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A Mighty Typhoon from Heaven

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Foundation Day marks the beginning of Cheon Il Guk, which all of us were registered into by the Cheon Il Guk Registration Blessing Ceremony. After creating all things in heaven and on earth, including Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, our Heavenly Parent saw that it was good. We have been restored to the same position as Adam and Eve, God's children at the time of the Creation, when they received the three great blessings from our Heavenly Parent. This era is like the time Adam and Eve would have spent completing our Heavenly Parent's three great blessings and perfecting the garden of Eden.


Every year, Japan is hit by more than forty typhoons. The winds bring new life and purify our environment. They blow away stagnant, contaminated air to bring in fresh, clean air. We need such clean, fresh winds blowing toward us. Typhoons purify the seawater. Contaminated waters flow from rivers into the sea, tainting the seawater. When

typhoons disturb the seawater, dirty water is purified. Typhoons bring air, injecting oxygen into the seawater, which allows fish, clams and seaweed to live. A large typhoon blowing across the sea purifies the water, preventing decay. In that sense, it is extremely beneficial. After Jesus ascended into heaven, 120 disciples met in the "upper-room," on Shavuot, when the Holy Spirit descended on them. A mighty wind blew during the Pentecost, which rekindled the hearts of Jesus' discouraged, grieving disciples. When they repented and felt passion in their hearts, the Holy Spirit swept over them like a typhoon. The Pentecost was an awesome event that became the basis for Christianity's birth.

In Ephesus, where Paul lived, he had converted twelve people that were like dead people. When the Holy Spirit came down upon these twelve followers, they went out to do great deeds that shook all of Ephesus. The explosive growth in Ephesus soon spread to Asia Minor. True Mother told us that in the age of Cheon Il Guk, after Foundation Day, we will become families and churches that live filled with the Holy Spirit and the truth.

On September 23, 2014, Mother's words, delivered through Sun-jin nim on that day, to an audience of ten thousand at a Youth and Student Rally in Tokyo, were truly like the mighty winds of a typhoon. They rushed out like the winds of the Holy Spirit, driving away evil spirits, purifying that which was tainted while instilling vision, hope and dreams in the hearts of the young people. Our Heavenly Parent is seeking righteous people and young people filled with dreams and burning with passion. True Mother declared that she had found the righteous people of this age. "Young people! Rise to become heroes that create history! Let us all become the owners of the new age in Cheon Il Guk!" She told us, through her daughter, to become heroes that create history. True Mother asked the young people to initiate a new future. By doing so, she awakened us from our slumber, gave us new life and directed us to begin anew. Mother said that our Heavenly Parent shall bestow his omnipotent grace on all righteous young people that are prepared.

Let us all become like young people, with vision and passion, filled with the Holy Spirit and with truth. Mother has told us that if we can live in this way, we will see extraordinary things happen that reflect the Holy Spirit's omnipotent work. Through prayer and witnessing, we gain strength; through our faith we manifest the deeds of absolute good spirits, heavenly fortune and the omnipotent work of our Heavenly Parent.

In the third year of Cheon Il Guk, our movement will not need rituals, ceremonies or systems. More importantly, we need the great winds of the Holy Spirit and the truth that arose in the early years of Christianity. A church not born from the Holy Spirit and the truth has no life. We must create a church overflowing with life and passion, a movement that can fulfill our Heavenly Parent's dream. As Saul repented and transformed, let us all repent and begin anew so that the great winds of the Holy Spirit can blow throughout all our churches in the world. True Mother wrote in calligraphy, "We are one." Siblings fight among themselves when they do not understand their parents' intentions and depth of heart. True Mother said that there is nothing we cannot do if we unite with her, because she is united with our Heavenly Parent and True Father in the spirit world. In the third year of Cheon Il Guk, I hope we can all unite with True Parents, so that the great winds of the Holy Spirit and the blessing can purify us all so that we make a fresh start in the new year through real repentance. I sincerely pray that we all fulfill the three great blessings, bestowed on us by our Heavenly Parent, and contribute to the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, which is our Heavenly Parent's desire. 

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A view of the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival 2015 at the Marikina Sports Center in the Philippines

The Restoration of Our True God's Homeland

True Father gave this speech on March 4, 2005 at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, Korea at a Korean Rally for the Realization of Cheon Il Guk

We are here today in the third month of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the original holy ground. At this important time in history, I would like to speak about God's most earnest desire, the restoration of our true God's homeland. You need to understand this message that I convey from God and put it into practice in this age. A new spring is upon us, the era after the coming of heaven. Please open your hearts and welcome this deeply meaningful spring day.

Seeking God's kingdom

Dear members, God has revealed to us his kingdom and his righteousness, yet the people living on earth have been unable to receive them. Nonetheless, God's kingdom and his righteousness remain humankind's hope today and the hope of all those that ever lived on earth throughout history.

This hope-filled kingdom and the righteousness flowing from that hope remain our final goal and purpose. Why are these still unfulfilled? It is because of the Fall. God and human beings were to have become the center of God's kingdom and righteousness. Instead, because our first ancestors fell, God and human beings were alienated from each other, unable to form any relationship. Because of the Fall, human beings lost the heavenly lineage and instead became Satan's children, who inherit Satan's lineage.

The human race fell into ignorance—ignorance of the true parents and true families that were to be the center of God's kingdom and his righteousness and ignorance of the true nation. For this reason, God has had to labor throughout history to



awaken humanity and to teach us about the true parents, the true family and the true nation. Finding God's kingdom and his righteousness remains our ultimate hope and goal.

Dear members, there are more than two hundred nations in the world today. Yet among these numerous nations, there is not one that God can call his own homeland and that can receive his complete love. For this reason, the purpose of God's providence, spanning more than six thousand years, has been to completely reorder this fallen world and re-create the kingdom of God.

Throughout history, the purpose of God's providence has been to build his kingdom. Until that kingdom is established, God will not be able to fulfill his will for the restoration of humankind. First, however, there must

be a central nation based on a central religion. This is why during a certain historical epoch, God sought to establish a nation of his own. The Bible records this effort as the providential history of the chosen people of Israel and of Judaism.

The nation of our hope

However we still do not have God's nation to live in. A person without that nation does not have an original hometown. A person without God's nation does not have a real nationality. A person without God's nation has nowhere to truly register his or her existence. Therefore our task in this life is to create God's nation.

Only when we have God's nation will the tradition we establish live on through our descendants for eternity, and will the effort we have made

while shedding our blood and sweat live on. That nation will be a monument celebrating Heaven's labors. In it, the evidence of God's glory will endure on earth. However, if we fail to find that nation, everything we have done will have been in vain.

For these reasons, you need to understand clearly that today our most critical task is to seek and establish God's nation. You must live with the unremitting conviction that your family protects the nation that True Parents love; thus you have to become a devoted child of True Parents and follow the path of a loyal citizen of that nation.

Let us seek the path that fulfills our true desire. On the foundation of God's nation, let us establish a kingdom where we wish we could reside for all eternity. We have to envision this ideal hometown and kingdom in our minds, establish its righteous laws in our lives, and then live for the sake of that kingdom and its righteousness.

Do you have such a kingdom? If you do not, aren't you trying to establish it? What did I say this kingdom is? It is an ideal, unified and peaceful nation. It is a nation where all six billion people of the world live as one family. It is the peace kingdom, where eternal peace and prosperity reign in glory. It is there that we attend the Peace King and Queen of Cosmic Unity as our true lords, true teachers and true king and queen.

We know that Satan, not God, came to dominate history after our first ancestors fell. Originally God was to have been the master of the world. The children of God's direct lineage, having matured through a relationship of love with God, would have formed a true family. If this family had been established, the tribes, nations and world descending from that family would have constituted a world under God's dominion, a nation under God's dominion, families under God's dominion and individuals under God's dominion.

Nonetheless, you need to understand that because of the Fall, everyone from individuals to families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world, came to oppose God. This is our fallen world and fallen history.

If we leave the world as it is, we can never achieve the eternal world of

true love based on the ideal that God originally sought to establish at the time of the Creation. God can only restore his original authority by fulfilling the ideal he intended at that time. Therefore, God set this ideal as the standard by which he would put this evil world into order and lead it to become a true world. This has been God's providence in dealing with the fallen world.

We must therefore be grateful to God, even if he has to sacrifice each of us, and even if he has to sacrifice our families, tribes, peoples and nations. Only when individuals and nations of righteousness emerge can a new world come into existence. Regardless of how much individuals have sacrificed in the past, until God's nation is established, sacrifices on the part of individuals and even of families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world will have to continue.

Our mission

Dear members, what is your purpose for being alive on earth today? It is to love your nation and the world. God's purpose also has been to love the nation and the world. Jesus came to earth in search of God's nation. He came in search of one nation, yet due to the disbelief of Judaic Israel he could not establish that nation. He came to establish a nation on the physical as well as on the spiritual level, though he was only able to establish a spiritual kingdom. Therefore Christianity today still does not have a substantial, physical nation of its own on earth.

This means that God does not have a nation on earth he can call his beloved homeland. He does not have a citizenry he can call his beloved citizens. The foundation for God's kingdom has not yet been established on earth.

Christians even now are a people without a nation or sovereignty. As Christians witnessed for their faith, wherever they went they were subject to persecution and martyrdom. Christianity developed through the blood shed by its martyrs. That was how Christianity began and how it grew.

The days of persecution requiring bloodshed may be drawing to a close, however they have not disappeared yet. The Christian belief in Christ's


second advent arises from a deep yearning for a true nation. Based on Christianity's worldwide spiritual foundation, it anticipates that the Lord will restore and establish the substantial nation that was lost.

Dearest blessed families, humanity has entered the era after the coming of heaven, when we are receiving heavenly fortune anew. In front of the new heaven and new earth, the vortex of disbelief and betrayal that has troubled the earth is receding. In the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, spring is coming, and soon it will be in full bloom. The time has come for all blessed families to arise with firm resolution.

Let us fulfill our providential responsibility to unite all six billion people of the world into one family. Through the blessing, we shall bind them together as one clan. This will completely break down the walls between races, the barriers between religions and eliminate conflicts between nations. In this way we will build Cheon Il Guk.

Cross-cultural, blessed international marriages is the only way to bring humankind together as one global family that transcends race, nation and religion. What other way is there to make one's enemy of yesterday into one's blood relative today, and to make people of different traditions and cultures into one great family?

Dear members, most importantly I ask you to give the blessing to members of your families and tribes and to establish your tribal hoondok church. The success or failure of the Family Federation, the reunification of Korea, and the creation of one global family depend on this initiative.

We must quickly break free from the customs and mind-set belonging to the era before the coming of heaven. Practice a life as if at high noon, in vertical alignment with God, casting no shadow of sin, and offer yourselves in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God and True Parents. You will then enjoy eternal peace and freedom as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Your descendants will pay tribute to you and take pride in your achievements for eternity. 

This speech is in Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, Book 2, Speech 13.

Senior Church Members' Luncheon

True Mother said the following on 1.3 on the heavenly calendar in the third year of Cheon Il Guk (February 21, 2015) at Cheon Jeong Gung.

What shall I talk about? Among the people that are here are some that are younger than I and some that are older. Some have a shorter time left to prepare for going to the spirit world than the time they have already lived.

You are all blessed members. Father said, "The blessing is the blessing of a position." All blessed members, whether you are from the thirty-six-couple group, or seventy-two-couple group, should take responsibility in their positions. You cannot say you are a blessed member when you don't fulfill that responsibilities. You have to bear fruit during the remainder of your lives.

Among you are some that have been as fickle as reeds because of the True Family. However, you have to fulfill your responsibilities. Many among the thirty-six couples and seventy-two couples have gone to where True Father is now. Do you think anyone can claim to be a blessed member and then freely come and go where Father is? Not that I have seen. You have to realize that.

They come when Father calls them. "You, come to see me!" I am saying that you have to become people that True Parents remember. A blessed family has to carry a lineage through the generations.

Recently I met an elderly Japanese wife. She spoke to me, repenting deeply that the True Family wasn't able to take its position. I said to her, Don't worry, neither you blessed members nor the True Children are perfect yet. They need a growth period.

During that growth period, through absolute faith and absolute obedience, you have to be one with the Heavenly Parent and True Par-



ents. That's where the thirty-six couples and the seventy-two couples should be. I'm not a person that wavers back and forth based on what my children do. You have to fulfill all your responsibilities while you are still alive. True Parents are the True Parents of all humankind, not only the True Parents of the True Family.

We have a long path to travel and are busy. We have to straighten everything. You should be in the mainstream centered on True Parents. If your beloved children are in a tributary, you should support them so that they can enter the mainstream. This is a situation in which we put our lives on the line.

If you go to the spirit world without being able to fulfill your responsibilities on earth, life in the heavenly world will not seem much like heaven. Would you feel comfortable if a father and mother were in heaven

but their children were in hell?

I'm teaching people that are wandering around and then sending them to the front line. I forgive and embrace them, but they have responsibilities. The parent can't do that part. That part you must do yourselves. You have to know how your life will be seen from the spirit world. No matter how much True Parents pull you up, those around you will accuse you. You won't be able to be comfortable in that place.

This life on earth is but a moment, but the original homeland we go to is forever. Forever. Everyone, being in a blessed family is the best position to be in. Yet I'm warning you that it depends on how hard you try to protect that great position. We don't have much time. I'm more than seventy years old, and I too am working hard. Those among you who are eighty or ninety must be clear in your minds

because how we live on earth and the kind of treatment we receive isn't the end of things. Only a few years remain until 2020, and we have a lot to straighten out in that time. For whom? For our descendants. Among you are those that are living in the same era with me and that support the work for the providence as well as people that are just observing. In the end all these are blessed members, though they are few in number.

Father is gone from earth, and it's not easy for a spirit to come from the spirit world to work on earth. You may think that with a great force it could be done, but it's not that simple. No matter how hard it is on the earth, it is easier here than there. When your ancestors or your spouse see you from where they are in the spirit world, they want to help. But I am telling you that it is not easy for them. If you go to the spirit world while you are in this situation, without being able to sort out things with your children, do you think their path will be straight? I do things within the rules of the Principle. I never overlook my children. That's how hard being a True Parent is. Shouldn't you be like this, even a little bit?

Do not worry about the True Children. You, the blessed members, are indebted to True Parents. You were not able to protect True Parents' family. True Parents asked you to do that, but you were unable to. You need to make up for that.

When Cham Bumo Gyeong is released, you will need to study some more. I did not just suddenly appear in the 1960s. You need to be aware of this. The two-thousand-year Christian providential history was a time of preparation to find God's only begotten daughter. Did the thirty-six couples receive learn that? You didn't? You didn't know, did you?

God is completely whole; his beginning and end are the same. After Adam and Eve fell, how difficult was Heaven's providence in restoring human beings, his children? You know how painful it must have been. We cannot envision how difficult God's providence was as he educated ignorant humanity and raised the people of Israel for four-thousand years.

How anxious was God's heart as he waited for the providence to be

filled by the person he had chosen! How frustrating must that have been. You cannot conceive how much his heart ached whenever he observed mistakes happening again and again. Until the day he had established Jesus Christ, he often directed people to carry out many tasks that were difficult to understand. After restoration through indemnity, Jesus Christ, whom we can call God's only begotten son, was born. As God's only begotten son, he was the first person that could relate to God's work.

Hence, those surrounding him including Mary, Joseph, the chief priest, or Judaic Israel, had to attend him. They should have constituted an environment for Jesus. If that had happened, the nation of Israel would have been restored and through that nation, Jesus could have risen to the position of king of kings. However, God's only begotten daughter did not appear. When Jesus died on the cross, he said he would return. Hence, the position of the only begotten son is still left. What, then, does Heaven have to find and establish? The answer comes out, even if I say nothing, doesn't it?

We have seen many people carrying out spiritual works, but Dae-mo nim's spiritual work is different. She was chosen by Heaven within the providence to find the only-begotten daughter, which is why she can carry out spiritual works that no one else can do. Among those close to True Father, is there anyone that could play such a role? Just by observing this point, you can realize this. Did the Unification Church realize how precious was the providence to find God's only begotten daughter? How much did you appreciate True Mother as God's only begotten daughter? Dae-mo nim's spiritual works, from beginning to end, had the mission to serve the returning Lord until the day he magnificently went to the spiritual world.

As we work toward opening of the Cheon Il Guk era, you must be able to find the perfected, original mind while carrying out your own responsibilities. Do you understand what I mean? You must find your original mind by yourselves. You should be able to edify yourselves upon the standard of absolute faith in, absolute love for and absolute obedience to

True Parents. I am saying you should offer conditions. Just as Dae-mo nim did, you should offer conditions and be able to edify yourselves. You must become one with True Parents through the Holy Spirit and the truth, through the true teachings and through the three main scriptures. Therefore, if you live in accordance with the way True Parents lived, you automatically get to attend True Parents. You will also end up going to places where True Parents go. From now on, a family resolving its issues by itself should learn. Otherwise, there would be indemnity.

They say this is the year of the blue sheep. Blue sheep... Blue is close to nature. Nature does not lie. It only portrays the truth, and a sheep is gentle and humble. A sheep does not utter a sound even when it gives its life. You should learn a lot from nature. Among those who have come here today, those born in the year of the sheep, please raise your hands. The year of the sheep... A sheep symbolizes heavenly work. It must move around. It must not stay still. This year is one in which those born in the year of the sheep should play an active role. If you become one with me, you get to receive my fortune. Right?

If you understand this, you should become one with me. I am saying this because I want to take you with me wherever I go. This cannot be resolved through understanding and love alone. You must act and practice it and thereby resolve your indemnity. How miserable was the six-thousand-year human history for this reason. Only True Parents can resolve this. Only our Heavenly Parent and True Parents can do it. Hence, those who know this should let others know.

