my face, do your hearts feel happy? Satisfied? I also want to be happy when I see your faces. ㄸ

1. 1392–1910, the rulers during Korea's last monarchical era; sometimes known as the Yi Dynasty, Yi being an alternative English spelling for Lee, the royal family's surname.

2. An extremely difficult exam that some men wasted their entire lives studying for.

3. Cheon Jeong Gung is in Gapyeong.

4. One of five major entities described in the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, Cheon Jae Won deals with finances.

5. China and Taiwan compose this region.

Following the Way of God's Will Looking Only Ahead

Rev. Kim Young-hwi's Course of Faith

Rev. Kim Young-hwi has had extensive experience serving in major providential organizations. Among the posts he has held, he was the second, fourth and sixth national leader of the Korean church, European regional president, chairman of the Tongil Foundation, chairman of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, chairman of the Citizen's Federation for the Unification of Korea, president of the Washington Times and chairman of Sun Moon Education Foundation. Presently, he is the chairman of the Scripture Compilation Committee, and on May 12, he was appointed director of the Cheon Wi Won (the Cheon Il Guk parliament). This article is based in part on Rev. Kim's testimony on his course of faith that was in the fifth volume of Testimony, a series of testimonies from early members that the FFWPU History Compilation Committee created in 2001.

Rev. Kim was born on September 29, 1928, in Dancheon County, South Hamgyeong Province, in what is today North Korea. He was the oldest son of Kim Jung-geun and Yeom Deok-ae. Even though his father was on a business trip the day he was born, he said he had a dream on that day. In the dream, the father was on a plain. The field was vast and a full moon could be seen in the sky. A white stone came down from the moon. Wanting to catch the white stone as it floated down, he started to run with all his might. Eventually, he caught it and went home with the stone. This was the dream he had.

Rev. Kim's father graduated from Waseda University in Japan, having majored in Political Economics. He always told young Young-hwi, "Study engineering. If you do, it will help the country to do well." His father and uncle had been operating big businesses from the days that the Japanese began occupying Korea. Their businesses covered fields that others did not venture into much, including ironworks, vehicle repair, electrical appliance repair, a fishing net factory, fishing, mining, trade, etc. His father and uncle were so well-known in those days that no one in Dancheon County had not heard of them.

Childhood and studies

Rev. Kim went to a public primary school in his hometown, Dancheon. When he was in fourth grade, his

mother died. He attended a four-year middle school in Seoul. After Korea's liberation through Japan's defeat in World War II, he entered the top-level two-year preparatory department at Seoul University's Liberal Arts College,



studying natural sciences. After completing this course, he entered the Department of Electric Engineering at Seoul University's College of Engineering. Rev. Kim's father was delighted. However, after Korea's liberation, the nation was divided at the thirty eighth parallel. No longer able to move to and fro between northern and southern Korea, his father could not continue his business. He had some land and assets in his hometown, but he had no means of reaching them anymore.¹

Facing financial difficulties, Rev. Kim wanted to be of help to his family and

got a job at the United States Information Service while attending preparatory courses at Seoul University. While in university, he lectured part-time at Dongyang Industrial Middle School and High School.

Around this time, the Korean War broke out. The whole family had to seek refuge, moving from Seoul to Busan, passing through Cheonan and Daejeon on the way. In Busan, they ended up settling in a Quonset hut that had been donated by the U.S. Army to serve as the dormitory of Korea Seminary in Busan's Bumin District. Rev. Kim's family settled in the room nearest the main door.

One night, the local police decided to pick up people to supplement the army troops. Their first target was the refugees' dwelling places. In the middle of the night, the police suddenly broke in to the Korea Seminary dormitory and started dragging young people out. The policemen, however, passed Rev. Kim's room without even glancing at it.

Soon after that, he took a job as a translator with a U.S. Army combat engineer battalion. From January 1951, he worked for the 378th U.S. Army Engineer Battalion on the front lines. They set off from Busan and worked in several locations in southern Korea. In September 1951, he had the opportunity to work at the headquarters of the United Nations Civil Assistance Corps, Korea (UNCACK) in Seoul. In 1952, thinking he needed to complete his studies, he left his job, went down to Busan, and continued his studies, fi-

1. Russia troops occupied northern Korea and U.S. troops occupied southern Korea in 1945. In March 1946, Russia suddenly shut off access to the north by barring all transportation across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, the line of latitude that ran through the nation's midsection.

nally graduating in 1953.

Joining the Unification Church

After graduating from Seoul University, he began his compulsory military duty, serving as a cadet in the Air Force, as an officer candidate, on April 10, 1953. After completing the officers' course at the school for airmen, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. During his commission, he received the Air Force Chief of Staff Prize. He was working at the Air Force Headquarters Strategy Department in Daegu. When he went home on a break in April 1955, his stepmother, Kim Sun-hwa, who was working as the director of the Women's Division in the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs after having completed her master's degree at a Japanese Women's University, told him about a new church. After hearing that it was the Last Days and that the Second Advent of the Lord had occurred, he thought he had to visit the church at least once and thus went to the church in Seoul's Heung-in District with his stepmother. They attended a Wednesday worship service at which True Father gave the sermon.

After the service, his stepmother introduced him to True Father. After shaking hands, Father suggested that he study the Divine Principle. Because of this, Rev. Kim listened to Divine Principle lectures from Rev. Eu Hyo-won. After establishing this connection with the church, he went back to the Air Force. A bit later, the Air Force Headquarters in Daegu moved to Seoul, so he had to move too. Once in Seoul, whenever he had time, he went directly to the church in his uniform to listen to the Divine Principle.

In May 1955, as a project of the U.S. government's International Cooperation Administration (ICA), the Korean and U.S. governments joined hands in pursuing the construction of a thermal power generator. To put the plan into action, they held an examination to recruit university graduates that had majored in electrical or machine engineering. A fellow alumnus of his engineering college told him about the plan. He took the test and passed it. Being required to study in the United States, he was released from the Air Force and was made a member of the Air Force Reserve. In

the United States, for eight months he studied the theories and skills needed to operate a thermal power generator. When he returned to Korea in February 1956, he visited True Father at Cheongpa District church to convey his greetings. A few months later, Father asked him to move into the church. So, he would work at the Korea Electric Power Corporation during the day and helped with the work at Cheongpadong church at night.

In the middle of all this, Rev. Kim's father tried to distance his son from the church and personally paid a visit to the Korea Electric Power Corporation to ask for help, which resulted in Rev. Kim being transferred to Samcheok, Gangwon Province, in October 1958. Even though the company provided a dormitory for its workers, Rev. Kim rented a house with two rooms in town, where he held worship services, thereby establishing the Samcheok Church. Despite problems caused by young Christian evangelists, around twenty people started attending the worship service. After Rev. Kim brought the entire family of elder Heung Dae-man into the church, the services moved to his home.

In the early 1960s, the third forty-day workshop was held at the headquarters church. Rev. Kim took sick leave to attend it. Later, he was transferred to Seoul, where he began working at the company headquarters. Around this time, Father spoke about the blessing. He asked Rev. Kim, "Will you receive the blessing with Dae-hwa?" Rev. Kim replied yes, and five days after True Parents' Holy Wedding, he participated in the Three-Couple Blessing Ceremony on April 16, 1960.

True Parents' first visit to Japan

On June 12, 1967, True Parents, accompanied by Ye-jin nim, Hyo-jin nim, In-jin nim, Ms. Choi Won-bok and a group of top Korean church leaders under Rev. Eu Hyo-won, visited the church in Japan for the very first time. True Father had visited Japan on his first world tour in 1965 but without Mother. This was the first time that True Parents, accompanied by the True Children, went overseas together. It was also the first time for Korean top church leaders, to travel overseas as a group. In this sense, Rev.

Kim believes that this trip was a meaningful one from a providential point of view. The group of church leaders included Rev. Eu Hyo-won, Kim Won-pil, Kim Young-hwi, Hwang Hwan-chaeh, Lee Yo-han, Lee Gi-seok, Choi Yong-seok, Yu Gwang-ryeol, Moon Seong-gyun, Hwang Chung-un (who joined them later) and others.

A big welcome rally was held for their arrival, and on June 17, a workshop at the Tokyo headquarters church began. Rev. Eu gave detailed explanations from the first page to the last page of the Exposition of the Divine Principle that had recently been published. Later, Rev. Kim gave a lecture, teaching the Divine Principle in a lecture style. After a few days of sightseeing, True Father asked the Korean church leaders, aside from Rev. Eu, to draw lots. Based on that, Father dispatched each of them to a different prefecture. Rev. Kim drew Kyushu, which is located at the southern end of Japan. Therefore, he went to Fukuoka, where the headquarters was situated. It took him a day by train from Tokyo to Fukuoka. He arrived on July 7.

The Fukuoka church was renting a big building that had originally been used for housing Kyushu's power company employees. Rev. Kim called all the Kyushu members together and started a one-week Divine Principle workshop the next day. On July 14, True Father, who was touring Japan with Ms. Choi Won-bok, visited the Fukuoka church. During his two-day stay, True Father spoke a lot to the members and sometimes they entertained one another and had some fun.

The day after True Father left, Rev. Kim started making a Japanese version of a Divine Principle study guide. He compiled the Japanese study guide based on the version of Divine Principle used in Korea.² He persuaded several typists to type it out using carbon paper and then used a mimeograph to make duplications of the copies and made corrections on them. This was in 1967. The process took quite a long time because they were using an old type of typewriter, which was slow. In addition, because Japanese members did not know the Divine Principle very well during those days, Rev. Kim had to do the corrections himself.³

The summer of 1967 was extremely hot in Japan. Kyushu prefecture was even warmer as it is situated in the

2. It had been published in Korea and first distributed to members on May 1, 1966.

3. *Exposition of Divine Principle* was published in Japan on October 2, 1967.

southern part of Japan; hence, working in that heat was quite difficult. Having only one mid-sized fan, staff members had to wet towels, squeeze water out and put it around their heads to cool themselves while working. Because they had to type the manuscript, correct it, duplicate it and bind it within the church, it took around sixteen days to make a thousand copies. The book had a total of 232 pages, 122 pages in part one and 110 in part two. The entire process was conducted as fast as possible in order to give a copy to each member partaking in the summer witnessing course that was scheduled to start from August 1.

Having exhausted himself in the intense heat to complete the work in time, Rev. Kim fell sick. Recovering took a long time. The Korean church leaders returned to Tokyo by plane on August 1 and returned to Korea on the next day. True Parents returned to Korea on August 12.

After some time, Ishii Mitsuharu, one of the first Japanese blessed members, visited Korea for the first time. Father placed Mr. Ishii under Rev. Kim's care and instructed them to remain together 24 hours a day for forty days. Rev. Kim ate and slept with Mr. Ishii and concentrated on educating him in the Divine Principle and conveying to him everything about our church.

Rev. Kim's public life begins

Before the Korean headquarters formally established itself as an organization, the Seonghwa Youth Association was in charge of the tasks the headquarters today undertakes, but it was not very organized. In October 1960, the headquarters body was first set up; Rev. Eu Hyo-won remained the president of HSAUWC and Rev. Kim became the head of the General Affairs Department. The first seven-year course came to an end in 1967, and it was during the second-seven year course on July 24, 1970, that Rev. Eu passed away. Rev. Kim was appointed president of HSAUWC after Rev. Eu. He served as the second, fourth and sixth HSAUWC presidents, laying the cornerstone of the providence and strengthening our foundation.

When True Father talks about his world tours, Rev. Kim particularly remembers the circumstances when True Father was leaving Korea for the third world tour on December 5, 1971. Rev.

Kim and Ms. Choi Won-bok were to accompany True Parents on this third world tour. True Parents planned to first go to the United States to carry out some providential work and then tour other countries. They had applied for a U.S. visa, but because they could not receive it in Korea, they had to go to Japan to get one.

True Parents were going through the departure procedure at Gimpo Airport to get on the plane to Japan when the person in charge realized that the head of the Passport Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had mistakenly not stamped the official seal on Father's passport. As a result, True Parents could not board the plane they had intended to take. Rev. Kim then told True Parents, "Since it will be difficult to depart today, I think you should go home. We will make the necessary preparations again." However, True Father replied, "I won't go home. I'll wait here at the airport." He asked Rev. Kim to do everything possible to leave Korea that day.

Being a Sunday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was closed. So, he had to call the head of the Passport Division at his home and explain their situation. Upon hearing the situation, the man cancelled his plans to go out and told Rev. Kim that he would go to his office. So Rev. Kim and the public relations division head at the headquarters took a taxi to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where they were able to receive the stamp. Thus, they got on the last plane to Japan. That very same night, the Yushin Constitution, which introduced marital law, was proclaimed and leaving the country was banned. Rev. Kim said, "My mind goes black whenever I think of what might have happened if the head of the passport division had not been home that day."

True Parents' entry into the U.S.

