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# Welcoming the Second Anniversary of Foundation Day

By Shin Dong-mo



Two years have passed since the proclamation of Foundation Day. Once again, we are preparing to commemorate this historic day, the first of its kind since the dawn of Creation. The Principle of Creation states, “The place where God and human beings become completely one is the center of the cosmos,” meaning that had Adam and Eve perfected themselves, formed a couple and became one in unity, the entire cosmos would have been in harmony. The Principle further explains that in the center of the cosmos, human beings respond with beauty to love from God, their subject partner, and that through their interaction they fulfill the purpose of creation. Our Heavenly Parent abides in his perfected children, resting peacefully for eternity. God’s word is incarnated and fulfilled there. That place is “the center of truth and the center of the original mind, which guides us to pursue the purpose of creation.”

In her keynote address to leaders representing the world, True Mother proclaimed Foundation Day and explained it represents “the start of a new history, and the day our Heavenly Parent’s and humankind’s dreams are fulfilled.” Through this day, she said, we have all become children of our Heavenly Parent and can become citizens of Cheon Il Guk. She declared that a world made up of such citizens starts from a movement that brings unity between the mind and body in individuals.

In 2010, True Parents proclaimed to heaven and earth through “The Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God’s Substantial Self” that our Heavenly Parent, the God of Night; and True Parents, the God of Day; have settled on earth in reality as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Adam and Eve finally emerged on earth as a substantial entity through their complete unity centered on absolute sex. God automatically came to dwell within them. On Foundation Day, this complete unity was proclaimed.

True Parents emerged on earth in line with God’s purpose of salvation. Our greatest task and responsibility after Foundation Day is revealing and proclaiming True Parents, whom we attend, to all humankind. We were unaware, could not even imagine, Heaven’s happiness over their emergence.

True Father taught that substance takes priority over the word. The purpose of all his teachings is clarifying who True Parents are. Consequently, True Mother on earth, whom we see with our eyes, does not stand alone. Our Heavenly Parent and True Father reside within her, in unity. This is Foundation Day’s core significance.

True Parents unconditionally bequeath this historic victory to blessed families through the Foundation Day Holy Wine Ceremony and Blessing Ceremony. Before True Father ascended, he proclaimed the complete unity and completion of unification of the realm of True Parents’ unity. On 4.16 by the heavenly calendar (June 5, 2012) True Parents proclaimed the registration into the fourth dimension and that all their responsibilities on earth were completed. The center of our original mind, which the Divine Principle explains will help us complete the purpose of creation on earth, has finally emerged in the flesh. Herein lies the value of True Parents and the core significance of Foundation Day. The completion of True Parents on earth is in effect the substantial emergence of Cheon Il Guk, “where two people become one.”

From the excitement of Foundation Day, True Mother has been guiding the providence and leading us to expand the scope of Cheon Il Guk with the ardent hope that all humankind can be restored as True Parents’ actual, substantial children. Thus, we are in high gear to fulfill Vision 2020. We are to dedicate ourselves to our responsibilities, now that True Parents have completed theirs.

We have big dreams and goals in relation to world peace, the cosmos and the spirit world. As the saying goes, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” The salvation of families and tribes is now possible. As we reach out to all the world’s people, let us first reach out to our colleagues at work or our nearby neighbors.

As we welcome the Foundation Day anniversary, let us reconnect with our roots. I pray that we can march together to offer our victorious results, attained in unity with True Parents, to our Heavenly Parent. 

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# The Coming of the Age of Women

*True Father gave this speech on April 10, 1992, in Seoul's Olympic Stadium, at the joint Inauguration of the Women's Federation for World Peace; and the Seoul Rally of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia.*

**D**istinguished guests, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, representatives of the Women's Federation for World Peace from seventy countries, woman leaders and members of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia:

I am certain that today we are witnessing a great event that will have profound significance in the history of women in Korea and throughout the world. Until now, men have provided primary leadership throughout history as it progressed. This rally today, by declaring the beginning of the age of women, marks a historic turning point for the entire world.

## **God's salvation providence carried out through religion**

Male leadership has brought about a world filled with struggle and evil. Human beings continue to dream of liberation from this world of evil and struggle and the onset of a world characterized by goodness, peace and happiness.

God created us as his children, and we can be assured that God had no intention of sitting by and doing nothing while the world suffered for thousands of years through wars and evil. God has been actively working to find ways to lead us to salvation. This is the meaning of the salvation providence carried out through religion. As a religious leader, I have consistently preached that God's salvation providence carried out through religion represents genuine hope for the world.

Throughout history, countless leaders and heroes have dedicated their lives to building a better world, yet never has there been any fundamental change to the fact that we live in a world of wars and evil. Political and



economic means are unable to bring that fundamental change to the world.

This fact is clearly illustrated by the superpowers and developed countries in today's world. The decline of morals has become a global phenomenon that presents a serious threat to humankind's future.

Immorality and moral decline has reached such a point that mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, and even children, hardly recognize each other in their respective roles. The very foundation of the family is being destroyed. The correlation between the increase in economic wealth and

the decline in ethical conduct and sexual morality, as well as the spread of drug abuse, has brought about a critical situation.

Today, the world is faced with the question of how to escape from the clutches of sexual immorality, for this is the most deeply rooted of all evils. No possibility exists that politics and economics alone can rescue the world from the crime and decadence that we see around us today.

Members of the Women's Federation, representatives from around the world, I have experienced firsthand the pain and sorrow of a weak nation trampled upon by a powerful neigh-

bor. I was born seventy-two years ago, during the Japanese colonial administration of Korea. During my youth, I thought seriously about how to bring salvation to this tragic world of war and evil. I came to the conclusion that salvation through religion has the most fundamental effect.

This is because God's salvation providence through religion has a strategy to use Satan's persecution for the purpose of reclaiming all the ownership that was usurped by the evil force of the devil. Religion teaches that evil brings about its own destruction by striking out at good; the path of good is one of bringing about the natural subjugation of evil by receiving evil's blows.

Ever since I was a young man in my teens, I have consistently taught the truth according to religious revelation and have devoted my entire life to putting the essence of this teaching into practice. My teachings, the unification principle, have spread to a hundred sixty countries.

The teachings are spreading particularly rapidly in the once-communist countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as in Eastern Europe and Central Europe, and even in North Korea. Also, in Islamic countries in the Middle East region, people are coming to follow these teachings.

The Unification Church has received great persecution and its members have suffered in a number of countries, including its home country, Korea. Today, however, it has set its roots down firmly and permanently all throughout the world. No one will ever be able to uproot the Unification Church from any place in the world.

Religion constitutes the fundamental means by which God plans to save the world, and all the world's major religions have at their center an expectation for some kind of messianic figure. Christians believe in Jesus' second coming. Muslims, Buddhists and followers of Confucius await the reappearance of the founders of their respective religions. All these religions believe that when the messianic figure appears, the Messiah will judge the world of sin and of struggle and establish the ideal world; that is, the kingdom of heaven, in a short time.

Thus, all these religions teach that the world can only be saved through

the second coming of the founder of their religion. This is referred to as the messianic ideal. Only a leader who gives truth and true love, one who is able to unite the fundamental teachings of the major religions and integrate the roles of the various messianic figures, can accomplish the salvation of the world.

Such a leader will reveal how our first ancestors committed the sin causing the Fall and brought about a history of struggle and evil. This leader will explain original sin, the root of the world's evil, and shed light on the truth that will liberate humanity from evil. Because our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, committed the original sin and became false parents, the returning Messiah will come as the True Parents, the original ancestors of good through whom all people will be reborn.

The True Parents will not begin their advent on clouds in the sky. Instead, they will appear in this age, on earth in Korea, and lead the world into an age of peace and unity. During my life of more than seventy years, I have received much persecution, yet I have never been defeated. My wife, President Hak Ja Han Moon, has followed this path of suffering with me as the representative of all the world's women.

In the course of following the path of righteousness in accordance with God's will, when I received persecution at the hands of unrighteous forces in the form of imprisonment, my wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, decided to gather righteous women of good conscience and begin a movement for peace. That effort has borne fruit in this rally today.

#### **True workers will cleanse the world**

No one knows the course of religious training I went through in order to receive God's truth. During that time, I came to the realization that the key to world peace and world unity lies in unification on the Korean Peninsula, which has seen division of a nation into one advocating communism and another advocating democracy. It is for this reason that I have traveled throughout the world and devoted all my energy to the accomplishment of this goal. This is also the reason I went to North Korea

last November and negotiated directly with Kim Il Sung.

It will not be long now before we see the unity of all the world's major religions. Neither will it be long before unification on the Korean Peninsula is accomplished. In fact, these two goals represent the reason that women from seventy countries have come today to attend the Seoul Rally of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, which is being held under Mrs. Moon's presidency. I expect you will eventually be forming a federation of families for world peace. In God's salvation providence, Korea is the providence's home country.

In each religion, we can see that the women are far more devout and active than men. The Bible says that true Christian faith is preparation as a bride that will someday receive the Lord when he comes again as her groom. This biblical teaching means all religions have been prepared by God so that they may fulfill a female role; that is, the role of the bride, in the presence of the coming Messiah.

In the presence of the True Parents, who come as the Messiah, the women of this age are the true workers that will cleanse the world of war, violence, suppression, exploitation and crime. Women will build an ideal world filled with peace, love and freedom. It is also up to women to see that evil forces, led primarily by men, which opposed and persecuted the forces of righteousness and good, are now completely eradicated so that they cannot cause any more harm.