Each one of us should be able to realize a world centered on God and say before going to the spiritual world, "I have achieved everything." Otherwise, our future generations—the third and fourth generations will face difficulties. We cannot let that happen. Will you live according to the word? Will you help me? Can I trust you? This is the year of the blue sheep. You are clear water, but you should become clearer and save the world. I will go forward with the mind-set that this year is one full of hope. 7



- 1 Sun-jin Moon, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, reading True Mother's address
- 2 A view of the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival 2015 at the Marikina Sports Center in the Philippines
- 3 Jose Fabian Cadiz, deputy-mayor of Marikina City, welcomed the participants.
- 4 Dr. Yong Chung-sik and his wife Sasaki Yoshie led the recitation of the vows.

Sun-jin nim's Congratulatory Address at the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival in the Philippines

Distinguished guests, ambassadors for peace, friends, beloved couples, ladies and gentlemen, *Magandang hapon sa inyong lahat*. [Good afternoon to everyone.]

It is my distinct honor to be with all of you on this special day here in Marikina City. I am deeply moved by the beautiful sight of so many couples gathered for this Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival. All the couples in their white clothes look so noble and angelic. It feels as if we are in the true garden of Eden; the garden of pure love and boundless joy that has been God's unchanging hope and desire.

On behalf of my mother, Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon, I congratulate all of you that are receiving God's blessing today. I pray that each couple, whether you are young or old, may come to experience a deep and eternal love between the partners. I pray that your children grow to be beautiful champions of goodness and love, and I pray that your lives may be filled with abundance and joy.

The most cherished hope of all people throughout the ages is to realize a world of true love and lasting peace, a world in which all people live together as one universal family under God. This is the sacred ideal and pur-

pose of today's Blessing Ceremony. When all people are united as members of one human family, and we come to treasure one another with a heart of unconditional love, a world of true peace is possible. This vision of peace and love for all of God's children is the essential meaning of the holy vows that all Blessing Ceremony participants affirm, whether you are a young newlywed couple or a long-married couple.

Our hope is that beginning with this Blessing Ceremony, each couple and family will cultivate a higher awareness of our Creator's deepest heart and purpose. By studying the



sacred texts of our religions and following a path of sincere virtue, we come to know God's universal wisdom, love and goodness. In this way, we come to see that no matter what our religious background may be, our divine nature and our hopes for love, joy and peace are universal. We also come to see one another and all things as manifestations of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. With this understanding as our foundation, we can build a world of peace, from the individual, to the family, the society, nation and world.

Today's Blessing Ceremony culminates with True Parents' benediction and blessing. Their sincere prayer is that each couple unites in complete love and harmony with God, our Heavenly Parent. It is their hope that on the foundation of this holy union you may be blessed with devoted sons and daughters that radiate love and virtue toward all living beings on earth. In the loving union of a husband and wife, human beings most closely resemble God's own loving

nature. As we each create families of such true love, we help usher in a world of infinite joy and peace, a world in which God can freely dwell.

Beloved brothers and sisters,
Today is not just an ordinary day. This is your holy blessing day. We often say that our blessing day is the time of our second birth, our true spiritual birthday. The blessing is a sanctified moment when we are reborn to a new life.

This holy tradition began on April 16, 1960, when True Parents blessed three couples, just five days after True Parents' own Holy Wedding. Beginning with these three couples, the blessing was expanded to include thirty-six couples, then seventy-two couples, one hundred and twenty couples, and so on. This holy tradition has continued over the past fifty-five years, up until today. Over the years, many millions of couples have received the blessing, both in the physical and spiritual worlds.

Although the size of our Blessing

Ceremonies has grown tremendously over the years, the essential value of the blessing itself has not changed. As taught in virtually all religions, human beings are in need of restoration or salvation. The very essence of salvation, or restoration, has to do with the nature and quality of marital love and the family, which form the essential core of God's original ideal. That is why True Parents are dedicated to the restoration of human families through the marriage blessing, centered on the love of our Heavenly Parent. Whereas man and woman departed from God's original ideal, through the marriage blessing men and women are reconnected, as couples, to God's direct lineage.

Therefore, today is a glorious day. From this moment forward, you stand in a new relationship with God and with one another. Today and for eternity you are a precious, complete couple. Your beloved spouse is your counterpart on the path to realizing God's ideal of true love. In your eternal unity as a couple, you resemble

our Heavenly Parent.

On the foundation of the blessing, you start on the path toward creating an ideal family. When we practice unconditional true love toward our spouse and toward our children, tribe, nation and the whole world, we are on our way to building the kingdom of God. Moreover, we also take the lead in overcoming and healing all the pain, suffering and destruction that have occurred throughout history. Please participate in this sacred ceremony with this understanding.

Beloved couples, ladies and gentlemen,

I hope that you will continue to study my parents' teachings, the Divine Principle. By studying Divine Principle, you will come to understand Heavenly Parent's long-suffering heart, which seeks only to be reunited with his children. By studying the life courses of True Parents and their words, you will discover a roadmap to the restoration of yourselves, your marriages, your lineages and the world. In the process, we will recover the life of true love and joy originally envisioned by our Heavenly Parent.

This path of restoration through the blessing is made possible only by our True Parents. God's original ideal was to raise a true son and daughter to embody the ideal of true love, as a couple, as True Parents, as the only begotten son and daughter of God. Human history is the history of God's providence to fulfill this ideal.

Providential history has been a thorny and difficult path. Due to the failure of our ancestors, even God's own son and daughter faced the most overwhelming obstacles. The significance of our True Parents is that they overcame every obstacle and emerged as victors. Moreover, for the first time in providential history, an only begotten daughter stands together and on an equal footing with God's only begotten son. This is the meaning and value of True Parents. They represent the unified wholeness of God, a unified being of masculinity and femininity.

In this sense, we can understand the special meaning and significance of True Mother. For millennia, men alone have been the primary repre-



Religious leaders pour water into a common container to symbolize harmony

sentatives of religion; that is, the priests, the prophets and founders. But with the rise of True Mother, as the necessary counterpart and partner of True Father, the long history of exclusion and indemnity for women has been overcome. This represents a cosmic providential achievement. By fulfilling her role, True Mother has made it possible for the True Parents' position to be achieved. Furthermore, it is because of True Parents that the blessing is even possible. For the first time in history our Heavenly Parent has extended us this lifeline of the blessing. This is possible because of True Mother's achievement.

The blessing is unique and special because of the unified position of True Parents. True Father and True Mother opened the way to the restoration of humanity back to our Heavenly Parent. Never in the history of humankind has there been a complete understanding of the way to restore our world back to our Heavenly Parent.

Because of True Parents we have the privilege to receive the blessing; therefore, let us offer our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and to our True Parents for the grace of this Blessing Ceremony. Let's give a big round of applause to True Mother, who is sharing this moment with us in America, and to True Father, who is always with us in the heavenly world.

Let's give another round of ap-

plause to all the blessed couples and families here today. Thank you for being living miracles of love and light for all humankind and all creation. Amen! Aju! Mabuhay! ["Hurrah!"]

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters,

As God's children, as blessed families, and as citizens of God's kingdom, which we call Cheon Il Guk in Korean, we each have certain responsibilities. First, let us sincerely establish True Parents' tradition in our daily lives and ensure that this tradition is carried on by our children and by future generations. By tradition, I am referring to living a life of personal responsibility and virtuous action, an altruistic life of living for the sake of others. We strengthen and preserve this tradition through practices of prayer and meditation, and by observing holy days, sacred rituals, and daily scripture study, known as hoondokhae. Through hoondokhae, we deepen our understanding of our Heavenly Parent, and we learn the significance of True Parents and their cosmic victory. Brothers and sisters, I hope you can enter into deep contemplation as you read the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk during hoondokhae. The daily study of God's word has the power to awaken our minds, strengthen our will, temper our emotions and transform our lives.

Second, we are each called to strive



Heavenly Parent's children on earth. She hopes and prays that each one of us can awaken to this higher consciousness and become one with our Heavenly Parent in true love and harmony.

True Mother is emphasizing that we should strive to create families, communities and churches that are filled with vitality and overflowing with love and truth. When love and truth come together, it leads to the formation of a community based on a culture of heart, brimming with life. In order to create such communities, we should always be grateful in our daily lives and in all that we do. We must also forgive and love others despite their wrongdoings—as if we were pardoning ourselves for our own sins. We should always promote unity in the family setting or in any organizational setting. When partners are in complete harmony, there is oneness. Men and women are equal. This is the essence of true love. It is an equilibrium, with boundless, infinite, pure harmony. This was the original hope of our Heavenly Parent, that all life—each manifestation of the miracle of life—mirror the divine harmony and unity that is within God.

True Mother has set the highest standard and has been a model of this way of life. She embodies the true love of our Heavenly Parent. I pray that each of us can honor her sacrifice and gratefully dedicate ourselves both to True Parents and to this great and glorious vision of universal peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters,

This is the most cherished day. The blessing is the blossoming of our faith. The blessing is like a precious seed planted in the vibrant earth binding a husband and wife together in eternal true love. May you live a blessed life, as a blessed couple with joyful blessed children, and may you share your blessings with all your brothers and sisters throughout the world.

In closing, I pray that you will all form exemplary blessed, central families and heavenly tribal messiahs. May you become the true owners of Cheon Il Guk and resemble our Heavenly Parent in all that you do.

Once again, congratulations on receiving the precious holy blessing today. Thank you. *☞*

to perfect the three great blessings. That is, we should perfect our individual character and then become the embodiment of true love as a couple and as a family, and finally engage in responsible and sustainable stewardship over the natural environment. The eight verses of the Family Pledge summarize this blessed family ideal and convey the essential values of our Cheon Il Guk community. Let us embody true love in our lives and nurture that ideal in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and throughout our nations. Above all, let us foster a heart of gratitude toward our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and unite with them in heart.

Third, we are each called to fulfill the mission of a heavenly tribal messiah. That is, we should raise other families to form our own heavenly tribe. Fulfilling our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs is the cornerstone for the complete establishment of Cheon Il Guk, God's eternal kingdom. For this reason, last year, True Mother was delighted to hear that two couples, one from Thailand and one from the Philippines, had each completed their tribal messiah mission by raising 430 couples. Toward the end of October, she invited all those couples to come to Korea, and she held a great celebration for all of them.

We celebrate each blessing and spiritual rebirth with absolute joy. Thank you and congratulations to

these tribes. May all 7 billion of Heavenly Parent's children soon be blessed. We can then have the greatest celebration the world has ever known. Aju!

Fourth, as the basis for our communities, societies and nations, we need to create a global culture of heart. That is, a culture in which all human beings are bound together in loving and harmonious solidarity, as members of one global family, one family under God. This will be a world of universal peace and prosperity for all.

Beloved sisters and brothers, True Father, in his final prayer before his ascension, fervently expressed his desire to save all humankind. This is the goal that True Mother has also devoted every waking moment of her life to achieve, that is, to bring true peace to all God's children. Even in her golden years, at seventy-two years of age, after having given birth to fourteen children and having worked side by side with our True Father for fifty-two years, she continues on this course to fulfill True Parents' public mission. Recently, she spearheaded educational initiatives all over the world, while literally putting her life on the line in the process. She is committed to overcoming all physical limitations in order to save every child of God. With great urgency she is carrying forth True Parents' Vision 2020, to bring the blessing to all of our

True Parents Opened the Way

Sun-jin nim spoke to members the day after the February 1 Peace Blessing Festival in the Philippines.



Heavenly Parent and True Father in the spiritual world, who are all around us in the natural world and move the world in this way.

I am very eager to return home to give True Mother a big hug and an ecstatic cheer. After all, due to her amazing life I am able to be here and meet all of you. I am also overjoyed to congratulate our Family Federation for World Peace, our UPF family and every blessed family member all over the globe. This is a global victory because of their support of this noble quest for peace, prosperity and true love for all families in this region and beyond.

Everything in our natural world points to an origin of all life, whether it is the Big Bang or the garden of Eden. That all life is a manifestation of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator of all life, is undeniable. Every religious tradition has a Genesis narrative and we also find a common thread woven into each sacred tradition that describes a separation of humanity from the true parent, the true origin, and the existence of a false parent by a force of some kind of division. This disconnect is a constant theme and premise for the sorrowful fate of man, woman and families. This loss, or fall from the absolute love and harmony with our Heavenly Parent has led to our descent into the darkness and ignorance we witness today. When we look out into the world, each person's original mind is stimulated somewhere deep inside and each person's heart is a yearning for a more eternally joyful, loving world.

No wonder we are all nourished and inspired by the lasting role of religion in history. However, although every part of the globe has witnessed and been moved to a higher consciousness by a benevolent, savior,

As we heard in all the greetings and congratulatory remarks, this has truly been a victory. In Korea, we say "victory" every morning with True Mother. Maybe you've heard of her bouncing exercises. Every morning she goes out because she knows that number one: the mission is important, yet being alive and being healthy are also important. I am sure many of you have not gotten your sleep. I heard that some members have been working on only two hours of sleep to create this victory. So, thank you to you all. I wish you tremendous health.

I am with True Mother, attending her every day. Every day we get reports from around the world because True Mother is digesting all the issues in the world and trying to decide how to help our brothers and sisters and push forward toward Vision 2020. When she hears what you are doing here, the victories, the tribal messiah

work and the wondrous, amazing achievements, she lights up. She smiles. So, thank you all for that. I will be reading a couple of points so please try to stay awake.

It was a true honor to witness and celebrate with all of you. A feeling of infinite hope for a prosperous future and sincere gratitude flowed over me as I looked out yesterday at the blessing.

Actually, they were briefing me on the way to the blessing that there were tremendous clouds and that it was going to be so hot and it could rain and all these horrible things could happen. I was thinking, O Heavenly Parent! Please be merciful. Let us have nice weather and let us not ruin the beautiful brides' and grooms' special day.

I felt that Heavenly Parent and True Father gave us the perfect weather. I looked out and I felt the happiness and the delight of our

guru or saint, we are all still in the dark. We have witnessed in our common history an endless battle between good and evil, between saints and sinners, the right and the wrong—a series of polar opposites—leading to more division and imbalance. Given this reality, and despite the existence of all these glorious paths and truths, we should ask, Why are we still at odds, at war and find imbalance at every level, be it racism, sexism, or social, religious or economic injustice, or abuse of power in all corners of human industry and rule? If there is a Heavenly Parent, why is our natural world slowly dying? Why isn't our Heavenly Parent saving us when we live pious lives? I have hope, faith and I believe, yet I am still deceived and I am still defeated.

In Divine Principle, we learn that each of us has individual responsibility. This is what we call our "five percent." This is the foundation of building a peaceful world. When each individual lives a life of higher consciousness starting with creating harmony in one's own mind, body and spirit, lasting change can become a reality. This is probably the most difficult challenge a person has to undertake—to strive to become our Heavenly Parent's true reflection. Before True Parents, we never had an outline or a glimmer of what a perfected son or daughter of Heavenly Parent might be like. What a miracle that we are alive at this moment, to have True Parents in our lives and their teachings implanted in our hearts. Every moment, we are living with the miracle and the blessing of true love and true joy. When True Mother spoke to members recently,

she said that we should be joyful, happy, peace-loving and grateful beings. When we ponder why our five percent is so difficult to complete, we should imagine the path of the ones that are doing the other 95 percent. That 95 percent is our True Parents. I hope you pray about and meditate on this in your daily practice and that your path toward completing your 5 percent can be realized. This, brothers and sisters, is what we witnessed yesterday. This reality is what fills the pages of our holy texts with the clear path and truth that True Parents have indemnified with their eternal lives to grace us with such salvation.

In True Father's last words, he professed that he has completed everything. He also crowned our True Mother as being his completed and perfected equal on countless occasions. When we study Divine Principle, everything is illuminated. One cannot deny True Parents are a unified model that shows us a true path toward restoration. Only from this holy union is it possible for all life to resemble our Heavenly Parent. I have the honor of serving our True Mother and every day she wholeheartedly fulfills her mission to liberate and restore balance to the world and to pay for our inability to fulfil our 5 percent. It brings me to tears to witness the physical difficulty she overcomes in order to clean up and finish what we all as her children have yet to do. This is the heart of a true mother, who lives each day for the welfare of her worldwide family. She continually forgives, hopes and carries a cross, doing all she can to keep the door open so that all her children can be saved. This is the holy mother that has completed her 95 per-

cent and carries our 5 percent too. *Aboji, Omoni, joisong habnida.* [Father and Mother, I am sorry.] Before forgiveness can be granted, one must humbly atone for one's actions. Otherwise, no sincere change is possible. I apologize to True Parents every day and acknowledge my inadequacy. I know that I am inadequate, but True Mother encourages and unconditionally believes in and loves me. Thus, I have the courage to go on. She asked me to share with you the same love and encouragement so that we as one family under Heavenly Parent and True Parents can be victorious. If you face difficulty on your path, please know that True Parents unconditionally love you and are with you. Parental love is eternal, unchanging and absolute. Imagine True Parents' path to restore, indemnify and return all things to our Heavenly Parent. We should be grateful to be standing on that hallowed foundation that True Parents have secured as a true son and daughter of Heavenly Parent....

As we made glorious strides toward realizing this dream yesterday, we should keep our focus and our determination until we succeed in realizing Vision 2020 and in blessing all God's children. To all of you that are blessed and awakened to the truth, let us work together and support all of our family members so that we can realize this vision. We have True Parents and Heavenly Parent leading the way and unconditionally loving and raising us to victory. As long as we have life, we have the power to change the world. Let us pledge our devotion and energies to realize this dream. May Heavenly Parent bless every family member today. 



Members' Investment in a Peace-Building Effort

The following are some remarks made during the victory celebration for the February 1 Blessing Festival in the Philippines:

THOMAS G. WALSH



My feeling is that this Asian summit is a turning point. I might use the term, “tipping point.” We are approaching the third Foundation Day and then the third seonghwa anniversary. We are moving toward some conclusion to a three-year period that has been a challenging period for our movement, but also globally. One of the things I worry about is the threats that I see challenging True Parents’ paradigm for global restoration. I think of the providential nations, Korea, Japan, America, the UK, France, Germany, Italy... Israel, which True Parents have prayed for throughout their lives. We see certain threats to that core paradigm. We see other nations, major powers, with their own “alternative providence” unfolding. When I look at America and I think of True Parents’ hope for America, it’s not a sure thing; it seems somewhat shaky at times. In this region, we’ve seen the rise of China. In Europe there is a very strong resurgent Russia, even a desire to reassemble the Soviet Empire. Even in the religious world, we see Islam very much at war with itself. The very not-so-positive aspects of some portions of the Islamic world are challenging.