True Parents and their entourage were welcomed by members of the church in Japan and stayed at the church as they went through visa application procedures at the United States Embassy in Japan. However, since applicants could only get visas from a U.S. embassy located within the applicant's country, they could not get visas in Japan. Just in time, Rev. Kim found that one of his middle school alumnus, Choi Seomyeon, was the director of the Korean

Cultural Research Center in Tokyo; Mr. Choi's close friend, who was Canadian, worked as an administrative official at the Canadian Embassy in Japan. Through that friend, True Parents and their entourage were able to get visas for Canada; soon, they left Tokyo for Toronto.

In those days, there was no direct flight from Tokyo to Toronto; hence, they had to stop at Los Angeles, stay there for a night and then take a plane to Toronto the next day. In this manner, True Parents and those with them had to pass by Los Angeles on their course; receiving a transit visa, they entered the United States and stayed there for a night. Many members of the Los Angeles church came to welcome True Parents with bouquet of flowers at the airport. They had a big church, which does not exist any longer, in Pasadena, near Los Angeles. The members held a welcoming party and after dinner, Father spoke until late at night. The next morning, Father and his entourage departed from the church, boarded a plane and went to Toronto.

While staying at the church in Toronto, Canada, they applied for visas once more at the U.S. consulate in Toronto. A few days passed by without hearing anything. After inquiring why, they were asked to come to the consulate the next day. The entire group did so. While waiting in a big room full of visa applicants, the consul general came out and pointing to Father yelled, "That person is a communist, so I cannot give him a visa."

It was then that the group realized why the U.S. Embassy in Korea had denied them visas. Father, who had rallied church members in Korea to give lectures on gaining victory over communism, was well known by all Korean citizens as an anti-communist leader. They were dumbfounded to hear the consulate general call Father a communist. Father immediately called the church in the U.S. and asked them to rally senators and congressmen with close ties to us to protest at the U.S. Department of State. The efforts paid off, and the Department of State itself issued visas for the whole group. They were able to leave for the United States the next afternoon, December 18, riding on a small Allegheny Airlines plane. They finally entered the United States through Washington National Airport.

Workshops and a speech tour

True Parents entered the United States at the end of 1971; the United States' church was then established on the East Coast and West Coast. The East Coast church covered areas around Washington DC and New York. The missionary in charge was Miss Kim Young-oon. The West Coast, which was based in San Francisco, had missionary Choi Bong-chun as its leader. True Parents first stayed at Upshur House in Washington DC after they arrived and spent every night speaking to the members. Later, while moving to and fro between Washington DC and New York, they observed a few things and decided, sometime later, that seven-day workshops be conducted for all members in the United States.

True Parents nominated Rev. Kim Young-hwi as the Divine Principle lecturer and missionary David S. C. Kim as the person in charge of organization. However, the church in those days did not have a building with a big hall, accommodations, kitchen facilities or a cafeteria for a workshop. They had to rent the building of an existing church to carry out the workshops. In this way, several workshops could be held in Washington DC and New York, enabling all members to go through the workshop. After concluding the workshops on the East Coast, the team moved to the West Coast and held a seven-day workshops at the San Francisco church. David Kim didn't go to the West Coast so a local member was assigned to do his work.

The San Francisco church building was owned by the church and had a suitable hall, accommodations and kitchen facilities for a workshop. Under the guidance of the missionary Choi Bong-chun, members at the San Francisco church had a band, some solo singers and a choir. The church would have a banquet and hold concerts at the same time or give lectures, inviting well-known figures to the events. They had established good relations with figures in society. Just as on the East Coast, several seven-day workshops were held in San Francisco.

Once, while a workshop was being conducted, a malignant influenza quickly spread, killing many people. There were many members that also caught the virus. Among them, some took part in the workshops. At times,

some sick members would lie down in the back of the hall, covered in blankets as they listened to the lectures. Rev. Kim also caught the flu around the same time but continued to lecture even though he had high fever. One day, he fainted while giving a lecture. A few moments later, he came back to his senses and continued lecturing. With God's help, the workshop finished without any tragic incidents having occurred.

One important activity True Parents carried out in the United States during their third world tour was Father's seven-city speaking tour. In the beginning of 1972, Father went to Lincoln Center, New York City, where he personally reserved a lecture hall. He also decided on the other times and places he would give speeches.

However, one problem was who would interpret for Father. Rev. Kim heard that Father asked the American members who should interpret for him. Rev. Kim had stayed for eight months in the United States as a technology trainee on behalf of the Korean government in 1955; however, he had no experience living with regular American citizens and had never experienced social life in the United States. Hence, he never imagined himself interpreting Father's speech. During a rally of members, they told Father that they had heard several Koreans interpret for him and that they thought Rev. Kim's interpretation was easy to understand and had liked it. In the end, this heavy burden ended up falling on Rev. Kim's shoulders. Rev. Kim told Father that he could not do it because he wasn't that familiar with everyday terms used in the United States, but Father asked him to give it a try. Rev. Kim didn't have much choice but to accept.

Father started his seven-city tour on February 3, 1972. Father spoke in each city for three days. New York City was first. The next city was Baltimore, where Father stayed for three days. The third was Washington DC. After concluding the first speech, Dr. Pak Bo-hi, who had not appeared until then, joined Father's group and took care of the interpretation until the end of the tour.

Workshops in Europe and Japan

Before moving on to other countries after concluding the speaking tour, Father wanted to form a touring revival group in the United States, so he con-

vened those members that would become part of the group. The group was educated in the Divine Principle again through a seven-day workshop under Rev. Kim and was then divided into three teams. The teams came under the leadership of missionaries Kim Young-oon and David S. C. Kim. Dr. Joseph Sheftick drove and attended Father during his speaking tour. Father bought three second-hand buses and repaired them for the revival teams to use. He named the revival teams the One World Crusade. He then divided the U.S. into three regions making each team responsible for carrying out activities in one region.

Later, Father and all those who were with him left the United States for the United Kingdom. In London, Father gave speeches for three days, March 20–22. Then, they went to Essen, West Germany, where he gave speeches for three more days, March 28–30. While staying in West Germany, Father convened all our top leaders Europe in Essen. There, they all went through a seven-day workshop in English from Rev. Kim. Since there were some leaders who could not understand English, they met separately in order to hear the lectures through a second interpretation.

Following this, Father toured Germany, France, Italy, Israel, Greece, India, Thailand and Taiwan before arriving in Japan. There, Father called all the elite Japanese members to the Moriyama Training Center in Nagoya, where they received a seven-day Divine Principle workshop. Here again, Rev. Kim gave lectures in Japanese and was in charge of the entire workshop. After the workshop, participants formed the Japanese One World Crusade and took charge of revival activities in Japan.

True Parents settle in U.S.

After the third world tour, True Parents returned to Korea in May 1972. In September, True Parents left again for the United States. This time again, Ms. Choi Won-bok and Rev. Kim attended True Parents on their visit. True Parents stayed at the Belvedere residence, which had recently been purchased by the members in the United States. True Parents took care of all the details regarding the new house from the installation of new carpets to choosing the telephone; they decided the type and color of the carpets that were to be used in each

room and would even go to the stores in person to choose necessary furniture and the television.

On the grounds was a building with an all-purpose space with offices and a repair facility. They renovated the building as a workshop center and designed it so that worship services and workshop lectures could be given there. After this renovation, Belvedere became a workshop center, for seven-, twenty-one, forty- and even one-hundred-day workshops. Whenever a big church rally was held, it was held on the Belvedere grounds. In order to strengthen activities in America, Father guided the national leaders in Germany, England, Austria, France and Italy to send members to the U.S.

Because hundreds of members came to the U.S. in groups, problems arose at the airport. Father and church leaders went to New York's Kennedy Airport to welcome the first group from Europe. The plane carrying them arrived, but the members were not coming out. They waited for some time. After a long discussion, customs officers at the Immigration Bureau let the members in.

As soon as the members arrived, Father asked them all to go through a Divine Principle workshop. When the accommodations, kitchen facilities and other necessities were ready, a seven-day workshop at the Belvedere Training Center was held. Again, Rev. Kim gave the lectures. Workshops were conducted several times because the European members came in different groups at different times.

In 1972, Mother got permanent residency in the United States and Father got this in March 1973. Later, Father asked Ms. Choi Won-bok to apply for permanent residency. Since Rev. Kim was accompanying True Parents, he asked them whether he should apply, too. True Father asked him what would happen to Korea if everyone came to the U.S. and told Rev. Kim not to apply.

A forty-day workshop was conducted in Belvedere. During this time Rev. Kim made a Divine Principle study guide in English as he gave the lectures. Women at the church typed it out and then it was copied and made into a book. On May 1, 1973, the book, covering the first part of the Divine Principle in 199 pages, was released as the Divine Principle Study Guide. Hundreds of copies were distributed to the workshop

participants. Members in the U.S. used the book to study the Divine Principle and practice giving lectures.

After the forty-day Divine Principle workshop, Rev. Kim conducted a hundred-day Divine Principle workshop under True Father's instructions. However, Rev. Kim, whose visa expired, had to leave the country and Rev. Sudo gave the lectures in his place. Rev. Shimmyo, who later became the head of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), then translated the second part of the Divine Principle Study Guide, which Rev. Kim had made in Japan, into English, and published that.

The Rally to Save the Nation

The Rally to Save the Nation was held in Korea in 1975. In order to participate in this rally, hundreds of members from Japan and other countries took passenger ships from Japan and entered Korea through Busan Port. Father had told Rev. Kim to stand at the dock and give a welcoming address in English to all foreign members, welcoming them to Korea. Rev. Kim greeted the members saying, "This is the very dock through which UN forces came to Korea to save it during the Korean War. You have come here as soldiers of Heaven to save Korea." Foreign members were asked to enter Korea through Busan because the plan was to consolidate our forces and move up to Seoul from there.

Rev. Kim went down to Busan with Father to welcome members; they then had to fight internally and externally with the opposing Christian forces, defeat the opposing forces and move up to Daegu, Deajeon and then Seoul. Wherever they went, they rented a stadium and conducted a large scale revival rally. Established churches greatly opposed them, but the members confidently fought with all their strength under the determination that they had to defeat the opposing force no matter what. Thus, they gained victory.

Finally, on June 7, 1975, the Rally to Save the Nation was held in Yeouido Plaza in Seoul. Rev. Kim was in charge of the rally. They made plans to rally a certain number of people and were able to rally around 1.2 million. Rev. Kim gave welcoming remarks on that day and Father gave the keynote speech. The rally was a complete success. Father then said, "I have finally fulfilled all my responsibilities toward Korea."


Rev. Kim, however, feels it could have been better; Father had asked someone to set up a meeting with President Park Chung-hee, but they couldn't meet in the end. Father went to the meeting place, but he could not meet the president because the president's closest aides opposed the meeting. If President Park had met Father and realized who he was, Rev. Kim believes that history would be different. Rev. Kim always regrets that; he is saddened by the fact that they didn't meet.

A dedicated chairman

Rev. Kim's reflections in Testimony covered his life until 1975, in the middle of his term as the second president of HSAUWC. As for the different incidents that happened after this, he plans to convey them to us at another opportunity.

Presently, Rev. Kim is completely dedicating himself to the compilation of the third volume of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, Champumo Gyeong, as the chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Scripture Compilation Committee.

Sometimes, when Rev. Kim meets younger members, he refers to a Korean saying and how it relates to the realization and establishment of a substantial Cheon Il Guk. This saying points out that even if the time for heaven comes, it won't be successful without the formation of the right environment on earth. This has a converse: even if the right environment exists on earth, Cheon Il Guk cannot be established if members of the organization or group have no harmony among themselves. Harmony between people is very important.

No matter how much we emphasize true love for harmony between people, if we do not remove the three great evils that restrain harmony between people, we cannot expect harmony to bloom. There cannot be harmony where there are lies or corruption or where the principle has not been established. Let us all refrain from fabricating lies, such as exaggerated or false reports. Second, leaders must be humble, be serious when handling public money and cut off all corruption. Finally, we should always maintain the principle as we deal with all our work; thereby ensuring that everything is done fairly. Rev. Kim conveys his heart and words of comfort to all members for their hard work as they completely invest themselves for the fulfillment of Vision 2020. 

Our Challenge at this Time: Building a World of Lasting Peace in the Americas and the World

By Dr. Han Hak Ja

The following address was delivered by Sun-jin Moon on behalf of True Mother at an UPF International Leadership Conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, to an audience of two hundred people that included ninety delegates from sixteen nations, on April 22, 2014.



Your excellencies, distinguished religious leaders and women leaders, ambassadors for peace, respected delegates from throughout South America, Central America and North America, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to address you today in this beautiful city of Montevideo, at this important International Leadership Conference sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation.