We live in the age when the Messiah returns as the True Parents of humankind, when North Korea and South Korea unite through love and truth, and when all religions are to become one. This is the age in which all people of the world will rise above differences of race and philosophy to join in the building of a new world of peace. I am certain that God will give boundless blessings to all the world's women that he has called for these great purposes.

I pray that God's great blessing be upon the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia and upon the Women's Federation for World Peace, which is to be inaugurated today.

Thank you very much. 7

# True Mother's Foundation Day Address



*True Mother gave the main address at the joint Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and the 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Beginning on the following page is what she said on that day, March 3 (1.13 on the heavenly calendar).*

**D**istinguished Guests, Blessed Families from Around the World, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have ushered in the new year and with it the third year of Cheon Il Guk. Heaven has blessed this day with a shower of white snow, as if to say congratulations. I take this to be Heaven's way of telling us to live, pure and unblemished, just like the white snow. Beloved Unificationist families, for the third year of Cheon Il Guk, the year of the blue sheep, what resolutions have you made? Shouldn't our way of life advance in the new year compared to the previous year? Don't you think so? On this day, I offer my thanks and congratulations to Heaven while feeling God's unending grace and love. Since True Father's ascension, I have been endeavoring to offer and dedicate the three great scriptures to Heaven. As of today, the last of the three books, *Cham Bumjo Gyeong*, will find its place among these holy scriptures.


I don't know if you welcome this day with deep gratitude, but I can tell you that Heaven has waited for this day for six thousand years. Heaven's providential course—the providential history of restoration through indemnity—which has guided human history, has been (in a word) tragic. Our Heavenly Parent went through many hardships to find one central point at which to wait. Here, he longed for the advancement of the providence. Yet, because of the repeated mistakes made by human beings, Heaven had to wait countless years to find this point. However, in 1960, a new morning dawned when the True Parents—the first and last of their kind to appear in human history—finally began their course of guiding providential history. Heaven gave humankind many religions in order to enlighten human beings, who had fallen into ignorance after the Fall. However, there were limitations to this way of enlightenment. Ignorance of the root of the Fall limited religions from resolving the world's difficult problems.

God went through many pains in order to raise the Israelites, through whom he had tried to complete the providence of restoration through indemnity. God sent his only begotten son; however, this son never had the

opportunity to shine. Our Heavenly Parent, God, went through non-stop excruciating pain; constantly, his heart was being torn into pieces. God sent his only begotten son to the people whom he had raised for four thousand years. This position remained. Jesus promised to return. That was the start of the two-thousand-year providential history of Christianity. Then, must the returning lord come on the clouds? Ignorant people, even after the Enlightenment in the twentieth century, believed that the Lord would return on the clouds. They were unable to conceive of a messiah that would come in the flesh to carry out the dispensation of salvation. That has been the fifty-year history of the Unification Church. I said that today is a good day, so I wouldn't want to speak of hardships. I will say, though, that we must reveal the truth.

Looking at the world today, have you thought, Who is the owner of this world? There is no owner. Is it the democratic world? Is it the communist world? Are the prosperous nations the owners of the world? No. The true owner must appear. The true owner is the one that perfects God's providential history. That person is the True Parent. You know this, right? In the book of Romans is a parable about a wild olive tree and a cultivated olive tree. When people read this passage, they do not understand the underlying concept God is trying to express in these verses. A wild olive tree cannot become a cultivated olive tree on its own. When the owner comes, it can then engraft itself to the owner, the cultivated olive tree. However, this process of engrafting is not easy. The cultivated olive tree has a re-

sponsibility; its roots must be planted deeply so that it can survive in any difficult circumstances. What does this mean? After enduring many difficulties, you were able to receive the blessing from True Parents. Then, being in a blessed family, what should you do? The blessing will hold no meaning if you allow your blessing to extend only to your family, while living in this age of True Parents. Do you understand? Those in blessed families must fulfill their responsibilities. The blessing must not end up as a blessing that extends only to your family. You must reveal to your neighbors, your tribe, and your nation that True Parents are the true owners. That is the only way for you to go today if you want to receive the crown of glory, the only way to prove that you lived in this era with True Parents. Please engrave this in your hearts.

All the blessed family members here today and also those participating via the internet throughout the world should proclaim True Parents to all four corners of the world and fulfill their responsibilities as tribal messiahs practicing true love according to True Parents' teachings. Human beings are suffering and dying amidst the destructive force of religion, race and national borders that is afflicting tragedies upon the world today. Can you gaze upon them without doing anything? We must teach everyone and raise them as True Parents' children. That is the only way to go in order to bring about the one united world that we, Heaven, and the whole of humankind have longed for. I sincerely ask that you engrave these goals in your hearts and do your best. 



# Become Exceptional People with Exceptional Families



*True Mother gave this message on March 4 (1.14 on the heavenly calendar) at Cheon Jeong Gung during a meeting to celebrate the victorious commemoration of the second anniversary of Foundation Day.*



This is the third year of Cheon Il Guk. Heaven has blessed us; we felt that yesterday when snow suddenly fell. Weren't you happy? However, please be careful in this weather when you go down the road. Yesterday, I spoke about the olive tree. Some of you were there, but I am sure there are some here who have not heard what I said yet.

When we think about olive trees, we tend to think about the Middle East, don't we? The Middle East is a desert area. The Bible describes that the Israelites left Egypt to go to Canaan, expressed as a holy land of milk and honey, but when they got to Canaan, it was actually quite a barren land. When True Father and I went to Israel together in 1969, within four hours we visited the entire country. I compared Israel to our country, Korea, which is a land filled with mountains and lakes, which are beautiful. Israel is quite barren, and there is not very much to see. Israel seemed to be a land filled with rocks and sand. However, many stories have arisen about Israel in the course of God's providence. There are many stories in the Bible about this place, such as the story of the cultivated olive tree and the wild olive tree.

How is it possible in that barren, harsh environment that the olive tree could sink its roots and survive for more than a thousand years? How is this possible? How much effort do you think this tree had to make in order to survive in that barren environment? Don't you think it made effort? As this tree grows, its roots continue growing for fifteen years. How many days is that? It takes fifteen years for the roots to grow to the

point where they reach a water source. If they do not reach the water in that time, the roots have to grow even deeper. I am talking not about one day but fifteen years. The olive tree is truly an exceptional tree, which is why when it has produced leaves and has borne fruit, that fruit is so precious. We think of olives as healthy food. In the Middle East, people use olive oil and olives in their food. That food is good food and can heal many illnesses that many people suffer from today. I am sure of that, even without telling you the benefits of olive oil.

You know that there are many special trees out there; among them, the olive tree is one of the more exceptional trees. What about us? How do our "roots" look today? Through the True Parents, you received the blessing and established blessed families. Not so long ago, when I was in Hawaii, a couple from the 1,800-couple blessing group came to see me. They told me that it had been forty years since they had received the blessing. Many couples received the blessing thirty, forty or fifty years ago, but how deep and healthy are their roots? I want to ask all blessed members, beginning with those in the thirty-six- and seventy-two-couple blessing groups, Do you have such healthy roots that they can remain forever and are a guarantee of a bright future?

You genuinely need to repent when you think about this. Do you understand? A new era... We live in a new historic era and we need to be different. Think about your name value: Who am I? What did I take responsibility for? What did I do? An unimportant question is, What position am I in? From now on, we need to focus on questions such as:

Where should we go? What preparations did we make and what responsibilities did we fulfill on earth in order to reach that destination? What clear foundation did we build for our future descendants? What did we do for the three generations that will follow ours?

This is very important, isn't it? From this point of view, you need to bring concrete results efficiently and you need to show your results. If you are in a company, each one of you


needs to establish a clear system. Do you understand what I am saying? You need to plan; please make effort. I am telling you to make progress.

Thinking that today is adequate and tomorrow will be adequate does not display the right attitude. With that attitude, we cannot be the people who lived with True Parents in the Cheon Il Guk era. Think about what will appear on your report card in the eternal world. What will your descendants think about your legacy? They may think, How is it that they only achieved this much when they lived in the same environment as the True Parents?

Please become people in 2015, the year of the sheep, that experience no remorse and no regrets. If you look in the Bible, you will see that it cites sheep many times. The sheep was used as a sacrificial offering. Humans are very grateful for the sheep. The sheep offers everything, even its wool. Nothing of the sheep is lost or discarded. Lamb meat is one of the best meats. Some people may not eat beef, but lamb meat is healthy food, suitable for anybody.

When a sheep becomes an offering, it does not fight. Even when you are cutting its throat, a sheep does not cry out; it is obedient. Please, you need to learn this from the sheep. Do you understand? Let us not become people that did not exceed even what an animal does. Among many leaders and those with responsibility, having passion is good, but having too much passion indicates it comes from personal desire and ambition. People ascending to the top need to learn how to come down humbly, but so many people are not capable of doing that. I hope leaders can learn how to come down from their positions like a sheep. Do you understand?

Heaven is blessing you and giving you this beautiful, green, vibrant year of the sheep. The color green is close to nature. Nature is clean and crystal clear, which is how our lives should be. Do you understand?

This is why we can only conclude that this year is to be a very special year. During this special year, I hope you all become special beings, special people with special families. Let's all stand up. Let's all rise from our seats and sing "Our Hope is for Unity." 





