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Christmas with True Parents



Catalyzing an Internal Revolution

By Robert Kittel



T rue Father talked about his life's mission as igniting a quiet spiritual revolution. "I can see a great change, a great new surge of revolution coming... not by fire, not by bullets, but by God's truth kindling a revolution in men's hearts. I have come to ignite this spiritual revolution." Father continued, saying, "I do not need to demonstrate in front of the White House or in Lafayette Square. The answer does not lie there, but in the hearts of men, in the quiet revolution from selfishness to unselfishness." (*Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, pg. 47)

With a vision that saw far beyond the blinding reality of this selfish world and an unstoppable passion that could digest the most difficult, miserable situation, True Parents have given us two precious diamonds: their teachings and their lineage. Indeed, True Father holds the world record for the most published prayers and sermons. True Parents also have the world record for arranging marriages and officiating over the largest marriage blessings. These priceless gifts are keys to solving the two fundamental consequences of the Fall, our fallen nature and original sin.

True Mother is building on this and has opened the age of Cheon Il Guk. She has helped us refocus our educational initiatives by introducing two key concepts. They are simple but revolutionary. 1) God is our Heavenly Parent and 2) we are a federation of blessed central families whose mission is to bring peace and unity to the world, (i.e., True Mother's focus on FFWPU). We need to retool.

My mission as the special emissary for education is, to say the least, very challenging but also exciting and liberating. In essence, I feel my responsibility is to help catalyze a revolution. It will start with Principle education.

The emphasis on education is one of the strengths of our Asian regional president, Dr. Yong Chung-sik. It begins with hoondokhae in the morning. Dr. Yong has researched Father's messages and connected the current providence directly to True Parents' teachings. It is very, very powerful.

Each morning is like Pentecost. Tears, repentance, insights and redetermination happen daily. We feel deeply connected to True Parents' hearts, lives and mission. This is the engine that is driving the success of our Asian movement.

Along with this is the strong emphasis on tribal messiahship with Thailand and Philippines leading the way. To do tribal messiahship on a national level means we are constantly teaching the Principle. It is literally non-stop. Often I find myself going from one program to another without a moment to rest. It is not unusual for me to get off a plane, get in and out of a car and walk directly onstage to teach.

We are constantly teaching the Principle. For example, with Dr. Yong we just finished traveling to thirty-five states and union territories in India. In all but a handful of places not even a single member was there to help arrange the program. The national leader, Mr. Krishna Adhikari, however organized very substantial programs at every venue. We taught governors, vice-chancellors (university presidents), professors, doctoral students, post-graduate research scholars, law students, Gandhians, religious leaders and high-level politicians. The audience on average was over a hundred people. They loved True Parents' teachings on family-centered peace and wanted us to come back quickly.

Another education initiative we are launching is to reach out to college and high school principals. If we want to change a nation, we have to educate a nation. We are working with the Ministry of Education as well as with private school associations in Nepal for an exciting new adventure.

Principals and parents can see the erosion of moral values in students, but they feel helpless to stop it. Recently, one principal told us, "Only Father Moon's teaching can solve this problem." They have agreed to support a rally of seventy thousand people in Nepal's national stadium, where we will bring together parents to rededicate their marriages and at the same time ask students to take the Pure Love Pledge. This will start to turn the tide of sexual immorality and protect the nation.

Already, in Kathmandu alone, we have taught in over a hundred schools and colleges. Our goal is not 430 couples; we will accomplish that within our larger goal. We will work with 430 educational institutions. In December, we will start by inviting seventy-five principals and their wives to Thailand. We will bring them to Bangkok for moral, character and family-values education based on the Principle. Then, like Jericho, we will visit each college seven times.

In essence, this "quiet revolution from selfishness to unselfishness" is to be realized through the Principle and the blessing given by our True Parents. With minds as clear as crystal and hearts as pure as gold, Cheon Il Guk is being realized. Thank you True Parents! 

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The Unification Church Will Have a Clear Path

This is the midnight prayer on the forty-third anniversary of True God's Day, and the message on the ninth anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship on January 1, 2010, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

Beloved Heavenly Father! Here stands high Cheon Jeong Gung, the palace of the heavenly kingdom, where representatives of pure heart, whose minds and bodies are immaculately united within the realm of the Cosmic Sabbath and who are victorious representatives that have triumphed over the world's abominable, satanic history are gathered here today as the heirs and owners of this palace. You have become one in body with the Parents on earth who stand as your counterparts and who have established Cheon Jeong Gung. This was done in front of Heaven in order to eliminate all paths of lamentation and of suffering.

In the name of True Parents on earth, in order to establish the realm of oneness of pure heart in heaven and on earth, as desired by God, how

fully the True Parents have become one with you, our Father in heaven, and the trinity who came and went on your behalf, and united in one heart and one body with the many saints and sages who had sacrificed themselves in the religious realm! Finally, True Parents have won the supreme victory over millions of hardships on the central path of suffering in the satanic world on the foundation of the supreme victory in their hearts. By establishing this palace where heaven and earth can become one, and centering on the thirteen years based on the ideal of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk in one generation, which can move us into the era of the seventh millennium, we have passed through the single-digit numbers of one through nine, and reached the two-digit number, ten.

To reach this horizontal two-digit

number, the invisible Father and the True Parents of the perfected Adamic ideal, with their victorious and supreme authority, have climbed over hills of suffering and death in attaining the unified realm of pure heart and the unified realm of all victories. As the owners of this palace, we have lived through the first nine years since the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, passing through the single-digit years—one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine—and reaching the tenth year, a year expressed in a two-digit number. Based on the three years that are left to us until we reach the number thirteen, and the three vertical stages from formation and growth on the horizontal line of progress, everything that is defiled in heaven and on earth can be purified and this world can be made into a unified world of purity, pure blood

and pure love.

You have allowed us the privilege of liberation by blessing all created beings after passing through suffering for the sake of liberation and freedom, so please permit everyone to become the citizens of the heavenly kingdom who can experience gratitude to God and True Parents. I am grateful to you for opening for us the world wherein the patriots and virtuous men and women belonging to Heaven can serve God and the Parents who have no relationship with the Fall and establish the kingdom of peace wherever and however they wish to construct it.

Please, therefore, allow them, from this day forward, to become the sons and daughters of True Parents, who can inherit all the authority and power of Heaven as your representatives, and to become the ancestors who can inherit the blessed lineage as princes and representatives of kingship. They are here today, hoping to become the owners that can guide all of heaven and earth into our Heavenly Father's liberated realm. So please bestow your blessings on them and permit them to go beyond the tenth and eleventh stages and become the heirs of the supreme victory of liberation, freedom and perfection and to live with their ancestors in heaven and their descendants on earth as we attend you together. I report and declare this in the name of True Parents. Aju, Aju, Aju.

This year's motto is "Mansei for oneness with True Parents' pure hearts and with all their victories under the authority of the Cosmic Sabbath centered on true love." This motto defines the victorious authority. I ask that you all at this hour receive the authority as God's representatives and the right to inherit God's authority. Please show me your fortitude by raising your hands high and clapping! I proclaim, in the name of True Parents, that the blessing of Heaven be with all of you, Aju!

With God comes inner knowledge

The word has come to fruition already, and I have taught everything even including what could be planted again through first, second, and third generations. So, what shall I talk about today? I will talk about how

heaven and earth have come to be united, which shouldn't take longer than fifteen minutes for smart people.

The Republic of Korea is a small nation on a peninsula, one of the three nations of the Far East. Here dwell the people who know only the unique, time-honored Lord of that nation.

You and I, we—the people established by God—cannot be ostracized or destroyed. When I was young, I lived in a village of people that had been driven there by the Japanese-controlled Korean government. This nation began from God, however, and a nation that attends God will never be destroyed. I learned and understood that fact from a very young age.

God warned me long ago that I am not allowed to run away or disappear. God has already told me that heaven would take me away from earth, by such means as beating me to death, if I went astray. What then am I to do? Whatever I do, I have to do that which is of God, and I have to live my life while centering on God. The man who appears before you today has endured such a life until today after making that kind of public declaration.

Korean people are full of grief and sorrow, and are a unique people. Even Japan cannot compare to Korea. There are 193 nations registered with the UN, but only one nation came into being centered on God. That nation is Korea.

Who am I? I am the person that teaches about God. If God's will exists, I am the one who knows about it and teaches it to you; and if God's love exists, I am the person who teaches about that love; and if God has possessions, I am the one who can teach you God's singular will from the position of the one who can al-

ways be the owner. It is not possible that someone would not find hope in such a mission and calling, is it?

Many special people are in our church. You should not take these people lightly. You may feel that they are talentless and know nothing, but you will find yourselves in trouble if you think little of them. Many people who took Rev. Moon lightly found themselves in deep trouble. God is the only one who knows what will happen to such people. Even if they are to become God's children, God still has to teach them. It is not something that just anyone can teach.

What is it that you are learning through the word? Now that you know just what kind of person is in this place, you have to unfold your map and receive guidance as to where you are to go. This is a new age where those who do not know where to go will find it difficult even to remain standing up. What would they do then?

We have God, our parent, who governs the universe. What would happen therefore if we align ourselves to the direction he takes? God cannot fail. As this is the most logical and natural conclusion, you will understand where it is that you are to be if you follow God, receiving his protection. You will know, in other words, what you have to do.

Rev. Moon knows what he has to do. I have ascended to this kind of position in this chaotic age, but I have no doubt that I will ascend to a position even higher than now even in an age that is more chaotic than now as long as I am with God. If the Unification Church moves forward proudly with its eyes set on a goal that is even higher than what it has achieved so far, its path will surely open wide. ㄸ





Let's Share Blessings with All Our Brothers and Sisters

True Mother said the following at a banquet for loyal Japanese members that had contributed to the global providence. The banquet took place on November 30 at Cheon Jeong Gung.

Welcome, everyone. I wanted to see you. I understand that you have led lives of faith ranging from three years to forty years. I know that you have worked hard to this day in various ways in order to contribute to providential history. For that, I am thankful. However, you must not be satisfied with that. We must release all the bitter resentment in our Heavenly Parent caused by fallen humankind. We have to pay indemnity for that.

Father said that there is no perfection in ignorance. We must understand this in order to have all human being in the world enter God's kingdom on earth, which we envision. True Parents revealed the truth. You are blessed families that received a

new life thanks to True Parents. Do you feel in your everyday life how precious its value is? How much do you actually feel this as you lead a life of gratitude?

Sharing makes us wealthier

Fallen human beings have an indemnity condition that they have to establish. True Parents revealed this heavenly secret, resolved all this and bestowed the new grace of the blessing. This grace, by which you were blessed and reborn as blessed members, is unfathomable. You must pass this spirit of loyalty to the next generation. Still, that is not enough. How can we comfort our Heavenly Parent who has been in pain for six-thousand years? Through True Parents, we are aware of that path.

True Parents are the parents of humankind, so they are compelled to think about all seven billion people in the world. I do not know to what extent you live with this feeling as reality. The returning Lord and True Parents are not simply the sovereigns of one nation. They are the king of kings. They are humankind's true owner. You have to become citizens of Cheon Il Guk that can be obedient to and submit to them. Have those blessed members that were among the first to receive the blessing made effort to accomplish God's will from a position of unity with True Parents?

Are Japan and neighboring nations actually attending and offering a full bow to True Parents as the king of kings? When we talk about issues between Korea and Japan, politicians are

involved. Do they understand God's will? You are living at the same time as True Parents, and True Mother. That you are living at this time is precious and important. Do you realize that? Yet, responsibility has ramifications. You have to fulfill your responsibility as heavenly tribal messiahs. The blessing is not exclusively yours. The blessing is for you to share with all your brothers and sisters in the world. The people in the world's nations are your siblings. They are True Parents' children. You should create a path so that they can gain life as well.

Providential history has advanced so much. Yet, there are still people who are living in the present as if it were thousands of years ago. When you think about this, isn't it lamentable? One word that you say or one action could save them. What are you afraid of? You must reveal the truth. True Parents provide the only way to solve all problems afflicting the globe in this age today.

Would war may be necessary if the world's people recognized True Parents and lived according to their teachings? What would then be the need for national boundaries or religions? There cannot be any conflict. We are aware of that path, yet how much longer do we have to wait? I told you that I would place you in the ranks of filial children and loyal servants. A filial child cannot emerge from a place of comfort. If someone were to claim that he were a filial child while sitting in a comfortable place even though his parents were going through hardships, who would

recognize him as such?

Your current position, the position of an owner, is the highest position. From there, you can become a noble family. Whether you fulfill that responsibility or not is up to you. You should not become people who fade away. Is this not a parent's love? We have moved beyond Foundation Day and are living in the era of Cheon Il Guk. Are you citizens of Cheon Il Guk? All humanity must become True Parents' people. Hence, I have to embrace them as such. I have to educate them as such. Then we can save all those unfortunate people that are still living in the Old Testament age and the New Testament age. We should not be the only ones going ahead, right? You have to go with them. Do you understand?

We must attend True Parents, become true people that put their faith into action according to True Parents' teachings and form a current of true love. This great current is surging continuously toward the world, to the vast oceans. All of you must join this current. Do not become an insignificant tributary. If you do, you will perish. New life must be born in your wake. I have given you many examples from nature. Recently, I probably told you about the story of the monarch butterfly. With its small body, it travels 5,000 kilometers from Canada to Mexico. It does so in order to multiply. The course it needs to fly was not taught to it. Yet, it finds that place, returns to its hometown, and multiplies. It travels 5,000 kilometers from Canada to Mexico. It travels for

eight to ten weeks. Human beings in this fallen world are living in a way that is less profound than this small creature, this insect.

You have to stimulate people's original minds and teach them what kind of beings we are and that we must meet the True Parents. They have to be reborn through True Parents. Only by attaining new life in this way can they return to the state that our Heavenly Parent envisioned for human beings at the time of the Creation. You are equipped with the world's best parents, with knowledge and with everything. You have the best. Nothing is greater than what you have. In other words, you are all wealthy people. You are not wealthy people because you have a lot of money, but because you are happy and are big-hearted. Sharing this with others should be the way you live.

If you live a happy life with everything you need, the final place to go is God's kingdom in heaven. If you lived alone in heaven, you would not be happy. You would be lonely. We have to go all together. In this light, nobody else is happier than we are; nobody else is wealthier or more deeply blessed than we are. We can share this. Yet the world does not share, right? Even though they already have something, they still want to take away from others, right? However, we share our blessings, which is why they multiply. We become wealthier. We become happier. This is all thanks to True Parents. Do you understand? You are the happiest and wealthiest people! Do you understand? 



Above: True Mother soon after arriving

Right: "Banquet for Loyal Families that Contributed to the World" was the official name of the event.





True Mother responding to the welcome she received from ACLC pastors



An Outpouring of Love and Grace

True Mother's Visit to the United States

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T rue Mother deeply invested her sincere heart and tremendous effort during her recent visit to the United States. At each event she participated in, she expressed her overwhelming commitment to fulfill God's original will and to bring salvation to each of the 7.2 billion

people on earth. *True Peace* wishes to give a glimpse of the great blessing True Mother bestowed upon the eldest son nation through passages excerpted from several of the talks she gave, pouring out her heart, during this visit to the nation she and True Father had lived in for forty years.