The Victoria Plaza Hotel has special significance to me as the venue for so many important programs dedicated to peace and development in Latin America and the world. I recall fondly that some twenty years ago, my husband the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and I were welcomed here by then Uruguayan President Luis Alberto Lacalle,¹ along with the president of the Central Bank of Uruguay and other key political figures. We were, on that occasion, holding the groundbreaking ceremony for the hotel's convention hall. It was at that ceremony that my husband and I, along with those in attendance, made a promise to move forward together to build a new future of peace and prosperity. I still vividly remember that day as if it were yesterday. My husband and I were filled with hope and excitement as we launched this peace initiative for the Americas.

The essential truth that lies at the core of that initiative is that we are all the sons and daughters of one God, and hence we are members of one family under God. All our efforts and the numerous peace organizations that we founded over many years have been entirely dedicated to the fulfillment of that vision. With the grace of God, this vision is now blossoming like a flower of hope. I pray that this vision will continue to grow and bear fruit here in South America and throughout the world.

On this great continent, and throughout this hemisphere, all people aspire to live in freedom and in harmony with one another as brothers and sisters, and in harmony with nature. This ideal has been God's very own cherished hope and the desire of humankind throughout the ages. I believe that at this time in history we are faced with an urgent challenge to make this ideal a living reality.

Our world faces many difficulties, from climate change and poverty to geopolitical tension and conflict. South America and North America face problems of their own. Nevertheless, I believe that the peoples of these two continents have enormous potential and can stand at the forefront in building a new world of lasting peace and prosperity.

Heavenly fortune is now gathering in this region. Brazil will host the 2014 FIFA World Cup in June this year and the 2016 Summer Olympics. All eyes are turning to South America. Ladies and gentlemen, it is at times like these that we must open our hearts and minds to receive the guidance of God, our Heavenly Parent. That is why we have gathered here today!

Uniting the peoples of the Americas

Respected leaders! In accordance with God's will, my husband and I spent over three decades, during the prime of our lives, dedicating ourselves and our family to bringing about a spiritual awakening in the United States of America, a nation that had been blessed by God to become the most powerful nation in the world. However, God's blessings were not just for the people of the United States, but for all humanity. As such, the United States, as the leading nation of the free world, had the responsibility to work with and serve other nations in order to establish God's original ideal, the world of true love and lasting peace. Unfortunately, beginning in the 1960s, many people in the United States began to lose sight of that truth, evidenced in the spread of drug abuse, free sex, individualism and materialism. Thus began a trend toward spiritual and moral decline.

Beginning with our arrival in the United States in 1971, my husband and I sought to bring about a great awakening through a grass-roots movement dedicated to spiritual and moral renewal. My husband understood that God had called him "in a role of a fire fighter, in the role of a doctor" to heal the nation. The United States had lost its way and needed to rekindle the God-centered spirit that had prevailed at the time of its founding. This was the message that my husband conveyed to President Eisenhower² and President Nixon,³ to hun-



dreds of members of Congress in the U.S. capitol, and to the millions of ordinary Americans from every religion, race and cultural background. I, too, conveyed this God-centered message throughout the United States and at the United Nations Headquarters.

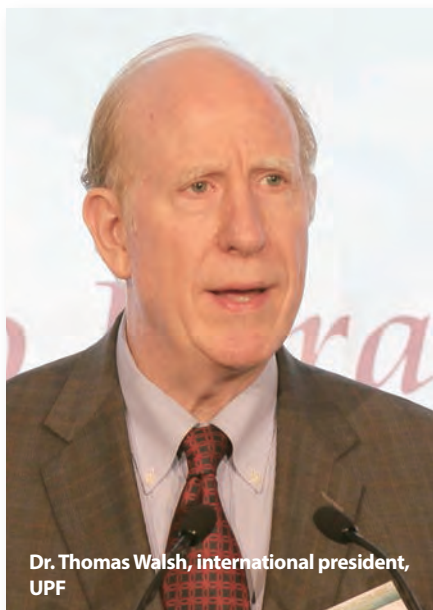
Our vision of peace was not simply for the U.S. or North America, but for the Americas. For this reason, in October 1980, we founded the Confederation of the Associations for the Unification of the Societies of the Americas (CAUSA). CAUSA sponsored educational seminars throughout the Americas with the purpose of introducing the vision of a peaceful global community centered on God. Our programs affirmed values of freedom, justice, respect for the environment, and interfaith cooperation. With an intention to overcome cold war divisions, we developed a highly sophisticated critique of, and counter-proposal to state-controlled political-economic systems that were both totalitarian and militantly atheistic. Such systems were, at that time, being exported to nations in the developing world, promising liberation, but seldom delivering good outcomes. As an alternative, we advocated for good governance, economic justice, the development of civil society institutions, interfaith dialogue, and character education for youth. This effort was widely welcomed at all levels of society—including by leaders from both government and religion—and served as a valued alter-



Luis Alberto Lacalle, president of Uruguay 1990-1995

native to materialistic and divisive ideologies. CAUSA programs were convened throughout North America, South America and Central America. We always emphasized the centrality of spirituality and “Godism” as prerequisites for achieving true liberation, development and peace.

My husband and I, having directly experienced the destructive nature of militant communism, were committed to preventing the spread of such a system in other parts of the world. At the same time, we recognized that the so-called free world was in a state of moral and spiritual decline. The foundations of faith, family and freedom in liberal democratic societies were not healthy. My husband tried to bridge the division between liberals



Dr. Thomas Walsh, international president, UPF

and conservatives, so that together we could build a good society and nation. He coined the term “head wing” to balance left and right wing ideologies. Through head-wing thought, we have been working to create a world based on the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values.

In keeping with our vision of peace, my husband and I founded the *Washington Times* in 1982. For more than thirty years, the *Washington Times* has upheld the highest journalistic standards and affirmed universal values of faith, family, freedom and service. As acknowledged by leaders such as Ronald Reagan⁴ and Margaret Thatcher,⁵ it was instrumental in help-



Julio María Sanguinetti, president of Uruguay 1985-1990, 1995-2000

ing bring an end to the cold war. It continues to be a leading voice of truthful and responsible journalism. In 1996, with this same vision, we established *Tiempos del Mundo*, beginning in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and expanding to sixteen nations throughout South America and Central America.

In 1996, in Washington, D.C., we founded the Family Federation for

World Peace and Unification in order to ignite a global movement dedicated to nurturing and strengthening healthy, stable, God-centered families as the building blocks of a harmonious and prosperous global community. We were honored that George H. W. Bush⁶ and Gerald Ford,⁷ former U.S. presidents, as well as Edward Heath,⁸ a former prime minister of the United Kingdom, attended the founding assembly. Since that time, FFWPU has been actively promoting and expanding this vision in 194 nations.

All these efforts aimed toward greater unity of the peoples and nations of the Americas. In April 2008, my husband and I convened the “Americas Summit” in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the Universal Peace Federation, and dedicated to the theme, “Toward a New Paradigm of Leadership and Good Governance for Development and Peace in the Americas.” Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush and Former Uruguayan President Julio María Sanguinetti⁹ made substantial contributions to the success of this important meeting. My husband and I encouraged both of these leaders, as well as the more than three hundred other attendees, to work for the unity of the Americas. Let us all work to see that dream become a reality!

A vision of God’s borderless world

Respected leaders of the Americas! The substantial foundation my husband and I established in North America over the course of four decades was carried out with equal enthusiasm in South America.

An essential component of this effort has been an interfaith movement to promote ecumenical harmony and cooperation between the largely Protestant Christian peoples of North America and the predominantly Catholic Christian peoples in South America. In December 1995, we convened a major interfaith conference

4. (1911-2004) He was president of the United States 1981-1989.

5. (1925-2013) She was prime minister of the United Kingdom 1979-1990.

6. He held the office 1989-1993.

7. (1913-2006) As then vice-president, he assumed the office when Nixon resigned in 1974 and finished out the term in 1977.

8. (1916-2005) He held the office 1970-1974.

9. He held the office 1985-1990 and 1995-2000.

10. (1930-2003) He was a Catholic priest and dean of the university’s School of Religious Studies 1985-1993.

11. A relative of the red piranha, pacu can grow to a meter in length and may weigh up to thirty kilograms.

here in Montevideo on the theme, "Christian Ecumenism in the Americas: Toward One Christian Family under God." Dr. William Cenkner¹⁰ of the Catholic University of America was the convener. This conference was followed by a series of ecumenical programs involving thousands of Christian clerics, theologians and laypersons over a period of several years.

In the late 1990s, I toured sixteen South American nations, speaking to audiences about our God-centered vision of peace. During this time, I had the opportunity to meet with heads of state from eight nations. I spoke to each about the need for cooperative integration of North American and South American nations, along with ecumenical unity between Protestantism and Catholicism.

In Jardim, Brazil, we established the Ideal Family Education Headquarters for World Peace and attracted people from around the world who aspired to create an ideal community. We also established a farm there—called New Hope Farm—and invited people to come there to work the land and live together and learn with people from around the world. Thus began a movement to build a model, ideal community.

In the Pantanal region as well, centering on Puerto Leda in the Paraguay River basin, we have worked to build an ideal village, with international volunteers living and working together in harmony with nature. We

established a farm there with the vision of developing resources for the benefit of the people of the world. In addition, we launched a fish-farming project. Fish farming is necessary, because in the future what can be harvested from the sea will not be adequate. In May last year, we were successful in raising our first batch of pacu.¹¹ We were honored at that time with a visit from then Paraguayan President Federico Franco¹² and other government officials.

Despite very challenging circumstances, our pioneers in Leda have built a thriving community through the investment of their blood, sweat and tears. Looking to the future, we plan to create additional facilities in Leda that will be of benefit to the various tribes in the region, including a hospital, schools and a community center.

My husband and I have also dedicated ourselves in the nations of the Southern Cone¹³ of South America, encouraging increased economic cooperation. If a dynamic economic community can be created centered on this region, all the nations of South America can eventually be drawn together in cooperative unity and mutual prosperity. Increased economic cooperation can lead to greater political cooperation and people-to-people cooperation.

Along with these initiatives, we also have understood the importance of sports, not only as a form of entertainment, but as an instrument of



Dr. Joveny Sebastião Cândido de Oliveira, president of UNI-Anhanguera University, Brazil

peace. After the 2002 Korea-Japan FIFA World Cup, my husband and I established the Peace Cup as an international football tournament. The football legend Pelé was inspired by and contributed to the establishment of the Peace Cup. This tournament drew world-class clubs from throughout the world, and has been loved by football fans everywhere. We also acquired the Sorocaba football club in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the Cene football club in Jardim, encouraging not only the highest standards of athletic excellence but also moral excellence and good sportsmanship.

Foundation for world peace

Dr. Sun Myung Moon went through many life-or-death experiences. He



1. He held the office 1990–1995.

2. (1890–1969) He held the office 1953–1961.

3. (1913–1994) He held the office from 1969 until his resignation in 1974.



Getting to know one another during the luncheon



Sun-jin nim speaking with an ILC participant

also faced indescribable persecution in the United States, which was supposed to be a leading democratic nation. He was falsely charged with tax-evasion and imprisoned. If I could, I would like to erase July 20, 1984 from the calendar; that was the day my husband was incarcerated in Danbury prison. I remember silently crying in my heart even as my husband comforted me with a smile saying that instead of praying for him as he headed toward Danbury, I should pray for America. He said, "Forgive even your enemy and live for the sake of others." Even though he was stripped of everything and all seemed lost, my husband continued to live for the greater good according to Heaven's will.

Even during this most difficult time, my husband and I continued our endeavors for the sake of America and the world. We bought two hundred trucks to deliver surplus food to needy people. Through the Washington Times, we devoted ourselves to the values of faith, family, freedom and service. Rev. Joseph Lowery and other Christian ministers joined the ranks of religious leaders calling for religious freedom and the abolishment of racial discrimination. Heaven indeed works in mysterious ways!

We have toured many places and spoken to many people. We conveyed God's word in the most remote areas of the world, in the congressional halls of nations, and even at the UN Headquarters. Many times my husband spoke until his throat was sore. He spoke with an oxygen tank and

ambulance on standby in the Andean regions of South America. Yet, his speaking tour would continue because he had to quickly convey God's word to the world.

My husband never rested with ease. One day he was in the East, the next day he was in the West. Most people would find it exhausting to do even one of the many tasks he carried out. Day by day, we saw the vision for a peaceful world through ideal families miraculously take form before our eyes. With his lips parched, legs swollen, and entire body aching, my husband offered prayers of thanks to God.

After we founded the Universal Peace Federation in 2005, my husband initiated a world tour to 120 countries, visiting one country each day to share his vision of peace, even at the risk of his life. At that time, and continuing throughout 2006, we, along with many of our children and even grandchildren, spoke to audiences in nearly every nation of South America, Central America and North America. In fact, we continued to share this message all across the world.

My husband and I went through indescribable pain during the course of building this global foundation. Along the way, we faced numerous terrorist threats. Our church in France was showered with bullets by unknown gunmen. We even experienced the tragedy of some of our missionaries being martyred in Africa and in communist nations of Eastern

Europe. The memory of these beloved martyrs we keep in our hearts.