1 Mother named Sun-jin Moon FFWPU international president and In Sup Park vice-president  
 2 The 2015 Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly  
 3 True Mother speaking at the Leaders Assembly

# Let Us Reach the People with the Speed of an Arrow

You are the leaders of the Unification family. You are blessed family members. Some of you have worked for the providence for fifty years, forty years, thirty years or twenty years. I am sure many of you have been here for most of that time. What I would like to ask you now is, In your entire life, what can you say you can be proud of in front of Heaven? Throughout your entire life, you have lived in difficult conditions, yet you worked with the mindset, I am grateful and I will do my best to develop what I have. However, I honestly believe that not many of you have lived like that. A few days ago, I said to the leaders, from now on, we are in a new era as we enter the third year of Cheon Il Guk. Everyone, all the blessed families of the unification family, must move forward with a unified will and unified determination centered on True Parents. Be healthy, be strong and grow very profound, deep roots. This is the message I gave.

I spoke about the olive tree as an example of this. The olive tree lives

and grows in barren conditions. I am sure those who have been to Israel know that it is not a fertile land. In this difficult environment, for the olive tree's roots to grow takes fifteen years—not one year, not three years—but fifteen years. How does the olive tree survive in this scorching hot desert? Furthermore, locusts, as described in the Bible, are extremely scary when they move in huge hoards. After a locust hoard comes into a region, all of the vegetation is devastated. However, the olive tree reacts by releasing a chemical that protects it from locusts, and all the nearby olive trees receive this as a warning signal from the first tree and emit the same chemical into the air, discouraging the locusts from coming near them. We can see that what we can learn from nature is truly beautiful and profound, which is why, we learn about the cultivated olive tree in the Bible. The story of the cultivated olive tree has lingered for a thousand years, two thousand years. Even today, there are olive trees that have

lived for more than two thousand years. We need to learn from this story. While centering on the True Parents, ask yourselves, How deep has my blessed family planted our roots?

This is the year of the blue sheep [*cheong yang*]. "Cheong" means "blue," but it also means "clear," "transparent," "crystal clear." It means "as natural as it gets." The sheep is a special animal. When God created, out of all the animals God created for human beings, the sheep was the mildest and is the only animal that lives 100 percent for the sake of others.

It is truly selfless, isn't it? This animal is considered holy because it was used as an offering. This is because the sheep is a clean animal. It's an obedient animal and the sheep doesn't think of itself. The sheep follows the owner and is grateful, which is why no matter what the owner does, even when the owner puts a knife to its neck, the sheep does not emit a sound. Other animals, however, like the cow, are not the same. When we look at this aspect of the

sheep, we see that we need to learn from this animal. We need to learn the wisdom that is found in nature. Through True Parents, we have been learning that we need to become true people with true families.

I would like to give you another example today. In Peru, there is the famous Machu Picchu site. I am sure some of you have visited this famous tourist attraction. I am sure all of you who have been missionaries to South America have visited this location. Machu Picchu is two thousand meters above sea level, deep in the mountains. People built a city that high up in the mountains. They also built stairs and constructed all of their rice paddies over wide steps. You can see the remnants of these paddies even today. When we go high in the mountains, we can see many clouds. It is very cloudy, so at the bottom, because of the clouds, you can see many streams and lots of water but at the top of the mountain, you see the sun and the sunshine. What I am trying say? I am trying to say that the Incas lived in accordance and in harmony with nature. This is how they built their nation.

Have you thought about how these people got their water? How did they supply the entire city with water? I am sure you're curious. The only way was to adapt to nature. This is why they made canals. Maybe they had reservoirs. Through these canals and reservoirs they were able to supply the necessary water to grow all the fields of crops they were farming. This is what I have been reflecting upon.

We have entered the third year of Cheon Il Guk. How should we move forward toward Vision 2020, to be victorious and obtain results that we can offer to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents? I am sure you have thought a lot and discussed a lot as you contemplated this point. One thing we need to do is not continue with the old ways we have followed until now. There cannot be development if we continue forward in our old ways. This is the conclusion, this is the obvi-

ous conclusion that we reach and incidents have supported our coming to this conclusion.

We do not really have enough time to fulfill Vision 2020; however, in order for our Heavenly Parent with the True Parents, as the king of kings, to carry out the providence of Cheon Il Guk, we need citizens to populate it. Without the inhabitants, can there be a reigning king? You blessed family members need to complete this responsibility. Please do not think this is just a blessing for you or your family alone. With that mentality, we cannot think about the future. This has happened before. It is shameful to think in this way. Am I speaking the truth? Yes, or no?

We cannot wait any longer; we cannot ask the providence to wait. This is why the Incas built their nation high in the mountains and supplied their people food in the mountains. Though it is of course possible today, they did not have the ability at that time to draw water up two thousand meters above sea level. That is why they had to rely on heaven and heavenly fortune. They had to adapt to the conditions they were living in, so from the very top down, they could live by sharing equally. Even in Korean we have the saying, "Everyone in the position of authority and responsibility must become like crystal-clear water." The water from the top must be clear in order for the water running to the bottom to be clear. From this point of view, the leaders must repent once more and follow True Parents' tradition and stand at the forefront of the providence.

Become models and stand tall in front of the entire world, and together testify about True Parents, testify that your families received the blessing from True Parents, lived in the same era, and have fulfilled their responsibilities as heavenly tribal messiahs, and in so doing have established a legacy of becoming cultivated olive trees that will remain for generations and generations with roots so deep that these families will continue on in

the way of True Parents for two, three or four thousand years into the future. As long as we attend True Parents and become one with them, we will always be eternal. We will be eternal. Do you understand?

This is why, at this time, after much thought... Can I say it? In order to have a proper organization, the center must be established. So, henceforth, all the major events that take place twice a year will be hosted by the FFWPU International Headquarters' team. For this reason, the FFWPU international president will be Sun-jin Moon. I appoint Sun-jin Moon our international president. Thank you, Thank you. I will give her the certificate of appointment soon, so you can applaud more after that.

I think Sun-jin Moon is very humble. She becomes embarrassed easily; she is like a sheep. This is partly why I have appointed her. Next to her, she needs her husband, which is why I appoint In-sup Park the FFWPU international vice-president. More than anybody else, they represent the True Family, and they have selflessly followed True Parents' tradition, showing you the example. Together with you, they will move us toward the fulfillment of Vision 2020 and they will build together with you the eternal kingdom of Cheon Il Guk and build a foundation for the eternal king of kings, the True Parents of all seven billion people in the world. I hope you will help them wholeheartedly.

I made several internal personnel changes as well. Now, centering on the international president, the director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters will be Man-ho Kim and through Man-ho Kim, I will give all my directions. I will get rid of unnecessary manpower and time. How can we all become one and be like an arrow in reaching the hearts of all the seven billion people around the world? I deeply hope that you will work as hard as possible for the sake of creating one united world. I made these decisions with that wish in mind. ㄸ

***True Mother delivered this guidance in the gymnasium at the Cheongpyeong Youth Center facilities on March 6 to five hundred leaders that had come from around the world for the 2015 Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly, hosted by the FFWPU International Headquarters.***

# Our Heavenly Parent's Dream



society, nation and world as one family under God, we must begin with the family as the cornerstone.

## God's viewpoint

A true parent is one who connects deeply to God's heart and understands God's viewpoint toward all people and all things. The essence of God's viewpoint comes from God having the heart of a parent that loves his children wholeheartedly. God as our Heavenly Parent does not love simply one tribe, one ethnic group, one nationality or one race. Our Heavenly Parent is the invisible true parent who loves all seven billion people on earth.

Just as each of you love your own children or grandchildren and want the very best for them—the best home, the best education, the best career and a life of happiness and prosperity—God wants this for each and every human being on earth, as well as in the spiritual world. Just as you would sacrifice for the sake of the well-being of your children, God is no different. In fact, the parental nature that we find in human beings has its origin in God, our Heavenly Parent.

As we each develop a parental point of view toward all people and all things, the world begins to change. We see others in a new light, as brothers and sisters, as family members. We cannot think of abusing or taking advantage of members of our own family. The closer we come to the heart of God, the more we come to understand the heart of a true parent.

## A true teacher

Understanding only the heart of God is insufficient. We must also understand the substance of God's will and the direction, principles, purpose, and goal of providential history. Moreover, knowing is insufficient; in addition to knowing we must share what we know. In this respect, we must be-

It is wintertime in Korea. I know many of you have come from warmer climates in Africa, the Middle East, South America, Southeast Asia and South Asia. I hope our weather is not too cold for you. Please dress warmly. In any case, I hope the material presented at this International Leadership Conference, which is being convened at a very special time, warms your hearts.

My husband and I made a pledge in front of God, our Heavenly Parent, to build a new nation, as one family under God. We call this ideal nation, Cheon Il Guk. The essence of this Korean phrase is "two become one." In other words, it indicates unity, harmo-

nization, reconciliation, cooperation, and oneness in heart and mind. Cheon Il Guk is a nation of peace that transcends geographical boundaries, as well as boundaries of nationality, ethnicity, race and religion.

For Cheon Il Guk, we celebrate Foundation Day on the thirteenth day of the first lunar calendar month. This year, that day falls on March 3 by the Gregorian calendar. On this day, we pay tribute to our Heavenly Parent's ideal of building a universal nation among people of all races, religions, nationalities and cultures, as one family under God. At the center of Cheon Il Guk is a vision of marriage and family. For if we are to transform the

come a true teacher, centered on God's word and the Principle.