On the morning of December 18, at Cheon Hwa Gung, where True Parents stay while in the Las Vegas area, True Mother spoke after hoondokhae to a group of especially dedicated members. She called them to speak about something close to her heart, the importance of witnessing, of



True Mother had left the Cranes Club meeting but returned to have a photograph taken with everyone.

helping others to experience the rebirth that many of us take for granted.

On Friday, December 19, she spoke to a group of clerics in the American Clergy Leadership Conference, which is an organization, founded by True Parents in May 2000 to equip and empower religious leaders to rebuild the family, restore the community and renew the nation and the world. She spoke to them during their organization's National Convocation. This speech is provided here in full. It is especially significant because the members of the ACLC, mainly Christian pastors, presented True Mother with a Proclamation of Loyalty and True Love, signed by all 330 of the religious leaders that heard

her speak that day. Another reason this event was significant is that an article about the event appeared in the *Segye Times*, describing the event and quoting from both True Mother's speech that day and the proclamation of loyalty presented to her by the Christian leaders. Though True Parents are the founders of the *Segye Times*, non-Unificationists work at the paper and subscribe to paper and the article about the event appeared in the daily's online edition. Following the speech are some of the responses to Mother's message written by Christian leaders.

On December 20, True Mother inaugurated the Cranes Club, a supportive network of Unificationist professionals that aspire to con-

tribute their expertise toward the successful establishment of Cheon Il Guk. The founding members of the Cranes Club introduced themselves to True Mother. The name of the club is derived from the first syllable of True Mother's given name, hak. Mother was later described as "warm and happy to see the young businessmen and women in the room."

Finally, we provide an excerpt from the speech Mother gave at the Christmas celebration with Unificationists, some of whom had traveled long distances to be with True Mother on this important occasion. Given her relationship with Jesus, she spoke deeply about the profound significance of his mission and our responsibilities today. 

American Clergy Leadership Conference

I am glad to see your faces here today. I have missed you. Seeing you, one question popped into my mind: When we ask ourselves whether the nature of this meeting is public or private, when we think about Heaven's providential work, what would our relationship be with the central figures?

You all have the title of minister of religion, isn't that so? Minister of religion... That is not an easy job. Am I right or wrong about that?

God is love. When you look at human history, you must all already be aware that this fallen world began from Adam's mistake. God will fulfill what he originally desired, no matter what. This is why he has been working throughout providential history to save human beings in the fallen world.

It took him four thousand years to begin the people of Israel, the chosen

people. We are well aware of all the indemnity conditions that this people and the central figures had to make during these four thousand years, in order to carry out restoration.

Heaven persevered and raised the people of Israel so that they might establish their own nation. When it was accomplished, he sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ. Thus, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the only begotten son, whom the people of Israel had eagerly awaited, came. When we look at the Bible, we see that Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit. There were also priests and others who were close to them. There were also the magi from the east who came to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Jesus Christ was born from suffering.... Four thousand years had passed before Jesus Christ was able to come. Why, then, did he have to leave the earth when he was just thirty-

three years old? Not many religious leaders throughout the two thousand years of Christian history have pondered this question.

This is the issue: whether those with the position of religious leaders have understood Heaven's providence and have therefore stood in a public position, or whether they have sought their own salvation above anything else. The world is celebrating the coming Christmas week. Are there any among you who asked why Jesus had to choose the path of the cross even though so many people had endured hardships in order that he could be born?

It was because of the circumstances at the time... The well-renowned people of the time failed to fulfill their responsibilities. Yet, when Jesus was about to depart this world, he promised he would return. What did he say he would do after returning?



What is the Marriage Feast of the Lamb? [See Revelation 9:6–9]

It meant that he would come back and have a family; he would become a parent. Jesus was meant to have become a True Parent at that time.

Then how was it that the people of Israel, whom Heaven had prepared through so much suffering and hardships, failed to carry out Heaven's will? At the time, there was a great empire, the Roman Empire.

That is why the people of Israel clung to Heaven desperately. God did what he promised he would do. If the people of Israel at the time had fulfilled their responsibilities and become one with Jesus, what do you think would have happened?

America today has a great responsibility, which is why True Parents spent forty years in America, time in their lives that was as precious as gold. They endured a difficult path because they are the True Parents, because they are the parents that must embrace the world.

The history of America, as we know it, began from the sixteenth century when the Bible was published in English and Puritans fled their country seeking religious freedom, escaping the restraints that confined them. They wanted to serve



God freely. This is why they risked their lives in order to reach the new continent. That was 1620. They arrived at Plymouth Rock, on the Mayflower. Isn't that right?

They fought against hunger and bitter cold, but they did not forget to conserve the seeds they would need for the coming spring, for the future. They thought about their descendants. So when they arrived on the new continent, the first thing they did was build a church, in which to worship God. The next was a school in which to educate their children, and then finally they built their houses. You surely know these things well.

God... He blessed those who stood with him and made effort. There are many nations in the world, but the United States became the central nation in the world, the nation that represented the free world. Its beginning was noble and commendable.

However, America is gradually forgetting God's providence. God sent Rev. Moon here because he was worried about this country. In order to save this nation—a nation that looked like a democratic nation yet was slowly being conquered by the communist world—with its family breakdown, youth problems and crisis of ideals... Rev. Moon said he came to this nation as a fireman to put out a fire, as a doctor to cure sickness.

Many who listened to the voice of

their conscience joined this movement and were grateful to have done so. However, it is true that as the movement became larger, people who did not know God's providential will felt threatened. However, True Parents were leading the movement. Even worldly parents wish good things for their children. Would our Heavenly Parent think only about himself and abandon his children?

In the end, the United States put Rev. Moon in prison in Danbury. Yet, he forgave because he was the parent.

The reason I wanted to meet you so much is to tell you that you must now reveal the truth. The history of God's providence has been developing stage by stage. Yet, some people still live in the Old Testament age and some in the New Testament age. Are ministers of religion not the ones to educate and lead such people?

However, you should not just remain quietly in one place and think only about helping and saving them. As you have seen from the video just now, providential history has moved beyond the Completed Testament. Now we are in the history of Cheon Il Guk. What, then, should you do in such an age?

You are not people that concern yourselves just with matters to do with the physical world. You all know the spirit world exists. The spirit world is our ultimate destination.

We cannot live in our physical bod-





Left to right: Abp. George A. Stallings, ACLC national co-chairman; Michael Jenkins, ACLC chairman emeritus; and Rev. T. L. Barret, an ACLC founding pastor

ies for hundreds of years. However, there is a world that is eternal. If we are to go there, we must rid ourselves of everything that is wrong and that is of this world. We must shape our minds, our bodies, our families, tribes and nations so that we can be welcomed in the eternal world. No matter how nice the place you stay in is, you will be lonely if you are the only one there. Do you understand? You are the ones that should lead your beloved families, your tribes and your nation. This is why you must now reveal the truth. This world is still full of problems left unresolved.

People of the world live in a state of insecurity, not knowing what could happen to them the next day. The beautiful natural world is being de-

stroyed through the fault and wrongful actions of human beings. We live on earth for a hundred years or so, but our descendants will take our places in the future. You, the parents, should make a resolution that you will leave your descendants a better environment, so that they may come to the eternal world after living joyful lives on earth.

Therefore, you must reveal the truth to your flocks about True Parents, who were supposed to appear in front of the people of Israel two thousand years ago. True Parents, the ones whom Jesus promised would come two thousand years after his untimely departure, have come to earth as the returning Messiah, and have completed and perfected the providential

history of restoration through indemnity.

Moreover, you are children of True Parents who have given you new life. You should think of your True Parents, and of the seven billion people on earth who do not know the True Parents yet.

True Parents came to America and invested much so that they could embrace the entire world through this nation. Las Vegas, notably, is called Sin City, but it can surely serve as the city where visitors can come to learn about the True Family movement, the purity movement, and about practicing true love. Once they do, they will go back to their home nations, where these movements will automatically spread throughout the world.

Then, do you think perhaps the world might transform into one world centering on our Heavenly Parent within our lifetimes, instead of taking centuries or millennia? You are the pioneers of Cheon Il Guk who need to advance constantly in order to welcome that day. You are the proud leaders of religious congregations. Do you understand what I am saying? I ask that you take the lead in this movement. *TP*



1 Mother adding her signature to a board signed by the ACLC National Convocation attendees
2 Mother with some key figures at the ACLC event
3 Entertainment during the ACLC luncheon



Christmas Joy



Entertainment after the Christmas service



True Mother is welcomed with flowers



The Christmas service audience

Jesus, who came two thousand years ago as the begotten son, should have met the begotten daughter and become a True Parent. The Cain-type realm was already prepared at that time in the form of the vast Roman Empire. Jesus' path to the world was already prepared through this foundation. However, this did not happen and he promised to return, though it would be after two-thousand sorrowful

years. When he said that he would return, what did he say he would do? He said that he would hold the feast of the lamb. God's providence intended for Jesus to become the True Parent so that he can give new life and resurrect fallen humankind. Yet, for two thousand years there were many problems in Christian history. They could be settled only in the sixteenth century. That's when the Bible was translated into English

and to other languages making it accessible to the general public, and that's how Christianity could spread. Isn't this true? Christians wanted to be free from the conventional norms and all the conditions and terms stipulated by the privileged class. The Pilgrim Fathers of America wanted to be free in worship God. This puritan movement led to the creation of a new nation that we know as America today. [↗](#)

Some reflections by ACLC members

Dr. Matilda Kamara

I can't agree more with the need to unite for the purpose of peace. Mother Moon clearly opened my eyes, illuminating the heavenly perspective of parenthood and how the family is the foundation of the community and nations; how if we can fix the family, the work toward peace federation becomes easy. Thank you, Mother.

I am truly impressed with the work and contribution that has made been toward education.

What is peace if people don't get education and knowledge? I am also fascinated about the bond of marriage exhibited between Father and Mother and the need for true sons and

daughters to uphold that principle.

Elder Walter Millsap

True Mother, we love you. Rev. Moon came to me in the spirit and gave the "Song of the Holy Garden," and in the spirit we sing to Father. I sing this song at my church. I was helped when Mother said how the world is going down because of sin, because of fallen love. God bless you, Mother, and your family.

Rev. Daemon Cabbagestalk

I believe that this story and history of how Rev. Moon and his wife started the ministry—he becoming a Sunday

school teacher, and his wife being a part of a spiritual movement—should always be the foundation of the history of this great man and woman.

Let the world know that they started as Christians and that they continue to be so, because many people don't believe that Christ is a part of his or her life.

This conference should also be taken to the street because people will not come to the conference. They are in the street. As Rev. Moon took to the street in the early 60s and 70s, we the leaders should do so also. The world does not have to be re-created; the foundation is laid already, but it must be the pure and righteous in heart.



SPECIAL
FEATURE

True Parents' Wish and Our Mandate from Heaven

The progress of the history of civilization has revolved around Christianity.
The heralded thousand-year kingdom has emerged bearing
the fruit of the providence of restoration.
Following the proclamation of Cheon Il Guk,
we are seeking a revolutionary era dawning throughout heaven and earth.
Cheon Il Guk is a nation where true love brings unity between heaven and earth,
between nations, between families, and between mind and body!
True Mother is one with True Father in heaven,
and is working to have God's will and tradition take root,
as she guides the various providential initiatives being carried out
globally to establish Cheon Il Guk.

Young people whom True Mother visited used the video that this script came from as educational material in Las Vegas in the United States, in late December. We provide it as a fine way to review much that occurred in 2014.



At the first meeting with members from throughout Korea following True Father's ascension, True Mother declared to God, "Until my final breath I shall strive to establish Cheon Il Guk on earth. Father, please help me. Please do not worry."

True Mother has risen above her sorrow at True Father's seonghwa and proclaimed that we shall advance without stopping toward the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. "Let us create a church," she said, "as it was in the early days, overflowing with the Holy Spirit and the truth. Let us establish True Parents' traditions and perfect the blessed family ideal. Let us complete our mission and responsibilities as tribal messiahs. Let us create a community based on the culture of heart."

Following True Father's ascension, True Mother undertook a special forty-day devotional period. During this time, she set the direction of the providence. She encouraged all members by saying, "We shall be well organized and move forward with one heart and one purpose centering on the Principle. Do you understand what I mean? Those who resolve to do so, clap your hands to show it, and

to congratulate True Father for his new beginning."

Following that worship service on the fortieth day after True Father's ascension, True Mother embarked on a holy ground pilgrimage in the United States. This pilgrimage covered more than 5,600 kilometers (3,500 miles). True Mother followed a weeklong itinerary and retraced the trail True Father had blazed more than thirty years earlier.

In New York City, she spoke to a large audience of members. "You should greatly repent on behalf of the entire world," she said. "You should pray, saying that you have been dependent on True Father for the past forty years, as if you only struggled along and could not offer much re-

turn. Yet God took pity on his inadequate children. We shall do our utmost. Please hold on to us once more. I hope you can become blessed members that can sincerely pray for this, and take action.

The pilgrimage included a meeting with the Korean ambassador to the United Nations and a meeting with UN Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon. True Mother took the opportunity to thank Secretary-General Ban for his recent message of condolence. She introduced him to our peace initiatives and invited his support.

Overhauling the system

Based on the established foundation and on the repentance of blessed members worldwide, Cheon Il Guk





- 1 True Mother praying at the Universal Seonghwa Ceremony for Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind on September 15, 2012 in the Cheongshim Peace World Center
- 2 True Mother speaking at an American Members' Meeting in New York City's Manhattan Center on November 5, 2012
- 3 True Mother meeting Ban Ki-moon, UN secretary-general, and his wife Yoo Soon-taek during her pilgrimage of holy sites
- 4, 5 Members at the Cheon Il Guk Coronation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind; and Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Registration Blessing Ceremony on February 22, 2013 (1.13 in the first year of Cheon Il Guk on the heavenly calendar) and True Mother proclaiming Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day
- 6 True Mother signing the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures, *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*
- 7 A photograph commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of HSAUWC and publication of *Cheon Seong*

Foundation Day was finally proclaimed on the thirteenth day of the first month on the heavenly calendar in 2013. In the Cheongshim Peace World Center, in a moment reminiscent of the first chapter of Genesis, True Mother said, "I hereby declare to our Heavenly Parent that I have designated this nation Cheon Il Guk, and offer to Heaven the rose and lily as the national flowers, the crane as the national bird, together with the Cheon Il Guk flag and the Cheon Il Guk national anthem. Today, on this, the thirteenth day of the first month of 2013, I proclaim the founding year of Cheon Il Guk!"

True Mother instructed all of us to march forward toward the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. She offered her

gratitude to heaven and bestowed blessings on humankind. "Heavenly Parent, may glory be with Heaven and may praise and exaltation overflow in all people on earth."

Since Foundation Day, members of the global Unification family have been carrying out their missions as tribal messiahs while taking part in various providential initiatives around the globe.

Holy scriptures

The most urgent and important providential task in this time of cosmic revolution was the compilation of the three great scriptural texts, the Holy Scriptures of Cheon Il Guk, which are needed to establish the Cheon Il Guk tradition and to serve as a guide for

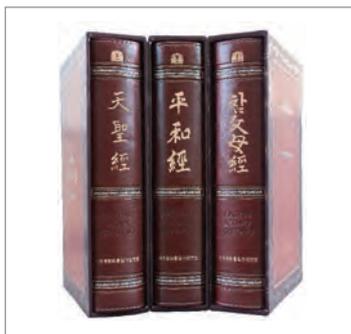
our members' faith.