Talking to Rev. Edwards, we were so inspired by this blessing. Is Christianity living up to its mission? Is that mission comparable to the Jews’ mis-

sion at the time of Jesus, and is some window of opportunity about to close? There are threats out there on the geopolitical level but also on the very deep internal, moral and spiritual level. At the core of that is a threat to the family and to sexuality.

Yet, I felt through this blessing tremendous hope and I see that we are moving toward Foundation Day and the third anniversary. That’s why I say “turning point” or “tipping point.” It is going to make a global difference in our world to revive... Even as I thought today about Korea, Japan and America, I thought of Rev. Yong and his wife as Korea and Japan united. That’s what Father wanted for Korea and Japan—to become a couple, to become one. I thought of Dr. Yang as the True Parents’ special emissary to North America and South America. Rev. Curry here and Rev. Thompson and Rev. Stephens and Rev. Edwards from ACLC are kind of a unity of Korea, Japan and America.... I felt as if Father’s providential nations were all here along with all of you, and that the Philippines is in that key position as the second daughter nation.

What is going on here is powerful.

A turning point is happening. Dr. Yang is right, something is happening here in the Philippines that is going to impact our movement and the world. We are here on True Parents’ foundation, absolutely. I think, Sun-jin nim, that when you report to True Mother, she is going to be so uplifted and encouraged by what has gone on here. I know that is the heart of everyone in this room—wanting to attend and support True Mother. Sun-jin nim, we

saw you yesterday and you looked so beautiful. You looked like Mother. It really was Mother there. Also the incredible, broad overview you gave of the Divine Principle was the perfect education for the people there. Really powerful! I want to emphasize that point and underscore Dr. Yang’s point that it is of course True Parents’ victory but it does require leadership.

I want to praise Dr. Yong and Mrs. Yong because they are really sticking their necks out. I don’t know how he is going to pay for this. He does not think about that; he is always thinking about how to bring victory for our True Parents.

I can just applaud you all and say that this is going to reverberate throughout our movement and is going to have a powerful impact.

As I said, the threats are there that could completely dismantle, undermine and devastate God’s providence but what is happening here is preventive peace building. We are preventing Armageddon happening in some awful way and providing the alternative through this blessing movement. Thank you.

URSULA MCLACKLAND



The Philippines prepared for a year but Asia prepared for two months. Two months ago, we got a sudden call from Nepal—“Dr. Yong



The celebration following the Peace Blessing Festival 2015 in the Philippines

is asking all the Asian leaders to come..." and every day at hoon-dokhae was like a month of continuous revelations telling us how to go forward.

I'm sorry. I have to correct Dr. Walsh. He said that Dr. Yong doesn't think about how to pay for it: He thinks about it every day but he is never stopped by it—never limited. At that time, Dr. Yong explained to us and motivated us to understand that this is our Asia-region offering. It is not just a Filipino event.

So, all the Asian members have supported for the last two months. I want to recognize the members—in Malaysia, in Thailand and in every country. How hard they worked and fund raised day and night to contribute and to support, even though they weren't able to come and be here. Only the leaders are here. Even in America and in Japan, the Filipino members supported, to make it a success. I am grateful to Dr. Yong for helping us to own this, so that we feel it is our victory—a Philippine victory, but ours all together.

I would like to speak about a point that struck me strongly during this time. How can we explain tribal messiahship to our ambassadors for peace? We have been appointing ambassadors for peace—we give them the certificate and then they ask us, What should we do?

Hmmm, yeah... You work in your field.... This time, our education was very clear. What is an ambassador for peace supposed to do? Become a model blessed member and make a tribe. Naturally, we don't always say

"tribal messiahship." We say, You make a model village or community—430 couples. Then you make a model nation—and become a Cheon Il Guk owner.... Perhaps they don't know the words in the beginning, but it means you take responsibility to make your nation a model nation. If we then have ambassadors for peace that build blessed families, become tribal messiahs that take ownership and they join hands with us, I think Cheon Il Guk is not far away. [Bowing toward Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim] So thank you very much and give our love to our beloved True Mother.

MARI CURRY



Good morning brothers and sisters, I am so humbled to be in your presence. When Pastor Miilhan

Stephens, my co-vice president; and I came to the Philippines,

your heart of love so moved us. How embracing every person we met was! We were like Wow! this is true service and truly loving our brothers and sisters. Thank you for sharing that with us.

I am practical in some ways, so I am just going to touch on one practical thing that I am inspired about. I have been at many functions, many events, and one sign of a well-run event is that things are done on

time, that you can mobilize people from point A to point B and activities start when they are supposed to start. Almost every time there was a session, we were able to start on time.

Also, I easily get lost but I never had a problem with knowing where to go, because so many brothers and sisters were mobilized to help guide the way. It was so comforting, so moving, to see such heart that all these volunteers—all of you—had to help set the foundation for the Asian summit and for the blessing. Thank you for your hard work and your dedication and for uniting with your leaders to create such a wonderful event.

Pastor Miilhand and I had a meeting last night, after everything, reflecting on our experiences here. One thing we couldn't say enough about was how moved we are by the heart of the Filipino members. We came here to support and also to learn—and learn we did. We actually have three or four pages of bullet points that we made of all the things we learned. So, thank you for being our teachers as well.

We are so excited by all the promise and the hope and all the energy you have for our Heavenly Parent and for our True Parents. We want to encourage you. We are so excited about working with you in the future and being supportive of one another, because together we can be so strong and together we can bring victory for our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. So, please keep working hard and keep heart. 7

FFWPU VISION 2020

1. Mission Creating One Family under God: Building Cheon Il Guk

The creation of Cheon Il Guk is the mission and purpose (the value) of our movement's existence. The perfection of the individual and family is attained through the transformation and growth of individuals, which leads to the creation of Cheon Il Guk in these individuals and families. By fulfilling our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs, we can create Cheon Il Guk within our tribes while the church and providential organizations unite as one in creating Cheon Il Guk within the people (area) and nation. On this foundation, Cheon Il Guk is created, a world envisaged by God at the time of the Creation where we live as one family under God.

The mission of our movement is to communicate God's and True Parents' true love, true truth and true life to all people so that they can fulfill the vision of becoming true parents and true families by forming happy, ideal families and fulfilling their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs. This also has the purpose of enabling them to manifest Cheon Il Guk in the individual, family and tribe. This is the mission in light of our movement's "individual purpose."

The mission in light of our movement's "whole purpose" can be understood as manifesting Cheon Il Guk in the area (tribe), nation, world and cosmos centering on the shared values of building one family under God through the cooperation and unity of the church, providential organizations and society.

2. Providential Awareness and Vision 2020

Providential Awareness Centering on Foundation Day

After True Father's seonghwa and despite the large and small trials that assailed our movement, True Mother strongly proclaimed that we would advance without ceasing. On Foundation Day, 1.13 by the heavenly calendar in the first year of Cheon Il Guk, she opened the nation of Cheon Il Guk which is the eternal desire of our Heavenly Parent and all of humankind.

"We shall work to firmly establish Cheon Il Guk until our last breath."

This is what True Mother said in her prayer after True Father's seonghwa. As the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, with True Father in heaven and True Mother on earth, they are guiding the providence for the firm establishment of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. 2015

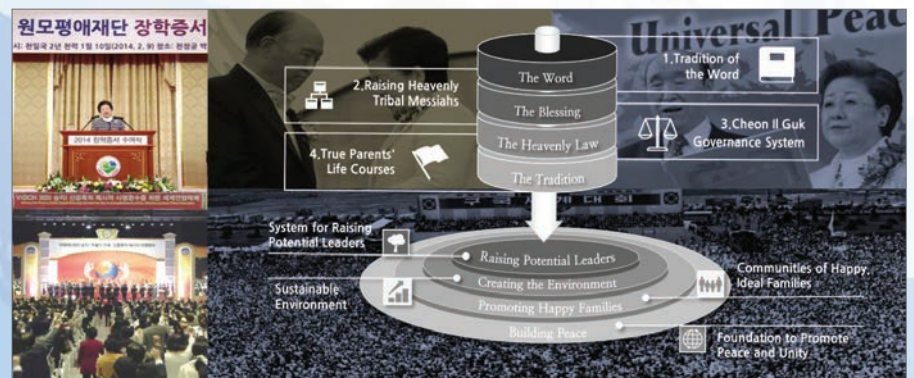
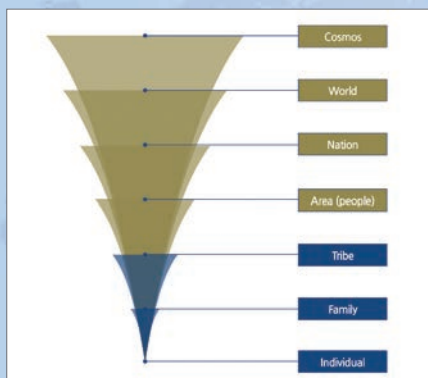
will mark the third year since the proclamation of Cheon Il Guk. For the past three years, True Mother has been investing herself completely with life-or-death resolve for the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk. Through this course, she has shown us the blueprint for Vision 2020.

True Parents' Providential Developments after Foundation Day and Vision 2020

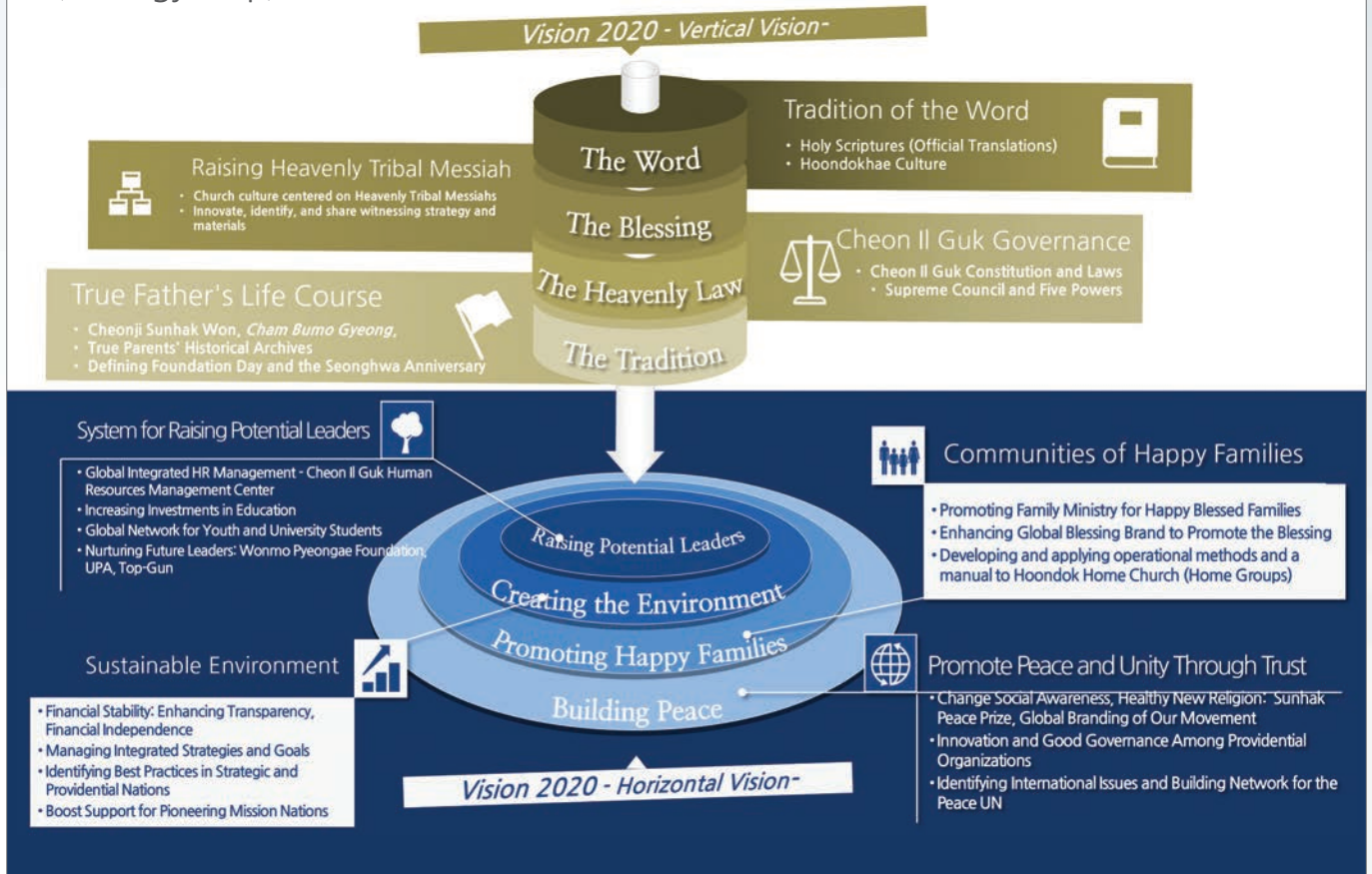
Here we attempt to present Vision 2020 from a vertical and horizontal perspective in relation to True Parents' providential development.

The Vision and Keywords from a vertical perspective

- 1) The Word: Establishing the tradition for True Parents' teachings centered on the three Holy Scriptures—*Cheong Seong Gyeong, Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, Cham Bumo Gyeong*.
- 2) Blessing: Bequeathing and expanding the blessing tradition through the providence of heavenly tribal messiahs
- 3) Heavenly Law: Establishing the Cheon Il Guk governance system centering on the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and constitutional institutions (Supreme Councils and Five Agencies)



<Strategy Map>



4) Tradition: Defining True Parents' life courses and their achievements

The visions based on this vertical perspective are an absolute and unavoidable mandate that all blessed families must fulfill on earth while attending the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in the flesh.

The vision and key words from a horizontal perspective

- 1) Raising Potential Leaders: Establishing a system to nurture and manage potential leaders for future generations
- 2) Creating the Environment: Creating a sustainable environment towards building an effective and efficient organization
- 3) Promoting Happy Families: Forming a community of happy, ideal families through family ministry and home groups
- 4) Building Peace: Building a foundation to promote peace and

unity through social engagement and trust

True Parents' providential initiatives reflect a grand design and long-term plan spanning a hundred—even a thousand—years.

Here we propose a "Vision 2020 Statement" by distinguishing the vertical and horizontal perspectives.

"Building a system for a world of everlasting peace and a foundation for the creation of a substantial Cheon Il Guk."


3. Strategy

What is Strategy? Strategy refers to the method and process of fulfilling the mission endowed through values (Divine Principle, True Parents' teachings) and vision depicted through that mission. In other words, strategy would be an answer to the question, How should we act and what should we be doing exactly in order to fulfill Vision 2020? Here we present our strategy in fulfilling Vision 2020 from the vertical

and horizontal perspectives.

This strategy encompasses the entire world. The national headquarters and providential organizations in each region and nation may select and focus elements of this strategy according to the local situation. This strategy can be properly executed when all regions, nations, providential organizations and blessed families do their utmost in their respective field of activities. We are building this vision together; therefore, we absolutely need to explore ways to create synergy through collaboration and partnership.

4. Strategy Management Philosophy

There are certain types of mind-set that we need to have in managing this strategy for fulfilling Vision 2020. Even if we have a good vision and strategy, the success depends on the people who are involved. Here we define our philosophy in managing the strategy and wish to share this with all our readers. 

Cheon Il Guk HR Management

T rue Parents have continuously emphasized the importance of improving our human resources (HR). This is evident through their investment and their interest as manifested in word and deed. In 1969, Father accurately predicted that our movement would see explosive growth and instructed us to execute a system to manage our human resources and assign the right people to the right places from a global perspective.

“In light of the ideals and purpose of our Unification Church, you can see that the world is quickly coming toward us. The important issue that remains is how to deal with all this. We need to have a man or woman deal with these matters. How many true men are there among you here today that can actually deal with global issues? Anybody here who believes he can do that, raise your hand. In light of all this, the most important issue is how to strengthen our human resources based on our mission.

“When I go around the world, I assign people at the World Mission Headquarters to each field and give instructions.” —True Father, May 18, 1969

True Parents opened Cheon Il Guk on Foundation Day. They personally established the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation and Universal Peace Academy as expressions of their love for humanity and as investments in our movement’s future. Since then, True Mother has frequently emphasized the need to raise the next generation of leaders and has manifested her deep interest in developing our current leaders’ competence.

“We are not a business entity, but we still have to form a structured system of human resources throughout the world. This is part of our endeavor to raise talented people for future generations of our movement and for the purpose of managing and nurturing capable people so that we

can have the right person working in the right position.” —True Mother, December 5, 2014

As we approach the second anniversary of Foundation Day, let us engrave in our hearts what True Parents have said and put our whole heart and effort into building an HR management system and nurturing the next generation of leaders.

Cheon Il Guk human resources

On December 5, Mother called for an integrated human resource management system and for enhancing our leaders’ competence in the field through leadership education. She underscored the importance of thoroughly preparing so that we manage and nurture the proper people in each field. The next day, Mother called the international headquarters and instructed us to design a workshop on Cheon Il Guk leadership. She indicated that True Parents would oversee it and that we should prepare to hold it sometime in 2015.