So much of what is communicated, promoted and popularized in the world is antithetical to God's word and the Principle. We can say that there are many false teachings in the world. These are teachings that uplift self-centered behavior, untrue love, conflict, and injustice and which stand in opposition to God's ideal. Popular culture, the media and academia promote many of these ungodly teachings. We identify such traits as reflective of the "Cain-type" world that obstructs God's providence, just as the biblical Cain killed his younger brother Abel.

That voices of truth and goodness are not silent is very important. If we are to transform our world, we must teach truth and practice truth, not only in schools and classrooms but in our families, our communities and the wider society. Whatever our professional field or vocation, we are called to set the example and in this way to teach others. As we become true teachers we will multiply goodness, and we will transform the world around us. A person who has cultivated a true parent's heart and a true teacher's heart is a true peacemaker.

#### **True owner**

The world created by God is characterized by harmony, balance, cooperation and sustainability. The world we

live in, however, has been widely abused and mismanaged. Many fear that the declining quality of air and water, coupled with climate change, may lead to catastrophic disasters. Such degradation of the environment is a prime example of humanity's separation from God. Some individual, corporate entity or government owns virtually every square inch of the earth. However, are they "true owners" that are dedicated to proper care of the natural environment?

Of particular importance is the ocean. If the ocean, which people tend to take for granted, becomes overly acidic, and coral reefs deteriorate from being used as garbage dumps for seven billion people, our world will be irreversibly damaged.


Not only the natural environment suffers due to a dearth of true owners; true owners are needed on every level of society, in all sectors. True owners are needed in the fields of business, government, religion, academia, health care, civil society, and so on. The mark of a true owner is the responsibility one takes and the degree to which one lives for others' sake, including for future generations.

My husband and I dedicated ourselves throughout our lives to fulfill these three ideals—to become a true parent, a true teacher and a true owner. The citizens of Cheon Il Guk are each called to strive each day to become a true parent, a true teacher

and a true owner.

Citizens of Cheon Il Guk are also called to uphold three basic moral principles: First, to uphold the ideals of true love and the family, by practicing purity before marriage and fidelity in marriage. Second, to respect and never violate the sacred value and God-given rights of any human being, each a son or daughter of God, our Heavenly Parent. Third, to take responsibility for public assets and to never misuse these. I think you can agree that these are universal principles. If we affirm and abide by these principles, we can transform our societies, nations and the world.

There are many exciting developments to report about the work of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, as it reaches out to young people around the world, raising young men and women who will lead a global, spiritual, moral and social awakening. Together with UPF, a movement is forming that is truly transformative.

I hope each of you can work to recreate your own nations and build an "Abel-type nation," a nation like Cheon Il Guk. As this movement spreads, we will see miracles happen. Ambassadors for peace have a great responsibility. Increasingly, God's providence will overcome all obstacles, and a new world will be born. You are blessed to be alive at this time. 



*The Universal Peace Federation, which True Parents founded ten years ago, requested that True Mother address their International Leadership Conference in Seoul on March 1 (1.11 on the heavenly calendar). Sun Jin Moon, now international president of FFWPU, read the founders' address on that occasion. The text was edited for inclusion in TP magazine.*

# The FFWPU International President's Inaugural Address



Sun Jin Moon accepting her appointment as FFWPU international president

Our Most Beloved True Parents, Respected Elders, Beloved Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you very much for gathering here today for this inaugural ceremony centered on our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. On March 6, True Mother appointed me to serve as the international president of the Family Federation for Peace and Unification of our worldwide movement. On the same day, she also appointed and honored many great brothers and sisters of our movement. I congratulate you for all your glorious missions and your path.

I am sure there are many that wonder how I feel about True Mother's direction. All I can say is that I am deeply humbled. At the same time, I am flooded with many thoughts and feelings. With all my heart, I could only feel truly sorry to True Parents, because I am lacking in many ways.

I have only been praying and hoping since True Father's seonghwa that the True Family could unite as one family to love and support our True Mother during her most trying times. I will never let go of the hope that we can all come together as one family and work to realize True Parents' ideal of Cheon Il Guk. I know True Parents' hearts can only be liberated if the True Family and all blessed central families can come together as one family under Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

I will do my best to support True Mother but I truly need all of you as my immediate and worldwide family members to come to realize Cheon Il

*Sun-jin Moon gave the following address on the occasion of her inauguration in Cheon Jeong Gung on March 13 (1.2 by the heavenly calendar).*



Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of the church in Korea, gave the opening prayer.



Cheon Il Guk Parliament Member Kim Young-hwi congratulated Sun-jin nim on her appointment.



Jeong Tae-ik, president of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations also praised the appointment.

Guk by honoring True Father and by loving True Mother. One moment that I will never forget was being with the family in the hospital after the helicopter accident. True Father had suffered great injury but his only concern was for True Mother. When he heard she was in the operating room, despite his own pain, he gathered all of my brother's hands and said you must become one centered on True Mother. I know True Father in the spirit world has the same heart and urgency and hopes that our family can be one with True Mother, as devoted sons and daughters. I know that the Principle teaches that it is not only as individuals that we are to be saved. We must be saved as one family and enter heaven as a family.

Love, love, and only love for eternity is what holds me here. I hope that you all will join me with the same heart. To my elder blessed family members, I deeply thank you for your absolute filial love and attendance to Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I hope to honor your life of service, love, and sincerity by learning from your wisdom and your guidance.

With each blessed opportunity, I had a chance to meet our amazing brothers and sisters from around the world; I am truly humbled and moved by your pure devotion and tireless work for humankind. Most of all, I stand before you here today with a feeling of deep gratitude and appreciation for our True Mother. As you may recognize, in terms of my appointment as the international president, she did not arrive at this decision easily. Rather, it came on the foundation of many days, weeks, and months of prayer and reflection. True Mother does not make personnel decisions casually, especially regarding such a difficult decision concerning

the international president. True Mother never focuses on her own personal, horizontal feelings or preferences on anything, even in relation to her own children.

She has lived with a clear vertical attendance to our Heavenly Parent throughout her life. Her attention to Heavenly Parent's providential will has been like a constant theme throughout her life of unfathomable depth, like the deepest mysteries of the sea. Her only reason to live and breathe has been to liberate all of fallen humankind and fulfill her mission as God's only begotten daughter. Her perilous journey from conception to her blessing with True Father and her fifty-two years of public service were to liberate humankind, all seven billion people in the world, so that they may come to know True Parents and to live as one family under our Heavenly Parent.

I completely bow down and respect that True Mother has full authority, and the same authority as True Father, to advance God's providence. I also understand that at this crucial time the international president's position must be filled by someone who is fully united with True Mother. I know that I am not enough, but I will honor and serve True Parents with the hope that we can all fulfill Heaven's will.

I look at each of you as my family, the elders, teachers, mentors and pillars of our church and its remarkable history. Most of you have spent decades living a life of attendance to True Parents. I can only bow before you too.

As I take up this daunting responsibility, please be assured of two things: First, I will do my very best to attend and serve our True Mother. Second, I will do my very best to en-

courage and support you in your areas of responsibility. At the same time, I eagerly want to learn from each of you, for you are my elders, my teachers, my brothers and sisters as we work together to build one family under God. You will have my full support and encouragement, but I will also need your support and encouragement, too.

Together, let us reach out to the world's seven billion people and share True Parents' vision and teachings. Let us also continually strive to awaken and renew ourselves by building a community that embodies the true love ideal that we speak of, a community that comes to be known throughout the world as the live-for-the-sake-of-others community," a community that radiates joy, love, warmth, character, virtue, care, and wisdom, all of which derive from our True Parents. We all share a common origin and source of love, life, and lineage—our Heavenly Parent.

While religions have spoken wonderful words about Heavenly Parent for millennia, we know that it has been our True Parents who have revealed the deepest understanding of the heart of Heavenly Parent, the heart of hope at the time of the Creation, the heart of agony at the time of the Fall, and the heart of parental love throughout the history of restoration.

Also, only through True Parents can we understand and directly experience the full manifestation of our Heavenly Parent, as a perfected couple, a man and a woman, a husband and a wife. While many religions use the concept of marriage as a metaphor for the union between human beings and God, comparing it to the relationship between a husband and wife, with True Parents, we have the sub-



Sun Jin Moon and her husband Park In Sup, the respective FFWPU international president and vice-president on the day True Mother appointed them

stantial manifestation of Heavenly Parent's dual characteristics. They shared life on earth for fifty-two years as True Parents. They are the eternal True Parents, indivisible and irreplaceable. We all learned from the Divine Principle that the essential purpose and the goal of providential history is that our True Parents, a man and a woman, must perfectly embody the complementary and complete characteristics of our Heavenly Parent. This was Heavenly Parent's hope when Adam and Eve were created.

Each step of providential history over the millennia leading up to Jesus was guided by the original ideal of True Parents. Jesus walked the earth and taught his disciples with the mission to fulfill the ideal of True Parents. However, the marriage supper of the Lamb was not completed and remained a metaphor or symbol.

Postponed, but never abandoned, Heavenly Parent's providence, centered on Christianity, gave rise to great civilizations (successively) of Rome, England and America. At the same time, Heavenly Parent was preparing a "hermit kingdom" in the Far East to give birth to True Father and True Mother.