The words of loving parents are eternal; they transcend time and space. This is even more so with God's word; it transcends history, transcends ages and eras, transcends ideologies and transcends philosophy. God's word is more precious than the words of any human being.

The Principle and words of true love, true life and the true lineage are the greatest treasures of all, and are eternal. *Cheon Seong Gyeong* was revised to include True Parents' speeches from the year 2000 onward. *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* is a compilation of 178 public speeches given in various settings. *Cham Bumo Gyeong* contains a record of True Parents' life courses and achievements.

True Mother guided the entire process of compiling these holy scriptures herself with profound devotion from beginning to end, including the selection of major themes. Based on True Mother's devotion and with True Father's spiritual guidance, the members of the compilation committee spent countless hours throughout the day and night selecting and compiling appropriate and inspiring passages for each theme.

On the thirteenth day of the first





- 1 True Mother welcoming the first class of cadets to the Universal Peace Academy on March 14, 2013; she told them to become pillars of Cheon Il Guk.
- 2 True Mother with the Korean top guns after their September 23–October 13, 2013 Vision 2020 Top Gun Workshop at the Cheongpyeong training center
- 3 True Mother with Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation scholarship recipients; the scholarship aims to help raise future leaders that will realize a peaceful world and spread a culture of sharing.

Won deals with media-related functions.

At the May 10 opening of the international headquarters office in Cheon Jeong Gung, True Mother prayed, “May all the plans drawn up here to accelerate the advancement of Cheon Il Guk manifest through True Parents, who represent Heaven and signify hope for humankind. Father, may you have full control of this place so that it can become the center of manifesting True Parents to the entire world.”

The administrative office of the Cheon Jeong Won, which for now doubles as the International Headquarters, began operations at Cheon Jeong Gung on May 10, 2014, signaling the beginning of the operations of all five organs.



Raising talented people

True Mother told the incoming class of Universal Peace Academy cadets at their matriculation ceremony on March 4, 2013, “All of you should be reborn through the truth and God’s word and become the light of the world. Do you understand what I am saying?... Your names will surely be recorded in the first page of this chapter in history. Your youth and passion shall be fertilizer for Cheon Il Guk’s growth. You will become the pillars needed to build Cheon Il Guk.”

True Mother is unsparing in her interest in and support for raising global talent that can contribute to promoting peace and love in the world. The Universal Peace Academy serves as the cradle for raising future leaders. The cadets, who are from various nations, wake up at 4:00 AM to begin their day. They will enter the mission field after two years at the academy.

Top Gun workshops took place in Korea and Japan for second-generation members active in public missions. True Mother joined the Japanese top guns at a ceremony to conclude their workshop, during which they pledged to transform themselves into public leaders of Cheon Il Guk that are prepared for any challenge.

Two special workshops for True Parents’ grandchildren and second- and third-generation members were held in Hawaii. True Mother’s intent is that the young trainees grow up to become the hope for our community through an educational experience in the midst of nature’s beauty.

Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation

The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation is

dedicated to nurturing talented people that can spread the culture of sharing in order to realize a peaceful world. True Mother said on the occasion of the conferment of Wonmo Pyeongae scholarships on February 9, “I hope you can partake in this and invest all of your capability toward the fostering of future leaders within this society and those of neighboring nations.”

Since its launch in February 2013 under the slogan, “Education is the key to enhancing talent, and talented people create the future,” the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation has provided scholarships to thousands of students and has supported a variety of educational projects, and projects that contribute to well-being in society.

The proceeds from the sale of True Parents’ helicopter were invested in the raising of global leaders. Members of the Unification community should embody the way of filial piety in responding to True Parents’ great love.

True Parents’ accomplishments

All of True Parents’ deeds, from the smallest of their actions to their work on all levels, shall remain eternally with greater value than anything in history. When we forget history, we have no future. True Mother is emphasizing the importance of historical records and their preservation and is using them to carry on and pay tribute to the traditions and providential history of Cheon Il Guk.

When the elevator doors open onto the History Compilation Committee facilities, visitors see on the glass wall in front of the them, an exact reproduction of a calligraphic message Fa-



The proposed Sunhak Peace Prize medal



True Mother outlining plans for the construction of Cheonji Sunhak Won



A rendering of the proposed Cheonji Sunhak Won, which will depict True Parents' lives in a moving way

ther wrote on November 15, 1969, "A loyal heart properly records and directs the flow of history."

On the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, the History Compilation Committee, which in response to True Parents' guidance has been recording and managing material of providentially historic significance, dedicated True Parents' History Archive.

After unveiling the sign above the door, True Mother offered a prayer of blessing. After the ribbon-cutting and sanctification of the new facility, True Mother inspected materials categorized under seven major themes.

This facility gathers all the historical material relevant to True Parents' courses, including audio files of True Father's speeches as far back as 1956, material from important events, and records related to blessed families.

The facility not only preserves the records but also allows visitors to view the material. In the future, it will serve as an academy where people can learn about True Parents' lives.

With the opening of True Parents' History Archive, an archiving system for video material is now in full operation. The History Compilation Committee has stored more than thirty thousand videos. These materials go through a digitalization process to remove any stains and scratches on the film and re-create it in a crisp and clear digital video form.

These historical records will be stored and preserved digitally. In the future, publications, multimedia services and other internet-based services such as PeaceTv will be provided from this single source.

Recently launched initiatives

Currently, efforts are underway to promote the Sunhak Peace Prize and construction of the Cheonji Sunhak Won, which aims to pay tribute to True Parents' lives, their expressions of true love and their peace-centric philosophy.

The Sunhak Peace Prize Committee has begun publicizing the prize, and preparations to present it for the first time, at True Father's Seonghwa anniversary in 2015, are going ahead.

True Mother, said of this, "The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation will continue its work to establish the Sunhak Peace Prize, which could surpass the Nobel Peace Prize. As a group that works for the will of Heaven and peace for humanity instead of the honor of an individual or group, the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation will come to be in a historic position."

The Cheonji Sunhak Won will be an educational hall highlighting True Parents' lives and achievements. Mother expects it to be completed by 2020 on eleven acres of land near Cheon Jeong Gung. It will utilize state-of-the-art technology and serve as a venue for a variety of cultural performances and conventions.

The facility will contain depictions of major chapters in True Parents' life courses and will seek to represent their intense efforts to liberate God and to save humankind and their contributions to a peaceful world.

As Mother said on November 12, at Cheon Jeong Gung, "Church members from the early years will remember True Father saying this fifty years ago: 'There will come a day when boats will line up endlessly to land on Busan's shores, and when endless

lines of people face wherever True Parents are.' Does this feel real to you?"

You have to make this a reality. In that sense, the Cheonji Sunhak Won museum should be a futuristic, multi-purpose, cultural space. It should be a place where whoever enters would want to sign up to become a member by the time they exit."

Some of True Mother's 2014 speeches

True Mother's five-city speaking tour in Japan, began right after Foundation Day. While reminding them of their mission, True Mother comforted the Japanese members who have offered themselves full-time for God's will. "A mother should embrace all her children around the world.

She should embrace and educate her children, introducing True Father to them and guiding them into True Parents' bosom. Such a responsibility is a blessing bestowed on Japan by Heaven."

True Mother's profound wish for our Heavenly Parent's grace and True Parents' love to embrace all humankind spread throughout Japan. "True Parents have perfected, completed and concluded all aspects of the providential history of restoration through indemnity. You must guide your neighbors and your nations who are unaware of God's will so that they can unite with the will of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I pray that you become people who can hasten the coming of that day."

In response to True Mother's speaking tour, Japanese members pledged to succeed at bringing Vision 2020 into concrete existence and to transforming Japan into the true mother nation.



The Kobe World Commemoration Hall, where Mother spoke on October 22, 2013



True Mother speaking to 20,000 mainly young people at the Tokyo rally in Saitama Super Arena on October 16 during her five-city tour of Japan



The 2014 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

True Mother also presided over a number of global worship services and meetings at the Cheongpyeong Peace World Center and Cheon Jeong Gung, while promoting campaigns for peace and unification throughout the world.

The Unification movement is leading the way toward the reunification of the two Koreas. Peace initiatives through mountain hiking clubs and ambassadors for peace continue. Whenever signs arise of hostilities anywhere in our global village, True Mother conveys Heaven's message to help ease these disputes.

At the end of 2013, when conflicts in the relationship between the four powerful nations that have a stake in the Korean situation emerged, a peace conference was organized. "If neighboring nations in Asia can unite under the spirit of loving Heaven, loving humankind and loving one's nation," she told the assembled guests, "I am sure that peace can spread from Asia to the world. Isn't that so?"

She continued, "If blessed members of the Unification community and ambassadors for peace can promote internal stability, taking the lead in the true family movement and pure love movement, these efforts can actually become a force to prevent the destructive influence of juvenile delinquency and breakdown of families that is afflicting the entire world."

The *Segye Times* and the government in Gyeonggi Province are jointly promoting the idea of having the United Nations' fifth headquarters established in Korea. A symposium was held at the end of October in Geneva, Switzerland, to rally international public opinion around this idea.

The UN has offices in New York City, Geneva, Vienna, and Nairobi. If a fifth office were installed in Korea's Demilitarized Zone, it could play an important role in bringing about peace between the two Koreas.

Major events, media coverage

Glory to heaven, blessings on earth! Through the commemoration of Foundation Day and the anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, members of the Unification community pooled their efforts in organizing various events to highlight our True Parents' lifetime achievements.

We held a Blessing Ceremony on Foundation Day, elevating it as a festival for all people. The anniversary of True Father's seonghwa is finding its place as a day for paying tribute to True Parents' philosophy of peace.

The World Summit brings together heads of state, former heads of state and other leaders to explore ways to bring everlasting peace and to influence current affairs based on True Parents' teachings.

"Today, it is not possible to claim happiness, freedom and peace while only pursuing one's own national interests. Many national borders exist. We witness racial and religious conflict and are surrounded by innumerable barriers. We must communicate with one another. To do that, we must have one center, one goal. We can create one united world that our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and all of humankind desire.

Media coverage

Local and foreign media have shown great interest in True Parents' lives and major events along the way. Since

True Father's seonghwa, various media channels have portrayed our movement in a positive light. ABC in the United States broadcast the Blessing Ceremony in 2014; Channel 4 from Great Britain had covered the Blessing Ceremony the year before. Al Jazeera proposed doing a fifteen-minute special but actually devoted fifty minutes of special coverage to our movement.

In Korea, SBS and MBCnet have featured documentaries on our movement's peace and unification initiatives, True Father's South America providence and our cultural and artistic activities. Recently, the media has covered projects initiated under True Mother's leadership, including the compilation of the holy scriptures, the Sunhak Peace Prize and the reorganization of our movement in Korea.

True Peace magazine

This is an era when everyone can connect within one second through the internet! Responding to the need to bring together our worldwide movement, PeaceTv began publishing *True Peace* magazine every month in five languages. News from the mission nations around the world and True Parents' speeches are projected through multi-media outlets, so that they can reach our members throughout the globe. *True Peace* magazine and PeaceTV aim to become useful companions for our members, helping to create a community of heart by immediately conveying True Parents' objectives and those in the field.

True Mother naturally sees recent developments in light of True Parents' historic significance. "The external world of today is a world of extreme



1 On the fifty-fifth True Parents' Day (March 31, 2014) Mother exhorts the audience to restore the nation and the world. 2 Introduction of *True Peace* (TP magazine) a digital monthly available in five languages 3 A world map with our newly designated regions 4, 5 True Mother speaking at the Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, on August 23, 2013 at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center 6 True Mother and eminent societal figures at UPF's World Summit 2014 on September 12 7, 8 Special envoys, regional directors, and other leaders read a letter of determination during the Victory for Vision 2020! Global Worship Service for the Accomplishment of Our Mission as New Tribal Messiahs held in Cheong Shim Peace World Center on October 26, 2014

speed. Members can connect to what I am saying here in a blink. Heaven has developed civilization for us and for humanity to this degree; hence, please make good use of these developments, fulfill your tribal messiah mission and restore your nation and the world."

Regional reorganization

True Mother instructed that we reorganize the administration of the regions of the world based on language groups.

In addition to the existing ten regions, the greater China Region came into being and the Central America Region spun off from the South America Region. Africa divided into the East Africa Region and West Africa Region.

True Mother appointed eight special emissaries with the assignment of reinvigorating mission work globally and focusing their efforts on reaching out to leaders in society. She said of this, "I appointed special emissaries so that they can embrace the regions and the world. They will actually work with you in dealing with all the problems in the field and in testifying about True Parents to the world and all humankind."

Prayer, high in the Alps

After confirming our global members' determination to create Cheon

Il Guk, beginning with the special emissaries, True Mother went on a seventeen-day course in the Alps to contemplate the new providence. True Mother visited twelve peaks in the Swiss Alps. Every day, True Mother spent her time hiking in the mountains and conducting hoondok reading of *Cham Bumo Gyeong*. While reading *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, she reflected on each moment in True Parents' lives. She then decided to have the text reorganized to make it easier to understand and to add new content not originally planned for inclusion. Although, at times she found it difficult to walk because of the lack of oxygen in the alpine region, she kept her gaze on Heaven while contemplating the establishment of Cheon Il Guk and the well-being of our blessed families around the world.

On June 14, she revealed a deep aspect of God's providence through True Parents when she spoke after hoondokhae at Cheon Jeong Gung. "God carried out the providence of restoration through indemnity using the Israelites for four thousand years, for the purpose of restoring a lineage untainted by the Fall," she said, "leading to the birth of Jesus Christ, God's only-begotten son. Would Heaven have only created his only-begotten son? God also created his only-begotten daughter."

True Mother has explained that while True Father is the third Adam



and God's only-begotten son, True Mother is the substantial body of the Holy Spirit, the third Eve and God's only-begotten daughter.

After returning from her time of offering devotion in the Alps, True Mother further explained the stature and significance of God's only-begotten daughter, which until now we have not emphasized much in our theology.

Be heavenly tribal messiahs

True Parents have passed on their realm of cosmic victory and tradition to us and blessed each of us to become a true parent, true teacher and true owner of our respective tribes.

When True Mother learned that two couples had restored 430 couples from their tribe, she organized a world level celebration. She used this as an opportunity to remind all blessed families of her desire that we fulfill our mission as tribal messiahs and to become noble families.

She spoke directly to our hearts when she said, "We have commemorated the second anniversary of True Father's ascension and are heading toward the third anniversary. At this point, what should we be determined to do? In his final prayer, as he was leaving us, Father asked that we fulfill our responsibilities as tribal messiahs. How seriously have you been putting that into practice in your lives?"

True Mother's voice broke out of

her fervent desire for members to awaken from their slumber. How many times have we talked of our resolve to restore our tribes? Hearts filled with repentance.

Yet, True Mother inspired optimism in all that came to hear her that day. "The tribal messiah movement is now surging beyond Thailand and the Philippines to other nations in Asia. It is sweeping across the regions of Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Oceania and the Middle East. In the wake of this great current, countless people will experience rebirth."

Representative members responded with the reading of a firm resolution on that October 26 day: Let us find one heart, one body, one mind-set, one harmony! We desire to become one with True Parents. We believe all members can become the light of their tribes, if blessed families can make God's will the goal of their lives and live in that way. We resolve that until the day we die we'll strive to become pillars of Cheon Il Guk; people that forgive, love and unite in order to establish a unified world that attends our Heavenly Parent, in a free, peaceful, united and happy Cheon Il Guk of freedom. This we resolve. This we resolve!