We believe that True Parents have given our leaders a chance to align themselves to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents in the new year and to use the launching of the Cheon Il Guk Human Resource Management Center as an opportunity to reorganize our thoughts and to focus. As a first step, we are preparing to work with the field leaders and various organizations’ staffs to explore ways they can contribute their talents to this initiative, until the operations of the Cheon Il Guk HR Management Center are stabilized within the international headquarters. With four goals in mind, we are preparing to launch the center. First, we seek to provide all leaders and other members in our worldwide movement an opportunity to align with True Parents. Second, we seek to honor our True Parents’ stature and value centered on the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures, through the publication of *Cham Bumo*

Gyeong. Third, we seek to reconfirm the providential significance of creating a substantial environment for Cheon Il Guk through achieving Vision 2020. Fourth, we seek to orient the movement and provide an action plan for the fulfillment of Vision 2020 through heavenly tribal activities, witnessing and other outreach efforts aimed at youth and university students.

Integrated HR management

On October 20, True Parents instructed the international headquarters to assess the unification movement’s personnel situation accurately and to manage personnel information comprehensively. Hence, we collected and reviewed personnel card templates from each region, designed an integrated form and sent it to each region for the leaders to fill out. Gradually, we will develop an Information Technology (IT) system to manage human resources at the leadership level effectively.

Our movement comprises thirteen regions under FFWPU, many providential organizations (with UPF and the WFWP at the center) and providential companies. Currently, each organization runs its own HR management system, and not much interchange of personnel among the organizations occurs. Other than True Parents’ teachings, our movement has not had a cohesive philosophy or materials when educating new recruits to an organization or when nurturing the next generation of leaders. These circumstances have had an adverse effect on our movement in the course of seeking victory with Vision 2020 and in fulfilling our providential mission.

Leaders and executives of FFWPU, providential organizations and companies are required to fill out the Cheon Il Guk Leader Personnel Card, the information on which the Cheon Il Guk Human Resources Management

Center will manage. The center shall oversee our entire movement's human resource management. It will position itself to identify swiftly the people needed when called for by True Parents. We are seeking the necessary IT systems and latest management tools for this purpose.

The integrated HR management system will cover aspects of organizational management, the processes of selecting and nurturing potential leaders, and managing, evaluating and compensating leaders. Organizational management covers managing each of our movements' organizations, providing and implementing guidelines for establishing hierarchy between them, and exploring and reviewing ways to create synergy between organizations with similar purposes. The potential-leader selection process includes implementation of guidelines and standards for hiring public officials and staff members and guidelines on the standard on promotion within organizations. The process of nurturing and managing potential leaders involves developing and implementing an integrated structure of positions and responsibilities within our movement, and designating and cultivating essential qualities of character and competencies in our leaders. Evaluation and compensation refers to the process of producing a shared view of what we expect of a leader in our movement through in-depth review and analysis in stages. Based on this, the center will oversee an evaluation processes tied to compensation packages for each level of leadership.

Competency enhancement

Mother has encouraged us to explore and review ways to enhance our leaders' competency. We are aware that each region has already made an effort to design or commission leadership education for church leaders in their respective fields. However, many leaders have correctly pointed out and made an issue of the lack of a department or organization responsible for establishing the Cheon Il Guk leadership model and for conducting research to develop common values, essential competencies and performance criteria that comport with this leadership model. The Cheon Il Guk

Human Resource Management Center is prepared to work with leaders in the field to delineate a leadership model rooted in True Parents' hearts and based on their teachings and to develop and implement an educational curriculum that supports sustainable means of nurturing leaders and enhancing their capacity.


Mother has already shown us the direction for the Cheon Il Guk leaders' education, over which she will personally preside. She is providing the opportunity for all our movement's leaders to become one in heart with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents through this education. Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Education (a "working title") will be carried out in stages. We will organize sections on essential education, education of the heart, competency, enhancement training, and professional education. In the essential education course, we will present to trainees a clear blueprint of Vision 2020, rooted in True Parents' hearts and based on their teachings, and material to help build consensus on and understanding of providential history. Based on *Cham Bum Gyeong* and their other teachings, we will include an overview of True Parents' providential initiatives and accomplishments and a session on building consensus on True Parents' value. In the course covering education of the heart, trainees will have the opportunity to experience True Parents' hearts through devotions, practicing traditions and engaging in volunteer activities based on True Parents' dictum that we should be resurrected and reborn through the Holy Spirit and the truth. This course will include practical matters on how to communicate True Parents' hearts effectively to members and to humankind. Competency enhancement training and professional education are still in the preparatory stages. At this point, we are designing our curriculum so that trainees can learn and acquire the basic competency and professional skills required in each activity and organizational sphere.

Managing potential leaders

True Parents have emphasized the importance of raising potential leaders to

become one's successor. This, of course, is needed in maintaining continuity in the development of an organization and is an important mind-set that we should have in carrying on and building up an important foundation for the development of the providence and for the movement overall. Currently, the average age of church leaders in Korea and Japan is in the fifties, which shows how important identifying and nurturing next-generation leaders is.

An important mind-set that a leader should have when selecting potential leaders involves identifying 1) candidates that can replace the current leader or executive of an organization in the event of sudden incapacitation, 2) candidates that can carry on the responsibilities and duties of a vacancy created by a leader promoted to a position at a high-ranking organization, 3) candidates that are equipped with the character and potential that fits with the current organization, and 4) candidates with high growth potential that currently serve as head of an organization ranked below the one with a vacancy. True Parents also emphasize the importance of reviving youth and students in our movement and witnessing to young people. Finding young people with the creativity and passion for furthering God's will through our church, providential organizations and companies is the urgent issue we face.

Here are the guidelines we reported to Mother and that she approved regarding the pool of candidate leaders: First, designate and manage potential leaders that can temporarily fill a vacancy created in the event of a leader's sudden incapacitation. Second, designate and manage the next-generation of leaders that have the proper character and qualities for a particular position and high growth potential. A leader serving in an important position must always seek two or more candidates as his successor and allot his time to coach these candidates and offer them opportunities to develop their competencies in various fields. 

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Global Standard for Victory as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs

I. Basis for the meaning of victory as heavenly tribal messiahs and global standards

The word “messiah” means the ancestor of the hometown where the clans in the horizontal world dwell. A tribal messiah is a tribal king. The tribal messiah’s position is the position of the second parents, which is Jesus’ position. Thus, with pride you can say, “True Parents have dispatched me as a tribal messiah.” And after you save your tribe, you can be elevated to the position of Adam. (217-125, 1991.05.12) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 32

The four great realms of heart and the three great kingships refer to the perfection of unfallen Adam and Eve. Had they not fallen, Adam and Eve would have perfected the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships to form the royal family. This pledge speaks about how blessed families should live; in speaking about establishing the royal family, it also addresses the blessed families’

mission to restore fallen humanity. (565-308, 2007.06.13) *Cheong Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 3, Section 5, Paragraph 42

We seek to establish the family that meets heaven’s and earth’s standard, the family that God is striving for. Therefore, we need models for the grandfather and grandmother, the father and mother, the couple and the children. Traditionally, Korea followed the extended family system. In that historical tradition, seven families would live in the same house. We should establish a family system that builds on that. It is amazing how well it fits with the goal of tribal messiahship in the Unification Church. (276-180, 1996.02.19) *Cheong Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 3, Section 5, Paragraph 58

II. Overview of global standard for victory as heavenly tribal messiahs

- **Victory as heavenly tribal messiah refers to the person that while performing his duties as a Cheon Il Guk citizen has formed a spiritual tribe of at least 430 families across three generations.**

- **It also refers to the person that maintains a life of faith and has completed the blessing of all 430 families of the spiritual tribe.**

As an Abel-type family, your family’s responsibility is to restore Cain-type families. What happens when an Abel-type family restores a Cain-type family? They become a tribe. You must become tribal messiahs. Being a tribal messiah means having 430 families. (034-104, 1970.08.29)

You are no longer individual messiahs. Now is the time to lay the foundation for becoming familial messiahs and move on. It is time to become familial messiahs, in other words, to form messianic realm based on the four-position foundation. In the past, there was a time to lay the foundation for the individual messiah who faced opposition and persecution. Now is the time to lay the foundation for a familial messiah and move one. Thus, people will be brought to submission. Such a time will come in the not too distant future. We have been focusing on that time. We came after making a full circuit. (040-216, 1971.02.01)

III. Duties as Cheon Il Guk Citizens

- **All citizens of Cheon Il Guk must follow and practice the duties outlined in article 21 of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution.**
 1. Citizens of Cheon Il Guk are required protect the pure lineage of Heaven.
 2. Citizens of Cheon Il Guk must not violate one another’s hearts and rights as human beings.
 3. Citizens of Cheon Il Guk must not misuse public funds.
 4. Citizens of Cheon Il Guk should read, practice, disseminate and teach True Parents’ words.
 5. Citizens of Cheon Il Guk should serve as hoondok family leaders and tribal messiahs for the substantial settle-



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ment and completion of Cheon Il Guk.

The providence of salvation is the providence of re-creation; that is the process of creation to purify all things and all people, their lineage and their love, according to the Principle by which God created. The establishment of pure things, pure people and pure love in a pure land is the ideal and purpose of the Creation. In order to achieve this, you need self-mastery. To recover the purity of your body, which until now has served as the foundation for Satan, you must drive Satan out by striking your body. By doing so, you will free yourself from Satan's world by uniting your pure mind and body, as spirit and substance. After that, you will pass through a three-year engagement period. Then you can form a blessed family in the realm of perfection. From the viewpoint of the Principle, this process elevates you to the position where you can complete the human portion of responsibility. You need to understand this course of restoration through indemnity; this is the only for you to rise. (268-115, 1995.03.31) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 1

IV. Standard for organizing 430 families

The spiritual tribe of 430 spiritual families must form in accordance with the three generations outlined below.

Starting from Home Church leaders, if people continue witnessing from the first generation to the second and third generations, one thousand, two thousand, many thousands of people will get involved in Home Church activities. As we do this, we are entering the age of registration, and need to prepare a list. Yet we cannot draw it up any way we want. Those who did not do Home Church activities cannot be entered on the list. They cannot become part of the family tree of the heavenly kingdom. Even though they are blessed family members, they will be excluded from the list and their names will be removed from the registry. With this understanding, you must hurry to do everything Heaven mandates. (143-119, 1986.03.16) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 1, Section 3, Paragraph 10

- **Ancestor of a tribe: Any blessed**

family that is head of the hoondok family church as prescribed in the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and Cheon Il Guk Regulations.

[A]s ideal families expand on earth, each becomes the ancestor of a tribe. By inheriting kingship and representing God on earth, the ideal family expands. Your family alone does not suffice; it has to expand. Through expansion, you can become the ancestor of your tribe, in other words, a tribal messiah. (225-222, 1992.01.20) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 2, Section 3, Paragraph 35

[O]nce you fulfill your responsibility as the ancestor of a tribe, you will establish kingship. How to fulfill this responsibility, and thereby establish kingship, is based on my teaching on tribal messiahship. It explains how you can advance to a position of kingship or lordship based on your rights as the ancestor of your tribe. (225-222, 1992.01.20) Paragraph 36, Section 1, Chapter 2, Book 12, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*

You are tribal messiahs. When you recover your Cain tribe, you will automatically recover your Abel tribe. This is why you need to do tribal messiah activity. Only if you do this can your ancestors and good people in the spirit world come to the earth and set indemnity conditions to benefit themselves. This is not possible without the foundation of your Home Church. (148-177, 1986.10.08) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 6

- **Realm of two generations: Organize the families of your spiritual children**

1. Spiritual families: Spiritual children and families witnessed to by those in the first generation.
2. Families of one's biological children: Blessed families formed by one's biological children

- **Realm of three generations: Organize among the families of your spiritual grandchildren**

1. Families of one's spiritual grandchildren: Blessed families witnessed to by one's spiritual children and spiritual families.
2. Spiritual children of one's biological children: Spiritual children and spiritual children of those in the first generation's biological children

We are to have two types of children: spiritual children, of which you need

three, and our natural children. If you look at today's world, you will see sons and daughters who are in the position of God's direct children and fallen human beings who are in the position of adopted children. Salvation doesn't exist for the sake of the individual. Salvation cannot exist outside the structure of the family. Therefore, each of us is to have three spiritual children and is to lead them to become one with our natural children. This is the formula. (052-129, 1971.12.26) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 2, Paragraph 9

Each tribal messiah is to embrace two clans, Cain's and Abel's—that is, Cain's family and his or her own family. Jesus should have embraced Joseph's family and Zechariah's family. The disunity between these two families set the stage for Jesus' death. This is the background of the Home Church and tribal church of today. Jesus was to stand on the united foundation of Joseph's family and Zechariah's family. The Messiah, based on these families' attendance of the tribal messiah, was to lead to national restoration. In the same way, your Home Church is a Cain-type church foundation of your tribal messiahship, and your family and relatives are an Abel-type church foundation. You are to unite these two. After accomplishing this, you will complete your mission as a tribal messiah. Now there should be no problem to bring unity in your tribe.

Furthermore, the time has come when nothing in the larger world will create problems for us. Nevertheless, my appointment of tribal messiahs does not mean that the Home Church will disappear. Even if all people were saved, the Home Church remains important. Just as the mind and body need to unite and the entire world needs to unite, the Home Church needs to unite people both inside and outside the tribes. (210-188, 1990.12.19) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 2, Paragraph 2

Even if heaven and earth experience upheaval ten million times, if the unity of three generations—grandparents, parents and children—is as strong as an iron fortress and if they serve God as their core, wherever they are, they will be the one seed through which the kingdom of

heaven can be realized. (225-301, 1992.01.26) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 4, Paragraph 14

We have to establish Cheon Il Guk families, where three generations—grandparents, parents and children—attend and live with the eternal God. As this is the hope of God, it is the responsibility of tribal messiahs and the mission of ambassadors for peace. (536-052, 2006.08.20) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 12

V. Standard for conversion

A person is considered to have been converted if he or she fulfills and maintains the standards of a convert established by the national headquarters (Article 81, Cheon Il Guk Constitution) and by the regional presidents “appointed by True Parents” (Article 74, Cheon Il Guk Constitution).

- **Registration as a member: A person is considered a registered member when he or she completes and signs the registration form given by the regional headquarters or the national headquarters and resolves to begin a life of faith as a “Cheon Il Guk Citizen.” (Article 19, Cheon Il Guk Constitution).**
- **Beginning a life of faith: The person must fulfill and maintain the standard of a member as prescribed by the regional president or the national headquarters.**

In all respects, the most active members are the mainstream in the church. Those who are in charge of the church are like the Levites of Israel. The Levites did not have a share in the land. (083-095, 1976.02.05) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 12

The time for converting individuals has passed. Now your activities should be done mostly as a family. All activities shall begin by converting families. You cannot imagine how fast the effects would appear when as tribal messiahs you convert families. Let us now ensure that we can draw in families. (235-072, 1992.08.29)

Now is the time to inaugurate the realm of the tribe. However, it is not God who will take the lead for this; the era has arrived when you will guide and lead your tribe into the kingdom of heaven. Through the works of their ancestors, people will come to the Unification Church with-

out knowing why. Nothing compels the leaves to emerge when spring comes; it happens naturally. Likewise, a world is arriving before our eyes, rising like the morning sun. Do not forget that your duty and mission is to go forth boldly and in high spirits as the great owners of heaven and earth and God’s liberated children. (202-257, 1990.05.24) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 12, Chapter 2, Section 4, Paragraph 34

VI. Standard for completing the blessing

A couple is considered to have completed the blessing when the standards described below are reached in accordance with the guidance of the regional president or national headquarters. Regarding the standard for having concluded the blessing, refer to “International Regulations for Blessing Administrations” (hereafter, “Blessing Regulations”).

- **Blessing application: Complete and sign the Blessing Application Form provided by the regional president or national headquarters.**
- **Blessing Education Candidates should complete the appropriate Blessing education based on their category and according to Blessing Regulations 1-A, B, C and 4-A, B, C.**
 1. **Divine Principle Education:** The participant must understand God’s nature (Article 1, Cheon Il Guk Constitution) and the relationship between God and human beings (Article 2, Cheon Il Guk Constitution) through a basic Divine Principle education.
 2. **True Parents’ Life Courses:** The participant must understand True Parents through an education on True Parents’ Life Courses.
 3. **The Meaning and Value of the Blessing:** The participants must learn and understand the value of the change of bloodline. They must also resolve to become couples that are born anew and are worthy of the cleansing of the original sin through the blessing, which is administered by the Messiah, the True Parents of humankind (Article 26, Cheon Il Guk Constitution).

What was God’s purpose in creating human beings? The omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God did not want to live in solitude. He wished for counterparts whom He could love; these are human beings.

He created the cosmos in stages to make an environment for human beings, and on that foundation, He created humankind to receive His absolute love. God created us to be His children. God’s desire for us is unlimited: out of love, He desires for human beings to become even better and greater than Himself. Don’t all parents wish for their children to surpass them? This is the tradition of parental love, with which God has blessed us. God’s purpose of creation is to experience complete joy in seeing His children grow to maturity in a true family, marry under His blessing, and multiply true children who will build a true, ideal Heaven on earth in which to live eternally. They would be the fruits of God’s true love, true life and true lineage. (474-162, 2004.10.30)

Cheon Seong Gyeong, Book 4, Chapter 1, Section 1, Paragraph 4

• Change of bloodline

1. **Holy Wine:** Each participant must understand the meaning and value of the holy wine before receiving it from the regional president or national headquarters and drinking it.

The Holy Wine Ceremony is the ritual of infusing God’s body into your body with new love. Since you have only one body, you need to transform it with God’s love. This is the meaning of the Holy Wine Ceremony. The Bible records that at the Last Supper, Jesus blessed bread and wine and gave them to his disciples. He referred to the bread as “my body” and the wine as “my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matt. 26:26-28) Likewise, it is only by inheriting the new lineage originating from God’s substantial self that you can be cleansed of the original sin. You cannot participate in the Blessing without going through this ceremony. The Holy Wine Ceremony is the ceremony to change your lineage. (035-245, 1970.10.19) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 11, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 11

2. **Prayer:** True Parents have sole authority for the Blessing of Marriage (Article 7, Cheon Il Guk Constitution). However, married couples may receive the prayer of a public official (Article 22, Cheon Il Guk Constitution) appointed

by the regional president or national headquarters.