The providential path of the True Parents of humankind, the true teacher, and true owner is a long and arduous one. It is like navigating a ship through a terrific storm. However, despite the challenges we faced, the obstacles have been overcome, and countless substantial activities that expand this vision are being carried out and making an impact all over the world. This global foundation for peace is now secure and growing each and every day.

You will learn more, during the course of this International Leadership Conference, about the development of many other initiatives being carried out by the Universal Peace Federation, as well as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and its marriage blessing movement; the Women's Federation for World Peace, and its Global Women's Peace Network; and the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, which as an investment in our future, supports thousands of talented and deserving young people around the globe with scholarships, cultivating youth who love heaven, love humanity, and love the nation.

A call to action

Beloved leaders! My husband and I have lived our lives according to the guidance of Heaven. Called by God to embrace all humanity with the heart of True Parents, we have invested our entire beings for the sake of God's lib-

eration, the salvation of humankind, and the realization of a peaceful world. We have faced many challenges and tribulations on this path, but we have been undeterred in carrying out our heavenly mission.

I pray that we can work together in this great mission to build a unified world of peace and prosperity, as one family under God. With this in mind, I would like to present you all with a challenge, one that I hope you will take seriously.

First, I would like to challenge all of you to take the lead in protecting the natural environment. The world today is heading toward a calamity due to climate change and the rapid destruction of the environment. Desertification in China and Africa is accelerating, bringing serious consequences not only to those areas but also to their neighbors. Deforestation in the Amazon region is dealing a blow to the earth's "lungs." God gave the natural world to us so that it can serve as our home, an environment within which we can flourish. We should love nature and treat all things of creation with care. Nature, in turn, will give us what we need. We should remember that humankind and nature are part of one ecosystem created by God. Let us live together in harmony with nature!

Starvation and rampant malnutrition must be eliminated from our planet. That is why I am proposing further development of ranches and fish farms in the vast lands of South America. That is also why my husband and I built a factory for marine products in Kodiak, Alaska. There he developed a system to mass produce fish powder, in order to supply nourishment to human beings suffering from malnutrition and starvation. In the future, we will transfer this technology for manufacturing fish powder to Leda. My husband has always taught that marine resources are necessary to resolve the food crisis, while at the same time preventing pollution. Raw materials on earth may not be sufficient to feed our growing population. Therefore, we should pursue sustainable development projects in

relation to the oceans adjacent to North America and South America.

Second, let us take the lead in realizing the ideal of one family under God by overcoming barriers of race, religion and nationality. My husband and I have worked to achieve this goal through the marriage blessing movement, encouraging international, interreligious and interracial marriages and the creation of ideal families. Through such families, we can reconcile enemies and bring the world into unity. As you may know, millions of couples from around the world have participated in a Blessing Ceremony, affirming their marriage with a commitment to build a world of peace by creating God-centered, ideal families. In this way, we can overcome the challenges that divide the human family.

Third, I also ask that you take the lead in promoting reconciliation and unity among all the religious traditions in North America and South America. A peaceful world begins with reconciliation and unity among religions. God has guided humanity throughout history through religion. Harmony and cooperation among the religions of North America and South America are pre-conditions for peace and development. I hope that you can take the lead in promoting interfaith dialogue and cooperation among all the religions of the Americas.

Finally, I sincerely request that all the leaders here today take part in bringing to fruition these various projects that my husband and I initiated for the Americas. In this way we can rebuild and renew our nations and establish a world of lasting peace, as envisioned by God from the beginning of time. Such a world goes beyond the divisions of religion, race, ethnicity and nationality. God's ideal world is a borderless world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness.

God exists! For this reason, your efforts for the benefit of South America and North America will not be in vain. It is up to each of us to work to make this heavenly ideal a historical reality, and in the shortest time possible. I sincerely ask you to work with


me in carrying out this action plan for achieving a new world of peace and development in the Americas.

Conclusion

Respected leaders of North America and South America! It has been a little more than twenty years since my husband and I began our efforts to build a new world here in South America. I believe that this dream can surely become a living reality. South America has vast resources that will enable it to become a center of commerce and trade in the twenty-first century. Although it has had its share of political, economic and social difficulties, God's blessings will be with this continent.

In August this year, the Universal Peace Federation, with affiliated organizations as partners, will convene in Korea the second World Summit on Peace and Human Development. The World Summit is being convened in commemoration of the passing of my beloved husband nearly two years ago. On this occasion, we will pause to reflect on the many programs my husband and I initiated in South America and North America. The World Summit will provide a golden opportunity for us to look to the past and plan for the future, while drawing upon heavenly fortune for guidance and support. I pray that the World Summit will serve as an important turning point for the people of the Americas to make a new beginning with a united heart and mind.

Distinguished leaders! My husband and I have taken the course of True Parents, seeking to invest ourselves for the sake of others, for the sake of the world. I pray that you can join us on this path. I invite you all to take up this challenge of building a new world. Let us all stand together as one in achieving the dream of building one family under God.

May God's blessings be with you, your families, your nations and all the peoples of the Americas. Thank you very much. 

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is a co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation.

12. He held office 2012–2013. He finished a term begun by Fernando Lugo, who had been impeached.

13. The southernmost South American nations, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, which together resemble an inverted cone.



After True Parents visited seventeen nations in Central America and South America from May 16 to July 7, 1995, they personally directed the South American providence from the field until 2001. In 1999, as True Parents had directed, Japanese national messiahs began pioneering in Leda, Paraguay. Gradually, they transformed the land, which had looked like a wasteland, into a cultivated area. In this inaugural issue of TP magazine, we are pleased to cover the Leda Project as a special feature.

The Leda Project

Pioneering the Development of a Wilderness

In 1999, Father held a forty-day workshop for Japanese national messiahs in Fuerte Olimpo, which is the capital of Alto Paraguay, a department (province, or state) in northern Paraguay. Being located right at the border between Paraguay and Brazil with the Paraguay River flowing by, Olimpo is well known as a hideout for criminals and as a dangerous place.

Near the end of the forty-day workshop, Father told Mr. Kamiyama Takeru and other Eve-nation national messiahs, "You do not have to return to Japan. I have prepared a land; go and pioneer there. I am sending you to hell for the liberation of hell." They followed True Father's instructions and on October 1, 1999, thirteen national messiahs arrived in Leda, thirty-seven kilometers away from

Fuerte Olimpo, Paraguay.

First, they had to cobble together a habitable community in an environment that had become a den of poisonous spiders and snakes. Then, they started their pioneering work. Being inexperienced in the construction of a base, they had to learn everything and work from scratch. They labored in sweltering heat of over 40° C (104° F) while chasing away swarms of mos-



True Parents with members including the Japanese national messiahs who worked to build Leda on the day True Parents' residence was dedicated.



A workshop that was held at Farm Leda in September 1999

quitoes with smoke from bonfires. As for potable water, they used a simple purifier to filter water from the Paraguay River.

True Parents' visit

Three months after they arrived in Leda, on January 7, 2000, True Parents paid a visit to encourage the hard-working members and to comfort them saying, "We must designate our new hometown for the future united earth. Without doing that, we cannot break away from the fallen realm, which would indicate that we are still in the fallen realm. Put behind everything, indemnify everything by overcoming everything, even if it means overexerting yourselves. We must choose a hometown for the future new earth now. Will you all make this determination? If you do that, the purpose of my visit

has been achieved."

Feeling invigorated by True Father's reassurance, the members in Leda started constructing the base in earnest with local workers. They built an official residence for True Parents on the best location for it, one that had a great view of the main stream, a tributary of the Paraguay River. Gradually members in other countries shipped them furniture for the home. In cooperation with the national government, they built a river police station that is manned by local river navy authorities. They donated it to the Paraguayan government on November 12, 2000.

A few days after that, on November 30, 2000, True Parents paid another visit to Leda for the dedication of True Parents' official residence, which will always be remembered in the pioneering history of Leda. This

event happened exactly a year and two months after the arrival of the Japanese leaders in Leda. True Father invited all the local workers at the congratulatory event and encouraged them, saying, "The location where this building has been established will become a famous tourist attraction in the future. You are creating a new future in the Amazon and Pantanal areas. Please regard your participation and work here with great pride." True Father also said, "Please work in unity with the local workers and make effort toward the construction of Leda centered on Mr. Kamiyama."

An ideal site in the wilderness

Ten years later, on September 20, 2009, the tenth anniversary of the Leda Project was grandly celebrated with prominent figures from the Paraguayan government and leaders



The then President Federico Franco (in glasses) and Rev. Shin Dong-mo help release 20,000 pacu fry 5-10 cm. in length into the Paraguay River



Pasturing cebu, the local type of cattle, moving in groups on the plain



Pigs trained to associate a tolling bell with feeding time, rush to the feeding place

from many fields. Mr. Hugo Brites Ibarra, vice-minister of the Ministry of Education and Culture, gave a congratulatory address at that time, saying, "What you have achieved here is a dream that has become reality. Leda is a sample of one seed of hope that grows to yield truly beautiful fruit. I express my gratitude on behalf of the Paraguayan government for achieving what you have done in Leda. The government is not the only entity that is thankful for what has been achieved here in Leda in ten years; this is something that deserves great praise also from the people's perspective." By that time they had a small water purification plant, a generating station for electricity, a barn full of farm equipment, a riverside dock and workshop center that even has a swimming pool.

How to get to Leda

It took two hours by light airplane from Asuncion, Paraguay's capital city, for reporters to arrive in Leda on April 23 at 5 pm. The bright stars that illuminated the evening sky right after the sun set completely washed away the fatigue felt by the travelers, who felt as though their bodies and minds were being completely cleaned from city-life contamination.

There are two ways you can get from Asuncion to Leda. You can rent a light airplane from an airfield on the outskirts of Asuncion, which may take a few hours but is convenient if you plan to stay in Leda for only a few days. If you plan to stay longer, you can take a long-distance bus or a periodically-operated commercial plane to Bahia Negra, in northeast Paraguay where it abuts Brazil and from there go by boat on the Paraguay River all the way to Leda.

From abroad, another way to go to Leda, is to go to Campo Grande, in western Brazil and take a night bus to Paraguay's Porto Murtinho, a relatively big port, where you can rent a boat for Leda. Different types of boats can be rented there, ranging from small boats to large boats equipped like a two-floor hotel. You can easily find a size that fits the number of people travelling in your group. A small six-passenger boat that is popular for fishing purposes cost around US\$1,200 to rent for three days.

Raising pacú since 2010

We visited Farm Leda's pacú fish farm the day after our arrival in Leda. Last year, on May 3, they released twenty thousand young pacú into the Paraguay River at an event attended by the then President Federico Franco. This event gained so much importance that Mr. Franco returned with the older brother of today's President Cartes for a similar event on April 27. Presently, they have thirteen fish ponds of various sizes and efforts are being made to ensure there are no inadequacies in carrying on the fishing providence that True Parents started to resolve the food crises that humanity faces. They plan to build an even bigger pacu farm in the future.

The Japanese national messiahs began raising pacú in 2010. Pacú is a highly popular fish in Paraguay and Brazil. A special trait of the pacú in Leda is that they eat coconut meat, among other things. Leda's pacús are loved and known for their great mouth-watering taste; they are so popular that large trucks come all the way from Asuncion to purchase them. Their present goal is to release a million pacú to protect the Paraguay River as a natural habitat and to restore the river's resources. They are determined to raise 100,000 pacú by 2020.

Pigs swimming across the river

The raising of pigs, cows and goats is another important business taking place at Farm Leda. Around a thousand pigs were trained from a young

age to respond to the toll of a bell at meal time; when the pigpen bell rings, pigs come from all directions. Some pigs even swim across the river to eat.

They started swine husbandry three years ago with just ten pigs; to date, it has expanded to a thousand pigs. Those in charge are making plans to create a pig brand that is second to Spanish Iberico by 2020. Spanish Iberico pigs are known to be the best in the world. Ham from Iberico pigs sells for US\$150 per kilogram. Iberico pigs are said to be fed with acorns and freely roam when put out to pasture.


Leda's pigs graze on a vast "Pig Land," a nearby pasture. They graze freely, eating grass, clams from the river and coconuts. To prevent them from becoming wild, they are fed once a day, a spectacular time when the bell tolls, calling the pigs in, where they are fed corn and other pig feed. The pigs, which had scattered throughout the vast field, all rushed at the same time to be fed. Seeing some swimming across the river is a scene certainly worth watching.

Hydroponic yam, and neem trees

On April 27, we watched young pacú being released into the river. We looked around Leda's natural surroundings and even had the chance to witness honey being extracted from a hollow tree. Bees were smoked out from the hollow of an old tree and the beehive, with honey dripping from it, was quickly removed. We dipped our fingers in the honey and the sweet-

ness we tasted was so strong, it felt as though we were drunk. The Leda team tried to cultivate various vegetables and crops but saw tremendous loss because of birds. In collaboration with an agricultural university in Japan, they are now conducting research on the possibility of growing yams through hydroponics.