Thinking of my friend

It is spring in Cheon Il Guk, where love is overflowing all year round.

True Parents want to convey their united hearts through song. True Mother's sings as she guides the providence while thinking of True Father in the heavenly world.

Her responsible lifestyle

Unknown to the members, True Mother has spent many sleepless nights offering conditions, while feeling concerned about the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, and the well-being of blessed families. Forgive, love, unite: True Mother is asking all of us to be reborn as tribal messiahs that can spread the true love FLU forgiveness, love and unity—to every cell in our bodies.

Look to nature

Over the course of several months, monarch butterflies fly more than five thousand kilometers to a place they have never been before. Cranes fly over the Himalayas while braving the harsh winds and even threats from eagles. Let us learn from nature's example and follow the path of a tribal messiah while investing everything we have as we walk in True Parents' footsteps. Young people are seeking to restore 430 couples! Investing ourselves until our last breath to establish Cheon Il Guk is our heavenly mandate. 

We have adjusted the script text slightly for use as reading material.



The Sunchang Family Church Takes Part in a Catholic Mass

Members from the Sunchang Family Church located in Sunchang County, North Jeolla Province, Korea, met at the Sunchang Catholic Cathedral at 7:30 PM on November 13 to conduct a joint mass, a Catholic worship service with local Catholics. During mass, Father Lee Sang-yong, welcomed the FFWPU members saying that God's kingdom is not created solely through specific individuals or groups but should be created through the combined efforts of all faiths. In response, Rev. Kang Kyeong-woo, pastor in charge of our Sunchang Family Church thanked Father Lee for welcoming his congregation and for his extraordinary expression of true love originating from our Heavenly Parent. He noted that during most of its sixty-years of existence, the nearly two-thousand-year-old Catholic Church had been branding the Unification Church as heretical. Rather than being a one-time event, Rev. Kang proposed continuing these exchanges so that the two denominations could reach the point of regarding each other as siblings. After mass that day, Father Lee, Rev. Kang and others engaged in conversations and promised to meet again.

Religious people join hands

Members of the Sunchang Family Church are actively carrying out interfaith activities in line with True Parents' vision. As part of these efforts, on January 14, they established the Sunchang Association of Religious People. Leading up to the establishment of this association, the Sunchang Family Church focused its efforts on promoting interfaith harmony and peace and inviting religious leaders in the local community to its open worship services. Ven. Ko Jae-young, director of the Sunchang County Multicultural Family Support Center,

who is also a monk from the Won Buddhist Order, was deeply impressed at seeing our blessed families actively engaging in service activities in Sunchang County. He soon began to cooperate with the Sunchang Family Church whenever it hosted events related to multicultural families. He has also participated in the open worship services. Mr. Kang Byeong-moon, the former head of the Confucian Institute in Sunchang, and the first president of the Sunchang Ambassador for Peace Association, was another frequent participant in the open worship services.

One day, after the open worship service, our Rev. Kang proposed the idea of hosting an interfaith service to Ven. Ko and Mr. Kang, the Confucian. Ven. Ko showed enthusiastic support while Mr. Kang, the Confucian, agreed to take part in this initiative. Later, Ven. Ko introduced our Rev. Kang to Ven. Beob Yeon from the Gangcheonsa Temple in Sunchang and Father Lee of the Sunchang Cathedral. On this foundation, members of two Buddhist orders, adherents of Confucianism, Catholic Church members and FFWPU members came together to create the Sunchang Association of Religious People. Our Rev. Kang explained his plans to meet representatives from the Sunchang branch of the Christian Council of Korea and invite them to join this association. He expressed his determination to contribute to the local society through this association in line with True Parents' teachings that religion should take the lead in promoting harmony and peace in society.

On March 21, the association hosted an interfaith meeting, the third of its kind, at the Educational Hall of the Sunchang Family Church. Participants were people from six different religious groups: our Rev. Kang, Mr.

Kang, the Confucian, Mr. Kim Kab-yong, current head of the Confucian institution in Sunchang, Rev. Kang from the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Korea, Father Lee, Ven. Ko and Ven. Beob Yeon. The Presbyterian Rev. Kang, who participated as a believer in Christianity, initially showed resistance because of his preconceptions about the Family Federation, but the other religious leaders expressed deep respect for True Parents' global accomplishments. Our Rev. Kang invited his fellow religious leaders to the eleventh Ambassadors for Peace Workshop for Peace in Northeast Asia, which took place in Japan in May for four days. Father Lee and Ven. Ko promised to attend the next workshop.

On October 28, all the members of Sunchang Association of Religious People traveled to our holy ground in Cheongpyeong. Secretary-general Kwon In-jin from the Association of Religions in Korea guided them to the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and the holy ground at the Tree of Blessing. He also guided them to the other facilities in the Cheongpyeong area including the Cheongshim Peace World Center and Cheongshim International Hospital. Mr. Kwon explained to the delegation that Rev. Sun Myung Moon began investing in the Cheongpyeong area at the end of 1960 and prayed deeply for the sake of world peace and the salvation of humankind. This area is radiant with a beautiful natural environment and is an appropriate place for anybody to come to pray or meditate in order to train mind and body. The delegation toured the training center, which can accommodate more than ten thousand people, and the educational institutions, medical institutions and welfare institutions. Mr. Kwon explained how Rev. Moon's vision to create an environ-



Father Lee, our Rev. Kang and our members following a joint worship service in a Catholic church in Sunchang, Korea



Sunchang Association of Religious Leaders visiting the Cheongpyeong holy ground



The launching of the Sunchang Multicultural Youth Volunteer Group

mental city that integrates different cultures was slowly being realized in the area. One of the members of this delegation expressed that he was honored to be able to visit Cheongpyeong, the mecca of the Family Federation, remarking how he could see Rev. Moon's devotion and love for world peace ingrained throughout the area. Another expressed his wish to go to the Cheon Jeong Gung museum on his next visit so that he can see with his own eyes the spiritual legacy Rev. Moon left behind.

Daily practice

On May 17, at the Sunchang County Youth Support Center, the Sunchang Family Church launched the Sunchang Multicultural Youth Service Corps with the participation of more than 130 people including local leaders of society, religious leaders and fifty service corps members. In a telegram, Mr. Kang Dong-won, member of Korea's National Assembly congratulated us on the launch of this multicultural youth service corps. In his message, Representative Kang expressed his wish that the spirit of helping and serving our neighbors in difficulties would serve as an example for the youths in the area, at a time when many Koreans were still in sorrow, anger and despair because of the tragic sinking of the Sewol ferry. He expressed his appreciation to the youths and multicultural families for being part of this service corps. The members of the Sunchang Association of Religious People, Ms. Lym Geum-soon, head of the Sunchang District Volunteer Service Center, Ms. Nam

Hye-ja its secretary general and other members of the association took part in this ceremony to encourage the newly formed service corps.

Earlier, on September 3, 2008, the Sunchang Family Church formed the Sunchang Multi-cultural Family Volleyball Team. This team is a member of the Volleyball Association under the Sunchang District Council of Sports for All. It often hosts volleyball tournaments to promote exchanges through sports among members of local volleyball teams. In the beginning, a women's volleyball team was formed in which many mothers from blessed families came together to train during the day. Later, after some of these women began to find employment, the training time was changed to 8 pm on Fridays. This enabled the husbands and children to join the volleyball teams. This soon evolved into a family-oriented sports initiative that promoted the health and well-being of our blessed families in the Sunchang Family Church. These families soon expanded their activities to table tennis and badminton. On October 15, the table tennis team visited the Muju Family Church and held a tournament among its youths, invigorating the youth association in both churches. In this way, members at the Sunchang Family Church were able to create a harmonious atmosphere at church through sports, which further strengthened the foundation of their heart-based community. This has invigorated members to become more active in their witnessing activities.

In the meantime, elder members at

the Sunchang Family Church were taking musical lessons from a Christian elder, Yu Jae-bok, the president of the Sunchang Branch of the National Sijo Association, which celebrates a type of poetry. Mr. Yu was already involved in interfaith activities when he became acquainted with the Sunchang Family Church. He proposed the creation of a Multicultural Family Sijo Choir. From the beginning of the previous year, he had conducted the choir for an hour a week. Once this Sijo Choir began performing at the open worship service, Mr. Yu's associates from organizations affiliated with traditional cultural music began to participate in these services. Many of his associates were civil servants and officials from educational circles. They became interested in the activities of FFWPU and they promised to promote and support these activities. The Multicultural Family Sijo Choir won the top prize at the first National Multicultural Arirang Tournament held in early October 2013. In October this year, they won first prize in the group entry at the fifth National Sijo Tournament in Memory of the one hundred and fourth anniversary of the sacrifice of Master Hwang Hyeon, who appreciated sijo poetry and who committed suicide in protest against Japan's annexation of Korea. In this way, members at Sunchang Family Church are putting True Parents' teachings into action towards the fulfillment of their providential vision. Even today, with the conviction and pride in their plentiful harvest, they are testifying about True Parents to their neighbors and relatives. ㄸ

Seeking a Model to Avoid Violent Conflict

A Japanese UPF and Institute for Peace Policies Initiative



The lecture covered a topic of immense importance to East Asian security.

Recently regarding the Asian Pacific region of the world, Richard N. Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, stated, “After decades in which the history of this part of the world has been dominated by economic issues, we are beginning to see the reemergence of geopolitical concerns, the competition of nationalism. The real question is: Can the diplomacy of the Asia Pacific region handle these new pressures? If we begin to see the tectonic plates really moving, the danger is that twenty-first century Asia could begin to go the way of twentieth century Europe.” He made these comments in an online multimedia presentation “China’s Maritime Disputes,” produced by the council he heads. An event held in Japan directly addressed the nightmarish scenario Dr. Haass described, one in which the most violent century in history, largely because of wars based on European soil, would be repeated in Asia in the century we are currently living through. The viewpoint of the organizers of a recent series of talks in Japan mirrored that of the Council on Foreign Relations—the challenge is to have mature diplomatic mechanism

in place to deal with disputes before they become armed conflicts. The theme of the event was “Towards Asia’s Community for Peace Based on the EU Model ‘War, Never Again!—A System of Peace Overcame Hostilities.’”

Rising heat in Asia

Currently, China claims 90 percent of the territory covered by the South China Sea. Its claims to the sea itself raise a territorial issue with Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan, because the area of the South China Sea these nations claim as national territory overlap China’s claims.

Vietnam, the Philippines and China each claim the Parcel Islands and Spratly Islands in the South China Sea as its national territory. Meanwhile, the Philippines and China dispute ownership over the Scarborough Shoal (also known as the Half Moon Shoal) which is also in the South China Sea. These disputes according to Vice-Dean Shen Dingli, head of the Institute of International Affairs at Fudan University in China, who appears in “China’s Maritime Disputes,” are “largely about econom-

ics, fishery and the seabed.” By the seabed, he is referring to oil and gas reserves beneath the seabed. Some experts estimate the South China Sea contains 80 percent of the oil reserves to be found in Saudi Arabia.

On the other hand, the territory dispute between Japan and China, named the Senkaku Islands or Diaoyu Islands by the two claimants respectively, are another matter. Vice-Dean Shen Dingli calls this dispute a political matter. “China sees that we were invaded by Japan and Japan stole our island.”

Addressing the issues

Dr. Willem Frederic van Eekelen, former defense minister of the Netherlands and a former secretary general of the Western European Union was the key speaker at the Japan-Europe Special Lecture, given in Nagoya on November 15, Fukuoka on November 16 and in Tokyo on each of the following two days. At the final event, about a hundred leading figures, including diplomats, scholars, religious leaders and journalists listened to Dr. Eekelen’s keynote address: East Asia’s Security and Prospects for Japan–Europe Cooperation.

The forum began with remarks by Mr. Hayashi Masahisa, professor emeritus of the Waseda University and director of the Institute for Peace Policies, followed by comments made by Tokuno Eiji, president of the UPF-Japan, representing the two organizers. Stressing the international status of the Netherlands, Director Hayashi said, “Holland was actively involved in the reconstruction of Europe, as it was one of the five founding nations of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), which was the harbinger of the European Union.” In addition to the Netherlands, the

founding nations of the ECSC included France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg. The French foreign minister, Robert Schuman, proposed the ECSC in 1950. The member nations pooled their coal and steel resources. They removed tariffs and other restrictions on imports and exports between the member countries and unified their labor markets. The Treaty of Paris signed in 1952 established the ECSC.

The most important addition was Germany. The German economy was seen as the engine of Europe. A widely held belief was that Europe's recovery from the economic devastation of World War II would not have been possible without Germany. Thus, despite the fact that German military resurgence was deeply feared, Europeans wanted and desperately needed Germany's peaceful economic cooperation. The ECSC was the beginning point of what would grow into the European Union, which began as the European Economic Community in 1957. It might be said that countries in China's neighborhood are nearly as leery of China today as European countries were of Germany in 1950, when France proposed the ECSC.

President Tokuno said about Dr. Eekelen's address, "It will be interesting for us to hear the example of the EU, which received the Noble Peace Prize, with a view to applying their process in East Asia." President Tokuno explained that

Dr. Song Yeon-cheon, president of the Blessed Family Associations in Japan and chairman of UPF there, has known Dr. Eekelen for many years from the time when he (Dr. Song) was regional president in Europe. President Tokuno added, "Dr. Eekelen helped UPF organize many symposia on peace in several European countries. Thanks to their friendship, Dr. Eekelen accepted Dr. Song's invitation to visit to Japan this time."

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Song referred to Dr. Eekelen's previous visit to Japan four years ago in order to appeal for "freedom of faith and human rights." Dr. Song continued, "The East Asian region faces variety of geopolitical challenges such as China's hegemony-seeking expansion, North Korea's nuclear adventurism and fric-



From left, National Leader Tokuno; President Song and Dr. Willem Frederic van Eekelen

tions over Japan's history." Dr. Song explained the significance of the forum by saying, "The European continent underwent many upheavals including two world wars, the cold war and trials and errors involving ethnicity, race and religion. Dr. Eekelen will offer precious advice to Japanese leaders."

German cooperation and peace

In his keynote address, Dr. Eekelen first explained the meaning and process of the EU's establishment. "Based on past experiences up to World War II, Europe was determined never to go to another war. Leaders of the time attempted to set up a system (though not quite perfect) that would prevent a war by overcoming hostilities; this made a strong impact upon Europe."

Dr. Eekelen said, "Germany has become one of the most democratic nations in Europe. My country, Holland, was occupied by Germany during the war, but our people have empathy with the contemporary Germany." He mentioned an episode involving Poland's then foreign minister, Radoslaw Sikorski (2007–September 2014), who paid a visit to Berlin several years ago. Mr. Sikorski told the Germans, "In the past we used to be annoyed by Germany's assertive behavior, but at present we are annoyed by Germany's inaction."

Incidentally, during the time that Dr. Eekelen was in Japan, his wife separately attended a ceremony of reconciliation between Japan and Holland under the auspices of Japan's Foreign Ministry in the city of Nagasaki, west of Tokyo. She was one of fourteen invited relatives of Dutch people that had been interned in the Japanese army during World War II.

Dr. Eekelen introduced her positive impression about a new, democratized Japan. Mindful of Japan's difficult relations with South Korea, Dr. Eekelen suggested, "Why doesn't Japan apply a similar program with South Korea?"