True Mother was born as a daughter of heaven, raised by Dae-mo nim, not as her personal daughter but as one called to be the bride of the messiah. Her entire life was under the direct guidance and protection of Heaven. Born in North Korea, she, as a young girl, narrowly escaped being captive to the communist regime that

would have blocked God's providence. Like Jesus' escape from King Herod, she and Dae-mo nim travelled south to join up with True Mother's uncle who had joined the South Korean army after recognizing that communists were leading the people of North Korea with a false and godless ideology. That same uncle protected True Mother and Dae-mo nim during the Korean War. As a very young girl, True Mother was guided, protected and educated by Heaven. How utterly miraculous and awesome that Heavenly Parent raised True Mother so that she could stand with True Father to fulfill the goal and purpose of human history.

True Father and True Mother, over half a century, achieved oneness in heart and purpose as the True Parents. Neither Heavenly Parent nor True Father could fulfill the providence of True Parents without True Mother fulfilling her own portion of responsibility. True Parents exist because both True Father and True Mother were raised by heaven and fulfilled their responsibilities.

Each one of us is here today because of True Parents. We are all indebted to True Parents and their life, love and sacrifice for our marriages, for our understanding of God's providence and even for our achievements in life. I am entirely indebted to True Mother. It is due to her amazing life that I am able to stand before you today. We must all honor True Parents with our sincere 5 percent responsibility, completing our three blessings, re-

alizing vision 2020 and substantiating Cheon Il Guk.

Thus, when I think of serving as the international president, my only thought is to truly serve True Mother and unite with her in heart, spirit and mind. In this way, and on this foundation, I hope to be a source of inspiration, encouragement and support for each of you. I have the honor of serving our True Mother. Every day I see how she whole-heartedly fulfills her mission to liberate and restore balance to the world and how she pays for our inability to fulfill our 5 percent.

It brings me to tears as I witness the physical difficulties she has overcome in order to clean up and finish what we all as her children have yet to do. This is the true heart of a mother who lives every day for the welfare of her worldwide family. She continues to forgive, hope, and carry the cross, doing all she can to open the door so that her children can be saved. In this sense, *Aboji, omoni, joisong hamnida!* To True Mother and True Father, I am truly sorry.

Before forgiveness can be granted one must humbly atone for one's actions. Otherwise, no sincere change is possible. I apologize every day to True Parents and acknowledge my inadequacy; I know that I am not enough, but it is True Mother who encourages me, unconditionally believes in me and loves me. That is why I have the courage to go on.

This same love and encouragement she has asked me to convey to you, so that we as one family under our Heavenly Parent and our 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 the path to restore, indemnify and return all things back to our Heavenly Parent. We should gratefully stand on the hallowed completed foundation that True Parents have secured, as true sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent.

What I hope to offer during my term of service as international president is to expand the foundation of our movement worldwide, so that many more millions of the world's people come to know and love our True Parents. In order to accomplish



this, we need to all grow and to become true parents, true teachers and true owners.

True Parents' vision is beyond space and time. It carries us forward despite the reality and struggle we may experience in life. It is the path of true love, true filial piety and true life. It is the only path that liberates the suffering heart of our Heavenly Parent who longs for all of his seven billion children to come home. Our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have given their unconditional love and support to us all. I know that based on that grace we can share this blessed life with all of our brothers and sister from around the world.

As I stand before you with this cosmic challenge, I'd like to underscore the following points for your consideration, as goals or objectives we can work together on:

First, let us uphold True Parents as the absolute center of our movement. They are the root. There is no life apart from this root. True Mother is not separable from True Father and therefore is not separable from True Parents. True Father and True Mother are absolutely and eternally one.

Let us reach out and lovingly guide those who may be confused as the providence moves forward centering on True Mother. Even if we cannot physically attend our True Father, he lives eternally in true love, life and lineage with True Mother. None of us

could be born without this perfected union having been established.

So let us reach out to all our brothers and sisters in love and truth. Some have become confused and have separated from the central root and trunk of our movement. We know that no branch can exist without the trunk, which is our True Parents. By our love and service to others, we can strengthen the root and the trunk and extend into the branches and leaves of our global peace movement.

Secondly, let us practice tribal messiahship, reaching out to everyone we meet and sharing True Parents' vision. Each of us is called to awaken at this time and contribute to the fulfillment of the 2020 Vision, reaching seven billion people on the planet. A branch that is united absolutely with True Parents is like a part of a banyan tree, which True Mother has often spoken about.

The banyan tree has one central root but each branch extends down to create a larger network of support for the entire tree, to the point that it creates children trunks that further buttress this ever growing tree. What nourishes this living, glorious tree is the soil of Mother Nature. If our movement is to be like the banyan tree, we must be renewed, and adjust to the era after the coming of heaven.

Whatever our area of responsibility or service, we can build our "tribe" of friends, associates, contacts, neigh-

bors, ambassadors for peace, and establish our 430-network, by serving, loving and teaching them about our True Parents.

Third, let us always understand that we each have our own portion of responsibility. Even when others around us may be waning, lost or spreading negative energy, we must always return to the root, the core of our faith, namely, Heavenly Parent and True Parents and the word. By focusing on and fulfilling our portion of responsibility, we create the positive energy that can restore the world.

Fourth, let us maintain the core tradition of hoondokhae on a daily basis. True Mother has focused intensely on preparing three primary texts that will distill the essence of True Parents' teachings, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeonghwa Gyeong*, and recently *Cham Bumo Gyeong*. By reading the word daily, we become reconnected as blessed central families to the origin, the root and core of our faith. We should be like that tree that fills its life with the abundant energy and with nutrients to keep it healthy and thriving, so it can give off life, oxygen, for the sake of all seven billion people on earth. The word through True Parents is also like water—pure water—that makes life on earth possible. More than sixty to eighty percent of our cells are water, and they need pure water to sustain life.

Fifth, let us understand that not



International President Moon expressed her heart candidly on the day of her appointment.

only the human world is an expression of our Heavenly Parent but also the entire creation—all living things and all material things. We, as sons and daughters of our True Parents, should be the best and most loving, caring stewards of the environment. This earth is our home; it is our garden. That is why that we have allowed the earth, the air and the oceans to be desecrated, so that they “groan in travail” is so tragic. The time has come to build a world of true love that extends not only to all brothers and sisters but also to the entire physical world.

We must become a world not of turmoil, division and suffering and that is always at war; we must become and reflect the opposite of war, which in English would spell “raw.” That is we should go back to the roots, the origins of life, true life, the sustenance, and receive the abundant love and blessings that comes from the universe from our Heavenly Parent. We need to be grafted to the cultivated olive tree and live in a restored world that our Heavenly Parent and True Parents have prepared for us.

This is a life of true love, life and lineage and the blessing to be true parents, true teachers, and true owners of Cheon Il Guk. These gifts can be given to us only because True Parents have absolutely been victorious. At the same time, we can receive these gifts only if we are absolutely one with True Parents in mind, body and spirit.

If we imagine the earth as Heavenly Parent’s physical body, and the

ocean as Heavenly Parent’s circulatory system, it is the lifeblood of this planet. If we think of the gift of air and ozone, each breath we take, is the pulmonary, or lung function, of our Heavenly Parent. If we stand on earth, the bones and flesh of our Heavenly Parent’s body are holding us up. The sun is Heavenly Parent’s fuel and fire that metabolizes and creates all life. We must honor every natural and living being; by doing so, we are honoring our Heavenly Parent.

Sixth, let us cultivate our character and our mindfulness. We should become men and women 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. She explained that these virtues are the keys to realizing individual perfection.

I love True Mother’s speeches. In just a few words, like a haiku, she can highlight the secrets of success. The forgive-love-and-unite message that True Mother has emphasized is the key to individual, familial, tribal, national and worldwide unity and salvation. It is the core of our movement’s spirit, to live a sincere life of love, and to compassionately practice living for the sake of others. In True Father’s last words, he professed that he had completed everything. He also repeatedly proclaimed our True Mother his completed and perfected equal.

Seventh, it is paramount that we deepen our faith. We each have much to learn and do. As we made glorious

strides toward realizing vision 2020 through the recent events of Foundation Day 2015, we should keep our focus and determination going forward. Let us work together and support all of our family members so that we can realize this vision. We have Heavenly Parent and True Parents 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. So let us pledge our devotion and energies to realize this dream.

In conclusion, I want to offer my pledge to Heavenly Parent, to True Parents, and to each of you that I will do my very best to serve to the best of my ability and to advance the providence.

I fully understand that the international president serves as a servant of True Parents; there is no special entitlement. I know that I am nobody without True Parents as my root and my center point. I hope to honor and unite with you so that we can all become one glorious family like a beautiful banyan tree that True Parents can be proud of! I have my portion of responsibility, and I will do my best. I know I will never be enough and will be vigilant until I am reunited with each and every member of my family and yours. I will need your guidance and your support during my term as your international president.