At the Engagement Ceremony for the Blessing, I raised my hands and pronounced a benediction. With that benediction, I could incorporate the women of the world into Adam's family, in the place of Eve who had been separated from that family. I could thereby form a conditional bond of blood with them. That is the change of lineage. Henceforth, each woman of the world who has gone to the spirit world should attend me as her elder brother, husband and father, centered on True Mother. (314-141, 2000.01.02) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 11, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 8

3. Indemnity Stick The ceremony must take place under the guidance of a public official.

What is the Indemnity Stick Ceremony for? Adam and Eve fell by misusing their lower parts. During the Indemnity Stick Ceremony, both wife and husband strike each other's buttocks as hard as they can, saying they will never fall again. We do this so that they will never again misuse that part of the body. Likewise, when the Israelites made a pledge, they placed a hand under their thigh. They also conducted circumcision. When a son was born, his male part was bled on the eighth day after birth. This ritual was instituted because the male reproductive organ had been misused. Because the seed had been damaged, the ritual of circumcision was established to change the seed. All these are conditions to determine ownership. (273-316, 1995.10.29) Book 11, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 24

4. Forty-day separation: Every participant must complete a forty-day separation. (Refer to Blessing Regulations 2-A.)

In what position do human beings stand? [They are God's object partner.] What kind of object partner are human beings? They are not partners for money. What kind of object partner? [They are God's object partners of true love.] They are object partners of true love. Then what exactly is true love? It is not simply love that is true. Married couples originally are sup-

posed to live separately for seven years (after receiving the blessing). They must not regard themselves as the same way they did when they were a couple in the past. Without this separation period, their children will have to pay indemnity instead. (229-007, 1992.04.09)

5. Three-Day Ceremony: Every participant must complete the Three-Day Ceremony prescribed by True Parents' tradition. (Refer to Blessing Regulations 2-B.)

If you do not go through the Three-Day Ceremony, you will have nothing to do with True Parents' lineage. You will be nothing but a spectator who has come within the fenced area. Only after you complete the Three-Day Ceremony can you dress in holy robes and be included in True Parents' lineage. Otherwise, although you may have eaten a piece of the wedding cake, watched the celebration from beginning to end and enjoyed yourself with your friends, you will end up being apart. You will not become one with True Parents' lineage. Once you are apart from it, you will remain apart for all eternity. Lineage is such a fearful thing. (591-296, 2008.06.01) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 11, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph 28

• Blessing Fee: Each participant must offer the blessing fee determined by the international headquarters.

Once you pay the blessing fee in full, all your problems will be resolved. I will talk about this now. After the marriage ceremony, a couple begins family life. A child is born from the love between the couple. With the birth of a baby, this couple stands in the position of God after He created Adam and Eve. As the substantial body of the incorporeal God and through this correlation with the realm of substance... Once a couple gives birth to a child after going through a marriage ceremony, they stand in the position of the Lord of Creation. Do you understand? They stand in the position of the incorporeal God who created Adam and Eve in the flesh. This couple is more substantial than God because they gave birth to children in the flesh from the position of God in the flesh. This is

not vertical but horizontal. (290-081, 1998.02.03)


VII. Standard for a life of faith
Each must lead a life of faith by fulfilling the two basic condition of attending Sunday service and tithing.

- **Tithing:** Each person must tithe at least once every six months to one's registered church or Hoondok Family Church (Article 20, Cheon Il Guk Constitution).

God does not need money. Money is needed only as an object for making conditions so that fallen human beings can form a relationship with Him. God needs it only as a condition by which to save all of you. So instead of thinking that you are making a donation for God, think that you are donating for your nation or for the world. You are offering donations to fulfill the purpose of saving others. You are not offering them for God's sake. (126-123, 1983.04.12) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 11, Chapter 2, Section 2, Paragraph 7

- **Sunday service:** Each person must attend the Sunday service at one's registered church or Hoondok Family Church at least once every six months.

You must absolutely honor the words you speak when you come before God. How can someone who does not keep his or her promise be given grace? Such people will give up along the way. God does not randomly visit just anyone but relates only to those who earnestly yearn for Him. At the very least, you should be on time for the service. (011-134, 1961.03.26) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 11, Chapter 2, Section 1, Paragraph 11

Up to this day, I have taken responsibility for everything, but henceforth you have to take responsibility for your extended family. If you align yourself with this mission and attune your heart to God's at a ninety-degree angle, you can bring oneness on the levels of the individual, family and tribe. Nothing in your life—whether it is eating, sleeping, getting up or anything else—should revolve around your personal desires. Your life should be for your extended family, your clan. Please advance relentlessly in your tribal messiah mission. (187-180, 1989.02.05) *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Book 9, Chapter 2, Section 3, Paragraph 6 

Love Japan More Than You Love Me

Remembering True Father's visit to Japan
on the first world tour



Members welcome True Father to the church in Nanpeidai, Tokyo, on January 28, 1965

On October 2, 1959 (the day Japanese members celebrate the establishment of HSAUWC) the first official Unification Church worship service in Japan took place on the second floor of the Yoogeisha watchmaker's shop in Shinjuku, Tokyo. Only four people, including the first Korean missionary to Japan, Rev. Choi Bong-choon, were at that service. Through witnessing activities, by December 1962, churches had opened in nine locations throughout Japan and each district had a church leader.

On July 15, 1964, our members registered the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity as a religious corporation, with Kuboki Osami as its first president, and on November 1 of the same year, they completed building the headquarters church at Nanpeidai, Shibuya.

Fifty years ago, on January 28, 1965—seven years after Rev. Choi's arrival—Father arrived in Japan, the first nation of the forty-nation First World Tour. During the world tour, Father designated Holy Grounds in 120 locations. In Japan, he designated eight—one each in the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Takamatsu, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Sapporo and Sendai.

The plane landed at 5:20 pm. More than two hundred members welcomed him at Haneda Airport. Father waved to the members as he walked down the ramp. He had lived in Japan in his student days, but this was his first visit to the nation as a True Parent.

Welcoming service

That evening, after completing the entry procedures at the airport, a Japanese member drove (in his own car) Father, Ms. Choi Won-pok, Ms. Kim Young-woon and others to the headquarters church. The church's worship hall overflowed with members. More than two hundred and fifty were singing at the entrance of the

building and in the hallways in preparation to welcome True Father and his entourage. The Welcoming Service began at 8:00 pm. The title of Father's sermon was "God's purpose and Our Goal." Some members at the service did not know that Father spoke Japanese. That Father knew Japanese so well moved many members that listened to him speak fluently for more than two hours. His sermon inspired members and filled them with his love. A veritable flood of tears issued from the eyes of those in the headquarters church that evening.

Reunion with Mrs. Mizuhashi

That evening, Father told Ms. Ishii Tomiko (later the wife of the sixth president of HSAUWC Japan) that he wanted to see the place where he had lived as a student. Ms. Ishii asked Father if he remembered the name of the landlady. Father wrote the surname "Mizuhashi" on a piece of paper. The boarding house that Father had stayed at from 1941 to 1943 as a student in Japan was the house of Mizuhashi Goto and his wife Mizuhashi Ito. While in Japan Father had studied at and graduated from the Waseda High School of Engineering, which was affiliated with Waseda University. During those years, Korean students had difficulty finding a

place to stay. Boarding houses often refused them for being a "Chosenjin" [Korean]. Japanese discriminated against Koreans at that time. Father recalled that despite these circumstances Mr. and Mrs. Mizuhashi treated him with respect. They often brought rice cakes flavored with mugwort (a herb) in the countryside and shared them with those staying at their boarding house.

On January 29, Father revisited Mrs. Mizuhashi's house. The neighborhood had changed much since he had lived there, but Father relied on his memory to find their house and finally reunited with Mrs. Mizuhashi Ito after twenty-one years. At 7:30 pm of that day, a ceremony to confer the Unification Church flag occurred at the Headquarters Church; entertainment took place afterward. At around 11:00 pm, Father distributed handkerchiefs with the Unification emblem imprinted on them to all participants and continued to speak to them until 4:00 in the morning.

First Holy Ground

On the morning of January 31, Father visited the Meiji Shrine and designated Japan's first Holy Ground in Tokyo. On that day, he presided over Sunday service in Japan for the first time and spoke for four hours on

"Jesus' Final Hours and Our Resolution." Through his sermon, Father emphasized, "Japan will be saved if the Japanese people can do the impossible. If the Japanese people take the lead in doing something that the people of the world are unable to do, they will become the race that leads the world, which is why you must love Japan. You must love Japan more than you love me. You must love the world more than you love Rev. Moon. You must love our Heavenly Father."

The longest-standing reputation

On February 1, Father and his entourage boarded the 1:00 pm Hikari shinkansen (bullet train) and departed Tokyo. They arrived at Nagoya Station at 3:30 pm. The entourage visited Nagoya Castle, TV Tower and other locations. They arrived at the Nagoya church at around 4:00 pm. During the welcoming service, Father spoke for more than three and a half hours. He explained that Tokyo is a city of the East; in other words, it refers to the Garden of Eden that God had created. Nagoya refers to a very old house, in other words, a house with the longest standing reputation in the cosmos. He mentioned that it represents Adam's house and that it reminded him of his hometown. Entertainment followed dinner. The par-



True Father at the church in Fukuoka on February 5, 1965



True Father speaking at the church in Nanpeidai, Tokyo, on January 28, 1965



Japanese members of the church in Nanpeidai, Tokyo, with Father on True Parents' birthday, February 7, 1965

ticipants continued to spend time with Father until 4:00 am. February 2 was the first day of the first month on the lunar calendar. Father presided over Pledge Service at 5 am. In the morning, Father designated a hill at the Higashiyama Park as a Holy Ground and sanctified the area. After returning to church, he began to talk to the members again from 12:00 noon and answered questions.

Everybody seems like family

After departing Nagoya, Father and his entourage arrived at the Osaka church at 7:00 pm. At the welcoming service, Father stated, "Tokyo represents the Garden of Eden; Nagoya represents a house with a long-standing reputation, and Osaka reminds me of a large hill. Osaka is the hill upon which they raised the cross, where victory or defeat is to be decided. I hope that the restoration of this area becomes a glorious turning point for Japan and the world." He also said, "Osaka strongly reminds me of a place where everybody seems like family. If all the people connect in heart, centered on God, we will not have any problems with national borders. If a person that truly loves Japan is a Japanese person, a person that truly loves the world and cosmos can be a global citizen and a person recognized and acknowledged by all of heaven and earth." Father then spoke for another three hours on the theme "The Course of Restoration is a Thorny Path" and had dinner after

11:30 pm. On February 3, he designated a Holy Ground on the grounds surrounding Osaka Castle.

Witnessing in a rural areas

Father and his entourage arrived at the Takamatsu church around 10:00 pm on February 3. As soon as he arrived Father emphasized to the members that they can pay any indemnity for issues that the people in the past were unable to resolve. He went on to speak for more than two hours on the mind-set that members should have when witnessing in rural areas. In the morning on February 4, members had breakfast with Father and had time to ask him questions. Later, Father went to Yashima Mountain and designated a Holy Ground in the woods on the summit, which commanded a splendid view of the Seto Inland Sea.

Hiroshima Castle

Father went to Hiroshima on February 4 and arrived at the church at about 8:00 pm. Members sang "Song of Victory" for Father, after which he began to speak to them. Father explained, "The three billion people of the world should understand God's historical heart, Jesus' inner heart, how Jesus felt while on the cross, and then define the standard of indemnity needed to restore that heart on earth. By doing so they should comfort God. When God looks at you he can forget all his hardships. Therefore, you must reach a standard where you can give God new hope and courage." By the

time he finished, it was well passed 3:00 in the morning. After breakfast on February 5, Father answered questions and then everyone enjoyed some entertainment. After this he visited the ruins of Hiroshima Castle and designated a Holy Ground within the castle grounds.

Become God's proud hometown

At around 8:00 pm on February 5, Father arrived at the Fukuoka church. He did not stop to rest but immediately began to speak to the members on the topic, "A Place to Go, a Person to Meet, a Place to Live." Father said, "I hope this place can become God's proud hometown. In order to become that, you will have to shed countless tears, sweat and blood. Fukuoka is a great place. It is blessed. Do not stain the reputation of this land, which played an important role in building this nation. You have to establish a tradition." On February 6, Father went to Nishi Park, where from one side you can see the entire city and from the other, you have a clear view of the Port of Hakata. There, he created a Holy Ground.

Celebrating True Parents' birthday

On February 7, 1965 (1.6 on the lunar calendar) Father led a prayer meeting on the second floor of our national headquarters building at midnight. After this prayer meeting, Pledge Service was held in the first floor worship hall where Father prayed and spoke until 3:00 am. During Sunday



True Father designating a Holy Ground in Nagoya on February 2, 1965

service that day, Father's sermon lasted four hours. He had entitled it "Let Us Find Our Center and Unite." Entertainment began at 8:00 pm. Father cut a one-meter-high birthday cake. Members then held a talent show for Father. Afterward, Father spoke for two hours. The birthday celebration ended at 3:00 in the morning. True Mother had sent a letter to the Japanese members that was read the day after the birthday celebration.

Beloved members in Japan,
How much have you waited for True Parents? Today is a day of joy and longing. I'm sure each of you had been imagining what it would be like to see Father in the flesh.... Your dream is now fulfilled.
Dear members, I regret that I am unable to join you on this joyous day. That is my only regret.
Beloved members, how did you feel after meeting Father? Were you happy or did you feel some distance?
Please do not hastily reach a conclusion. This is about your life; heart comes from your mind which will open your eyes. As you lead a life of attendance without regrets, I hope that you are embraced in Father's heart.
No matter what he says, he is saying it out of a parental heart that wishes to save you. With all your heart, I pray that you remain with Father, make effort until the day we fulfill God's will, until the day of

victory. Let us advance until we see that day longed for by heaven and earth, and all humankind.

We should not be the only ones who experience the joy of the long-awaited day. We must share this joy with all the people of the world. So please do not fall behind but continue to go forward until that day."

In the snow at Hokkaido Shrine

Father and his entourage arrived at Chitose Airport in Hokkaido at 2:10 pm on February 8. Fifteen members from Kushiro and Obihiro had come to our church in Sapporo to greet Father. At around 4:00 pm, Father went to the Hokkaido Shrine and in the snow, which reached his waist, he designated the Holy Ground. After dinner, Father spoke to the members saying, "We must awaken to a sense of mission for Japan. Those who are in some position on behalf of Heaven are not allowed personal peace of mind. You cannot understand God's desire without experiencing it. You must live within God's heart." The ensuing entertainment lasted until 2:00 in the morning. During this time Father shook the hands with each person.

Aoba Castle in Sendai

Father departed the church at 6:30 am on February 9 and took the 7:15 train to Sendai. He arrived in Sendai at night but then began to speak to the members from 1:40 am on February 10. He spoke for two hours on "The

Place to Meet God" and went to sleep at 4 am. The next day, he visited Mount Aoba and designated the Holy Ground within the Aoba Castle grounds. Father then took a plane to Haneda.


Farewell ceremony

From 9:00 pm on February 11, a farewell party was held for Father and his entourage. Father spoke about "Becoming a Person Needed by All People" and emphasized "Unless you overcome the ordinary, God will have no need for you. All of you are Japanese but you do not need anything that is Japanese. God needs all of the world's three billion people. If a man can love Japan with deeper love than any Japanese has for Japan, his loving heart is historic, global and cosmic, and therefore he should have confidence. That person can attend God."

Departure to the United States

At 10:00 am on February 12, 1965, Father and his entourage departed Haneda Airport for San Francisco. More than a hundred and fifty members came to the airport and sang holy songs. Members enthusiastically waved good-bye to Father as he climbed the steps from the tarmac to the cabin door of the plane.

Explosive growth via witnessing

Following Father's visit to Japan, on August 23, 1965, the headquarters church relocated from Nanpeidai to 1-1-2 Shoto Cho, Shibuya, where it currently stands. Choi Bong-choon, who had laid the foundation for our church in Japan departed the nation on November 12 to apply his missionary efforts in the United States. Through the grace received from Father's first visit to the Japanese members, the Unification Church in Japan experienced tremendous growth. What was merely several hundred members before his visit multiplied to several thousands in a matter of years. As we reflect on Father's visit to Japan fifty years ago, let us inherit the tradition of the blessed members who came before us and renew our efforts for greater growth. 

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▲ *Kona Concept*
 ► True Father in Queen Garden with a swordfish he had caught



Rejuvenating an Island Paradise

US NATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITY IN HAWAII

Over a hundred people from around the nation came to Honolulu, answering True Mother's invitation and challenge to renew themselves through testifying to God and True Parents and to gain momentum for work in their communities back home. Modeled on the recent successful Las Vegas outreach, the three-week initiative had its kickoff on Sunday, January 18. What better place to inspire and touch people's hearts than the beautiful island of Oahu?

True Parents have invested a great deal in Hawaii, and the new outreach team has been reaping the fruits. Much of the investment until now has been in Kona. True Father began coming to Kona, Hawaii, in 1989 to fish for Pacific blue marlin, the prized trophy fish of the Pacific. True Father's boat, *Kona Concept*, is still berthed in the city and is used as a charter fishing boat.

In 2001, Father made Kona a primary spot for outreach, requesting Japanese missionaries to come to support witnessing efforts there. Fourteen years later, missionary groups continue to come to Kona for three

months at a time.

The Pacific Rim Education Foundation, a non-profit corporation that seeks to promote peace and healing, was formed two years later, in 2003, and continues to promote and develop programs in Kona on a monthly basis. Kona is also home to the Hawaiian Queen Coffee Farm that boasts over 150 acres of coffee trees and produces award winning coffee sold mostly in Hawaii and in Japan.

In 2007, Father spoke about the significance of Hawaii. An audience member noted that Father spoke of Hawaii as blessed and central in the Pacific Rim era and as the center of the ocean culture, which Father connected to True Mother and the women's era. Father went on to speak of love and healing emanating from Hawaii.