Finally, Dr. Eekelen pointed out, "As demonstrated internationally by UPF, if we can understand why your counterparts in China or South Korea act this way or that way, the mutual understanding could bring about agreement and cooperation with them. That was what Europe has done right."

Before the final forum in Tokyo, Dr. Eekelen held a press conference with reporters of major media organs on November 18 at the Japan National Press Club. Dr. Eekelen expressed his conviction, "For security considerations, one of the most vital elements is to understand circumstances of your adversaries." Along this line of thought, he mentioned, "One of the most significant international projects conducted by the UPF is the Middle East Peace Initiative which promotes reconciliation between Israel and Palestine.... Democracy is a superb system because it respects the minority, as well." This was to stress the importance of reconciliation among groups in conflicts. Another point he made in response to a reporter's question was "Freedom without responsibility is useless.... The rule of law could be abused when a government applies it according to rulers' whims." He warned about social prejudices and about indulging in superficial slogans about freedom, democracy or rule of law. ☞

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Cheon Il Guk and the Heavenly Tribal Messiah Mission

By Lek Thaveetermsakul

Only because of Heavenly Parent's guidance and protection and because of True Parents' victorious foundation we have and have been able to complete this incredibly precious tribal messiah mission. We all know from True Father's teachings that being tribal messiahs is our final responsibility and mission in order to inherit True Parents' foundation of victories and to realize Cheon Il Guk here on earth.

Therefore, by 2006, after my stepping down from my almost twenty-year mission as national leader of Thailand, our family decided to start pioneering the mission of tribal messiahs using our own home. When we started on the course to restore 430 blessed couples, we did not know when nor how we could complete

our mission, but we were determined to start and eventually to accomplish this goal. We knew that our family needed to an internal and an external foundation. Conjugal unity is of prime importance to undertake this mission. My wife was totally committed. She has been the key to the development and success of our mission.

Our initial plan

We needed more spiritual children to work with us to build the necessary foundation to expand to the tribal level. Therefore, we began witnessing to students at Ramkhamhaeng University, who went through three-day, five-day and twenty-one-day Divine Principle Workshops. They stayed in our home with our children, as if we had adopted them.

They attended morning hoon-dokhae with us before leaving for the university. When they had free time, they joined in student witnessing, raised funds or did public service projects. Our home became like a small hoon-dok family church.

We gained university student members one by one. After two years, we had more than twenty members and we had to rent a nearby house to accommodate our student members. Even though we could increase members gradually, maintaining or accelerating the growth of student membership was not easy. Many university students already had problems. Finding pure, self-motivated university students on campus was difficult. Gaining enough members to fulfill our tribal messiah mission would take too long.



1 The Thaveetermsakuls and their tribe at Cheon Jeong Gung in late October
 2 Dr. Thaveetermsakul and his wife offer flowers to True Mother on Foundation Day.
 3 A photograph True Father had signed of an interreligious council formed in Thailand
 4 Francis Lopez, the husband in the successful tribal messiah couple from the Philippines, whom we featured in our last issue, and the Thaveetermsakuls receiving the holy scriptures

Spiritual children's roots

Consequently, utilizing Pure Love Campaigns and service activities, we started to reach out to and build relationships with the high schools that our student members came from in Thailand's northeast region. With the trust and support of these high schools, we could screen and find many good, pure students and develop relationships with them.

Gradually, we developed our pilot project and opened our homestay Model Youth Program, providing scholarships for high school graduates that wanted to study at Bangkok's Ramkhamhaeng University with the consent of the school and the parents. We only accepted students that had passed through our Pure Love education workshop series, service activities and interviews. The parents were very happy that while the university educated their children, we would take care of their children and guide them to become model, successful, good young people and protect them from smoking, drinking, drugs and sexual problems.

How the students fared

Once they graduated from high school and entered our program in

Bangkok, we guided them through orientation and a series of educational programs, Divine Principle workshops and training activities during their first few months. After six months, almost all of them became faithful, dedicated student members that could return to do activities in their hometown high schools. There, they guided and witnessed to the new high school students, persuading them to join our Model Youth Program the following year. Each year we were able to recruit a higher number of students into our program from twenty to thirty to forty and to fifty or more students per year. We continue to maintain trust and develop good relationships with the high schools and the students' parents.

Foundation Day nears

By 2012, we had six student centers to accommodate more than a hundred student members. Gradually, the older students and students who had graduated went through the Blessing Ceremony, but we were still far from reaching the goal of 430 couples.

We thought that if we increased the number of students we took in per year to a hundred, eventually we would reach four or five hundred that

would graduate in a few years' time and become blessed members. In this way, it would take us four or five more years to reach the goal, but 2013 and Foundation Day were fast approaching.

National level struggle

As many of you know, our True Parents and the Thai church had gone through severe national persecution beginning in 1991. A court case had caused deep concern and heartache to our True Parents. My wife and I and six other young leaders had gone through twenty-one months' imprisonment without possibility of bail after being arrested in June 1991 and charged with the most severe offenses under Thailand's National Security Act by what was then a military government. The prosecution only allowed us to post bail and obtain our release in 1993 after the military government had been replaced following bloody demonstrations in May 1992.

Since then, as national leaders, my wife and I had to work to revive and rebuild our movement's foundation in Thailand by serving and loving the nation while fighting the court case in order to defend our True Parents' and our movement's name and dignity.



We first won in court after twelve years, but the government appealed the decision. We won in the Appellate Court two years later, but the government exerted its maximum power to push the case up to the Supreme Court. Legally this was an unusual, indeed unjustified, measure. Our case seemed frozen at the Supreme Court level.

After another seven years, on September 1, 2011, even Satan could no longer accuse us and had to surrender. We finally obtained absolute victory. Reporting our liberation from this court case to our True Parents and seeing our True Father's expression of extraordinary joy and happiness was our moment of greatest joy.

Galvanized by circumstances

A turning point came when True Father suddenly ascended to the spiritual world. We were so shocked and felt sad that Father left us before Foundation Day. We felt ashamed that we had not accomplished enough of our responsibilities when True Father was still with us. We thought about how we could offer more to comfort our True Father's heart and True Mother's heart. We could not do very much.

With the great support from Regional President Yong, in October 2012, after True Father's Seonghwa, we launched the Southern Thailand Peace Initiative and the model of the Interfaith Peace Blessing through the Asia Regional UPF International

Leadership Seminar in Songkhla Province. This Interfaith Peace Blessing became the model and the foundation for the launching of our tribal messiah Interfaith Peace Blessing with the support and cooperation of UPF and FFWPU Thailand.

After hearing Father's last wish and prayer about the tribal messiah mission, we felt renewed determination to fulfill tribal messiah mission before Foundation Day.

Trying a new approach

In order to do that, we had to develop a strategy to complete the education and blessing of 430 couples within December 2012. At the beginning of November, we made the plan and encouraged all of our student members to go back to their hometowns to invite their parents and relatives with the total minimum goal of five hundred couples to attend a two-day program of UPF and FFWPU family education and an Interfaith Peace Blessing on December 1–2 2012.

On the day of the Blessing Ceremony, more than a thousand people filled the hotel ballroom in Khonkaen, in Thailand's northeast region. The event was the first breakthrough the tribal messiah blessing of 650 couples. We offered this success just a month before the Foundation Day.

Since the Blessing Ceremony, we are determined to breakthrough in educating and encouraging all the couples to follow the blessed family

tradition completely including the Indemnity Stick ceremony, forty-day separation and the three-day ceremony to become genuine blessed couples. Many couples have voluntarily begun following True Parents' traditions for blessed families. We continue to give follow-up education and to guide them to complete three-day ceremony group by group.

Dreams and visions

Unexpectedly, couples that had completed the three-day ceremony have had deep spiritual experiences and dreams about True Parents and are developing a heart-to-heart relationship with True Parents.

They also gained a lot of good fortune financially, protection from life threatening accidents and have had life changing experiences in their families (such as being able to stop smoking, drinking, or fighting).

These phenomena testify to the fact that once they have completed the three-day ceremony, good spirits in the spiritual world and their good ancestors are able to come down to support and protect the blessed families continuously and even permanently as our True Father told us long ago when he described spiritual assistance for the hometown tribal messiah activities.

The good spirits and ancestors can come down and chase away the satanic control of evil spirits from those families and that hometown area.



▲ Religious leaders pour water into a common container during a ritual symbolizing unity.
◀ An Interreligious Peace Blessing Ceremony

They will secure and protect those families and bring the hometown area to the heavenly side. Thus, the restoration of people, territory, heavenly sovereignty and Cheon Il Guk can begin and expand from the hometown tribal messiah activities and can be completed through the completion of the blessed families' heavenly tribal messiah mission.

Changing lineage

Therefore, I am convinced that the substantial change of bloodline to the heavenly lineage through the completion of three-day ceremony is the key important process of completing the spiritual rebirth and physical rebirth among all the newly blessed previously married couples. This will set the condition to cut them off from the satanic bloodline and connect them to the heavenly bloodline substantially. Then, they can be reborn as sons or daughters of our Heavenly Parent and of our True Parents. Simultaneously, they are thus reborn as Cheon Il Guk citizens like all of our traditional blessed central families. They can eventually connect to and receive heavenly fortune.

In this way, the seeds of Cheon Il Guk can spread out, be planted, settle down, take root, continue to grow and bear fruit in establishing the substantial Cheon Il Guk in our hometown, our nation and everywhere in the world through the completion of our blessed families' heavenly tribal mes-

siah mission in this Cheon Il Guk era.

With this positive and amazing breakthrough, we encouraged all other blessed families to start their tribal messiah activities in their hometowns. More than twenty blessed families came to partake in this and we could continuously expand the tribal messiah Blessing Ceremonies to thirteen, which took place in a total of twelve provinces, including Bangkok, by July 2014, twenty-one months since the beginning of tribal messiah activities in November 2012. Based on this foundation, we could see that the gate to the national expansion of tribal messiah activities had opened to us in Thailand.

Since, not all of the couples that received the blessing were able to follow and complete the three-day ceremony. Therefore, we had to increase the number of the blessed couples, in order to complete the goal of 430 couples that had been able to complete the three-day ceremony. We had to increase the number of the blessed couples to 1,318 couples by holding two more Blessing Ceremonies of six hundred couples and a hundred couples in Buriram, Thailand on May 4, and in Bangkok on September 14, 2014.

Ultimate victory

Finally, for these 1,318 couples, we were able to do follow up education. We finally reached 454 couples in October 2014, with 162 fulltime student tribal members.

On September 8, in order to expand this tribal messiah providence to the national level, we also launched the UPF-FFWPU Family Seminar National Peace Tour through seventy-seven provinces. We were able to gain the cooperation and support of the provincial governments for this family campaign. The provincial governors agreed to provide their government meeting halls for the seminar and to invite all their government officers, community leaders, NGO leaders and others to attend the seminars. The respective governor also gave the opening speech at each venue for the seminar. In this seminar, we gave the core content of Divine Principle and True Parents' teachings on absolute sexual ethics. We also explained the upcoming occasions on

which we would hold an Interfaith Peace Blessing to strengthen the families as the foundation to bring unity, peace and happiness to the community and the nation.

Through this peace tour, we were able to expand the FFWPU Blessed Family Network and start the True Family Movement for National Unity and Peace. So far, we have received numerous affirmative responses and support from many provincial governors through this peace tour. Some provinces have already signed Memoranda of Understanding with our UPF-FFWPU organizations to educate and conduct activities in communities in their provinces, with budgetary support from the province itself. We have already completed almost half of the 77 provinces. We had planned to complete all the provinces by next Foundation Day to open up the way for all of our blessed families to do tribal messiah activities anywhere in the nation with the cooperation and support of the government and community leaders. In this way, we are confident we will bring about the settlement of tribal the messiah mission on the national level.

Nations will transform

We are so much encouraged by the word, given through our True Father, telling us that when twelve tribal messiahs unite and fulfill their missions, restoration of the entire nation can occur, in any nation, even in nations with a sizable population.

With the students and other young people, we want to launch a movement of pure love, filial piety and patriotic spirit among the youth to encourage them to love and serve their families, hometowns, and the nation. With the True Family Movement, we want to launch a new model family movement and new model village movement throughout the nation. Through this vision and plan, we are determined to multiply tribal messiahs at an increasing rate and to march forward toward the realization of Vision 2020 behind our beloved True Mother, so that we can return greater joy, glory and liberation to our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. ☩

Dr. Thaveetermsakul is the Cheon Il Guk special envoy to Thailand.

FIRST ASIAN MARTIAL ARTS PEACE CUP

By Venus Agustin



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- 1 Competitors' nations in the first Asian Marital Arts Peace Cup
- 2 A Korean vs. an Albanian competitor in action and (right) after the match.
- 3 Asian Peace Cup winners, a team from the Philippines

The World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) and the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP) go hand in hand in teaching way to illuminate walls of selfishness, greediness and other forms of self-centered interest within oneself. Ridding oneself of these flaws contributes to reviving the original standard of values necessary to realize man's three life goals—maturing one's character, building a family as the cornerstone of peace and caring for the environment all of which is tied to the philosophy of living for others' sake.

Upon receiving the approval of President Yong of the Asia Region in August 2014, we immediately set our goal to hold the first Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup on November 28–30 in the Philippines. His permission was crucial as he is also the chairman of both the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP) and the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) in Asia.

Our goals for the Peace Cup were to teach the martial arts community in Asia as a step toward our goal of entering the mainstream on the tribal, national and regional levels. Our second goal is specific: We wish to forge a path—with the collaboration of MAFWP—over which Tong-II Moo-Do becomes part of the 2018 Asian Games. Our third Peace Cup-related goal is to strengthen relationships and expand Tong-II Moo-Do's foundation into nations in Asia that we have yet to reach.

Our final goal for the Peace Cup was to teach martial



arts volunteers that have the potential to become teachers of this fighting art and its phi-

losophy locally or internationally.

I have personally observed and experienced that Tong-Il Moo-Do is different from all other styles of martial arts that exist today. It could be said that Tong-Il Moo-Do is a form of mixed martial arts in its style and techniques; while philosophically, it is aligned to True Parents' principle of living for others. All Tong-Il Moo-Do forms express the universal principle of achieving the three life goals. In other words, Tong-Il Moo-Do's philosophy connects closely to True Parents' philosophical thought through the Tong-Il Moo-Do forms. In fact, all Tong-Il Moo-Do students learned the Divine Principle through the Tong-Il Moo-Do forms. For instance, one Iranian martial arts champion encountered Tong-Il Moo-Do and its philosophy through our web site. He sent e-mail and wished to visit a Tong-Il Moo-Do dojang anywhere in the world. He expressed a desire to become an official member because he testified that Tong-Il Moo-Do philosophy is very close to his Iranian faith, culture and tradition. Dr. Seuk Joon-ho recommended that he visit the Philippines to meet us and learn Tong-Il Moo-Do. Indeed, he, his wife and an interpreter came three years ago. He appeared delighted and inspired to meet us and to see the Tong-Il Moo-Do foundation in

the Philippines through the support of the International Peace Leadership College (IPLC). Upon his return to Iran, he studied Tong-Il Moo-Do philosophy and practiced its styles through videos downloaded from our web site. In turn, he taught these to all his martial arts students, friends and associates in the Iranian martial arts community. He continuously communicated with us for almost two years after he and his wife had stayed in the Philippines. At one point, he invited Tong-Il Moo-Do leaders to visit Tehran, Iran. Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, Master Hoshiko Takamitsu, Master Panfilo Lumibao and I went to

Tehran, where he, his students and his friends—also martial arts practitioners—and some government sports representatives warmly welcomed us. This visit was the crown on his hard work in establishing Tong-Il Moo-Do in Iran, which had begun with his visiting our web site.

The Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup 2014, the first of its kind, concluded its activities on November 30. It had begun two days earlier at the UPPF Peace Embassy in Quezon City, Philippines. Competitors from eight nations participated; namely, Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Thailand and the Philippines, eighty-two entrants in all. Forty-eight of them competed in the martial arts ballet tournament, the team and individual form competition and the sparring competition. The first day was spent introducing the Tong-il Moo Do philosophy to everyone. The second day we explained the tournament rules and regulations, including a special tournament meeting on how the World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation (WTMF) can introduce its style to the Olympics. The third day was for the tournament proper.

During the tournament meeting, we received significant input and good suggestions, particularly from the delegation from Iran, headed by Master Mohammad Omid Sajedi, a representative of the Martial Arts Federation of the Iranian government; Mr. Majid Salari, president of Tong-Il Moo-Do Iran and Middle East; and his vice-president Master Reza. They had much advice on how to develop Tong-Il Moo-Do tournaments for them to be acceptable to the World Olympics. Grandmaster Moon Pyung-rae, president of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace International, Master Takamitsu Hoshiko and I led the meeting. Martial arts instructors from the participating countries and other martial arts traditions also joined the meeting. The main points discussed and voted on by the members present were the establishment of a clear organizational chart for the World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation Asia and establishing two new committees, one on coaching and one on referees. Both Master Salari and Master Pourkianias pointed out that

these are very important factors in Tong-Il Moo-Do developing its tournament athletes and programs. They also suggested having a sports calendar so that everyone can prepare in advance for activities like the Peace Cup and World Cup. During the meeting, someone from the Iranian Embassy visited and gave a short message to all the participants. He returned on the third day to watch the tournament and stayed until the dinner banquet to give his support.

The tournament was very exciting, having different countries compete with one another in the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The winners for the ballet competition were Tong-Il Moo-Do Philippines of the International Peace Leadership College, practitioners of the same style from Thailand won second place. In the team form competition, both the men's and women's divisions, the same groups won first and second place.

After the tournament, everybody got together for the banquet to celebrate the spirit of S.P.O.R.T.S. reflected during the event, which is S-strength with wisdom, P-patience with indomitable spirit, O-opportunity to make friends, R-respect for each other, T-teamwork to learn from each other, S-success to everyone.

Essentially, the first Asian Martial Arts Peace Cup 2014, which was held in the Philippines, can now roar over the horizon to help members fulfill goals and objectives. It has forged a path that True Father, the founder of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace; and Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, initiator of World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation; envisioned, that martial arts must raise and educate young people of the world through the philosophy of "living for the sake of others" with disciplined and indomitable spirit.

Along this line of focus, martial arts students were taught the importance of loyalty and filial piety within the framework of true love, true life and true lineage bound together under the universal principles of living for the sake establishing peace in the family, tribe, nation and world. *☯*

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Martial arts practitioners from the Hisao Lee School in Panama, which brought the most competitors to the Asian Peace Cup tournament

Martial Arts and the Battle Against Addiction



The organizers held a symposium during the tournament.

On November 29, we held a symposium under the motto, “Martial Arts as a Tool for Addictions Prevention,” during a Pan-American Tongil Moo Do Tournament in Paraguay. The main purpose of organizing this Pan-American tournament was to aim for integration of martial art styles practiced internationally. The secondary purpose was to address the drug addiction problem. Through martial arts and education, we aim to lower the rates of violence driven by drug addiction. The tournament left us with an encouraging picture for the future of teaching Tongil Moo Do in

Paraguay, in Latin America and in the Caribbean region.

An interviewer with the central news program, Noticias Paraguay [Paraguayan News], broadcast over the station, Paraguay TV, interviewed Maestro Gustavo Giuliano after the event. Maestro Giuliano said, “If we divide into percentages what comprises self-defense teachings, 95 percent teaches core values. Only 5 percent teaches fighting techniques. Because of this aspect, martial arts helps to bring down violence and aggression rates.”

He later spoke about the “do” in some martial arts styles such as Tongil Moo Do and Tae Kwon Do. Martial arts is a “path,” or a “do” that must be considered in two ways: The internal “do” and the external “do.” The internal path is to learn and apply the values of respect, perseverance and emotional self-control, for the better performance of our lives, either inside or outside the place of practice (the dojang). The external “do” is the training that disciplines us to be physically able to resolve life-or-death situ-

ations, or to defend the weakest people. This leads you to be self-disciplined in all the areas of life.”

Maestro Giuliano continued, “When a snake injects poison into a victim’s body it may cause death. However, the same poison can be extracted from the snake and used as an antidote to save lives. The same is true with martial arts. You have watched bad people in movies using martial arts to commit crimes; they employ violence that can even cause death. Yet, in the same martial arts, we find the antidote. If we look at the true teaching of martial arts like Tongil Moo Do, since they are based on ethical, moral and spiritual principles, they are actually helping young people in every way.”

Mr. Facundo Villagra, president of the Association for Research and Prevention of Addiction, told the competitors at the symposium, “We must not focus now on what substances, when ingested, deteriorate the life of the human being. On the contrary, we must emphasize prevention and that task starts at home; we must teach the

importance of parents being involved in their children's lives—to know where their children frequently go and with whom their child frequently relate. Above all the other responsibilities that parents have, when parents are at home, they need to listen to their children. That is vital in lowering rates of addiction.

Mr. Bruno Zanotti, director of Institutional Relations under the Ministry of Sports, conveyed greetings from the Minister of Sports Mr. Victor Pecci. Mr. Zanotti added, "The minister's role is to support all sporting endeavors. In such an international context, with the attendance of competitors from several countries, the minister expected them to seek unity and harmony above all, for the sake of a meaningful tournament."

The director of the Sports School under the National Sports Secretariat, Mrs. Marta Dominguez added, "The Tongil Moo Do Association is working closely with the Ministry of Sports in the social field. They are teaching children and teenagers from low-income homes. That's noteworthy." Professor Viviana Moreyra, a second dan martial arts practitioner, said that



Competitors engaged in a free-form match

Tong il Moo do has been developing this program for over a year with her son Carlos Nuñez Jr. who is a first dan in that style, under Maestro Gustavo Giuliano's supervision. She also said, "We are working hard to train children from low-income homes; Maestro Giuliano is conducting the same service activity in the Alto Paraguay area, where he teaches members of native Indian communities."

Maestro Eduardo Watts, representing a delegation from Panama, said, "Our school, Hisao Lee, has worked and continues working to rescue young people involved in social vice, such as crime, drugs, family abandon-

ment, etc. in order to reintegrate them into society, where they can become excellent citizens, leaders and parents. This great work is still led by Grand Maestro Fabio Perez."

The representative of one of the delegations from Brazil, a Karate Maestro, Wallison Delano, said, "We are giving talks in schools using systematic material to shape young people's character and to encourage them to practice martial arts."

Maestra Diosdada Ladica do Santos, president of the Tong-il Moo-do Amapa Association and director throughout Brazil in this style, said, "We are all responsible for lowering rates of addiction. I have nine children and wish the best for all children; the same feeling is shared by any woman with whom I come into contact." What the opinions had in common was recognition of values as the connecting element for all the work in the field of martial arts.

Delegations from Panamá (Maestro Fabio Perez's Hisao Lee School), Brazil (the Semi-Contact Karate School of Maestro Wallison Delano from Goiás State and the Asociación Amapaense de Tongil Moo Do School of Maestra Diosdada dos Santos from Amapa), Argentina and Paraguay participated. The president of ASIPA (Association for Research and Prevention of Addictions, an addiction prevention NGO) gave an animated speech, drawing in the audience members to participate, about the theme, addictions and sports.

Authorities of the national Sports Secretary, FFWPU president Aristides Rondán and vice-president of the Leda Project and important martial arts masters and professors participated.

The Pan-American Tournament competition attracted a hundred and fifty competitors. The competition went smoothly, without accidents or injuries. Brazil won the most trophies and awards, including the most important trophies for the team fight championship and Tongil Moo Do style and forms.

Second place went to Paraguay and third to Panamá, Maestro Fabio Perez's Hisao Lee School.

We awarded prizes to the best male and best female athletes, and gave certificates with pictures of True Par-

ents and Grandmaster Dr. Seuk to those masters and authorities that had most supported the organization of the tournament.

Compared to the South American tournament in 2013, this tournament had many more martial arts schools participating.

Representative of the Minister of Sports, Mrs. Sara Dominguez, and Director of the Sport School of the Ministry participated in the tournament. We are supporting social programs of the Sports Ministry; therefore, Tongil Moo Do works closely with the Paraguayan government's Sports Ministry. The results of the competition were as follows:

Grand team fight:

Gold Medal: Brazil

Silver Medal: Paraguay

Fighting Open Style:

Gold Medal: Brazil

Silver Medal: Paraguay

Bronze Medal: Panamá

Team Forms:

Gold Medal: Brazil

Silver Medal: Panama

Bronze Medal: Panama

The delegation of Panama, who were all from Maestro Fabio Perez's Hisao Lee School, received a trophy for the significant contribution of bringing the most delegations from foreign countries. Maestro Arcadio Aranda's Hapkido School received the same trophy for bringing the most participants from Paraguay.

In addition, competitors that had won the most medals received trophies.

From the female competitors, Ms. Lúzmariela Fretes Paredes from the Tongil Moo Do School in Itacurubí de la Cordillera under Maestro Omar Medina won the most medals. From the masculine competitors Mr. Wallison Delano from Brazil won the most medals.

President Giuliano led the organizational staff of the tournament and he feels all those involved did a wonderful job. Ms. Viviana Moreyra was the secretary-general. Mr. Carlos Nuñez was in charge of general affairs. Ms. Rosi Dueck de Giuliano handled all financial matters. ☞



Brazil Moves toward a Witnessing Explosion

By Ronilson P. Azevedo

Our sixth Home Group National Event was held on September 7 in Brazil's national headquarters' main hall and simultaneously in twenty-four states. The total number of participants was 4,052. Among these people, 1,331 (32.8%) were guests from home groups, one-to-one Divine Principle study and *oikos*. [*Oikos* is Greek word and refers to making friends and only gradually introducing them to your religion when they are ready]. All the members in Brazil had a great union of heart over this victorious event. All over the country, the members and guests were very excited and full of energy to keep up with the home group activities looking for the national explosion toward Vision 2020's victory and to gladden God's heart and True Parents' hearts.

At event in the Brazil's headquarters, we had inspiring moments, such as the message delivered by the Rev. Shin Dong-mo, the president of the

South American region. Rev. Shin is concurrently Brazil's Cheon Il Guk special envoy. Rev. Shin expressed his great love for the nation of Brazil by speaking in Portuguese. Another highlight was the speech given by Rev. Sasaki, the president of FFWPU-Brazil. He showed a slide show of photographs that demonstrated how exciting Brazil's home groups are. One home group leader that is experiencing great success in his outreach work and achieving weekly goals spoke to members throughout Brazil about this activity has brought profound improvements in her family situation.

Seeking spiritual fortune

Through the state and national awards for the people and missions that are bringing prodigious results, rather than only acknowledging the members' efforts, we tried to emphasize the importance of seeking to connect with heavenly fortune and obtain great results by doing what God wills.

Home groups and unity

The entry of the home group flags was a genuinely exciting moment. All the home group leaders came onstage with their flags designed to represent the essence of their views of home group, faith and outreach. Together, we sang the Korean song "Sarang Hae." At that moment, we experienced a very special spiritual atmosphere. We saw clearly that through the home group providence the church environment is changing and the unity of heart among the members is strengthening.

Coming closer to Mother

We also took the opportunity at the event to reward those dedicated people all around Brazil with a "holy object" (an article of True Mother's clothing) and recited a Resolution of Blessed Families.

Another very special point of the event was the musical performances, which had a high spiritual essence



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- 1 The sixth Brazil Home Group National Event
- 2 Musical performances entertained the many participants
- 3 Lottery winners
- 4 Each home group has a distinctive name and flag

and exhibited practical talent and skill; these appear to fill the hearts of all those that experiences the performances with joy.

An especially deep impression was made by the presentation of the youth, CARP-Brazil. Through their presentation, hearts were gladdened. They showed the strength of the young people with their tremendous energy and firm internal foundation. Many parents that were in the audience cried when seeing their children, second-generation Unificationists among many other young people full of talent and energy dedicating themselves to God with a pure motivation.

At our national communication time, via Skype, between São Paulo and the other states, we could see that our home group work is growing in each location in Brazil and increasing members' hope as it develops. The leaders in Brazil's states felt that this national communication time and generally increased communication with the national headquarters is a good way to attract the heavenly fortune for the development of their activities.

Loving guests

As an expression of deep love for our guests, around 1,300 all

around Brazil, we held a drawing for prizes, including such gifts as notebook computers, LCD televisions, tablet (computers), microwave ovens and bicycles. Our intention was to help guests feel God's love through this event and that this would increase their commitment to firmly engaging with their home group, one-to-one Divine Principle study or oikos activities in their areas. In some states, such as Rio de Janeiro and Goiás, for example, the number of guests is larger than the number of members, reaching 60 percent of those attending the event. Surely, it was very exciting to see so many guests that came through home groups, one-to-one Divine Principle study or oikos activities. After the event, through home groups throughout Brazil, we can easily continue taking care and loving the life of each one of them. They will join a home group, do one-to-one Divine Principle study and attend workshops, eventually accept True Parents, the Divine Principle and become a church member. At the end of this process, they will continue preparing to receive the blessing, go through the Blessing Ceremony, become blessed family members and heavenly tribal messiahs. *TP*

Testimonies

Testimony from Brumado

Through the home group activities and this event, members are very excited and feel hope about the possibility for a national explosion in witnessing results. As an example, we have the municipality of Brumado. The pastor there, Oldair Almeida, said, "Home group activity have become a part of our lives. The members are full of joy and saying, "My home group is my life and I love the home groups." Since initiating home group outreach, the church environment has changed. There is not enough space in our church for the home group event. Next time, we will have to search for bigger place."

Testimony from Rio de Janeiro

We have here the testimony of the Rio de Janeiro pastor, Rev. Roberto, who won first place in our national award for victorious home groups activities.

"September 7 was a fantastic day! We began the event connected with the national headquarters following the national schedule. It was so exciting to see Rev. Shin again making an effort to give his speech in Portuguese, speaking words to motivate us in the heavenly messiah tribal providence in Brazil. Many guests were touched by each home group's musical performance. The majority of them said that the best, most memorable part was the testimonies. I see that we are really progressing in each event. I noticed the great improvement and growth of the home group leaders. Each group was well trained. Many leaders had been shy, but now they showed so many skills and charisma when it comes to guiding their guests. Everyone was highly motivated and excited. In fact, I am amazed about what is happening in the home group providence. This kind of event is fantastic, the amount of energy that flows is huge! This gives us more courage and inspiration to keep going and growing. Especially, I appreciated the Blessed Families Resolution, established in front of God and True Parents."