May Heavenly Parent bless each and every precious family member here today and throughout the world! *Gamsa hamnida*. Thank you. *Mahalo*. I love you, *Sarang hamnida!* ㄸ



The commemorative photograph following the joint inauguration

# MAJOR EVENTS

to celebrate the second anniversary  
of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day

The commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and the 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony were held jointly at the Cheongshim Peace World Center on March 3 (1.13 on the heavenly calendar). More than twenty thousand participants from eighty of the world's nations, including leaders from a wide range of backgrounds and blessed Unificationists and their families took part in these events on that day. The festivities unfolded in three parts: The first part was the commemoration, the second part was the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony for twenty-four thousand couples (in 194 nations), and the third part was a musical performance to celebrate the occasion. A pledge service had occurred before the main event and a banquet followed it. Other events held from February 24 to March 4 to celebrate Foundation Day included the Cheon Il Guk Citizens Festival, an International Leadership Conference, and other commemorative seminars and events. The following is a pictorial of the many events held during this commemoration period.



## Celebration of the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day



True Mother spoke about the core issue of personal faith development on the second anniversary of Foundation Day.



A view of the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony, which occurred during the second anniversary of Foundation Day



Scripture Compilation Committee Chairman Kim (right) and Vice-Chairman Lee present *Cham Bumo Gyeong* to True Mother.



North American Regional President Ki Hoon Kim gives the opening prayer.



True Mother's aide, Won-ju McDevitt, reads hoondokhae



A successful tribal messiah couple presents flowers.



A vocal ensemble presents a celebratory song on the anniversary.

# Foundation Day 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony



True Mother calls on the audience to applaud for the newly blessed couples.



True Mother leads the affirmation of the vows.



Brides and grooms exchange rings.



True Mother presents bouquets to representative couples.



Mr. Dan Burton, U.S. congressman (1983–2012), congratulates the couples.



Mother sprinkles holy water on representative brides and grooms.



Brides and grooms at the 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony

## True Parents' Birthday Celebration



True Mother sang during the celebration of True Parents' birthday.



## The Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Bowing Ceremony





# The Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day Banquet



True Mother speaking at the luncheon banquet



A traditional Korean drum performance



Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr. prays.



True Parents Distinguished Service Award Winners with True Mother

# Foundation Day Anniversary Major Events



Mother with the 2015 Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship recipients



Prof. Yeon-ah Moon speaking to newly matched couples.



All regional leaders received a Cheon Il Guk holy candle.



A symposium on Korean reunification supportive of building a UN office in Korea.



A Korea-Japan Youth and Students' Peace Symposium



Sun Jin Moon reads True Mother's speech at UPF's International Leadership Conference on March 1



A candlelight victory prayer for Foundation Day at the Tree of Love



A World Media Conference was among the Foundation Day events.



The finale of the exuberant musical "New Heaven and New Earth"



The first of several choirs to perform did a rendition of "Bounce."

# Congratulations to the Newly Blessed Couples

BY DAN BURTON

What a beautiful ceremony! Dr. Hak Ja Han, distinguished leaders and guests, ladies and gentlemen. I am very happy to join you here in the Republic of Korea, one of America's greatest allies and friends, on the occasion of this Foundation Day.

I first wish to sincerely thank you, Dr. Moon for your successful leadership in bringing peaceful cooperation among faiths and nations to achieve peace. Your efforts have brought great honor to the life and work of your husband, the late Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Under your leadership, this pivotal work is rapidly expanding. We are grateful to you and your family for your leadership.

I want to offer sincere congratulations to all the couples who participated here in this interfaith blessing of marriage ceremony in Korea and throughout the world via satellite,

pledging their marriages to God and for the sake of peace for all mankind. My wife Samia and I are proud to say that as devout Christians we are honored to join with you today in renewing our vows under God's blessing led by True Parents. As Jesus taught in Matthew 19:6 ... "What God has joined together, let no one separate." We pray that all of your families will be blessed with great prosperity and happiness.

I recall, when Mother Moon was hosted by Senator Orrin Hatch in Washington to speak at the U.S. Congress in 1993, how she inspired many leaders to take action to protect marriage and the family. In 1994, I was honored to carry on this vision by introducing legislation calling for a "National Parents Day." House Joint Resolution 398, which was cosponsored by 223 members of Congress. It was overwhelmingly passed and in 1994 it was signed into law by Presi-

dent Bill Clinton. Now in America, the fourth Sunday in July is a national holiday of "Parent's Day." This holiday honors the God-given admonition that men and women must stand as good parents in raising their children. Now this vision of Parents Day has expanded to every continent in the world.

Mother Moon, as a co-founder of the *Washington Times* and the *Segye Times*, I want you to know that your leadership and vision is greatly appreciated by all God-fearing people. The reporting and commentary of the *Washington Times* in America's capitol city has been a most powerful influence on America's leadership and the world in support of faithful marriage, religious freedom, respect for all races, and finally rejection of socialism and atheism. The *Washington Times* also strengthens the God-affirming democratic free world to stand firm against terrorism and tyranny. As a thirty-



The happy newlyweds responded to Mr. Burton's kind, heartwarming remarks.



Mr. Burton delivered his address with verve.

year veteran of Congress and a Foreign Affairs Committee member in Congress, I want to state that the media entities you have founded and organizations like the Universal Peace Federation are most effective and are leading the way toward peace.

Currently we are attending a global media conference inspired by this vision and sponsored by the *Washington Times* and the *Segye Times* to examine "The Prospects for Peace in Northeast Asia." This conference has brought together top journalists from major global media organizations as well as policy leaders to shine a light on Northeast Asia and to explore the possibilities that are needed to foster cooperation among these nations to achieve peace, freedom and economic prosperity.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is important to know that these great accomplishments came with a great price. Reverend Moon's life was by no means an easy one. He spent two years and eight months in a communist prison camp in North Korea and was liberated by the UN/ US forces under General MacArthur. He escaped

with a determination to end the scourge of communism. When he founded his church and it spread worldwide, he encountered opposition and persecution just as it has come to all historical religious leaders throughout the ages.

Dr. Moon, I want you to know that because of the persecution you and your husband endured, your movement became stronger and more effective. Through the *Washington Times* and you and your husband's countless efforts combined with those of America and freedom-loving people of the world, the cold war was ended and the Berlin Wall came down.

Today we face many new challenges around the globe. Problems involving China, Korea, Japan, Russia the United States and other countries. If we continue to work together I'm hopeful that we can find a peaceful end to the division between Northland South Korea. When that happens a new era of freedom, peace and prosperity can be achieved in Northeast Asia. In addition, challenges from radical quasi-religious states such as ISIL, can be defeated. This must be

done not only militantly, but with other things such as truth and determination.

The *Washington Times* and other media must bring out the truth and support the faith leaders, and global leaders of conscience that you have inspired to rise up and overcome evil with good. With faith in God, we are not afraid and we shall be victorious. Evil is not strong when it is confronted by Good and good will prevail. We will stand with you in faith against tyranny and terrorism, and we will fight for religious freedom on every continent.

Ladies and gentleman, I pray that the legacy of peace that Reverend Moon and Mrs. Moon upheld throughout their lives will grow ever deeper and stronger roots here in Korea, Northeast Asia and throughout the world.

God bless you and your families, and may God Bless America and Korea. ㄸ

*Mr. Burton is a retired member of the United States Congress, who represented the State of Indiana for fifteen terms.*

# Possibilities for the Unification Movement

## An NGO perspective

BY KATSUHIRO MOTOYAMA

*This is from the text of a presentation by a member whose background affords an unusual perspective on ways we might increase our progress. He presented this on March 5, at the FFWPU International Headquarters' Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2015, in Korea.*



The author with True Mother at the 2015 Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly

I was born in Japan in 1981, the fourth of five children. My father is the national messiah of Honduras. I loved my mother, but she died when I was twelve. When I was fifteen, my father went to Honduras. My oldest brother and sister were studying overseas. We who remained had to survive by ourselves. I took a part-time job for living expenses and school fees. We sometimes did not have money for electricity, water or food. This is not an extreme example; many of our members in Japan have

been living like this.

With no mother on earth, and no father in my country, I had only one thing—pride in my parents. I deeply respected them, because they loved each other centered on God even after my mother's death. My parents' beliefs were true beliefs. That the blessing by True Parents is true marriage was my conviction from the substantial experience of my family life. Nevertheless, I had doubts. My first question was, Does God exist? My second question was, What should I

do with my life?

### Insight and answers

When I was seventeen, I found an answer in prayer. God is here. God loves me. God is my father. Every member here has experienced meeting God through True Parents. That is the core value of our movement and the common sense of our community.

Later, while reading the Divine Principle, I found a sentence about John the Baptist, "Since Jesus came to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, he was more in need of one leader who could guide a thousand than a thousand who would follow a leader." This answered my second question. I should become someone that can lead thousands rather than be one follower among many.

### Aiming high

My school grades were bad and people said it was impossible, but I was determined to study at Tokyo University. I quit my job. I studied for more than fourteen hours every day. A year later, God brought me to Tokyo University, where I was a World CARP-Japan member. After graduation, I studied Unification Theology at Sun Moon University and at the Unification Theological Seminary in the United States. I also worked for a short time in Japan as a Junior STF staff member; I created a study program and study workshops for second-generation Unificationists to become leaders with faith and ability.

I then studied at Harvard Graduate School of Education. In my Harvard application essay, I wrote about Sun Moon University, UTS and my teaching experiences with Jr. STF. They accepted me and acknowledged my experience and my vision. After graduation from Harvard, I started to work at the Nippon Foundation.

### **Broad interaction with society**

I am now trying to expand my vision in order to reach thousands of people in society. I have published eight books about learning and work skills. Some were bestsellers. I try to include both the essence of Divine Principle and my vision in my books. I also manage a blog and write many articles on education, family policy and leadership development for major online media as well as journals and newspapers. Hundreds of thousands of people are reading my articles every month. So, I now have some influence.