Now, with True Mother's leadership, outreach has expanded to Honolulu, the state's capitol. With the success of the efforts in Kona, Honolulu is an area that holds much promise, as already demonstrated by some of the early results of the three-week outreach initiative that was held

True Mother set an example by mobilizing Korean members to Las Vegas, Nevada, in a focused fourteen-day witnessing campaign. She then asked the US church to bring volunteers from around the nation to witness from January 18–February 8 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Their next area of concentrated outreach will occur in Dallas, Texas, February 15–March 7.

there. A young team member from New York said, "For once in my life, I feel inspired to learn about the Divine Principle, not as an obligation but voluntarily. I want to be able to set a strong foundation, especially through our efforts here."

At the kickoff, local Unificationists, the visiting outreach team and several guests came to hear short messages from Rev. Ernie Ho and Mr. Hiroshi Inose and to enjoy a barbecue. They got to work right away at a nearby park, and during the first hour of the first day the team met two wonderful guests who listened to introductory presentations. One stayed for several hours and the other for the entire afternoon. Both were young adults seeking future direction in their lives. The team met about twenty other people that day and set up appointments with six.

The response was so enthusiastic that several guests continued to listen to Rev. Ho's lecture until well after sunset. The team used flashlights to illuminate the flip chart. "We were reminded of the early days of True Parents' ministry, when guests would



True Parents with Norman Keanaaina, a descendant of Hawaii's King Kamehameha I, and his wife

stay late into the night to receive God's word," one of the participants said. Immediately everyone was energized and felt a sense of victory and confidence from the day's efforts. Most of the young adults had never done any outreach work in a public setting, and they were grateful for their first experience.

The team contained an exciting mix of ages. With new participants arriving every week from all over the country, the group continued its dynamic development.

Every day the team spoke with people they met at the University of Hawaii and in the beautiful Waikiki Beach area. Team leaders presented Divine Principle lectures to which the team members invited passersby. Each day began with morning devotions and prayers for God's blessing on the Hawaiian people and on the outreach work. Truly inspired and dedicated to their task, some team members awakened at 4:30 AM every day for prayer at Waikiki Beach.

"We all need our Heavenly Parent's word to understand God's heart in one way or another," said a senior

team member from New Jersey. To build a family atmosphere on the team, shared responsibilities were encouraged, as well as daily hoon-dokhae (study of scripture) together, and outreach partners were continuously rotated so that everyone had an opportunity to bond.

The team members spent as much time being inspired by the beautiful scenery as they did inspiring the people they met with the Divine Principle. On January 19, the group went on a tour of the Honolulu Holy Ground and the famous Diamond Head peak. Five young adults from the local community acted as tour guides to the spectacular views of Honolulu.

Within the first two days the team members gained great momentum and camaraderie and looked forward to the next few weeks on their journey with its new experiences and challenges. Every week the new teams spent one morning learning how to present a simple introduction to the Divine Principle and then headed out to the University of Hawaii campus.

During the first week, students were very receptive and the team

made a total of twenty-eight contacts. They gave introductory presentations to six students and set up appointments with others. The younger members of the team worked in pairs as they sought to connect in a meaningful way with their peers. The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), which is established on campus, made meeting rooms available for Divine Principle presentations. The team also had success at Waikiki Beach, which has been a wonderful spot to talk with people in the late afternoon before catching a glimpse of the breathtaking sunsets.

As the participants were learning and growing, they also took time to reflect on their experiences and to make new goals. Many felt challenged to find a way to explain their faith clearly. Others were striving to engage in more meaningful discussions in order to form authentic relationships. All were committed to investing themselves in everyone they met as a way for God to work through them.

One girl from New York City who was participating with her mother de-

scribed her unique growth experience in Hawaii. "I'm glad that I had my mom by my side so I could hear how she got through to people. Learning and listening to her was pretty hard in the beginning, because I wasn't into meeting people all day for eight hours. By the time I actually started opening my mind and participating, it got a lot better. I loved listening to other people's thoughts. I feel that they inspired me, when I thought I was supposed to be the one inspiring them!"

To celebrate the end of the first week, the Honolulu Family Church prepared a special dinner to thank the participants. Each person gave a brief personal introduction, and both local Unificationists and members of the outreach team provided entertainment. One guest, who also attended the program, commented, "Everyone here is wonderful!"

The second week of outreach activities began on Sunday, January 25, with Sunday service at the Honolulu Family Church and an inspiring message from the Reverend Ernie Ho. The team said goodbye to some of the first week's participants and welcomed seven new people from around the country. After lunch with the community, the new team headed to Waikiki Beach for brief outreach activity. Later that evening they had the opportunity to snorkel in Hanama Bay and enjoy a leisurely dinner before gearing up for a new day of outreach.

The successful first week of outreach created much excitement for the second, so much so that on the first day of Week Two they already met half as many people as they had in the entire first week. The team gave eleven one-on-one introductory presentations, four overviews of the Principle of Creation, and made twelve appointments for future presentations and discussions.

As in Week One, all members of the team were encouraged to learn how to deliver their own one-on-one Divine Principle presentations. A few began giving introductory presentations on a regular basis, while the rest of the team continued to train and practice. Many participants said they felt invigorated as they shared their faith, and much of the feedback was positive and inspiring.

This enthusiasm has allowed the



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team to capture the attention of some wonderful guests, one of whom met with the team every day to hear a quick Divine Principle summary, starting from the Introduction to the Second Advent, all the way to the Meaning of the Holy Marriage Blessing. He said, "What I have heard here is more complete and thorough than any other Christian explanation I have received from the different churches I've attended in the past."

It has been a truly transforming experience for guests and participants alike. One of the guests who heard a lecture on the Human Fall remarked, "I always thought that the fruit in the

Bible was a literal fruit. I didn't think about the deeper meaning behind the symbolism."

After hearing the Mission of the Messiah lecture, another guest commented, "I went to Catholic schools and never heard the priest talk about John the Baptist. I never considered that he may not have fulfilled his mission." Another student was so fascinated that she stayed to hear the lecture on the Human Fall.

"It has become clear to me that everyone I approach is looking for something," said a twenty-one-year-old participant from New Jersey. "Everybody is searching for some-



- 1 A witnessing team of US members from Hawaii and the mainland
- 2 A member giving a Divine Principle lecture in a University of Hawaii classroom
- 3 Meeting guests by a park near Waikiki Beach
- 4 A member looking at the outreach manual
- 5 Members talking to locals in a park
- 6 Preparing for outreach activities on the University of Hawaii campus




thing more. We are all on this earth together, and now my life is intertwining with people I would have never known otherwise. I am learning about the power of conviction, the power of the word and the power of the spirit world. I know that I still have so much ahead of me and so much more to learn and discover."

It has been exciting to see the transformation of the team members as they invest themselves sincerely. Their confidence and sense of identity have grown. The most profound development, however, is their increasing desire to bring others to God and True Parents and make a lasting impact in

Hawaii. Through these efforts, outreach on campus continued to grow day by day. Senior members of the team have even begun training three young members to give introductory lectures with PowerPoint in order to keep up with the demand for presentations.

The team celebrated the end of Week Two on Friday, January 30, with a pizza party among their guests. Over forty people attended, heard a short talk, played games and enjoyed one another's company. The evening was filled with such interesting discussions that many were reluctant to leave. The event was a wonderful

closing to an inspiring week, one that the outreach team would use to continue to propel them forward in their third and last week of activities, as well as in their respective communities around the nation.

All of the participants agreed with the response of one senior team member from New York City who said, "I am grateful from the bottom of my heart to be called to this Pacific island which bears such great significance in the providence of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents!" 

The National Ministry Team of FFWPU in the United States contributed this article.

Let Us Work toward Peace in a Resurgent Asia

The following is a speech, edited for inclusion in TP magazine, by Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, prime minister of Nepal (2009–2011) on the occasion of his accepting UPF's Leadership and Good Governance Award.

My life is an open book. Coming from a lower middle-class background, I was more interested in the uplift and well-being of down-trodden and backward communities than serving to uphold the traditional social order. The existence of prejudice and discrimination in my country on the basis of caste, creed, culture, religion and gender has deeply disturbed me since my young days. I have devoted my entire life to promotion of civil liberties, human rights, democracy, peoples' elevation and development, and foreign policy. I have spent more than four decades in the service of the country.

Starting as a young leader of the Communist Party of Nepal, I rose to the top position of the party and the nation within these periods. As a person dedicated to value-based politics, morality and principle, I tried to awaken the government and run it on the need for transparency in public life and upholding principles of good government.

Having a coalition government of political parties with different orientations and outlooks, when I served as prime minister, my tasks were quite challenging and difficult. I gave much emphasis to the issues of the environment, faster economic development with social equity and justice, the building of our physical infrastructures and time-bound but quality work.

With this note, may I once again thank the organizers for boosting my morale to continue to work for my country with new vigor and vitality for development and good government.

I come from Nepal, the land of the



Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, prime minister of Nepal (2009–2012), delivering his address

world's highest peak, Mount Sagarmatha (Everest) and a country known as the cradle of two of the oldest religions of the world, Hinduism and Buddhism, and for its high degree of religious and cultural tolerance. Lord Buddha, born in Lumbini, Nepal, propagated the core message of peace, harmony, non-violence and universal fraternity. I am honored to bring the message of goodwill and friendship from our people to the friendly people of the Philippines and to all of you who have come from different parts of the world.

Achieving, maintaining peace

When we talk of peace in any context, I believe that the core of the matter is sustainable peace. We must remember that the Asia Pacific region is an area of both contrasts and extremities; it is imbued with strong and weak points. Asia is the largest and most populous continent and is the confluence of the world's major religions, cultures and civilizations. Asia has

been blessed with great thinkers and philosophers, such as Lord Buddha, Confucius and Mahatma Gandhi, and by and large, we share a common oriental heritage and similar thinking and philosophy.

Asia also faced the tyranny of colonialism and its attendant problems of exploitation and oppression for too long, as it fell prey to the designs of imperialism. Though remaining perpetually independent, we saw the domination of our South Asian next-door neighbors by colonial powers. As Asia is resurging to regain its lost glory in terms of human accomplishments, peace, progress and stability, our feelings are that the teachings of Lord Buddha who advocated peace, harmony and compassion more than 2,500 years ago, are more relevant today than ever before.

The present century represents an era of Asian renaissance. While there are promising forecasts for a faster pace of economic development in the Asia Pacific region, with the global center of gravity of economic and technical development slowly but irreversibly shifting to the region from America and Europe, we have to take lessons from the past when wars and rivalries for dominance pervaded the region.

Two world wars ravaged the region during the last hundred years and innumerable conflicts and proxy wars between big powers impoverished most of the region's countries. In a nutshell, we can safely say that the root cause of these wars and conflicts was nothing but the sheer sense of rivalry and the penchant among powerful countries for ensuring their power, influence and control of resources.



A scene from Asia Summit 2015



Religious leaders give a joint benediction.

Despite the end of the wars and conflicts, countries of the region still suffer from the aftermath of the past, ranging from various irritants in interstate relations to potential dangers of nuclear proliferation. These challenges and constraints call for promoting a climate of mutual trust, understanding and cooperation among countries.

Obstacles to be overcome

Broadly speaking, there are four major thrust areas for upholding sustainable peace in our region that is replete with great social diversity and a multiplicity of languages, religions and ethnicities and is governed by various value systems. These include the fostering of social harmony and peace within the country, promotion of peace and friendship among countries in the region, maintenance of harmony with nature in view of climatic change caused by global warming, desertification, deforestation, pollution, unplanned development and reckless human encroachment, the strengthening of social equality, inclusive development and a greater degree of mass participation as a precondition for sustainable peace, security and human development.

Likewise, the process of pursuing confidence building measures and promoting fruitful bilateral and multilateral cooperation among countries of our region should be allowed to go unhindered, taking into account the sensitivities and aspirations of the countries concerned. We should also ensure effective cooperation to thwart the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as this may act as a potential instrument to deny progress, peace and stability.

The natural environment

I am pleased to note that climate change, environmental and ecological conservation are aspects that are quite close to my heart. In our region, climatic change has wrought havoc and pitfalls. Nepal's vital lifeline is the Himalayan ecosystem that provides water for the sustenance of the entire region of Nepal, India and Bangladesh and provides shelter and sustenance to more than a billion people. The melting of glaciers at an accelerated rate has continued unabated, posing serious downstream with an adverse impact on tens of millions of people, the physical infrastructure and the unique biodiversity. I am sure other countries have their own problems in undertaking ecological conservation because of global warming.

Economic equality


Poverty is another potential area for future conflict, as it may seriously disturb peace in our region and undermine all our efforts toward progress and stability. The Asia Pacific region has the largest concentration of impoverished people in the world. Nepal supports general and comprehensive disarmament to do away with the basic root of conflict and dissension among countries and peoples. We strongly feel that while nations in the region should work for harmony, cooperation and reconciliation, expenditures for armaments should be diverted toward social progress, economic development, employment generation and removal of different forms of disparity. This is possibly the only way to restore the Asia Pacific region to its earlier era of progress and stability as Asia dominated the world

for centuries before the rise of Western nations.

Existential threats

Besides conventional problems afflicting our region, insurgency and rebellion have also posed problems in many countries. As a country that went through the problem of painful insurgency for a decade after the Maoists went underground to carry out a so-called people's war, Nepal is quite conscious of the problems of peace-building, conflict resolution and protracted negotiations and their impact on the national economy. We need continued support and understanding from the international community for taking our peace process to its logical conclusion.

As one of the top leaders of Nepal directly involved in bringing Maoist rebels to the national mainstream through both overt and covert negotiations and ensuring their participation in the multiparty system wedded to full-fledged democracy, human rights, civil liberties and inclusive development, I completed the process of integration and rehabilitation of former Maoist rebels. This was the first major headway in our peace process. I am still committed to working toward promulgating a new constitution at an early date despite some hiccups created by the activities of political forces not responsive to the actual aspirations of our people.

Finally, let me thank you all for your kind patience and wish the Asian Summit all success in its task of promoting steps toward sustainable peace, security and human development in the region. 



Home Group Mission Work in Sao Paulo State



For many years before the home groups began, Mr. Francisco Luis Santos Sobrinho and Mr. Cláudio Antonio Vidotti had been investing their hearts into their missions, seeking victory, but they suffered because of difficulties they faced in breaking barriers to sharing their faith. Looking forward to victory as heavenly tribal messiahs, they were putting great effort into activities such as distributing pamphlets and inviting people to workshops. Mr. Santos Sobrinho even renovated rooms in his house to use it as a small training center, holding one-, three- or four-day workshops. Nevertheless, even though they did this, the barriers to effectively sharing their faith were hard to break; for years, they did not have any result.

The number of activities they'd conducted, their dedication, sacrifice and investments of love were not in question. Taking his guests to the workshop, Mr. Vidotti faced many difficulties to restore them, especially his relatives. The guests did not take the presentations seriously; until the end, they were thinking that ours is just another religion that did not have anything to do with their lives. Despite their great exertions, the missionaries felt that something wasn't right, something was missing, but they were unsure what it was.

Home group work in Itapeperica began in 2011. At first, home groups did not develop quickly. Because of a lack of understanding, only a few members accepted this method of outreach. However, through many workshops and listening to testimonies about how the home groups changed lives for the better, the members became receptive and began home group activities. For all the members in Itapeperica to involve themselves in home group activities took seven months. This may seem like a long time, but it was rather fast compared to the average speed of churches throughout Brazil. The missionaries took pains to deepen members' understanding of the home group providence. Members also en-

- 1 Members of the Itapeperica home group
- 2 After completing a home group workshop
- 3 Members become close through one-on-one education in their home groups.



joyed the DVDs provided by the headquarters with topics about home groups and gave them to other blessed couples in their mission area.

As a result of members participating in the home group providence, the church's environment changed completely through an influx of new people. In Itapecerica, we had only twenty-five members attending Sunday service when the home groups began. New members through home groups doubled that number.

Even in this small mission area, home groups flourished, completing the third stage of multiplication. From one cell that took six months to multiply, sixteen cells have resulted.

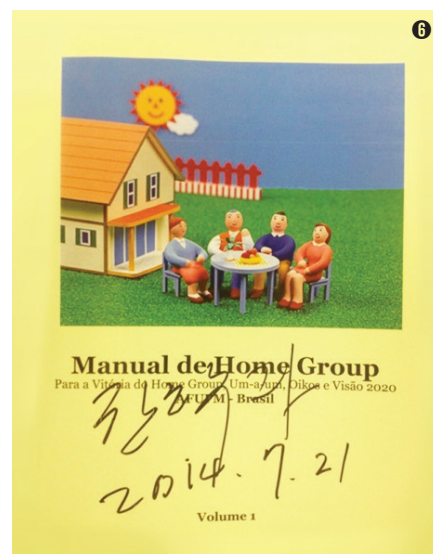
All the blessed members, including the missionaries, are leading their lives normally and have jobs. Yet, once a week, everyone attends their home group meeting with guests. They are gaining great success through one-on-one Divine Principle lectures, restoring people as spiritual children.

Through the home groups, a change occurred in our members'

conceptual framework. Before home groups, their daily lives were disconnected from church activities. Our members led their lives normally while trying to find time for outreach outside of their daily routines. Now that home groups have developed in a natural manner, members are connecting their daily lives to the witnessing activities.

Using the weekly goal, the members are constantly seeking individual perfection through eliminating characteristics of fallen nature, developing true love, having experiences with God and undergoing internal healing. They practice the precept, "When I change myself, my partner will also change," through which a couple's relationship improves.

Thus, by loving each other day by day, not just in their home group meeting, they are sharing their faith with our other members (strengthen-



- 4 Rev. Sasaki Koichi giving a lecture to members
- 5 The group poses after the workshop
- 6 A Home Group Manual True Mother signed



A Home Group Assembly in Brazil at the South American regional headquarters

ing the heart-to-heart connection among them). Some people are even breaking barriers they had encountered in their tribal messiah work. They have begun making progress with relatives on whom for so long they had been unable to make an impression.