Full of gratitude, we offer this sixth Home Group National Event to God and True Parents. We are very thankful for their love and sincerity for this nation, Brazil. We feel that we are improving and growing day by day and increasing our foundation and our hopes for a national witnessing explosion, victory in our heavenly messiah tribal mission and success in Vision 2020.

Austria as a Providential Nation



Mrs. Moon Lan-young (seated, center) and her husband (far right) as a WFPW event ends in Vienna



A performance on the United Nations International Day of Families

On December 4, True Parents designated Austria a “providential nation.” Providential nations are selected from among advanced nations and nations that have played a significant role in True Parents’ providence. Our Austrian members have testified that this designation is humbling and they are now reflecting on how they can meet the great expectations that our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have for providential nations. They feel they have the heart and the determination to work toward Vision 2020 and to prepare a conducive environment in their nation to declare God’s word. Here is some background to the history and present day situation of the Austrian church, which is looking to the future with hope.

A global outlook

Rev. Paul Werner came to Austria to start his mission as the first pioneer of the Unification Church on May 18, 1965. Already in 1969, there were fifty members in the country. In March 1969, Father switched the national leaders of Austria and Germany; this sent Rev. Werner to Germany and brought Rev. Peter Koch, who would be instrumental in pioneering Eastern

Europe, to Austria.

European outreach

Within three years of founding of the church here, Austria became an “export nation.” In 1968, Austrian missionaries went to Switzerland, and to Czechoslovakia, which was a nation at that time. The following year, Austrian members began outreach work in Turkey, Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg.

During the 1970s, the movement went through severe persecution spearheaded by the established churches, the government and the media. This led to dissolution (official banning) of the Unification Church in 1974. Ours became an underground church. This however did not deter Rev. Koch and other members from witnessing throughout the country. They established numerous pioneer centers, and organized Divine Principle workshops. Many people joined throughout the 1970s. We have a thriving church of several hundred members despite Austria having a population of less than 9 million.

Mission Butterfly

At the beginning of the 1980s, Rev. Koch felt inspired by God to send

missionaries to the communist countries of the Soviet Empire. That is, to seek to save those trapped behind the “Iron Curtain.” (“Iron curtain” is a term long used to refer to any impenetrable barrier. Winston Churchill—two-time prime minister of the United Kingdom—used it in 1946 to describe countries under communist control that had suddenly closed their borders and cut off relations with the rest of the world soon after World War II.)

Rev. Koch secretly selected more than twenty of the most brilliant young members and prepared them for Mission Butterfly, which was the code word used for this underground missionary project. First, the missionaries had to “leave” the Unification Church. In the manner of spies, they had to take on the false identity of ex-members while still in Austria. Mr. Gunther Wurzer, a missionary to the Soviet Union called this “a lonely and painful period.” In his words, taking on the persona of someone disillusioned with our church “caused immense distress to my immediate family and to many others. My sister, Inge, was shocked that I had apparently left the church and my younger brother, who had recently joined was confused and did not know what to

believe." Having seemingly left their religious lives behind them, they crossed—at the risk of their lives—the "Iron Curtain" to their mission countries, Russia, Poland, Romania, East Germany, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

Post-Soviet activities

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, True Parents met Soviet President Gorbachev in Moscow in April 1990. Father strongly requested the immediate implementation of religious freedom from the Russian president. Right after the Moscow conference, True Parents came to Germany to a large meeting of European members including the former underground missionaries. Father launched a grand mobilization of hundreds of members from Western Europe to support our missionaries in Eastern Europe. Thousands of young members, fruits of the incredible pioneering work of our missionaries in the communist countries, awaited them.

Active and interactive

Austria's capital, Vienna, is home of one of the largest, most inspired and fastest-growing FFWPU communities in Europe. Each of six communities in the nation is making great effort to accomplish the tribal messiah mission in the context of Vision 2020.

Good unity exists between first- and second-generation members in Austria. An Austrian man in our second generation is leading European Youth UPF (besides being one of the top students at Vienna University). A second-generation woman is leading Youth WFWP in Vienna. Older second-generation members work as youth leaders and have dedicated themselves to preparing younger members as future leaders.

The Faculty of Comparative Religious Studies at Vienna University is engaged in a scientific research project on the history of the Austrian Unification Movement (1965–2014). Already they have published some articles in their scientific book *Religions in Austria* (English). The university is collecting conversion narratives of our members, here. So far, they have amassed more than seventy. They will eventually summarize these in a scientific journal.

On May 26, this year, Vienna University invited Mr. Peter Zoehrer, the Austrian national leader (and Caination national messiah) to give a lecture on the topic "The Unification Movement—A Profile." The hall was packed and the professors as well as the students appeared to like the presentation. The university invited him to return in the coming year.

Some points of note

The Vienna-based NGO Forum for Religious Freedom Europe (FOREF Europe) took the fight for religious freedom in Japan to the United Nations Human Rights Council. Recently a significant victory occurred in the Tokyo High Court. For the first time Mr. Toru Goto, who suffered kidnapping followed by twelve years' confinement, won a landmark victory against those that had perpetrated these acts against him. (They have to pay millions of yen in compensation.) This is truly a turning point.

The app production team, Golden Garden Productions, founded by a few engaged blessed children from Austria, developed an app for smartphones and iPhones that features more than four hundred quotations from True Father's speeches. Sun Myung Moon Quotes can be downloaded free of charge from Google Play or Apple iTunes. The themes covered are God, Faith in Practice, Prayer, Life, True Love, Marriage, Family, Happiness, Success, Leadership and Motivation. The selected quotations convey simple and universal wisdom. Without prior knowledge of the Divine Principle or our theology, they are readily understandable. The app thus serves as a smooth introduction to True Parents' values and ideals and provides inspiration. In nations on all continents, people have downloaded the app since its December 2012 release. In this way, Golden Garden Productions is contributing to the dissemination of God's word throughout the world.

Providential organizations

Vienna is a hub of various international organizations, including the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

Two providential organizations (UPF and WFWP) work permanently at the Vienna International Center, which is one of four UN offices around the globe (New York, United States; Geneva, Switzerland; Vienna, Austria; Nairobi, Kenya).

Given their consultative status, WFWP staff members have authorization to enter the UN as they wish. They have been working at the UN Vienna for ten years. Hence, they have established an impressive network at the UN among various NGOs and other types of international organizations. The women working at WFWP Austria are very persistent and extremely dedicated in their work for reconciliation and world peace.

UPF Austria has also been active at the UN locally since its founding. For twenty-five years, Mr. Peter Haider, Austria's UPF president, has been building a foundation in interreligious and intercultural relations. UPF Switzerland, UPF UK and UPF Austria have worked together throughout the last seven years or more to hold effective International Leadership Conferences (ILC) and European Leadership Conferences (ELC).

Following True Fathers instruction that UPF Europe should open the way to Russia (and even to China) one of the most outstanding ILC conferences was held at the UN Vienna on October 12, 2012. Europe and Russia—Partners in a Globalized World, was the conference title. It attracted high-level speakers from Russia and Europe for discussions of complex issues effecting the Russia – Europe partnership. Those discussions continued in conferences in Paris and quite recently in Moldova.

Doors open to the future

Forty years after Interior Ministry officially dissolved the Austrian Unification Church, we submitted an official application for state recognition as a Registered Confessional Community. In 2015, we will celebrate our fiftieth anniversary with this new status as a providential nation. We expect also to be an official Confessional Community recognized by the Federal Republic of Austria. 

Rev. Peter Zoehrer, among others, contributed to this article.

A Stellar Contributor to the Work for Peace

An interview of Willem van Eekelen

Dr. Eekelen was born in Utrecht, the Netherlands, in 1931. He has had a long and diverse career in government and public service. What follows are mere highlights: He worked in his nation's Foreign Ministry (1957–1977). In that capacity, he took charge of coordinating European political cooperation and was director of Atlantic cooperation and security affairs. He was part of the Dutch delegation to NATO. He has been a member of both houses of the Staten Generaal (the Dutch legislature). He was secretary-general (1989–2004) of the Western European Union (dissolved in 2011), which grew out of a treaty for collective self-defense, social and economic collaboration between ten member states. At some point, he worked with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as head of the Policy and Research Unit for Islamic Relief Worldwide. Perhaps this explains to some degree his interest in the European movement's Middle East Peace Initiatives. From 2005, he has been involved in various Universal Peace Federation conferences.



Dr. Willem van Eekelen and his wife drinking holy wine

after appointed in government positions. Next I became secretary-general of the West European Union (WEU), a military organization for West European cooperation. My career mainly has focused on Europe or European security.

The Berlin Wall fell and the discussion about European security changed. How were we to deal with a unified Germany and the former Warsaw Pact countries? The WEU had a stabilizing role, as an organization, between the European Union (EU) and NATO in this process of change, which led to expansion of the EU. Quickly I could organize for representatives of East European countries to be present at our WEU meetings. They could be informed about the opinions of the member states and give their reactions. In this way I could organize an informal solution for interaction. In the process, they became members of the EU and NATO. In my career I learned that participation is often more important than formal membership. This worked well.

How did you come into contact with UPF?

In 2006, I was invited to speak at a UPF conference in The Hague about the future of Europe. I was given the certificate as an ambassador for peace. Since that time, I have visited quite a number of conferences in the Nether-

How did you become interested in politics?

As a boy, I was always very much interested in history and influenced by World War II, which finished when I was fourteen years old. My parents liked to travel abroad, and I felt attracted to foreign countries. At a later age, I had the desire to work as a diplomat and see something of the world. I studied law and during that time, I also went to the Princeton University [in the United States]. There I met German and Japanese students and realized that they were people like me.

My parents lost a close friend in the war and hated the Germans. They did not want to buy a German car or go to Germany anymore. My experience with students from the former enemy nations opened my eyes toward the world and helped me overcome the hostile feelings after the war. Thanks to the European integration and the good behavior of Germany after the war, hostility against Germany diminished quickly.

After I had been a diplomat in India, London, Ghana and with NATO, I was asked to become a candidate for the elections of the Dutch Parliament. I was elected and soon

lands, like the European Leadership Conferences (ELC) in Glory House and other interesting meetings abroad. Especially the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) was very inspiring. I have always been interested in the situation in the Middle East. The meetings in Israel and Palestine I considered very successful and balanced. The MEPI participants met representatives of Israel and Palestine from various backgrounds. In this informal setting, both sides could express themselves freely. I also visited other conferences. As I have experienced in my work as a diplomat, that people understand each other is very important. We have to know why people act as they do. If you understand the other side, there is a chance to come to consultation and a compromise. That is, I think, also the message of UPF: try to understand why there is a problem and next try to find a solution. We have done this in different ways. I have experienced the UPF conferences as very positive. Participants were always ready to listen to each other and the speakers were well worth listening to. They gave you a deeper insight and more balance in the formation of your thoughts.

What do you think of the interreligious dimension of UPF?

I myself am not very religious, but I can endorse the message of UPF. In my speeches, also recently in Japan, I often refer to the ceremony when representatives of different religions came to the stage with a bottle of water in their hands in order to pour out the water in a large bowl, representing the unifying elements of the religions. Maybe this is not really expressing complete unity, but it shows respect for each other. Respect for each other and the readiness to work together is most important. Often freedom is seen as very important, but there is no freedom without responsibility. Either there is no democracy without respect, especially for the minorities. These are fundamental principles. This may not be very religious but it corresponds to the Golden Rule: one should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself. I consider this a very important point.

The founder of UPF, Father Moon,

is an advocate of an interreligious council at the UN. I read his autobiography. The history of his life is very impressive, especially his perseverance. His idea about adding a Council of Religious leaders to the UN sounds good, but in general religious leaders like to promote their own religion. I know that this does not apply to Reverend Moon. If the religious leaders would like to contribute from their background to the higher goal of world peace as Reverend Moon does, such a council might be valuable.

In 2010, at an ELC in San Marino, you participated in the

Interreligious Blessing Ceremony. How did you experience this?

The experience brought deep emotions, where you look back on your life, which in the case of my wife and me, is in general a life of happiness. There was one downside: We lost our son at a rather young age. Also in politics, I had some setbacks, but that is normal. My life has been full of variety and this is still like that. I consider it all together a blessing.

Recently you were invited to Japan for a speaking tour.

That was great! I was very well received and spoke for big audiences of important people about issues of international cooperation, peace and security. Before coming to Japan, I had been in Hong Kong and Taiwan for other meetings with high level officials. That was interesting as there were tensions in Hong-Kong and between China and other Asian countries like the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan and Korea. China claims more and more territory, islands and areas in the sea. Also there was the APEC conference in Beijing and accusations from the UN about the situation of human rights in North Korea. Asia was in the news.

At the time that I went to Japan, my wife, who had been in a Japanese prison camp in Indonesia at the time of the war, also came to Japan for a reconciliation mission between Dutch and Japanese citizens. Mentioning this was a very good entry in my speeches in Japan. We appreciate reconciliation attempts very much. This corresponds to the manner in which the European integration took place. How



Dr. Eekelen with Mrs. Lee Hae-ok, wife of the overall president of Japan's Blessed Family Associations

Germany has dealt with its past, is a very good example. Germany does not want to be a dominating power anymore, certainly not by military means, but wants to be a European Germany.

After World War II, the European Community for Coal and Steel (ECSC) started. The idea was to share resources instead of these being controlled by one dominating power. European countries were not anymore the base of national expansion. Germany developed well into a democratic country. In Japan, I mentioned how European integration could be a model for nations in Asia to cooperate.

Do you have recommendations for UPF?

It is important for UPF to focus on young people. One of the great successes in Europe for the process of integration has been exchange programs between the young people of France and Germany. Furthermore, we have to find in the present conflicts points for rapprochement and from there improve the situation. MEPI is a good example of attempts to bring people in conflict together in a wider context of discussion and dialogue. Now it is important to set up dialogues between Europe and Russia and exchange programs for young people. Another point is to help continents organize better around a set of common principles. I was involved in the process of preparing the Helsinki Final Act. Such an agreement on fundamental principles is needed to create a peaceful world of nations. Unfortunately, many nations do not follow these principles yet. For me the European Union with all its difficulties and challenges still is a good model how to develop cooperation between nations. 



Boldly Moving toward Our Vision

Our church in the Democratic Republic of Congo works with the future in mind

By Mike Samuel Makenda

The church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), which will be forty years old next year, set a major goal—to increase the number of members through witnessing, and to strive to achieve, if possible, the plateau of 10 percent of the nation’s population accepting True Parents. What makes this feasible—beyond the ambition shown by the national staff after the coming of the West African regional president, Rev. Cho Dong-ho—is the devotion of members having resulted in the number of members increasing significantly between 2013 and today.

Two projects were initiated, one focused on the spiritual aspect. It calls for us to organize and hold UPF ral-

lies and lectures for ambassadors for peace. Regarding the social aspect, the government’s National Economy Department (DEN) has initiated farming projects, raising pigs on the outskirts of Kinshasa, even if the efforts are still fragile the potential for benefits is there and we intend to participate.

A shift in society’s views

Since the rallies started, people began to view us differently. After the national leader began having our activities broadcast on television, reflecting True Parents’ accomplishments, public opinion toward the church started to change. We had had a poor image, but today, apart from blessing activities, people are looking with approval on True Parents’ vision of an ideal

world. Local television channels even broadcast parts of our last rally, which added something. They do not show highlights of only the rallies, but of many different Unification Church activities, such as UPF, WFWP, FFWPU and CARP activities.