I do not hide my beliefs. When you search for my name on the internet, “Unification Church” arises as the first suggested keyword. The simple strategy I have learned from my thirty-three years of life applies to all our members:

- Achieve outstanding results in society and good performance in school and the workforce centered on God.
- Do not hide your belief in God and the Unification Church.
- Be proud of your identity as a blessed family member.
- Raise your voice proactively in society, to your friends, neighbors and relatives—to all people.

### **Current work**

I am the manager of the International Network Team at one of the largest NGOs in Japan and in Asia. The foundation works in education, public health and social welfare in more than a hundred countries. The founder was a highly influential figure among Japanese politicians. He was also the first honorary president of the Federation for Victory over Communism (VOC). He was supportive of the unification movement in the early period. He died in the 1990s. His third son, with whom I work closely, is the foun-

der's chairman.

### **A page from our movement's history**

In early 1960s, meeting our cheerful young members energized the founder of the foundation to support our movement. He first met Father in February 1965. In June 1967, he met with Father to prepare for the Asia Federation for Victory over Communism in Yamanashi Prefecture. In April 1968, we founded the International Federation for VOC. The founder was an honorary president. In the 1970s, he introduced the Unification Church and VOC to many politicians including former prime ministers Kishi and Fukuda.

When Mr. Kishi (Japan's prime minister 1957–1960) visited our church in Shibuya, he said, “He [the founder of the foundation] sympathizes with the Unification Church and hopes to strengthen this movement. He told me that Unification Church young people are truly pure, and he said that he expects them to develop and to take on important missions to save Japan in the future.” This hints at the unification movement's possibilities. God is always preparing an influential figure, able to lead thousands of others. We have to find a figure of this caliber.

At the Nippon Foundation, I am now working with various NGOs, political leaders, governments, academics, media outlets and a variety of UN organizations to promote public health, education, social welfare and human rights. I have had many meetings with presidents, prime ministers and ministers of many countries in my work. I believe these efforts will connect to world peace and God's providence in the future.

### **The unification movement's strengths**

Not being a staff member of any Unification Church organization, I do not know our movement in detail. Nevertheless, please allow me to share my views on aspects of the unification movement. I would like to try a simple analysis of our movement's strengths and weaknesses from the perspective of an international NGO.

### **Family values**

True marriage and true family values

through the blessing are our most important core values and strengths. The birthrate among blessed couples is high while birthrates in Japan, Korea and many developed countries are minuscule and decreasing, which is becoming a serious problem for those countries' sustainability. We also stress family values—“absolute sex” and absolute love between husband and wife. Conversely, the divorce rate in the general society is high and increasing and nobody can stop family breakdown.

### **Our younger generations**

We have good education programs for youth, such as Jr. STF and CARP, although these are not perfect. On the other hand, the number of young members in other religions is decreasing. Providing young members religious education is difficult for them.

### **Our interreligious movement**

We have been promoting dialogue between various religions, while the world faces a serious clash of civilizations, religion-based terrorism, and interreligious conflicts. This might be an opportunity for the unification movement to uniquely contribute to the international society.

### **Our expansive and diverse foundation**

We have a global foundation of blessed members and missionaries and broad networks of political, economic, education, artistic and media-related organizations. With strategic utilization, we could do something great.

### **Our movement's weaknesses**

We also have serious internal weaknesses that we should address in order to develop our movement. Society has labeled us a “cult.” We lack openness and transparency: People do not know who we are or what we think and do. Thus, they fear us. We are dealing with lawsuits over donations and other issues. We have not unified but are fighting and criticizing one another.

### **Our approach to the situation**

These weaknesses are deeply serious. We should not ignore them. Without overcoming them, we cannot further



Many people commented on the impressive look of the meeting room at this year's assembly.

develop. The strategy I suggest we should take is simple—strengthen the strengths and overcome the weaknesses.

To overcome the weaknesses, we should maintain compliance with the law. We should be authentic. We should sincerely explain our movement and vision to society. We should be transparent and open ourselves. We should unify all our members. On that basis, we can strengthen our strengths. Our first strength is our family values.

We have to try to become a “true” Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, promoting family values—absolute sex, true love between husband and wife, parents and children and brothers and sisters and in relationships with relatives. We have to strengthen these core values.

On that basis, we will be able to resolve family breakdowns, high divorce rates, low birthrates and child abuse in society. We can also propose concrete family policies to academics, NGOs and research institutions and utilize mass media and social media for family campaigns.

Secondly, we should invest our resources in raising second- and third-generation members to become leaders that can lead thousands of people. We should maximize youthful energy and talent to move prominent figures in society as in the example of what occurred in the

early days of our church. Encourage all members of blessed families to raise their voices in society, and strategically nurture second-generation members in important fields, such as politics, government, law, academia, the media and NGOs with a combination of faith-based and secular education.

#### A proposal

Let me share an example of a plan for your consideration. If we could send many second-generation members from various countries, every year, to top universities, we might have four hundred altogether per year. Those students should interact. Later, they should also attend Sun Moon University as I did. From a pool of thousands of professionals within ten years, centering on perhaps a hundred such leaders that had posts in the unification movement, we could have the same number of government officials, local or national politicians, university professors, journalists, NGO leaders, lawyers and businesspeople in each country. This human resource pool would be a strong foundation for our movement.

Our third point of strength is promoting interreligious dialogue. We could organize side events at UN conferences, cooperating with faith-based NGOs in order to realize an Abel-UN. We could publish a series of articles on religions and faith-based NGOs in


*Sekai Nippo*, the *Segye Times* and the *Washington Times*. We could establish a program of interreligious leadership at Sun Moon University and other universities and seminaries.

In the fight for religious freedom, we can utilize our experience in approaching the UN Human Rights Council and human rights NGOs on the issue of the abduction and confinement of our members. We could cooperate with other religions that face human rights violations due to their beliefs.

Regarding our forth strength, we can utilize our worldwide foundation and our organizations’ involvement in a wide variety of fields.

- Strengthen blessed families’ membership and ownership of the unification movement organizations, such as the Family Federation, the Women’s Federation, the Youth Federation, CARP, VOC and UPF.
  - Promote missionary work, studies abroad with blessed host families and host churches, international exchange programs among members, internship and volunteer work at unification movement organizations.
  - Cooperate with NGOs and organizations by participating in other organizations’ events, have continuous dialogue, and invite prominent figures and experts to our conferences and initiatives.
- These are four recommendations for development of the unification movement from the perspective of my professional experience at an international NGO.

#### My conclusion for VISION 2020

To build the kingdom of heaven on earth, we need to find, nurture and empower leaders that can lead thousands of people. We need to connect these leaders beyond their fields, organizations and countries in order to have a collective influence. We should strengthen our strengths and overcome our weaknesses. Let us be united as one. Let us become one family under God. Then, God will strengthen us, help us and dwell with us. 

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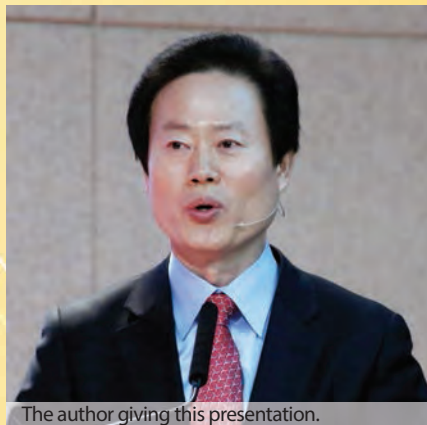
# Let Us Find Our Path

BY KIM MAN-HO

*This is an edited transcript of a presentation by the present head of the FFWPU International Headquarters, which he delivered at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2015 to national leaders and other prominent figures in our global movement.*

Today more than five hundred leaders of our unification movement from a hundred and twenty nations are here with Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim. All of you have been attending the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind with absolute faith as they created something out of nothing. All of you are truly the first and primary contributors to the creation of Cheon Il Guk. I am sure that your names will be recorded for all eternity in the Acts of the Cheon Il Guk Apostles centered on True Parents. Let us give a big hand to all of those that have been working hard to advance God's will in the mission field, in providential organizations or in providential companies, all the while enduring loneliness and pain in silence.

True Father's seonghwa was a great shock that brought us sorrow and pain. Let us remember, however, that True Mother is the one who had to endure the greatest difficulty throughout this shocking and painful experience. Many people expressed concern as to whether the Unification Church would be able to cruise along without True Father. Many were concerned and worried that the Unification Church would be adrift, at sea, or would become like an orphan. However, in these difficult times, True Mother, True Parents, showed the way like a beacon to all humankind. Even before fully recovering from her sorrow over True Father's seonghwa, True Mother addressed us, saying that the unification movement cannot stop on its path. Our only course is to advance. She proclaimed that we will advance incessantly and later proclaimed Foundation Day, opening the



The author giving this presentation.

gates to Cheon Il Guk. She instructed the compilation of the text of the three great Cheon Il Guk scriptures, and enacted and announced the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. She is also making many investments into nurturing a diverse, deep and broad pool of global talent for the future. True Mother is currently taking command of the world mission work and is guiding us toward the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

True Parents also gave a priceless gift—Vision 2020—to us. 2020 will mark the historic centennial of True Father's birth and True Mother's seventy-seventh birthday. At a time when we may easily fall into the vortex of chaos, True Mother has clearly presented the path that we should take toward this landmark date by fulfilling Vision 2020; that is, by establishing Cheon Il Guk and embracing all humankind.