Another change experienced in the mission field was that members began coming to the church at other times than just for Sunday service. According to one missionary, one of the secrets behind the good development

of home groups was his having visited each blessed family in his mission area, in order to love, serve and care for them; thus, they became closer in heart.

Today, members continually visit the church. They look to the missionary for advice about their lives and are more involved in church-related issues. This resulted from the missionary visiting families on a near daily basis when home groups began. Those visits happened in the evening because the missionary works Mon-

day to Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Each Saturday and Sunday he strives to visit a home group leader and a blessed family in order to express love for and develop greater affection among the members.

Every fifteen days, the home group leaders hold a meeting to report and to learn from one another. At the meeting, they share experiences of success, resolve doubts, talk about their difficulties and listen to advice from the missionary or from other home group leaders.

Members in the mission field realize that three points are essential to home group success: Union of heart between the home group leaders and the local central figure; heart-to-heart connection between the home group leader and the vice-leader, and success in reaching a weekly goal in some area that causes real change in people's lives. Those in the Itapeperica mission field have consistently made effort to attend all meetings, reunions, events and workshops about home groups, seeking to deepen their relationship with the national leader and thus attract heavenly fortune to their activities.

The Effectiveness of Setting Weekly Goals : Two women, leaders of home groups in Brazil, testify

Elisângela Martins:

I am the leader of the home group *Luz Celestial* (Heavenly Light), from the city of Riacho de Santana. After I began using the weekly goal in our home group I felt that now, certainly, the possibility exists for us to reach perfection!

I know that we often think that perhaps no way to reach perfection in our lifetimes exists. Yet, today we have True Parents, who perfected themselves and left us their legacy and their teachings so that we can also reach the long awaited perfection. One of their teachings is the weekly goal, which we have initiated in our home group. That is why today I am here to share with you what the home group and the weekly goal have changed in my life.

I have always had the habit of rating my husband's behavior, and I easily got irritated for any small reason, always analyzing whether he had acted correctly. So I decided to make my the weekly goal, "not to get irritated because of his behavior, try not to check if he was right or wrong, fight against my thoughts." It worked very well! I realized that he was not the problem but it was my own fallen nature (anger). I made effort not to feel anger anymore, nor indignation nor contempt. I was already tired

of these feelings. With the victory in the weekly goal, today I feel lighter.

By nature, my husband speaks in a loud voice. But when he spoke to me like that, I always closed myself up, feeling my pride was hurt. I would not talk to him for three days or more. I made my weekly goal—instead of getting irritated—not to take it so seriously, even to joke about it. That was the hardest goal for me to achieve. I had to repeat it a few times, but in the end I managed to do it.

I had the habit of asking help from many people, especially my husband. I put as one weekly goal that I would serve more instead of asking favors from people and in that I also succeeded. To fight against that habit was very difficult, but my husband helped me a lot. With my son, things changed too. Because of work, I am out of the house most of the day. He ends up being left alone without my attention. Because of a goal I made, today I give him more attention, phoning him when I am out and asking him how his day at school was, about homework, etc. After all, we have to eliminate many fallen natures so we have many weekly goals to work on. I know I have defects that cause other people problems, but through the

Some members have overcome great family difficulties they had had with their spouse or children through their home group weekly goal. Feeling gratitude for that, they devoted themselves to becoming successful in home group outreach. They are breaking through in many areas now. For example, someone that has been a member for about a year and a half brought in a spiritual son through a home group and through one-on-one lecturing. This spiritual child has already received the blessing and is becoming the leader of his own home group.

An example of a home group meeting in the Itapecerica mission area:

They hold the meeting at some time other than when Sunday service takes place because members must attend the service.


- 1) Prayer and holy songs (Sometimes, to help open guests' hearts they sing Christian songs.)
- 2) An ice-breaker to relax and soften the hearts of the participants. (During the week, one of the participants prepares some simple, brief game and introduces it at the meeting.)

- 3) A short reading from True Parents' teachings, lasting no more than five minutes (The reading has to be easily understandable for the guests.)
- 4) A conversation about the topic of the reading and an exchange of experiences. (At this point everyone should speak with love and without showing fallen nature, controlling themselves. Everyone else should listen with the utmost attention and interest as an expression of love toward the speaker.)
- 5) They talk about the weekly goal, explaining how they battled to win a victory, if they did win. If not, they admit what difficulty prevented them from winning and express how determined they are to succeed in reaching the next weekly goal. Listening to the members testify about their victories in their weekly goals piques the guests' interest. They want to learn more, to establish their own weekly goal and to experience real change in their lives.
- 6) Socialize over food (Sometimes, this includes a game. This, like the ice-breaker, is a means to approach a person's heart and help the per-

son go home happier. During the week the guests are likely to look forward to continuing this type of interaction and members likewise will look forward to seeing the guests again.)

- 7) The concluding prayer (It may include requests; for example, prayer for an ailing relative.)
- 8) Emphasize the next meeting, to be held in the house of another member or guest.

Members widely report that through home groups, their hope to get spiritual children and fulfill their missions as heavenly tribal messiahs is increasing. They are growing individually through the weekly goal, improving their interfamily relationships and relationships among the brothers and sisters in our church.

After achieving home group success through harmony and unity, members share their faith with guests naturally and experience joy through having spiritual children. The oldest members say that the environment and heart-to-heart connection causes a warm feeling inside of them that reminds them of the early days in the church. 

weekly goal I feel that I can increasingly do better, because when I stop feeling anger, indignation and disappointment I liberate my heart to love. I feel conviction that I will be a better wife, mother, friend, home group leader and a better daughter to bring joy to God and True Parents.

Mrs. Célia Lelis:

I started participating in the home group, Peace of Life, about a year and a half ago. The Peace of Life leader, Mr. Amarildo, always strongly emphasized the importance of the weekly goal. Slowly, I started to feel an internal change, and today my life is completely different. I made a weekly goal to overcome difficulties with my husband and with the people around me. I went to sleep and woke up thinking about my goal. As I got up, I was already thinking about how I could meet that weekly goal today.

Reading Mrs. Onnan's testimony in the Home Group Manual, I sometimes became emotional. I cried because I found answers to my difficulties. Sometimes I laughed, because the difficulties that she struggled with were exactly the same as mine. After striving with my weekly

goal, I reached the conclusion that I don't want to allow small things to disturb my happiness anymore. When my husband would do small things... For example, his leaving orange peels in the sink or bread crumbs on the table was already enough to irritate me and I couldn't love him. When I made a goal to overcome these things, achieving it was not easy.

I fought strongly with myself, I didn't fight with other people, nor with my husband, but with myself. I realized that the problem was in me. I was seeing my problems in others and getting angry with them for that reason. After I overcame my problems, I could see that they were all good people, and I did not see my problems in them anymore. Today I feel completely different, and my husband is finishing one-on-one Divine Principle study. When I started achieving my weekly goals, eliminating those behaviors that irritated me, my husband changed very much; today we live in harmony. I feel that I lost time in my life, because the things to overcome where small things that had been disturbing me for a long time. Now, when my husband does just a small thing for me, I already feel joy. The weekly goal in my home group wrought real change in our lives and in our relationship as a couple.

On Human Rights and Faith in a World Gone Awry

This interview of Mr. Steinar Murud, secretary-general of UPF-Norway, appeared on January 4 in the Oslo Times, of which the interviewer, Mr. Hatef Mokhtar, is the editor.

What does human rights mean to you?

I believe human rights are divine rights. The value, dignity and freedom of a human being are absolute. God created us in his image and he created us to be free. He does not restrict our freedom even though we make mistakes; therefore, human rights are divine and absolute. They serve as a guarantee for people's security and provide the freedom for people's growth and development. The attack on Charlie Hebdo in Paris was a most tragic violation of these rights. Violence and terror is never acceptable; that was just a pure criminal act.

However, with rights comes duties. We can say that the privileges of freedom must be accompanied by responsibility. We speak about human rights but it is equally important to talk about our human responsibility. We all need to strive to be responsible

individuals, responsible to take care of each other and to take care of the world we live in. Human rights are necessary in order to build a peaceful world, but I think they are not enough; a world of responsible people can take us all the way to a peaceful goal.

Please tell me about UPF activities in Norway.

All of our activities are focused on world peace. We have focused on three areas. The first one is interfaith relations. Religions are important ways to elevate the human spirit. We believe all religions are meant to serve all mankind, toward the building of a peaceful world. But in a world with conflicts that involve religions, we try to come back to the root. Our interfaith conferences strive to find the values all religions have in common, how to contribute to peace and to

build trust and good relationships. Many of the conferences have taken place in local churches, temples and mosques, and in partnership with the respective congregations.

The second focus-area has been family values. The idea of a peaceful world must be built from the grassroots level. The grassroots level is the family. The family unit is a micro-society. Loving family relations benefit the social environment and serve as building blocks for a safe and sound society. We have organized many conferences to address this topic from different perspectives and have often celebrated the UN International Day of Families at Diakonhjemmet University College in Oslo.

Our third area of activity has been service projects. We are doing two projects. One is regular shipments of surplus clothes to Estonia. We have continued this project for many years.



A UPF event at a Buddhist temple in Norway



Mr. Steinar Murud, secretary-general of UPF-Norway

The other project has been on a European level; we have sent medical equipment to support a Red Cross hospital for children in Pyongyang, North Korea.

What has UPF achieved in Norway?

Sometimes achievements can be difficult to measure. Spiritual accomplishments cannot always be counted in dollars or kroner. However, we have brought thousands of people together from all different faiths in Norway. Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, Bahias... plus more have participated in meetings and events. We have brought participants to meetings in Europe or other parts of the world and even to the Middle East. We should not underestimate the value of such exchanges. Meeting someone from another culture or religion can change your perspective completely. The reflections of participants testify to that.

What has UPF achieved internationally?

International activities serve the same purpose: to contribute to world peace.

With representation in most countries in the world, I could mention many projects. I will mention three of them.

The first one is the effort for peaceful relations between North Korea and South Korea. Our founder, Dr. Sun Myung Moon, comes from North Korea but was a strong opponent of the Communist and Juche ideologies. In spite of this, he reconciled with president Kim Il Sung in a meeting that helped create a new policy between North Korea and South Korea. Dr. Moon received permission to build a peace center in Pyongyang. This center opened in August 2007. Many sports and cultural exchanges were organized. Behind the tension between North Korea and South Korea, UPF played a calming role. The regime respected Dr. Moon and his federation and awarded him a National Reunification Prize, post mortem, right after his passing in 2012. Even during the most tense time in Spring 2013, North Korea sent gifts on his widow's birthday. I am sure soft diplomacy is important to prevent hard conflicts.

In the Middle East, UPF has organ-

ized hundreds of events, starting after the Second Intifada in 2003. The atmosphere was tense, suicide bombings took place even close to the hotel of one of the events and the tourist industry had collapsed. At that time, the Middle East Peace Initiative started with a delegation of significant religious leaders from all over the world coming to Israel. Al Aqsa Mosque opened its doors to them all, even though it was an interreligious group. On the political side, Yassir Arafat welcomed the initiative. UPF opened a culture center in Gaza and did service projects in Bethlehem. UPF organized many conferences in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Religious leaders, politicians and academics attended from the region and from all over the world. Even though the conflict is still hot, efforts for peace are never in vain and the initiative keeps going.

In Nepal, UPF played a role in the process to enable democratic elections in 2008. A series of leadership conferences took place from 2005 to 2008. Mahatma Gandhi's grandson participated in one of them and stated, "Why are only we talking about the



Interaction during the interview with the *Oslo Times* editor

need for the Maoists to give up violence? Why don't we talk to the Maoists?" This was reported in the media, and the Maoists started to attend. The Maoist leader, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who is known as Prachanda, responded to UPFs principles for peace. These conferences and meetings continued and contributed to the democratic election in 2008, in which Prachanda was elected prime minister.

How is UPF funded?

UPF is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council in the UN. The federation is independent of governments, also when it comes to funding. Each national chapter of UPF is responsible for their own programs and funding. In Norway I must admit we have a low budget that basically comes from private sponsors. From time to time, we have received project funds from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We always report back and the reports have always been approved.

The international headquarters in New York organizes international conferences and events. The key speakers are usually funded by UPF international, while other guests are sponsored by the local UPF chapters. From information I am aware of, the international headquarters has various businesses and organizations as sponsors.

What do you think of the Islamic extremists in Europe?

Extremism is a problem wherever we find it. All my Muslim friends tell me

that Islam means peace and that we all need to coexist in a peaceful way, but the extremists think they are superior to others and show no respect for alternative thoughts. Their ideology has left the concept of religion and has adopted concepts you find in Nazism, Communism or Darwinism, with the survival of the fittest. They talk about their own rights and oppose all others. Islamic extremism is based on a dangerous ideology, disguised as a religion and we need to find ways to prevent its development.

What is your opinion of the right wing groups?

Right wing groups and Islamic extremists are more similar than they think. They are both based on the idea that they are superior in some way. None of them has anything to offer to create a peaceful world.

What do you see as the biggest challenge or threat for humanity today?

Spiritually, I think we can say that mankind's fundamental problem is our separation from our common creator, God. We have lived like orphans with no feeling that we are related to each other through our common creator. People are driven by self-interest rather than God's interests. Who can see the world from God's point of view? Very few unfortunately. This mind-set is an obstacle to world peace.

This mind-set has many faces, sometimes in the form of nationalism, sometimes in the form of racism or sometimes in the form of religious extremism. To change this mind-set is a

fundamental challenge. Maybe we need a global education movement to cultivate the human spirit. But if I should pinpoint the most dangerous expression of it, it would probably be the religious extremism.

What would be the best strategy to deal with extremism?

The best way is to find ways to prevent it. The strong growth of ISIS shocked all of us, but it was not created overnight. ISIS in Iraq grew out of a long period of resentment and frustration over not being included or listened to by the Shia-dominated government. Of course, it would be impossible to say that a policy of inclusion would have prevented ISIS from rising. But I certainly think it would have been a better strategy.

I believe the Norwegian policy to include minorities has helped to reduce conflicts between religious groups and has lessened the development of extremism. People that feel excluded are always in danger of becoming an opponent or in the worst case an extremist in their society. We need to avoid that.

On the other hand, when prevention does not work, and we see extremism in the form of violence and terror, we have to deal with it as any other criminal act.

How can we deal with the human rights violations in North Korea?

As long as the regime continues, there is little one can realistically do. There is no way to interfere in internal matters or single cases, particularly not in North Korea.

The only way is to keep working with the regime. Never give up the hope of peaceful dialogue. Even if we disagree completely with the ideology and strongly condemn the horrible human rights violations, we need to show to the regime that we care for their country and love its people. We are not their enemy. We want to help the North Korean people. This is the way to build trust. And based on trust, mutual development can take place. Many think that the North Korean regime is paranoid and sees enemies everywhere. They might be right, but I still think that too strong condemnations and boycotts could be counterproductive and drive the



After the interview

regime into an even deeper paranoia, resulting in more enmity.

I believe there is hope. At the moment there is a desire from both sides to talk. A united Korea would be a wonderful blessing for the entire nation, for the region and the world. I believe and hope that this vision can catch fire both in North Korea and South Korea. We also need to cling to this vision in order to secure human rights in North Korea.

Who is Dr. Moon to you?

To me, UPF's founder is a man with a divine calling. He said that he was called to his mission directly by God, when Jesus appeared to him after spending a night in prayer. I see him as a man with a divine agenda rather than a human one. I mean that he was a man that did what he believed was God's will in spite of human trends or political correctness. He always spoke his mind even at the risk of his life.

I have been a member of many organizations in search of a better world but I never came across anybody of Rev. Moon's caliber. He was strongly involved in Korea's independence movement during the Japanese occupation. He was arrested, tortured but did not give any information. Still, he worked to help the Japanese officials to escape to safety after the war. In spite of Korean hostility toward Japan, he was a strong spokesman for reconciliation with Japan. He is known as the initiator of the Japan-Korea tunnel project.

He was a pioneer behind the New Village Movement in Korea. He

founded the Little Angels children's dance group, a flagship of Korean culture. He founded many businesses in the area of machine tools, health and tourism. He was also dedicated to a free world without totalitarian regimes. A series of conferences and seminars eventually led him to meetings with both Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. These meetings resulted in respectively diplomatic relations between Russia and South Korea and the end of the annual anti-American propaganda week.

During the cold war, he initiated the *Washington Times* newspaper as an alternative voice in the US capital. This was a needed newspaper that brought many new reports from behind the Iron Curtain.

The interfaith area was a high priority for him. He inspired the making of *World Scripture*, an anthology of sacred texts, made by a large committee of religious contributors. He suggested setting up an interreligious council in the UN in order to facilitate religions becoming a constructive force for peace. This initiative was seriously followed up by the Philippine government.

I have witnessed so many conferences that he initiated, over and over, all of them to secure good international, intercultural and interreligious harmony. As I mentioned initially, behind his external work lay a spiritual drive, motivated by his relationship with God. His personal faith was his driving force. He said that he felt God's sorrow and as long as he felt this, he could not rest. Some just called him a businessman. I know for

sure that he was rather driven by a spiritual call, but in a very practical way. He spoke about the promised kingdom and said it would come, but emphasized that we are the ones that are responsible to build it.

In 2012, he passed away, but his legacy remains. He took upon himself an enormous task—building a world of peace. That was his calling. He led an extraordinary life, inspired many and accomplished much. I am one of the inspired ones that share the vision, and I hope and work to see this dream come true.

What do you think of the *Oslo Times* and do you have a message for its readers?

I am inspired and impressed by the *Oslo Times*. I visited your office last summer. I am impressed that you could organize such a team of journalists and correspondents in so many places in the world. I am impressed by all the news that you provide. I am also inspired by the fact that you are more than a commercial enterprise, you have an idealistic ambition of contributing to a free world with respect for human rights.

My message to the readers is a spiritual one: Mankind's problems are fundamentally not the lack of money, materials or any other physical value. Our problem is a spiritual one. The heart of the problem is the human heart. Seven billion people with hearts to serve will solve all problems in the world. It is easy to say but it is still the simple truth. All kinds of initiatives that promote such a culture of service and peace should be stimulated.