To preserve the greenness of the earth, the Japanese national messiahs began to plant neem trees, a type of evergreen, in April 2001 as part of their planting trees activity. The neem tree not only produces seed oil with insecticidal qualities but it has also been acknowledged for its medicinal properties. Someone from the United Nations even called it the tree of the twenty-first century. Paraguay has the highest rate of deforestation in South America; hence, the national government has been promoting tree planting. As part of the movement that encourages every person to plant one tree each, this planting activity is seeing results. Now thousands of neem trees grow in Leda and neighboring villages.

At the end of the four-day Leda coverage, on the 26, the reporters left Leda reflecting on how the Japanese National Messiahs left behind everything and completely invested themselves in pioneering Leda, changing it from a desolate land to a fertile one under True Parents' guidance; everyone in the group felt solemn in front of the dedicated efforts of the Japanese National Messiahs. 



The neem tree, native of India, is famous for its medicinal and insecticidal qualities



A member from a nearby village smokes bees out of a hollow log to harvest the honey.

True Parents' Latin American Providence

By Alejandro de Souza

The author of this article was True Parents' Korean-Spanish translator throughout the years that they were investing their hearts and effort in Latin America. He originally wrote the article in 1996. Some facts have been updated, but True Father's plans for the region are represented as he original gave them, mainly in 1995.

Father concentrated his activities for forty years in Asia and the United States. Yet, once he had built a platform from which to express globally the values that True Parents' advocate, Father became deeply interested in and dedicated much of his time to Latin America.

From December 1994, he frequently visited the continent and became convinced—as he stated to several heads

of state in Latin America—that South America can play a very important role in solving the major problems facing the globe and humanity, by fulfilling the necessary conditions. Before achieving the peace that we crave, several problems need solving; fundamentally these involve equity, the need to reduce inequalities in living standards between the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere, which includes technological and other disparities.

To the degree that all activities that affect human beings are interrelated, so are the problems. Solving some of

the underlying problems of human society, the rest would be solved consequently. Among them is the problem of peace, of how to build peace in the world.

Four major problems Father spoke of

First, Father was very concerned about environmental problems, covering ecological problems—the indiscriminate abuse of nature, indiscriminate felling of trees, which brings on the effects of desertification, the indiscriminate exploitation of aquatic species, reduction of green spaces, threats to and suppression of species, etc. All of which call for environmental protection.

Second, a problem related to the environment and environmental pollution is one caused by the concentration of industries and population in large cities. “It is no exaggeration to say that whoever controls the water



Right: Father read scripture all day long in the hot sun on the upper deck of this cruise boat, in the Brazilian Pantanal.

Below: The following day, October 13, 1997, True Parents proclaimed the hoondokhae tradition, which Father rendered in Sino-Korean characters. Alejandro de Souza is standing, far right.



and rivers, controls the world; in fact, wars could eventually occur over possession of water," he said.

Third, problems related to food cause an estimated 870 million people around the globe to be undernourished. An example of this is Argentina, famous for its production of beef and wheat, but a nation where children still sometimes die from malnutrition.

Father made a careful examination of the basins of the Paraguay River, the Paraná River¹ and Amazon River, scrutinizing them by air, land and water with a view to how the resources might be better utilized for people's benefit and for the preservation of nature.

Fourth, Father emphasized the problem of moral degradation, "moral pollution," also caused in part by structural problems in human society, in which all the benefits of development that man can enjoy are concentrated in large cities. Everything is concentrated there—art, culture, education, entertainment, medicine, technology, information, money, etc. This causes people to leave the tranquility of the interior to go to large cities in order to gain these

benefits and more opportunities, looking for what brings the most happiness—to have a better tomorrow than we have today, to have a future.

The costs of leaving the natural life to go to school or to advance is sometimes overlooked. A high percentage of young people end up leaving their studies, abandoning circumstances that are pressing and stressful and finally falling into drug addiction, into crime and into sexual promiscuity. The Unification Movement is already testing the development of several pilot projects, covering a wide range of activities, the results of which would involve solving the problems mentioned above.

Urban and rural remedies

One of the ideas that Father proposed was to decentralize and decongest large cities. This invites us to use our creativity in putting agricultural villages and fishing villages to profitable use through eco-oriented tourism.

The utilization of villages aims for three goals. 1) Education: Installing educational institutions locally and using distance education methods (internet, videos, etc.) ensure that rural youth will receive a diploma

that holds the same value as those who live in cities, studying on the campus of a university. Young people would not be forced to leave the nation's interior and the benefits of a healthy and natural lifestyle, which



1. The Paraguay-Paraná river system courses through Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. Emerging from the Brazilian Highlands, the two rivers run parallel before uniting in Argentina and emptying into the Atlantic Ocean.*

Right top to bottom: Members in front of the Jardim training center; grazing cattle; an advertisement for the Gene soccer club

Below left: The Jardim training center entrance; **Below right:** an aerial view of the Jardim training center





Counterclockwise from above: Father loved the natural beauty and exotic species found in South America; the Parana, one of the three rivers Father studied; Caprincho, said to be the world's largest rodents; adult nãndú; a violet sabrewing; a plumed basilisk



contributes so much to building a rounded character. True Father founded the World League of Colleges, with the intention of supporting serious research and the development of the various viable projects in collaboration with experts worldwide.



2) Food Production: Father was stunned by the natural beauty of our continent, the supply of natural resources and the huge potential in our fields and rivers. The need for food in the world is increasing day by day. It is known that when China opens itself to the world, it will be an inexhaustible market for food. In China, food production capacity decreases by about six hundred million tons per year, six hundred thousand productive hectares are lost in that time as land use turns toward industrialization.²



Everyone wants progress; any developing country wants to go in that direction, with industrialization as a means to achieve it. If countries that are already suffering from a lack of food turn to-

ward industrialization, what happens when the food producing countries join them?

Today European protectionism through farm subsidies prevents access to South American products. Yet openness is a matter of time, because humanity has achieved much improvement in health and quality of life, causing organic products to be in demand today. No region in the world can produce as much food without agrochemical pollution as can Latin America, or at least with a significantly lower degree of pollution.

The above-mentioned village agricultural pilot projects would be tested on a scale of from three to ten acres per family, where depending on the conditions in the area, cereals, fruits and flowers might combine with forestry and fish farming (as well as sports, hobbies and artistic and cultural activities). Flour obtained from grains and powdered fish would be used in the production of different food compounds that are lightweight and practical to carry, which would cheapen freight costs. If these projects worked, they could move to any of the developing countries and to the most deprived areas.

The Unification Movement's group of companies has over twenty years' experience in the production of fish meal fit for human consumption. In

2. According to the February 2012 issue of the journal *Solutions*, "Due to the process of rapid modernization, China has lost about 8.3 million hectares of arable land, 6.5 percent of the country's total arable area, largely in the most fertile coastal regions, where urbanization and industrialization have flourished."

Montevideo, Uruguay, they are running a project for fishing and processing shrimp and krill; toward this end, they have a fleet of five factory ships, two of which have already been converted for such activity.

All activities would be centralized; without leaving the country, young people would study the curriculum of prestigious universities until obtaining their diplomas. At the same time, they could be involved in food production, acquiring skills to plant and grow various crops and to raise animals, birds and fish, ensuring a good income and gaining knowledge to augment their studies. Learning a trade in this way would enable them to develop in different work areas if they were to venture into the city later in life. Were projects such as these to develop in the Paraná—Paraguay area, they would facilitate the exit to the world of food produced in the region.

3) In tourism (hobby and leisure industry) Father proposed the creation of many resorts by each MERCOSUR³ country, which would combine the activities referred to in points 1) and 2) with recreational activities such as fishing and hunting, among others. They should be original and creative centers, backed by a fast and convenient transport infrastructure (small and medium aircraft), to attract greater numbers of tourists to famous places like Rio de Janeiro, Niagara Iguazú, Punta del Este, Bariloche, etc. In nearby places where fish farming is practiced in artificial lakes, fishing enthusiasts could enjoy themselves, creating a situation like fish-and-pay,⁴ which is mushrooming in Brazil.

Benefits of outdoor sports

After thorough studies to prove whether or not a species bred in captivity develops viruses that may infect fish in their natural habitat, fish would repopulate the rivers, which have been devastated by senseless and indiscriminate fishing. Restocking would cause revenues from tourism to become much higher. This would be of greater advantage than leaving fisheries to whatever consequences might arise.

South American species, such as golden surubí, pacú and boga are at-



Alejandro and his wife Setsumi during True Parents first visit to Jardim, Brazil

tractive luxuries to fishing fanatics around the world, both for their voracious appetites and for the taste of their flesh. Tourism in the Pantanal has been decreasing significantly from year to year because of the absence of the species in rivers where they had once been abundant.

Similarly, breeding native animals such as carpincho,⁵ ñandú,⁶ alligator, wild boar and other species could lead to the creation of hunting preserves for lovers of that sport. The mere fact of afforestation would help attract different wildlife preserves.

An interesting addition is the creation of rural cinemas, which by the projection of the best videos and movies from more than a hundred and eighty countries, would entertain tourists when the weather does not cooperate and make these centers places to visit at any time of year. They could introduce games and swimming competitions, creating colorful villages that develop a reputation and become famous for one particular natural spectacle, such as flowers or birds.

Rev. Moon's conviction is that we should decongest cities and return to interrelationship with nature:

Learning to nurture and cultivate the species, we would learn to love nature as God loves it, to feel love and the immense joy felt when God created it for us, for us to use and enjoy. We would learn to consume food with love and gratitude, to stop irrationally exploiting the natural world. We would learn to love and care for nature and take only what was necessary. We would learn to nurture and cultivate our natural character with camaraderie and sharing. If we live in this way, when we leave this world we will go where God is and leave behind a better world. Virtues are developed with the help of a suitable environment. That's the global ideal.

This would automatically begin to resolve environmental problems, such as pollution, and lack of food. Crucially, our young people would develop a healthy and upright character.

Money is not the missing ingredient. If we want the money that runs in a stream through the northern hemisphere to flow someday to our continent, we must utilize the most valuable things we have, ideas that attract the attention of private enterprises, the interest of our governments and—Why not?—the interest and the blessings of God. ☞

3. A trading bloc similar to the European Union, but four times larger.

4. Anglers pay, usually by weight, for the fish they catch

5. The world's largest rodents

6. Large flightless birds similar to the ostrich

Partnership for Peace in the Middle East

Significantly, WFWP's annual conference in the Middle East was prompted by their own members doing volunteer work and sometimes living in that troubled area. At each conference, Arabic and Jewish women join the effort to deal with intractable problems in a region that these women call "home." The conferences began in 1997 in Istanbul.

We would like to introduce the eighteenth annual Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East and the tenth anniversary of the "Women of Peace"—Middle East Peace Initiative, which were hosted by the Women's Federation for World Peace from May 8 to May 16 in Amman, Jordan and Jerusalem, Israel.

Endless religious conflict and war have caused a buildup of tension within the land of Canaan, which has caused distrust and antagonism to become deeply rooted over time. Thanks to True Parents' interfaith movement and dialogue between religions, the flower of peace has been planted in the Middle East.

In mid-May 2014, woman leaders came with motherly love from around the world. Their cries for peace in the Middle East resounded. Hosted by the Women's Federation for World Peace International, the eighteenth annual Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East was grandly held under the title, "Women's Partnership in Achieving Peace and Harmony in the Middle East and the World" in Amman, Jordan, where leaders discussed the role of women in preserving peace.

The 120 leaders, who came from about forty nations, all agreed that specifically because of their position and responsibility within the family, women represent the starting point of global peace. During the opening ceremony, Mrs. Moon Lan-young, international president of WFWP, stated in her welcoming remarks that Middle East peace is directly connected to world peace. She added that she hoped the participants, who came

from nations throughout the Middle East, would share their wisdom and experiences.

During the first session, presenters passionately spoke about "Mothers Raising Children in Dignity and Peace," marking the beginning of the four-day peace conference. Ms. Reem Najjar, president of YWCA Jordan, brought up the continuing political confusion in neighboring countries and emphasized the urgent need for interest and support from the international society in realizing freedom and peace in these areas.

The fifth presentation, "But I will Not Hate," was given by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish. Even though he had lost his three daughters through the shelling of his home by an Israeli tank, he refused to give in to any temptation to seek revenge.

His lecture, which emphasized the role of women and the peace movement, triggered sympathy from many

audience members, who were moved to tears. According to him, women are the world's only hope because they alone give birth to life. He suggested a family-centered ideology, "familyarchy," as a method to build peace. The Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East was one part of the Middle East Peace Initiative, a movement that was started under True Parents' directions after the attack on New York's World Trade Center in 2001.