In the past year, our church membership in DR Congo increased by 38 percent compared to 2013, thanks to the education received by blessed members who established a home church structure as an internal foundation for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

What we must overcome

The church faces difficulties when we try to reach truly eminent figures in society; in other words, actual govern-



1 The ballroom in the Hotel Apocalypse during the UPF conference
 2 The emcee, the West African regional president Cho Dong-ho, and Rev. Futilla, the emcee
 3 Tribal leaders that were at the event



4 Mike Samuel Makenda on TV
 5 Mike Samuel Makenda is testifying for True Parents on TV

ment ministers. No modern church can influence people here without the use of television. The other difficulty comes from the size of our membership, which has reached seven thousand individuals, among more than seventy million Congolese.

We need to carry out certain projects to be succeed in DR Congo. The church proposes to create education centers for contacts from those in the upper levels of society, Divine Principle broadcasting and distribution of CDs of these teachings in order to provide people living far away with the opportunity to receive the same standard of education. Regarding our members, DR Congo has a reputation for producing excellent lecturers and our members tend to be very good at witnessing. These are our strong points.

Moving toward Vision 2020

Starting from 2015, the church in DR Congo wants to improve our strategy for conducting activities focused on achieving the 2020 Vision. Many religious leaders on television today make disparaging comments about True Parents, but we lack the funds

to create a televised defense of True Parents' position. Our current focus is on gathering funds to strengthen our witnessing activities and members' education. Funding is one area that is pulling us down. Realistically, the church needs the necessary facilities to compete with other more firmly established churches, most of whom own their own television channels over which they broadcast messages about our church that can be offensive. Poverty is a problem of our national environment, the effects of which we cannot entirely avoid, even in the way it limits our individual members.

Vision 2020 is seen by Congolese members as the grace to catch up for our lateness in completing our mission as tribal messiahs. Yet, for most of the people we questioned, they assert that Vision 2020 allows them to create one global family under God with recognition of True Parents as the Messiah. To center education on the principles and True Parents' teachings is also to offer a nation to God. *TP*

Mr. Makenda is a local journalist for True Peace magazine.

Testimony

Zacharie Mbumba's Testimony

Mr. Mbumba organized the rally under the direction of Rev. Futilla.

I will describe our witnessing strategy for the field. I mobilized all the leaders from the home groups and the leaders from the east for a technical meeting. It lasted a week. We started with a twenty-one-minute prayer condition and a forty-bow condition. Then we decided the date and the theme and we printed invitations. We started in the area surrounding the hotel hosting the event. We went door-to-door to explain the importance of the lectures while giving these invitations. We gathered all the departments of our district and we contacted other local churches. For the rally, the presence of the traditional chiefs was of major importance because people still consider them shaman or witchdoctors; curiously, they even accepted to follow the Divine Principle lectures at a much more advanced level. People asked many questions about the church, marriage, the Messiah and his teachings.



Whirlwind Tribal Messiah Activities Bring Revival

By Kone Moriba

Last August, Rev. Kathy Rigney, True Parents' special emissary to Africa; and Dr. Cho Dong-ho and Rev. Camara Bakary, the regional presidents of West Africa and East Africa, respectively; joined other leaders in attending the World Summit, held in Seoul, South Korea. For a week after the summit, they attended the FFWPU International Headquarters' National Leaders World Assembly, which focused on strategies to accomplish Vision 2020 and explained that our tribal messiah mission comprises the core activities needed to achieve victory.

After attending the meeting in Korea, the special emissary and both regional presidents met in Côte D'Ivoire and devised a course of action for tribal messiahs' activities in Africa. They made the decision to hold a three-day workshop for all national leaders and core members in various areas and to teach them how to engage in tribal messiah activities and how to fulfill vision 2020.

After his return to the East Africa Region, Rev. Bakary decided to have a

seven-day workshop instead of one lasting three days in order to have more time to teach the leaders. He held the first workshop in South Africa for eight national leaders, followed by another in Kenya for ten national leaders, elder members and former leaders. From what we have heard, these seminars inspired and touched the hearts of the participants. Centering on the special grace from True Mother to all of us through the theme "Forgive, Love and Unite," the workshop marked a fresh start for the members. The material presentations given in the workshop included, An Explanation of Vision 2020, How to Become Owners of Cheon Il Guk, Tribal Messiah Activities, and Practical Organization of Tribal Messiah Activities.

At the end of the seminar, we divided all families into home group teams of four families each. Beginning on October 20, all members started 120 days of concentrating on tribal messiah activities, with each family focusing on reaching out to 430 families and raising them to a level where

they would have the faith to go through the Blessing Ceremony and be blessed by our True Parents.

The activities began with workshops for those members that could not attend the initial workshops, so that they too could understand the significance and intent of our Vision 2020 efforts and take up their responsibility as tribal messiahs.

In Kenya, activities began with writing introductory letters to the area's government officers to inform them of the families' outreach activities and to request that their families and the local government work as partners. The responses were supportive because the letters explained the need to teach the community about peace and harmony and to give True Family Values seminars. The local governments provided letters of authorization to the teams.

The teams were asked to choose a method of reaching out to families among various strategies such as door-to-door visits, contacting families in community-based organizations, churches, the workplace or



- 1 Three-day workshop for African national leaders in Africa and core members
- 2 Attendees upon completion of the workshop
- 3 Members recite a resolution to fulfill their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs.
- 4 Members exchange opinions during the home group seminar.

neighborhood associations called “Nyuma Kumi” (meaning ten-house associations) each under one coordinator.

The ten-house neighborhood associations were initiated by the Kenyan government last year in October to help the families meet their neighbors often so as to create good relations, improve security, create a good environment and peaceful neighborhoods.

This kind of infrastructure is ideal for witnessing in our tribal messiah work. In several areas, members are using this strategy—reaching out to these Nyuma Kumi, witnessing to their members and teaching them as a group. The members had many wonderful testimonies after meeting families belonging to these Nyuma Kumi. For example, a home church team under Mrs. Susan Kone has adopted the strategy of approaching the Nyuma Kumi during their meetings. She uses a meeting as a forum to introduce the FFWPU Vision 2020 and to teach Core Family Values to the families at the meeting. After meeting the Nyuma Kumi members, they are invited to visit the families where they give lectures. This strategy is producing amazing results and many families are so appreciative to our members and always look forward to their visits.

As a result of this activity, the team working in this area held a two-day workshop from November 28 to 29 with sixty-two participants. Break-through International Church was the

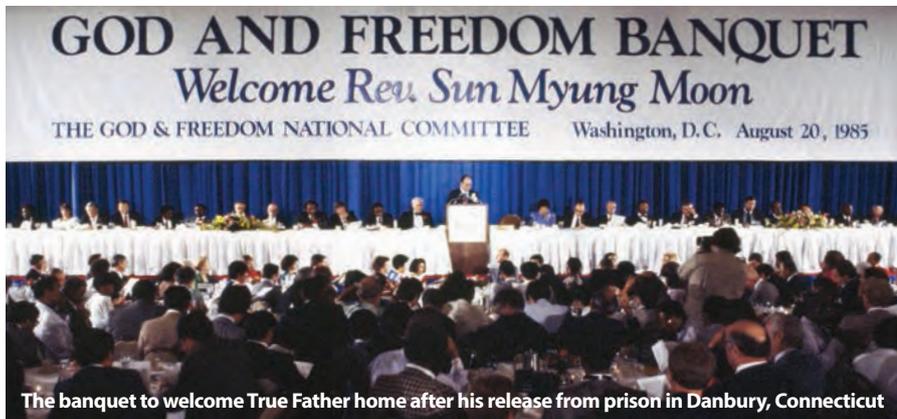
workshop site. The bishop allowed us to use his church for the duration of the workshop and some partners in the community donated food and drinks. Other institutions are ready to work with them and willing to invite them to teach local families. The team is also involved in community development programs and social programs; thus, they have become part of the community. The upcoming program in December will be a large end-of-the-year event on December 29, with all of the Nyuma Kumi coordinators, to whom we will give *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*.

Since the start of the 120-day condition, more than 2,525 families have received introductory lectures in the East African Region and 525 have attended a two-day workshop.

This is a deeply inspiring time and marks a new beginning of revival and hope for all African members as we strive every day to be one in heart with our True Mother through the theme of Forgive, Love and Unite. *✠*

Rev. Moriba works in the East Africa Region

America's Course and the Family Federation Today



The banquet to welcome True Father home after his release from prison in Danbury, Connecticut

MBCNET

True Father as remembered by Americans

MBCNET, an online Korean media outlet, made a thirty-minute documentary focused on the legacy that True Parents left in America, "America on the Road to Peace," which aired on October 25 and October 30 beginning at 10:00 AM and 9:00 AM, respectively. The narrator introduced True Father by saying, "A British newspaper included him on their list of a thousand influential people of the twentieth century." Then, the front cover of England's Sunday Times magazine appeared along with the words of Eileen Barker, professor emeritus, London School of Economics (London University), who said,

"He was the most significant figure to emerge during the wave of new religious movements that swept the Western world during the 1960s and 1970s." This was followed by a CNN television report, stating, "He was an evangelist who drew the attention of the world over several decades and created an enormous peace-oriented enterprise."

The program, which started as described above, continued with a depiction of the people at his 2012 funeral service lining up to pay their respects to the deceased. Lech Wałęsa, a former

president of Poland, said, "I naturally respect Rev. Moon." Mr. Makarim Wibisono, a former chairman of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) said, "The activities of Rev. Moon are very important. Why I consider them very important—because he started a change in the United Nation." The film then featured Mr. Sanguinetti, a former president of Uruguay, saying, "He was a spiritual leader. As was the case with all spiritual leaders in history, he had to strive throughout his life to overcome numerous obstacles." A scene in which young people in America were waving the American flag in front of True Father as he delivered a message to them appeared next.

The narration continued, "Rev. Sun Myung Moon was the focus of the people's attention. What is it that he left behind on the American continent?" The film began to introduce True Parents' works in America, beginning from True Father's tour of America that began on February 15, 1965 at Twin Peaks in San Francisco. "A few years later, he embarked on a second tour," it continued, "this time a nationwide speaking tour from 1972 to 1974, covering seventy cities. The tour culmi-

nated in downtown Manhattan, New York City...." The audience learned that people's reaction to Father's speech at Madison Square Garden two years later was so enthusiastic that the twenty thousand prepared seats were all sold out and they had to add an additional five thousand to accommodate the audience members.

Then during the yearlong two hundredth anniversary celebration of America's independence, Father spoke again in New York in June 1976 and at the Washington Monument, on September 18, 1976 to more than 300,000 people. Father emphasized the values of family and abstinence and called on Christianity to be reborn.

This speech tour finished with great successes but it also marked the beginning of persecution by mainstream society in America. Congressman Donald Fraser, who was the chairman of the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, alleged that Colonel Bo-hi Pak, Rev. Moon's translator, who previously had worked as a military attaché at the Korean embassy, was acting as a front man for the Korean government.

Following this, the New York District Attorney accused him of failing to report around \$4,000, which had accrued as an interest on money transferred to an account in his name, which was used for church activities. They ultimately sent Father to prison in Danbury, Connecticut, but he was received with much love upon his release from prison thirteen months later. This love was demonstrated by the fact that many people, even Christians, flocked to welcome him on his release.

After his release, True Father went on to expand his world peace movement to many fields other than religion, including education and the media with the opening of the *Washington Times*, which became famous during the Reagan administration as a newspaper even president read. Even

today, the *Washington Times* ranks as the third most influential media outlet in the US Congress. In left-leaning American society, the *Washington Times* represented a conservative voice and worked to preserve a balanced view between right and left in the nation. True Father also bought a Catholic theological seminary on sixty acres of land located near the Hudson River in Barrytown, New York. Here, he established Unification Theological Seminary and invited many renowned professors to give the students an interreligious education. Sometime later, the Professors World Peace Academy, which Rev. Moon

founded to preserve values in education, rescued the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut from financial difficulty. The university is independent and non-sectarian.

With the belief that what changes the world is not religion but family, True Father conducted mass wedding ceremonies in order to overcome international conflicts. American people remember True Father in many ways after forty years. He was a nameless religious man from the East; some people remember him as a businessman who had a keen interest in education and media. Father managed many endeavors that attracted peo-

ple's attention, and after True Father's seonghwa, True Mother has been carrying on these projects. True Mother said during the second anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa on August 12, "He did so many things, beyond what would be possible for ordinary men. When the United States, the nation of freedom and democracy, was shaking, he went to that nation and asked its people to forgive, love and unite. He awakened the good people of America. As we shed a new light on his works in North America and South America, let us, too, put all of our efforts into establishing a foundation." 

JOONGANG MONTHLY

A Korean Monthly Reports on Vision 2020



True Mother speaking at the Victory for Vision 2020! Global Worship Service for the Accomplishment of Our Mission as Tribal Messiahs

The *Joongang Monthly* introduced the strategy and activities of the Family Federation's Vision 2020 crusade in its December issue. It described it as "a mission strategy with the aims, by 2020—the year Rev. Moon would have reached a hundred years old—of becoming a religion that is relevant to people's lives and to secure more than 10 million followers in order to create a framework for world peace." The magazine also explained that all of the Family Federation's efforts at witnessing and its world peace movement focus on Vision 2020 and it covered the roles of young leaders who are leading the movement toward these goals.

This article also noted that members have reoriented themselves now that True Mother is at the center after True Father's Seonghwa and that this

was done out of the desire to realize world peace. The article went on to explain that all activities related to Vision 2020 focus on this goal. It mentioned that True Mother has spoken on many occasions about the role of second-generation Family Federation members. It then introduced efforts within the movement to place second-generation members in leadership roles after HSAUWC's sixtieth anniversary and quoted an internal source saying, "True Mother has been investing many efforts into revitalizing the internal organizations and has placing many second-generation members in leadership roles is meant to help accomplish this."

It noted that Global Youth Festival 2014, which occurred on September 23 in Japan, was a good example of the movement's effort to raise young leaders. It reported that the Universal Peace Academy, which True Mother founded, is acting as the institution to raise such leaders. Furthermore, the article covered the creation of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation in February 2013, stating that the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation is planning to create the Sunhak Peace Prize and is looking to award an individual or an organization that has contributed greatly to world peace. The first award ceremony is scheduled for August 2015.

Furthermore, the magazine re-

vealed, "That there doesn't seem to be a lot of argument regarding the calm shift in generations taking leadership roles is due to Mrs. Moon's strong leadership. The Family Federation explains that the followers of the Unification Church support Mrs. Moon because she inherited Rev. Moon's program to achieve world peace and human salvation and because she is expanding the movement in pragmatic ways." They then cited True Mother's message given on the second anniversary for True Father's seonghwa, on August 12, in which she said, "Inheriting and developing projects initiated by Rev. Moon, who worked his entire life for human salvation and world peace is deeply important."

Near the end of the article, it said, "It seems that Mrs. Moon's frequent meetings with ordinary members, in which she went to visit them, served to shape her Family Federation." The article included True Mother's five-city tour of Japan, which was her first official activity after True Father's Seonghwa. It described her personal oversight of the fourteen-day special workshop held in Hawaii, and her guidance to young people from Korea, Japan, America and Europe in hopes that they will become future leaders. It covered her visit to Sun Moon University to inspect the management situation and described how she had encouraged members by personally visiting outside of the metropolitan area to attend consecration ceremonies for newly built churches. 



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