Many cultures blossomed around a religion. I believe each religion brought new light to the world. They elevated the human spirit and made the foundation for cultural development.

We need to find this essence in our faiths and work together. I am sure that with sincere hearts and sincere efforts, the invisible but absolute God will be able to guide us to the final chapter in his providence, the building of a peaceful world. *TP*

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The European Second Generation Department

BLESSED CHILDREN CARRYING ON THE VISION OF OUR TRUE PARENTS

The European Second Generation Department (ESGD) formally started in 1997 to provide activities on a European level and also to support the development of activities for blessed children in respective nations. Even earlier, there were European activities prepared and run by elder second gen who pioneered the international cooperation. The formation of ESGD was a result of teamwork and the vision of several key pioneers amongst the elder second generation and supportive parents. Since then, the ESGD has developed various activities focused on internal education. The vision and goal has been to guide blessed children in understanding and inheriting True Parents' vision and lifestyle through:

1. Developing a personal relationship with God and True Parents
2. Preparing to receive the Blessing from our True Parents and living a 'Blessing lifestyle'
3. Practicing a life of living for the

sake of others, and then finding an individual calling from God to contribute their creativity for improving the world.

4. Understanding the identity of blessed children as descendants of True Parents' lineage.

The main leaders have always been blessed children, working together with the first generation based on common values and a shared vision. At the moment there are ten staff members (including the Second Generation Blessing Department), representing different ages, genders, nations, and fields of education. ESGD works based on shared leadership and teamwork. The main activities are:

- European workshops and activities for high school students (European HARP)
- European workshops and network for the 18+ age group (SAWS 18+)
- European education for Blessing preparation, support for

blessed couples and Blessing related areas (Second Generation Blessing Department)

- Training and mission programs for high school graduates (DONE and DONE mission programs)
- Support for national youth leaders and national workshops and activities—consulting and contributing through our connections.
- Providing pastoral care through our personal networks and as follow up to our activities.

Please visit www.esgd.org to find out more and to learn about upcoming events and activities. You can also see pictures from the activities on the ESGD Facebook page.

The ESGD staff: Patrick Hanna, Yebuny Hanna, Grace Cho, Sean Greaves, Joyce Koetsier, Geros Kunkel, Orlande Schenk, Nathalie Waldmann, Julius Alexy, Martin Alexy

Introducing ESGD staff

Patrick Hanna

Patrick Hanna is 27 years old and lives in the UK. He has an English father and a Korean mother and is the fourth of six children. He was blessed with Yebuny in 2009. He holds a BA degree in English Language and Literature from Kings College, London. He has worked full-time for ESGD since 2011, previously working with 2nd gen in the

UK. His main mission areas are supporting the Blessing Department, the DONE programme and pastoral care for HARP and 18+ brothers and sisters.

Personal statement:

I feel the value and the need to support blessed children on their way to the Blessing, and in discovering and creating value as a blessed couple. I am indebted to all those who offered

me genuine care and good spiritual education, particularly my parents and those elder brothers and sisters who invested in me. With their guidance, I could come to understand my spiritual identity in God and True Parents – so I want to help others in that important process. I see the value in the international network, and the culture that we can establish working together to support blessed families for the future.

Yebuny Hanna

Yebuny Hanna is 26 years old and lives in the UK. She was blessed to Patrick in 2009 and has an English father and a German mother. She holds a BA degree in Education and Religion from the University of Cambridge, and is currently completing her MA in Leadership. From a young age, she has always been involved with local youth, community and education programmes, which led her to develop a passion for education. She then became a qualified High-School teacher and throughout her studies and teaching, has been volunteering regularly with ESGD activities, together with Patrick. After teaching in a high-school for 3 years, she decided to take this year to work full-time with ESGD. Her main areas of responsibility are the DONE programme, education for the SAWS 18+ network and pastoral care.

Personal statement:

I am inspired about the power of education and hold the belief that good education can change lives. I can clearly see the benefit that I gained from the spiritual education I received on my own Church-related gap year programme; the lessons were invaluable and impacted me to make better choices where God could be more present in my life. From experiencing the transformative nature of such education, I

want to share the enthusiasm for living a genuinely principled life, and the incredible value that comes from it. I want to support others to have the confidence in themselves and their destiny to be happy. So I decided to give one year full-time to work with ESGD, particularly to support the DONE programme. With my academic and professional experience, as well as five years of living a blessed life, I believe I can offer some new approaches to education and some different perspectives.

Grace Cho

Grace Cho is 30 years old and is from the UK. Her father is Portuguese and her mother is Malaysian; she is the eldest of four children. She is happily blessed to Hyun Seung, from Korea and they are currently living in Berlin. She holds a BSc in Natural Sciences and an MA in Education and Leadership from the University of Warwick. After qualifying as a high school science teacher with the Teach First programme in the UK, she worked as a teacher and tutor in Korea and then Australia. Over the past several years she has also taken time out to support full time 2nd generation programmes in Europe. She recently decided to commit to a year of full time work with ESGD. Her main

areas of responsibility are the DONE programme, education for SAWS 18+ network and the Blessing department.

Personal statement:

I owe many of my best life decisions to the guidance and love I received from elder brothers and sisters and the relationship I was supported to develop with God and True Parents. I have experienced the challenges and joys of an intercultural blessing and naturally feel I want to support others in their relationships, especially those in a similar situation. Although making the decision to work with full time programmes is never easy, I feel blessed to have this opportunity to work with such a capable, creative and supportive team, and am excited to work with them to develop projects, which can offer something of value back to our communities.

Sean Greaves

Sean Greaves is 26 years old and is from London. His father is from Guyana and his mother is from Jamaica; he is the eldest of three children. He is happily blessed to Jessica Stewart from New York and they are currently living together in London. He has a Degree in Animation. Throughout his teenage years and higher education, he has partici-



The ESGD Staff (left to right): Patrick Hanna, Sean Greaves, Julius Alexy, Joyce Koetsier, Martin Alexy, Orlande Schenk

pated in, and helped organise, activities and education for 2nd generation. He then joined ESGD in 2013 and since finishing his degree, has committed to a year of full-time work with the team. His main mission areas are HARP education, supporting the DONE programme and the Blessing department.

Personal statement:

I realise now, looking back on my life, that there was never any guarantee that I could have such a wonderful spouse and great friends whom I care for dearly. I could easily have been led away from God and True Parents and made decisions I know I would come to regret. I needed an environment in which I could find peace and come to understand my identity as a child of God. I feel I have grown to be stronger, more confident and conscientious in my faith thanks to everything that was invested into me and I know that everybody needs this. I owe so much to the great atmosphere and education I have experienced, facilitated by people who care. Being a part of a team with this as its focus, is a precious opportunity and it has been a pleasure so far.

Joyce Koetsier

Joyce Koetsier comes from the Netherlands and is 24 years old. Her father is Dutch and her mother is Japanese, and Joyce is the third of four children. She is happily blessed with her German-English husband, Benjamin Baron, since 2012. She is currently finishing her BA Degree in Korean Studies at the University of Leiden. After several years of being involved with 2nd generation care in Holland, she works part-time for ESGD since March, 2013. Her main areas of mission are supporting HARP educators and HARP programmes in Europe as well as supporting the Blessing department.

Personal Statement:

In my family as well as in my community, I grew up as one of the younger siblings, receiving so much



Patrick and Yebuny Hanna, the fruit of cross-cultural, bi-national marriage

love and truth from elder brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles. With a heart of paying it forward, I want to help other BCs see the value of being part of God's Lineage too, together getting closer to understanding the Heart of God and True Parents. Our working culture in ESGD has offered me the necessary insight, skills and the courage to take more responsibility.

Geros Kunkel

Geros Kunkel is 38 years old and is from Germany. He was blessed to Astrid from the Netherlands in 1997 and they have four children. He holds MA degree in comparative Religious studies and Political Science. He has worked in ESGD since 2000; he has established and run the Second Generation Blessing Department and later also European Blessed Family Department. In the past he developed the YSI programme, the European Youth Department and he has been one of the main educators. Now he works part-time in ESGD besides his job in a business company and his main mission area is Blessing department.

Personal statement:

An important concern in our movement has always been how to raise, educate, and relate to our Second

generation. Through working in this field I have come across a lot of views and ideas. I believe in order to appreciate, further develop and bring out the full potential of True Father's gift of the Blessing and blessed children as descendants of God's lineage, we should deeply reflect about how we view blessed children. We need to clearly educate ourselves and others to be aware of their unique value, and support and strengthen them in their difficult task of keeping and developing a pure love lifestyle that will allow God to continue His work of recreating His lineage in all of us. For this Blessed families need a healthy confidence in the value of their lineage to God. A parent always loves without evaluating, always sees potential and believes in their child and can thereby give value, the deep sense of belonging, as well as confidence, pride and a secure identity. We need to be proud of and confident in the Blessing and convey this to our blessed children.

Orlande Schenk

Orlande Schenk is 34 years old and is from Austria. She was blessed to Arthur from the Netherlands in 2004. They have now two young boys and a three-month old daughter. Orlande has a Degree in Photography, Graphic and Web design. She worked for ESGD for two years until 2005 and then joined the team again in 2008. Now she works part-time mainly supporting the Blessing department.

Personal statement:

I have worked with 2nd generation for more than fifteen years. During this time I realized more and more the deep heart of God for his children and that True Father's legacy is that God's lineage continues. I really hope that I can share some of these realizations with my younger brothers and sisters and that I can be a support and help for them when they are on their way to getting matched and blessed. I enjoy working with young people a lot.



The ESGD staff in action at the Blessing Ceremony (left to right): Geros Kunkel, Sean Greaves, Jessica Stewart, Martin Alexy, Grace Cho

Nathalie Waldmann

Nathalie Waldmann is turning 30 years and comes from Austria. In 2005 she was blessed to Hyunuk Park from Korea and joined her husband after completing her MA in Education from the University of Vienna and University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna in 2011. They have a one-year-old daughter, Yunah Victoria. Apart from teaching at an International School in Seoul, she has been committed to be a liaison between the European and Korean Blessed Family Department. Both Nathalie and her husband have been an active part in the Korean-Western couple's network in Korea.

Personal statement:

I am grateful to stay connected to the ESGD despite living in a different continent at the moment. Having spent some years in Korea and studied its language and culture, I have come to understand that a majority of initial blessing difficulties between European and Korean couples are due to language barriers and cultural misunderstandings. Believing in the vision and beauty of intercultural marriage, I am determined to share insights, realisations and best practices from my own blessing with younger brothers and sisters in a similar situation and try to be a mediator in match-

ing and blessing-related questions.

Julius Alexy

Julius Alexy is 45 years old and is from Slovakia. He is married to Gordana; they received the Blessing in 1995 and have two children. He graduated with an MA degree in Art History from the University of Comenius, Bratislava in 1992. He has been working in education since 1994. Since 2001 he has been involved in 2nd generation education (ETF, STF, SET, YSI), and since 2008, he has worked with ESGD. His main areas of work are the DONE programme, SAWS 18+ network, pastoral care and education.

Personal statement:

I firmly believe that good education can change one's life as well as impact the world to become a better place. In my best possible way I want to contribute to what True Parents have initiated, God's lineage and the World of Love. Seeing their potential I want to support 2nd generation to become real bridge-makers to that new and beautiful world and to pass on the legacy of True Parents to the next generations. Friendship, honesty, integrity, a culture of mutual trust and respect, good teamwork and shared leadership are the core values we base our

work upon; it is wonderful to experience that it is possible.

Martin Alexy

Martin Alexy is 38 years old and lives in Slovakia. He holds a doctorate in finance from the University of Economics in Bratislava. He was blessed with Miriam in 1997 and they have three children. As well as working as a lecturer at his University, he has worked part-time for ESGD since 2008. His main mission areas are HARP education, the Blessing department and ESGD finance.

Personal statement:

I am glad I can contribute to the education of blessed children. Being a 1st gen, I consider it a key point in order to keep the legacy of True Parents alive, so that the potential of those from God's lineage will grow in each person. I hope I can keep supporting the capacity building of ESGD so that the scope of activities can further develop. Having some practice and expertise in finance and in management I try to provide those skills for ESGD to keep good system of decision-making and governance. I am happy to see the generation of young people in their mid-twenties are taking the lead and that I can support them in our teamwork. *TP*



1 Children of Korean pastors take on the challenge of rock climbing.
2 Students taking English classes
3 The group in front of the Sydney Opera House

A Summer of Harmony, Love and Learning

BY NATASCHA SCHELLEN

At our Peace Center in Sydney, Australia, a global youth camp has brought together the children of Korean church leaders and second-generation members from Australia and New Zealand for three weeks of English study and activities that ran from December 27 to January 18. Apart from language classes, activities included interacting with our church communities, fishing, and observing the unique Australian wildlife—plus making friends across cultural barriers.

The deeper purpose of the workshop was to convey True Parents' determination to raise second-generation members (as True Mother showed at the Hawaiian special workshops) as people in whom True Parents can take great pride.

The children came to Australia and met members here that believe in and follow True Parents. In visiting the Sydney and Melbourne churches they received much love from the members there. The Australian members wanted to help the second-generation members from Korea as much as they could, and funded their fishing and rock-climbing activities. The young Koreans had many good experiences interacting with their second-genera-

tion counterparts during their time in Australia.

The schedule was tightly organized, but never dull. Participants awoke at six o'clock in the morning for *hoondokhae*. They would read the same text, one day in Korea and the next day in English. Afterward, they would clean the center and have breakfast. The morning was devoted to English classes and the afternoon to activities. At the evening closing meeting, they practiced singing English songs and wrote in their journals—in English—which the teacher would check.


The next day, during English class, they would rewrite their entry with corrections. Even if the Korean participants' English did not improve dramatically in the time available, they benefited greatly from coming to feel comfortable in an English language environment.

One aspect of the workshop illustrating this was the "Dream Speech Contest." Each participants gave a talk about his or her dream in life. Preparing this gave the students a chance to think about their dreams, and having to give it in English pushed them to improve their language skills. Practicing with staff members and then

speaking in front of the others helped them overcome their fear of public speaking. The staff members helping the youngsters practice said they could see how their pronunciation and expression had improved.

Rev. Kwun In-seong, our regional president, who oversaw the arrangements for the innovative workshop, said that the children did not come here for their own sake, but to share the heavenly tradition and culture with the whole community and that with all the love the Australian community has shown, when there is a chance for the Australian members to go to Korea they will be warmly welcomed.

Chiara Gray, a volunteer staff member, reflected on the experience:

"Lots of love was shared in the workshop. Since the participants were the children of church leaders, they may be feeling a lack of love as their parents are so busy. Even so, the love the kids showed the staff members was amazing. And I am grateful for all the family members of the Melbourne and Sydney communities that showed their love and took an interest in this workshop. And definitely our thanks to them for all the cooking they did for us!" 

True Father's Achievements Lauded in a Ukrainian–English Book

In Ukraine, a joint publishing effort between UPF in Ukraine and Ukraina Diplomachna (Diplomatic Ukraine), a publications bureau that creates periodicals and publishes books for the diplomatic corps and the scientific community, has resulted in a book entitled *Legacy of Peace: Life and Achievements of Dr. Sun Myung Moon*. It is a bilingual work in English and Ukrainian (a language similar to but distinct from Russian, to a degree analogous to Italian and Spanish).

UPF in Ukraine drew the text from a variety of sources, with the assistance of Dr. Walsh and Joy Pople at the UPF international headquarters in the United States. The Ukrainian version was then edited by the staff of Ukraina Diplomachna, which includes an expert in Ukrainian history. They also selected the photographs to accompany the text from among many that were made available.

The introduction describes the work as follows: "This volume is a study and exposition on the life and work of Dr. Sun Myung Moon—a public figure, who in the face of enormous challenges devoted himself to building "one world family" based on the ideal of true love, living for the

sake of others. Through his endeavors, along with those who shared his vision, he laid a foundation for a harmonious world in which all people can live together in freedom and peace."

On December 29, the book was presented to a group of more than a hundred diplomats attached to some twenty-five embassies in Ukraine, to the rectors of the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine and the National Pedagogical University and to NGO leaders at a conference in Kiev, at which two other significant publications were also presented. The eighty-five-year-old head of the Kiev Patriarchate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Filaret, also attended.


Leonid Kravchuk, the first president of Ukraine (1991–1994), wrote a commendation in the opening pages: "The conflicts which prevail in Ukraine and in the world at this time are tragic and illustrate the fact that humanity is in desperate need of peacemakers. With this in mind, the life and achievements of Dr. Moon are eminently worthy of respect and emulation. I am convinced that effective cooperation among peace-building organizations will help us achieve and maintain peace and harmony on Earth."

Earlier in the month, UPF pre-

sented the book to Margareta Timofti, the wife of the president of the Republic of Moldova, during a UPF conference held in her nation. Mrs. Timofti is thoroughly familiar with quality books, she earned her undergraduate degree from the Faculty of Library Science and Bibliography of the State University of Moldova and was bibliographer, Head of Office, and then Head of Service at the Republican Youth Library in Chisinau for eight years.

UPF will send the book to all embassies in Ukraine and to all Ukrainian embassies overseas. Copies will go to the US Library of Congress and the National Library of Ukraine.

Ukraine UPF chairman, Mr. Mykhailo Ilin, under whose initiative the work came to fruition, explained why he felt all the effort made was worthwhile:

"True Father's life was a living example of the peaceful breakdown of communism. Through this book, we want to give examples of how it is possible to resolve conflict and bring about peace. And creating such a publication in cooperation with a well-known publishing organization means that it will be more trusted as a source of information." 



1 Presenting *Legacy of Peace: Life and Achievements of Dr. Sun Myung Moon* to the wife of the president of Moldova

2 Leonid Kravchuk, the first president of Ukraine, wrote a commendation in the opening pages

3 Patriarch Filaret (seated, right) head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kiev patriarchate, at a UPF event