On the last day, participants read a resolution, emphasizing that female leaders seeking peace must take the lead in bringing an end to violence and death through their emphasizing education, cooperation and solidarity. They proclaimed that men and women must work hand in hand in overcoming the barriers between race, regions, culture and people. After the event, the leaders visited a hospital for Syrian refugees. Expressing their



A complete view of the eighteenth yearly women's conference for Middle East peace

motherly love in small ways, they comforted the patients, who suffered as a result of the endless civil war in their nation.

Visiting the holy grounds

After the leaders finished their scheduled program, they visited a holy ground that True Parents had designated, where they shouted with all their might three cheers of *eog mansei* for the settlement of peace in the Middle East. Following this, they visited historical sites mentioned in the Bible, through which they could renew their understanding of the Old Testament and New Testament and had time to follow Jesus' footprints.

The leaders all sang a holy song at the shore of Lake Galilee, where Jesus spoke to Peter, determined to reject hatred and achieve peace. Participants were able to understand the Middle East and its historical significance. This opportunity helped everyone realize the preciousness of the Completed Testament era and the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, initiatives accomplished through True Parents' providence.

Women of Peace tenth anniversary

Following the first event, the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's Federation for World Peace co-hosted the tenth anniversary of Women of Peace, a door-to-door plea for peace in Gaza and Israel, under the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) in Jerusalem, Israel. Religious leaders from all walks of life met in Jerusalem and signed the May 18, 2003 Jerusalem Declaration, which was proclaimed at that time to spark peace in the Middle East and to realize harmony and peace between religions. This initiative has continued to play a role in the fledgling peace movement centered on civilian diplomacy.

The first session covered MEPI's history and vision. True Father first visited Israel in 1965. True Parents have been working and supporting the peace movement in an effort to bring peace to the volatile lands of the Middle East. In his welcoming address, Dr. Yang Chang-shik introduced our late Father, who lived his entire life for the sake of world peace. Dr. Yang went on to suggest ways to resolve the problems in the Middle East.



The second session on Israeli-Palestinian Cooperation was held in a school in Palestine amidst leaders from different walks of life. Despite the difficult economic situation, many practical efforts have been made to educate students in order that they might actively participate in society; money that was raised after seeing such efforts was conveyed to the school on this day. The Jordan River Green Zone Project that has been carried out, encompassing both Judaism and Islam, was emphasized during the session. This was a time through which woman leaders became convinced that a day would come when the people of Palestine and Israel would be able to live together in one community of heart.

The third session was conducted at the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, under the theme, "Peacebuilding and Reconciliation." Around seventy women and religious leaders from different countries partook in this session. Knesset authorities took part in the session, which developed into a significant time through which everyone shared ways to relieve the reli-

gious disputes and conflicts happening in the Middle East.

The Peace Walk, the final program of Women of Peace, started from the Jaffa Gate. Before the walk, a prayer for peace was offered. Participants walked in a line for two kilometers to the Western Wall (all that remains of the Second Temple, which was destroyed in ad 70) passing by the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Walking through the Christian zone, the Muslim zone and the Jewish zone, leaders prayed that the holy ground becomes a peaceful land with people sharing love among each other, overcoming all religious barriers.

The peace conference was meaningful as women of diverse faiths including Christianity, Taoism, Judaism and Islam engaged with one another and discussed peace at the conference. All participating leaders at the Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East promised to provide substantial support for peace and to continue peacebuilding activities in the Middle East with the hope that when they all meet again peace will have settled in the land. ☯



Participants setting off on their peace march

Unificationists to Embark on a Great American Pilgrimage



When True Father returned to Korea, 256 days after leaving on the first world tour in 1965, he told Korean members about their brothers and sisters in far-away America.

I had heard that foreigners don't cry easily. Yet when I arrived in the United States, I discovered that Americans cry more readily than Koreans do. The members didn't know the time of my arrival; they had only heard I would be arriving that day, so they waited all day at the airport for me. They must have been weary. When I arrived at the airport and slowly made my appearance, those who had come to welcome me reacted in various ways, some crying and others laughing. Though we come from

different cultures and have different histories, because we are all Unification Church members, we laugh together and we cry together.

On that first world tour, Father traveled across America, stopping at fifty-five locations, and using stones and earth that he had carried in his luggage from Korea, he blessed holy grounds.

What do the earth and stones signify? God did not lose only Adam through the Fall; the whole world was seized by Satan. However, now the base for God to recover the world exists; the age when we can recover the earth has arrived. Because of this, the earth and the stones at the holy grounds have become the foundation God needs to

dwell on earth. You need to understand that this is why I proclaimed the holy grounds. We are connecting Korean earth to these holy grounds. We are planting Korean earth and stones in them. These symbolize the human mind and body. The earth represents the body; the stone represents the bone. They symbolize heaven and earth.

Father sometimes traveled to several locations in one day, with determination and urgency to prepare the nation to do God's work. "If there is a holy ground," he said, "the angels can cooperate with God in the creation of Adam, which is how the foundation for the spirit world to work on earth is established."

This year, as the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the holy



**HOLY GROUND
PILGRIMAGE
JUNE 22-AUG 3**

This summer, members will tour America's holy grounds



True Father standing at the central point as he establishes the holy ground in the U.S. capital. From that point, he walked a designated number of steps in a variety of directions, burying Korean stones and earth at each point. A member would prayerfully stand above each spot as Father continued the ceremonial creation of the holy ground.

grounds nears and in preparation for the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, we invite all Unificationists to join a 43-day pilgrimage to each holy ground. From June 22 to August 3, our tour will cross the nation—from sea to shining sea. We begin in San Francisco, California, span the southern states toward the East Coast, and then continue back through the northern states to Las Vegas, Nevada. Special events will take place at certain locations, and we encourage local communities to visit their nearest holy ground, as the tour comes through, in order to create a lively, deep and collective family experience.

True Mother toured the nation recently as well, visiting many of the holy grounds as a way to reconnect to

the roots of the Unification movement in America. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to pray and to reflect but also to revive our vision and identity as one family.


Come to the holy grounds to welcome True Parents to America personally, cry or laugh with them as the early members did nearly fifty years ago. Unificationists of all ages are invited to make this trek, whether they take a day to visit their local holy ground or make an extended trip and join the tour across several states. Come on the full cross-country adventure, if you can!

It's the journey, and the destinations, that make this trip beautiful. A core group will visit each site and engage with the local communities in activities, in prayer, and in learning

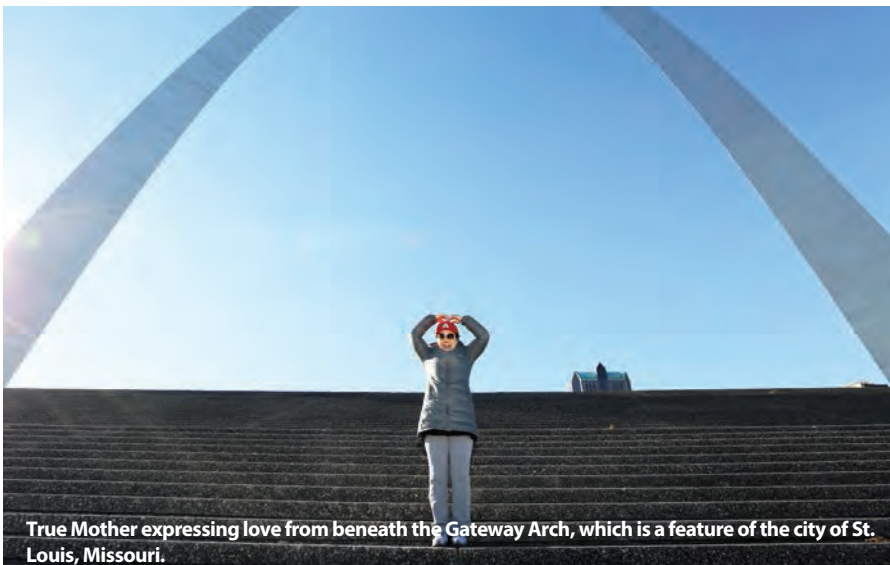
about the history of the site. Historical footage of True Father will be shown at each location, and participants will be able to appear in a video blog to commemorate the trip. We also will collect some earth from each site to use as planting soil at the Peace Education Center in Las Vegas, which will be completed this summer.

GOD HAS PLANS FOR AMERICA; WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

JOIN THE MOVEMENT. EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY. ANSWER THE CALL. GET ON THE BUS.

[VISIT THE SITE](#) TO VIEW THE MAP, LEARN SOME HISTORY ABOUT EACH HOLY GROUND, AND CHOOSE YOUR PILGRIMAGE ROUTE OPTION. 

This invitation comes from the U.S. church Headquarters.



True Mother expressing love from beneath the Gateway Arch, which is a feature of the city of St. Louis, Missouri.



In October and into early November 2012, True Mother traversed the United States with a group that included some of her family members. She is surrounded here by Kwon-jin nim, Sun-jin nim and Hyung-jin nim (standing).

Large Panamanian Martial Arts Group Hears Divine Principle

By Regis and Nancy Hanna

In preparation for the upcoming theme of the anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, which will focus on the work initiated by Father in North America and South America, we are pleased to have this account from the Abel national messiah couple about how True Parents teachings and examples have made an impression in their nation, Panama.

Panama is one of seven Latin American Cheon Il Guk nations?¹ This article explains why. True Father invested greatly in the martial arts providence because he understood that young people need an exciting way to learn discipline and values. He saw martial arts as the ideal way to train young people.

In August 2006, the leader of Hisao Lee, the largest martial arts school in Latin America, was invited to a Family Federation event where True Father's speech was read. Rather than attending himself, Master Fabio Perez sent a few of his top leaders as "spies" to see what FFWPU was all about. They came back and enthusiastically reported, "Master Fabio! They're just like us!"

Two months later, Shin-mi nim² came to Panama as part of the True Family's world tour.³ When Master Fabio attended that event, he had a profound spiritual experience listening to Shin-mi nim read True Father's speech. The God-centered-family message resonated deeply with what he has been teaching his students for over forty years. At the banquet afterward, he testified about his experience. He had felt as though this event ascended to Heaven like the most fragrant perfume being offered to God.

The origins of Hisao Lee

Right after World War II, American soldiers who had recently learned martial arts in the Asian Pacific region



Cheon Il Guk missionaries from Japan escorting winners to the awards table

came to serve in the Panama Canal Zone and began to teach Panamanians what they knew. Thus, Panama was the first country in Latin America to develop oriental martial arts.

In 1972, eight-year-old Fabio was deeply worried about the other children in his poor neighborhood. Most came from broken homes or single-parent families and because they had nothing to do after school and on weekends, they were often getting into trouble. He was inspired to teach them martial arts as a way to keep them busy and teach them values. Like True Father, he saw martial arts as an exciting way to develop good character and discipline in young people. Several close friends joined him as instructors and he developed his own martial arts style. With no money to buy mats or rent facilities, he focused on techniques and forms that did not need mats and he gave

lessons in empty school yards. Excited by the idea of creating the "largest peace army in the world," his instructors often taught their students for free. From these humble beginnings, Hisao Lee grew to be the largest martial arts organization in the Americas.

Over the last forty-three years, more than ninety thousand young people have learned family values and personal discipline from Master Fabio. Today at any given time, Hisao Lee has two thousand five hundred students and two hundred and fifty instructors. Ten years after he began, Master Fabio became an Evangelical Christian as did most of his instructors. They even organized their own church, *Guerreros de la Fe*.⁴

1. Four providential nations and three strategic nations are in Latin America.

2. True Father's grandchild through Sung-jin nim, the boy Father left behind when God ordered Father suddenly to go to North Korea in 1946. Her mother, Dong-sook nim, is the daughter of Kim Won-pil. Shin-mi nim was blessed in 1999 and has a son and daughter.

3. Shin-mi nim spoke in Panama City, Panama on October 7, 2006. The tour theme was God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful, Ideal World

Sacrifice as a way of life

Their instructors live for others by teaching martial arts for \$5 a month or nothing if the student has little money. Most of the time, their instructors are using their own personal money to help their students buy school supplies or school uniforms or to take them out for a Coke and some one-on-one time after class. Martial arts groups in general are run as businesses. But Hisao Lee instructors just live for others. One of our ambassadors for peace and the founder of one

Through many conversations with Hisao Lee instructors, I have become familiar with their personal and family sacrifice. Married couples raise exemplary children; their children and often their teenagers become instructors themselves. Hisao Lee is a family-centered martial arts organization.

In November 2006, we sent Master Fabio to a Tong Il Moo Do tournament in the Philippines. He was astonished at the dedication and high standard of our members from all over the world. Observing carefully

prepared Hisao Lee leaders to become full Blessed Couples through blessing seminars. To date, forty-six couples have received the blessing and done the Three-Day Ceremony. Five beautiful Blessed Children have been born to them. Now, engaged couples are coming to us to ask for the blessing because they have seen the difference in the blessed babies and want their children to be Blessed Children.

Personal connections

In 2013, Rev. Seo Sung-jong gave Panamanian members training in how to do one-on-one hoondokhae teaching of Divine Principle. We now study Divine Principle individually with Hisao Lee members using this method. We are constantly amazed at the deep understanding and insights they have while studying Divine Principle because of their understanding of the Bible based on their Evangelical Christian background. This method gives us the opportunity for lots of personal discussion and sharing, thus building a strong personal relationship with our students.

Not long ago, martial arts were considered by many Evangelical Christians to be satanic. In the beginning, Master Fabio received a lot of persecution from other Evangelical churches. Recently, he also received strong persecution for associating with our Family Federation; some of his top leaders left. Dr. Lee told him not to worry and that within three years Hisao Lee would be bigger than ever. That is exactly what has happened: Hisao Lee is growing as never before.

The martial arts style that Master Fabio developed is most similar to Japanese Shotokan, so he and his members have great admiration for Japanese culture. With the recent arrival of four exemplary Japanese Cheon Il Guk sisters⁶ in Panama, FFWP is working with Hisao Lee even more effectively.

We feel humbled to see how based on True Parents' victorious foundation of indemnity, God prepared many years ago this special foundation for True Parents and for the spread of Divine Principle. ㄸ



In front of the Peace Embassy, Regis and Nancy Hanna, Dr. Lee Byung-moon and acting national leader Torribio de Lora and his family

of Panama's top NGO's, for example, joined Hisao Lee at age twelve, while growing up in a poor single parent family. I met her when she received an award from the United States ambassador for her work. She told me that when she married, she had to quit being a Hisao Lee instructor. When I asked her why, she told me it had become "too expensive" for her because as a married person she no longer had money to both help her students and establish a household with her husband. This is an example of the sacrificial lifestyle expected of Hisao Lee instructors. Over the years, thousands of Panamanians have had their lives touched by Master Fabio's teaching and training. Many owe their personal and professional success to him.

the Japanese sisters as they served at the event, he realized "Reverend Moon is better than I." Over the ten days of the event, Master Gustavo Giuliano, president of Tong Il Mood Do in Latin America, taught him the entire Divine Principle. Master Fabio accepted Divine Principle and True Parents.

In 2008, Dr. Lee Byung-moon was assigned to work in Panama.⁵ My husband, Dr. Regis Hanna, was writing his Cheongshim Graduate School doctoral thesis on Hisao Lee, but we didn't know how to work with this group, in part because they have their own strong Evangelical Christian church. Dr. Lee developed a clear plan, and we were able to teach Divine Principle and our values lectures to all their top leaders—more than a hundred and twenty in all. Master Giuliano came to Panama several times to teach Divine Principle and Tong Il Moo Do. Most importantly, we

4. "Warriors of Faith" is the English translation of the church's name.

5. He originally came as a boonbangwang. The boonbangwang providence concluded on February 22 last year (1.13 on the heavenly calendar).

6. These are Cheon Il Guk missionaries, who went through a pre-deployment training program.



By Christine Froehlich and Myrna Lapres

Personal initiative and cooperative efforts to uplift the overall level of faith within a community characterize this testimony of the activities a group of veteran Unificationist women.

Rejuvenation within the Women’s Circle

Just before Foundation Day in 2013, a group of twelve sisters at the Bay Area Family Church gathered to form the BAFC Women’s Circle as a step forward in making a foundation to bond and to rebind our community of brothers and sisters. Our vision was to bridge the differences of nationality and culture, including East and West, and as women representing the larger whole, to create an environment of love and care for our Blessed Fami-

lies and for outreach.

Initially, four of these sisters met to think prayerfully about how to bring the Holy Spirit to our community. We read True Mother’s speech in *Today’s World*, “The Word Must Breathe within Us All”¹ and we were impacted by the words, “You must love Mother more than you love anyone else. If you do so, you will receive double blessings. If you do so, you will meet Father.”

With True Father’s passing still

fresh in our minds and hearts, we decided that this was the place to start—to connect to True Mother in order to refresh our hope and inspiration through that vertical connection of heart. We felt that to grow a healthy church we need to recommit to our own spiritual growth. Thus, the Women’s Circle meetings began on Sundays after service. We discussed a wide range of topics such as exploring our spiritual gifts, sharing how our Heavenly Parents² are working in our

The lighthouse is near Montara, California



lives, and sometimes just sharing impressions about the sermon of the day. We created and experienced the environment we want to see among our larger community—one where we can safely share our tears, our love for God and True Parents, our reflections, repentance, hopes and vision for a thriving church community of growing Blessed Families.

From these meetings came the inspiration to have a retreat where we could invite more women to connect deeply with one another in an environment supportive of spiritual health and growth. We felt a strong desire to rally around True Mother at the first retreat, to bring unity and harmony among sisters and move forward in

rebinding a scattered community after the challenging events of 2012 and the loss of our True Father.

The first retreat was held in October, at Point Montara Lighthouse, on the beautiful northern California coast. The first presentation, given by Makiko Watanabe, reviewed True Mother's inner qualities and the feminine aspects that a mother embodies to bring God's feminine presence into our lives. We took some time to reflect on those qualities we seek to live by, and to set internal goals along those lines for the immediate future. We thought, What do Heavenly Mother and Father want us to do? In America, we have the rare situation of intercultural groups working together. This is our blessing and challenge in creating unity. We felt that what we could do as women was to rebuild our community, strengthen our faith and keep growing, moving forward with heart and character, while increasing our capacity to love through relationships, beyond walls and barriers that sometimes separate us.

The value of obstacles

Another presentation was given by Christine Froehlich, called "Hitting the Wall," which addressed the gifts to be found in challenging situations, when we feel we have hit a wall in our lives of faith, such as disappointments, great loss, heartbreak, challenging relationships or just a dry spell in prayer. Experiencing God's guidance deep in our hearts even when going through dark times is one of the most profound ways to grow. The presentation was based on Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, a book and small group curriculum with helpful and wise insights, from a Christian pastor on breaking through in one's relationship with God during hard times. When such insights are integrated with internal guidance based on Divine Principle, we can find a powerful resource for changing and growing as we wish to do, and digest challenges with the true love that we have been given by True Parents and the examples of their courses.

Following these presentations and

discussions, several sisters commented that from that small retreat of only five hours, they felt great hope for the first time in a long time, just from being together with an honest heart toward God and True Parents and coming out "on the other side of the wall." We were determined to hold another retreat.

Compassion and mercy

At the next retreat we continued with an internal theme, forgiveness. Sisters wanted deeper sharing and to really connect closely with the things that matter most to us—our faith, True Parents, families and sharing what is most precious with others. We thought, as we seek to come closer as a community, that forgiveness is essential. To strengthen our hearts to be wide enough to forgive, we need to connect with our True Parents. We need to both forgive and feel forgiven as we strengthen our lives of faith and prepare to welcome new brothers and sisters into our extended family.

Friday night opened with a sumptuous potluck dinner. When women gather with sincere hearts, they love to share a good meal and enjoy a bright family atmosphere. As we gathered to prepare, and check in with the hostel office, we discovered that Saturday³ was International Women's Day!

That night, our spiritual nourishment began with testimonies by two sisters of how our Heavenly Parents are working in their lives recently. Annie Calavan shared her experiences as a mother of a special needs child, and how the challenges bring her closer to our Heavenly Parents' hearts. We could gain lots of wisdom from her stories of intensifying her faith and deepening her respect and love for her husband through this special course as a family.

Lenka Golovlev then shared a profound testimony of her experiences with God in meeting the challenges of the blessing. Born and raised in the Czech Republic, Lenka found herself deeply challenged by being matched and blessed with a Russian husband. With humor and deep sincerity, she

1. *Today's World*, August 2013, p. 29

2. This is a term that *True Peace* seeks to consistently use in the singular; however, in deference to the overall theme of this article, the authors' plural form is preserved.



Reiko Hankin won by raffle a quilt made by fellow retreat member Mary Gowey. Retreats helped forge relationships and strengthen the Unificationist sisterhood.

shared that this not only gave her historical walls to overcome but that God was teaching her all the ways she needed to grow and round out her character through their personality differences. Everyone was humbled by her wisdom and refreshed by her honesty and faith.

Patchwork stitched together

Mary Gowey, an American sister, came to the retreat with a beautiful traditional American quilt she had made and wanted to give away. When she drew a name by raffle, a Japanese sister, Reiko Hankins, was the lucky winner. Reiko was deeply moved and felt it was very significant. She told the group that her American husband had encouraged her strongly to come to the retreat because he noticed she was spending most of her time with Japanese women lately. He had told her he felt that it was a good time to reach out and connect more with Western sisters. She took that as a calling from our Heavenly Parents and came with an open heart and mind. Lo and behold, she experienced God through Mary's offering. She added that her mother-in-law, who had recently passed away, had made many traditional quilts, so she felt her mother-in-law's spirit there with us at

the retreat.

Surrounded by beauty

Gerrie Linek prepared a service project supporting Every Child Ministries, which she introduced that evening. All were invited to create Sunday school awards for children in Africa by tracing simple shapes on recycled Christmas cards, complete with Bible verses.

That night we closed the evening while watching the sunset. Watching the sun go down into the Pacific, sinking slowly into the water, was amazing. Some sisters chose to stay up late and talk, create cards for our service project or take a walk and look at the moon and stars over the ocean and the beach.

On Saturday morning, we woke up to the sound of the waves right outside our windows and gathered to begin with hoondokhae led by Gundala Sasaki and then a yoga session led by Elizabeth Buergi. After speaking about True Mother's seriousness for the times we are living in and the importance of fulfilling our responsibilities, sisters shared about what these concepts mean to them.

After breakfast, all the women came together for the morning session. Our Bay Area Family Church assistant pastor, Myrna Lapres, gave a moving testimony of how she has been working on deepening her connection with True Mother. She opened with a quote from *Only the Heart Knows How to Find Them*: Precious

Memories for a Faithless Time by Christopher De Vinck, "To love our husbands, to love our children, to care for our friends and neighbors, to do good work, to endure loneliness, we must have memories of what it is like to be loved and those memories will protect us."

Myrna emphasized the point that to truly love others, we need to experience being loved ourselves—among our friends and within our families and communities. For her, watching the series of testimonies of American sisters that had the opportunity to interact with True Mother was instrumental in this process. Together, we watched the video recording of Sandra Lowen's testimony relating experiences with True Mother in the early days of the American church. Her unique and striking stories set the tone for the day—reminding our members of how we have been loved by True Parents. With a heart of gratitude we can be more in tune with True Mother and our Heavenly Parents and increase our commitment and determination to give joy back to them by sharing these precious experiences with others. Following the video, Myrna spoke about the power of forgiveness that she experienced recently toward her own mother, on the foundation of deepening her connection with True Mother.

Sisterhood in practice

Many sisters had commented that recently they felt our church members need to connect on a deeper level as a community and create closer relationships of trust as part of our church growth foundation. Following Myrna's presentation, we gathered in small groups to share more deeply about how our Heavenly Parents are working in our lives recently. In the smaller groups we had the opportunity to get to know sisters we had never shared deeply with before. During this hour, we shared many tears and lots of laughter as well. One of our participants was a new member that had never experienced this kind of family feeling among women of so many different nationalities. She was deeply impressed by the sense of God's presence among us and became more determined to grow in her newfound faith.

Following the small group exercise, we listened to a presentation by Poppy Richie. Poppy personally has a hundred spiritual children through her witnessing efforts. She is the Blessed Family Ministry chairperson for the Bay Area Family Church. She gave us a lot to think about along the theme of forgiveness in community building and family relationships. She shared about our common memories of close relationships while living and working together in centers and even in vans. She spoke of how our community-building efforts today could use some energizing. So where to start? Of course, the work of changing our community begins with me, recognizing my own need for growth and working on it. Poppy made a great point: "When I'm more grateful and inspired about my own life, feeling connected to God and the people in my life, I'm friendlier and happier, and I want to share that with others."

How can we build trust and become closer as brothers and sisters without practicing forgiveness of both ourselves and others? We have the model of True Parents' course and of our True Mother forgiving and encouraging us now as great reservoirs of strength to draw upon. Poppy shared how her life of prayer and meditation gives her greater strength and gave out a list of resources for sisters to explore further on their own.

After lunch, sisters chose between hiking trails along the beach and sharing in the gorgeous natural surroundings. At 2:00 pm, we gathered for a closing prayer and wrap-up session. Before prayer, we watched a beautiful slideshow created by Pat Detlefsen for personal meditation. Each sister shared highlights of the weekend. Looking forward, sisters had the option of signing up for a witnessing small group, a marriage and family relationships seminar or a planning team to create another retreat geared more specifically for our guests. Just as we began our closing prayer, we received word that True Mother had arrived in Las Vegas. We sent our love and prayers toward Las Vegas and left the retreat refreshed and re-committed to bringing joy to our Heavenly Parents and True Parents. *✧*



Retreats are a chance to bask in the beauty of nature; one was held at the Point Montara Fog Signal and Light Station, established nearly 140 years ago.



Women from the second retreat, which explored forgiveness, photographed in front of the swelling seas of northern California



The first retreat—goers explored True Mother's femininity and sought to bring God's feminine nature into their lives.

True Mother Honors Four Couples for Forty Years of Ministry



As reported in the Korean headquarters' Cheon Il Guk weekly newsletter, "Vision 2020," True Mother gave special achievement awards to church elders to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of HSAUWC. She presented four couples with awards for forty years' ministry as part of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary. A congratulatory luncheon at the banquet hall in Cheon Jeong Gung followed.

During the anniversary celebration, True Mother reflected on the circumstances in 1954 when the church was founded and called all the leaders and other members of the Unification movement to reflect on their inadequacies in the past and repent for them. She added that this was a day to renew our determination to fulfill our responsibilities and missions. Following this, True Mother presented Special Achievement Awards to Rev.

Kim Yong-ha and his wife Cho Jeong-in; Rev. Kim Pan-gu and Pak Sun-hwi, Rev. Ryu Jae-cheol and Yu Sun-shik, and Rev. Lee Yun-hyeong and Pak Ok-hyeon for their forty-years of public service in Korea. During those four decades, they worked as pastoring couples and all have many spiritual children. As an incentive to the couples and to others that might emulate them, True Mother gave each couple \$100,000 as an additional prize. True Mother also presented awards to church district headquarters that brought the best witnessing results in 2013. First prize went to Cheon Bok Gung, the national headquarters church. Second prize went to the Kwang-ju's district headquarters church (the Kwang-ju in Geonggi Province). Third prize went to the South Jella district headquarters church. Mother also awarded prizes to the twenty-two churches across Korea with the best performances last

year. The Cheongshim Family Church represented this group in accepting the award.

Through a short video, "A Fresh Start and Our Determination for Victory on the Occasion of HSAUWC's Sixtieth Anniversary," participants were able to review True Parents' work over the past sixty years since the founding of HSAUWC in 1954, including how they led Heaven's providence, raised the church into one overflowing with love through the Holy Spirit and the truth and were able to establish the foundation for the restoration of the world. Watching True Parents' work as shown through the video engendered a sense of gratitude in members of the audience, some of whom expressed glory to Heaven and praised God.

After the video, Cheon Bok Gung's Cheongshim Choir offered a congratulatory song, "We are More than Conquerors," to our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, sharing the joy of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of HSAUWC with all members of the Unification Church.

The anniversary celebration was followed by a congratulatory luncheon in the Cheon Jeong Gung banquet hall. During the luncheon, Ahn Honyeol, director general of the Tongil Foundation's International Cooperation Department, spoke about his recent visit to South America. This was undertaken, Mr. Ahn said, "Based on True Mother's indicating that we should prepare the second anniversary of True Father's ascension to highlight True Parents' accomplishments in North America and South America. With that intention, the FFWPU History Compilation Committee's president, Kim Seog-byung, and I led a group to South America



Professor Lee Cheol-ok (above, left) playing the accordion; Japanese women from our church in Dangjin perform a traditional dance; (Right) True Mother with the four couples that received a special plaque of appreciation for their services taking a commemorative photo

that included reporters from *Shindonga* magazine, the *Monthly Joon-gAng*, *Weekly Chosun* and *Weekly Newsmagazine* as well as an MBCNET film director." Mr. Ahn went on to say, "After True Father's ascension, the media has been taking note of True Parents' achievements and watching to see how FFWPU might grow and develop under True Mother's leadership. The reporters that accompanied us to South America this time saw the foundation that the church has in South America and were strongly convinced of True Parents' achievements worldwide and of the bright future of the Unification movement." In this way, Mr. Ahn shared the successful results of his visit to South America this time.

As part of the musical performances on that day, Ms. Oshida Miho sang "Beautiful Nation" (아름다운 나라), Professor Lee Cheol-ok played two songs on an accordion—"Arirang Sonata" (아리랑 소나타) and "Rivero Tango." The Sun Moon University CARP Club Alliance performed a creative dance, singer Ms. Gang Su-bin sang "Ulsan Arirang" (울산아리랑) and "Today is a Good Day" (오늘은 좋은 날). Universal Peace Academy cadets sang "Ommaya Nunaya" (엄마야 누나야), "Amazing Grace," and "Chil Gap San" (칠갑산). A Japanese group from the church in Dangjin, Korea, performed the Japanese traditional dance "Hanakasa Ondo." Members of a recent graduating class of young church leaders joined CARP

leaders in a choral performance and the Chungnam regional witnessing team sang "We can do it" (할 수 있다) and "God's Will Cheering Song" (뜻의 응원가).

The luncheon concluded with three cheers of Eog Mansei led by Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU Korea. Leaders and regular members were able to all offer joy, glory, gratitude and praise our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind through the commemorative ceremony and the congratulatory luncheon on the sixtieth anniversary of HSAUWC's founding. They all made the resolve to attend True Parents and become forerunners that will continuously advance until the victory through Vision 2020. ☞



Pastors whose congregations were most productive in 2013 pose with True Mother

True Mother's Influence and the Growth of the Nagano Church

By Mr. Yoshizawa Hajime

After speaking in Nagano, Japan, in 1999, Mother called Father to tell him how much the city, covered with fresh snowfall, reminded Mother of her childhood. This article covers the expansion in membership that True Mother's love has ignited in this city of 385,000 on Northwest Honshu (Japan's main island).

Two hundred days have already passed since we welcomed the True Parents of Heaven and Earth to the Nagano church on October 20, 2013. Even now, I am filled with joy when I enter the guestroom or chapel where True Mother stayed. The time we attended her was like a dream to us.

I see it as more as having lived for three days with True Mother than as just holding a big event. To have been able to welcome True Mother to our church, was a precious experience that we would not ever exchange for anything else. Even though the time was brief, we actually had eight years to prepare, which is why felt as if we were living with True Mother during her recent visit.

The church mother figure had an intuition in August, when the event had not yet been officially confirmed, that True Mother might come in October. She started preparing immediately because she knew that waiting for official confirmation would cause too great a delay.

The first preparation to be made was to set spiritual conditions. The church district leader instructed the churches in the district to increase the number of hoondok participants each day to a hundred and twenty and to maintain that number at morning hoondokhae meetings, which we had begun conducting more than nine hundred days earlier.

While setting up more spiritual foundations than ever, we also embarked on external preparations. The chapel can hold a thousand people. With tents in the parking lot, which can connect to the chapel, we reckoned we could invite two thousand

people on that day. We prepared everything, hoping to give an opportunity for everyone to see True Mother. By redecorating it with flowered wallpaper, we transformed the hallway that leads to the chapel into a beautiful walkway for her.

Mother's visits in 1999 and 2005

We devoted ourselves in this way in preparing to welcome True Mother based on our having welcomed her after a hundred and twenty days of conditions on March 1, 1999. At that time, the church mother figure cried, saying, "True Mother is coming, but we don't have a house for God." She strongly felt that we should have a house for God and a house where we can live with True Parents.

Subsequently, we were able to dedicate a new church building in Nagano, under God's guidance, on July 21, 2005. Having done that, we were able to invite True Mother for an event that took place on October 12 that year. Right before the event, I told myself how happy I was that we had a new church building, True Parents' house, even though the event was being held at a hotel. As I was thinking that, we received word that True Mother would visit the church building after the event. We had time for some entertainment with her. During that time, True Mother instructed us to increase our congregation by five times and gave us a blessing by promising to come again with True Father in the winter when snow falls abundantly.

Mother's grace returns to Nagano

Eight years later, on the morning on October 20, 2013, True Mother was staying in a hotel in Karuizawa, the

fourth location on her Japanese tour. At the hotel, she suddenly told her entourage to depart for the Nagano church an hour earlier than her scheduled visit saying that she wanted to go quickly because it was her "house" and being her house she didn't mind wearing casual slacks there.

True Mother is aware of everything; she had remembered the conditions and years of dedication we had invested. At the Nagano church, True Mother cried ceaselessly at the podium. Watching her in tears, I realized that only True Parents are aware of the endless tears God shed throughout history. True Parents wiped God's tears, which have been falling since soon after the Fall. True Parents' life courses have indeed been ones of sacrificial offerings.

The rain fell softly but continuously that day. So too did the tears shed in the church. True Mother said, "I have planted a seed of heart. I hope it will spread across this country. This place has become the most purified holy land. Didn't I promise you? True Father is here with us today."

In the morning when she planned to depart to the next event location, True Mother indicated that she wanted to visit Nagano church one more time. After hoondokhae, she ate breakfast quickly, and came to the church. She had a cup of coffee with members, who had been called to the church at the last minute. We were able to have this opportunity to deeply connect with True Mother in heart. We didn't want her to leave. This experience became such a memorable and fulfilling moment.

It does not mean that we cannot see her again. We all hope to invite

her again after we create a church that can show True Parents' glory to all the people. Thus, we are now preparing sincerely to achieve the commitment we made to True Mother: To increase our congregation tenfold.

Last time, we had prepared for eight years. When True Mother came in 2005, she had not said that our efforts would bear fruit in eight years. She only asked us to promise her that we would increase the size of the congregation by five times and that she would then come again to see the snow. We had believed what she said and prepared accordingly. All the members were united and had the common understanding that we had to achieve a five-fold increase.

Based on the accumulation of our daily conditions and dedication, a greater number of members are going out witnessing. We are using Cheongpyeong's Wish Paper as a witnessing tool. True Father had suggested that these Wish Papers be used for witnessing in Japan. After doing that for eight years, we are increasingly convinced of the method's effectiveness. The Wish Paper allows people to inherit the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind's realm of victory and to receive grace from Heungjin nim and Dae-mo nim in Cheongpyeong.

When people first began to study our teachings, some of those that had difficult problems gradually began to experience good changes in their family relationships, health conditions or working environment as they offered conditions while using the Wish Papers. After experiencing this grace, they become more willing to deepen their studies into this truth with joyful hearts. It was easier for them to recognize the value of Father's teachings. We have collected more than five thousand testimonies of people with such experiences. In addition, members have built up more confidence in witnessing by using Wish Papers, on which our church's name, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, is boldly printed.

Not only have we invested ourselves in witnessing; we also put effort, devoting both time and personnel, into education, because we believe that providing education is



Nagano members began a hoondhae condition on November 29, 2013. They should reach a thousand days this August 25.

the ultimate love. We set a goal to raise members that can witness to others within a year.

The first training period, approximately four months, will upgrade people's spirits substantially, to the point that trainees can realize the value and meaning of the blessing. Then we guide all of them to attend the Blessing Ceremony. This, precisely, is education through truth and the Holy Spirit.

The next step is substantial training, covering another approximately four-month learning period. Trainees will learn about the Fulfillment of Wishes Paper, to achieve heavenly life within one's family. They also study the importance of family life and the Cheongpyeong providence. This training guides them to voluntarily participate in the Ancestor Liberation Ceremony.

Our staff members themselves devised the education curriculum and are continually trying to create a better one. Based on the Divine Principle, the curriculum covers practical education in one's daily life. Thus, we might call it parental education, using both approaches, from the Holy Spirit and from truth.

The Special Program, the final stage, takes another four months, approximately. We started it in June 2010 to raise faithful witnessing members. Currently, we have held seven training programs. Trainees come to the center three days a week and practice Divine Principle lectures, street preaching based on True Father's biography and door-to-door witnessing. Over the past four years, this workshop has raised six district leaders, two frontline leaders and 245 witnessing members. I'm convinced that this education paves the way for witnessing.

Moreover, we started the first Special Program for husbands last De-

ember with twenty seven participants that were witnessed to through the Wish Papers. This workshop began on a Wednesday night with a stay-over from Saturday to Sunday. It was very impressive to see trainees practice a lecture, speaking loudly in front of a subway station with confidence. Even though it was their first time trying door-to-door witnessing, they achieved amazing accomplishments: four people signed up to take the course. All the wives were moved at seeing their husbands pouring their hearts into the new guests as their spiritual parent.

After Mother's departure for Korea

A few days after the event, the church mother figure greeted a crabapple tree with gratitude. True Mother had planted the tree eight years ago. Coincidentally, ruby-like fruit emerged from the tree on the day True Mother visited. Mother came to the church again in the morning, checked the tree and took several pictures. So, the church mother figure wanted to say to the tree, "My dear crabapple tree, thank you so much. You have also worked hard for eight years and remembered our promise to True Mother."

How am I going to live between now and 2020? How am I going to attend True Parents? What kind of relationship can I build in that short time, knowing that the Lord comes suddenly? I have never forgotten True Mother, who has taken all the heavy responsibilities on her shoulder alone. All our members are marching toward the frontline today, wishing to accomplish our goal, to invite True Parents again and wipe away True Mother's tears. ㄸ

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