We should respond in kind by offering our results as gifts to our True Parents. In order to prepare this gift by 2020, I believe we need to humbly ask ourselves and reflect on whether

we have clear goals and strategies that we are executing and whether the entire unification movement is moving in the same direction and in unison. It is for this reason that True Parents instructed us to include leaders not only from the church but also from the providential organizations and companies in Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2015.

We organized this assembly on this background. That is why the slogan this time is "Partnership and Synergy." In order to fulfill Vision 2020, the church, providential organizations and companies must completely coalesce. We should each create a trinity centered on True Parents and diagnose the current situation of our movement so that we can build solidarity and partnership in maximizing the effects of our endeavors. That is why we prepared this venue and assembled all of the Family Federation components, the providential organizations and providential companies centered on the International headquarters.

## Toward metamorphosis

Respected leaders, the process and end-result of achieving Vision 2020, ultimately rests on the transformation and unity of the unification movement. "Transformation" and "unity" are keywords that True Mother has been emphasizing to us on many occasions since True Father's seonghwa. In her address on the first day of 2014, True Mother said, "We should think only about the restoration of the nation and world by 2020. We should borrow Heaven's wisdom, muster all the methods and skills we can as human beings and change every-



Left to right: The FFWPU international president, her vice-president, the president of WFWP International, the author, the president of the Asia region and the national leader of the United States

thing. If we do not, we have no future. In order to do this, we must be the first to change and then we must change the world.” She added, “It is now time to return results to Heaven. We cannot do this using the ways in which we have done things until now. You must change. We need to be productive. That is the only way we can survive. I’m telling you to find the power of creativity within yourselves.” Through these words, we can see that True Mother has been emphasizing the need and importance of change and growth in our movement in the Cheon Il Guk era. On October 2013, True Mother reminded us that there is nothing we cannot do if we are united. She underscored the need and importance for unity and solidarity centered on our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

I believe that this assembly is the venue through which we can explore the direction needed and the methods for channeling our passion for change and unity and for fulfilling our expectations regarding Vision 2020. This change and this unity is nothing less than what God, True Parents, members of the unification movement and people of the world demand from our movement today in the Cheon Il Guk era.

What kind of strategic goals should we have in order to bring about this transformation and unity? The Divine Principle shows us that God’s providence always expands horizontally on the foundation of a vertical standard. In this light, I thought from the vertical and horizontal perspectives about what we can actually do in order to achieve Vision 2020.

#### **A vertical view of Vision 2020**

Vision 2020 as seen from a vertical viewpoint is first about establishing

the word through the three texts of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures. Who is the Messiah? The person that brings the truth is the Messiah. What defines True Parents’ identity? Their identity derives from their having brought God’s word. Don’t we learn about our Heavenly Parent’s circumstances and study about the providential history of restoration through God’s word? The word is expressed through the textbooks and teaching material that allow us to perfect ourselves on our own and perfect and expand our families so that they manifest Cheon Il Guk on the earth. That is why, as a gift to all of us, True Mother took True Father’s messages—like rough gemstones filling six hundred and fifty volumes—and invested time to polish and compile these messages, as precious jewels, in the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures. If True Mother does not guide the compilation process and complete it in this age, who else in future generations can do this? We should be grateful for all eternity to True Parents, who are giving us these precious words. I believe the most important thing to do from our vertical position in fulfilling Vision 2020 is to study and do the hoondok reading of True Father’s teachings.

The next point I would like to make is that we must uphold the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and to value it more than our own lives. We also must establish in our own lives and carry on the traditions displayed through True Parents’ life courses.

The last point I would like to make is that we should uphold True Father’s last words and legacy by fulfilling our missions as heavenly tribal messiahs, which True Mother is also strongly pushing us to do. Heavenly tribal messiah activities are not simply a slogan or campaign. With the heart

of a true parent, we should guide those around us to go through the Blessing Ceremony. Members have already ignited a fire in the Philippines and in Thailand. This flame is now spreading beyond Asia and is headed toward the rest of the world. Even in Korea, the homeland of our faith, and Japan, we are seeing couples emerge that have completed the restoration of 430 couples. In that sense, our leaders should set the example in front of their members. These activities should not be something that our leaders push members to fulfill as results. I believe that our heavenly tribal activities should be an actual effort to truly convey God’s word, teach people the Divine Principle and help them establish themselves as blessed families that uphold our Heavenly Parent’s and True Parents’ traditions. When we have done this, our efforts would then naturally lead to church growth.

#### **Viewed horizontally**

What should we do on a horizontal level? We should focus on nurturing and managing potential leaders. True Mother is devoting a lot of effort and investing, through various channels, in the education of second- and third-generation Unificationists. Through the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, she initiated and has continually supported the Universal Peace Academy, Top Gun workshops and a variety of other activities. The future rests on the state of our second and third generations. True Mother is very much aware of this fact.

What we can also do is create a sustainable environment for our movement, moving away from one-time events and from focusing on short-term activities. Let us set the example in becoming happy, ideal families in a society that is getting worse by the day. To sum this up, we should focus on reestablishing our movement as one that has the trust and love of society by practicing True Parents’ philosophy of peace.

#### **Implementation**

What are the tasks that our movement needs to address in reaching these vertical and horizontal activity goals? I believe we must begin by reforming

people's perception of our leaders. Thus, we as leaders need to transform ourselves. By transforming our leaders, we can transform our organizations; by transforming our organizations, we can transform the world. I want to underscore the need to change, reform our awareness and through that, to bring about a reformation of our organizational culture. We must rise above the past awareness and culture from the era of indemnity and instead establish a providential view, a view of our faith, a view of the church, an outlook on the family, and an outlook on providential activities that are in accord with Cheon Il Guk. Our leaders and members should share a common awareness and mind-set.

### Regaining trust

There is a saying in Book 12 in the Analects of Confucius. Tsze-kung asked about government. The Master said, "The requisites of government are that there be sufficiency of food, sufficiency of military equipment, and the confidence of the people in their ruler." Tsze-kung asked, "If it cannot be helped, and only one of the three must be preserved, which one should it be?" The Master answered, "If the people have no faith in their rulers, there is no standing for the state."

The core that sustains an organization, the key to management of the state, lies in its leaders gaining trust. When a leader and members of his organizations build a strong bond of trust, they can create a sturdy organization that will not be swayed by anything but can continue on its progress. At this time, I hope that today our leaders can once again engrave this point in their hearts and become part of this endeavor to reform the culture of our movement.

### Efficiency

The next step is establishing an efficient organization and structure that is appropriate for our church, providential organizations and companies in fulfilling Vision 2020. Regarding the proposed reforms, the international headquarters will continue to bolster its structure and capacity in managing our goals and risks.

The third issue is reform in the area

of the development and management of human resources. In the chapter on human resources in his book, *Public Servant Ethics*, the famous Korean thinker Jeong Yak-yong wrote, "It is a serious crime for a wise man to cover up mistakes." We often say that incompetent people surround us, but it is not that we do not have competent people; the problem is that we failed to identify competent people and to then nurture and enhance their overall competency. Circumstances do not determine the future; it can change depending on the decision of one leader. In that sense, people are our assets and represent the future. True Mother is very much aware of this fact and thus spoke about launching the Cheon Il Guk Human Resource Management Center.

Respected leaders! What did True Father teach us and emphasize repeatedly? He told us to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. When True Father talked about God's attributes, he taught us that God was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. I think that how we find and establish this concept of absoluteness is extremely important.

What would happen to our members who follow our leaders if our leaders fail to find this absoluteness and wander without direction? If we go in the wrong direction and lack coordination, we end up on the wrong path. When this happens, what occurs within or members' souls and in their lives? That is why we must realign ourselves to the correct coordinates and direction, like one would with the North Star, which is unchanging in the sky. When has the North Star ever changed? If our leaders sitting here today can give off light like the North Star, I am sure the members that follow them would not be confused. We should know the center. It is about time that we show faith in becoming absolutely one with that center. All of you must become like a compass. A compass accurately indicates the positions of the North Pole and of South Pole at all times, twenty-four hours a day, whether in the dark or under water. Members are following your examples. You must become like the North Star, like a compass, and help members that are living through con-

fusion and difficulties, heal the dejected hearts and the souls that have been hurt. I hope that all of us can win their trust again and be able to present them with the proper direction.

### Let us be mature leaders

In conclusion, I would like to share a little of what I felt was going through True Parents' hearts. I had a dream right before True Father's seonghwa. Jesus appeared wearing a crown of thorns and said, "The unbelievers drove these small nails in both my arms and legs but this stake in my heart was put there by believers."

This reminded me of True Father in the hospital. Perhaps the people of the world were the ones who drove the small nails in Father's arms and legs, but we, we blessed members, are probably the ones that put the stake in his heart. It is now time for us to pull out that stake, which has been festering in True Parents' hearts and release them from their bitter sorrow. True Mother even now is unable to find sleep at night. When she is in front of us, she looks so calm and confident with a smile, but she is bearing this heavy providential cross on her own and can find sleep only when she takes sleeping pills. Yet, she wakes up at two or three in the early morning, worried about God's providence of restoration, and about us, her children. Her pillow is wet with her tears. Please remember that this is how True Mother is right now. Let us become mature children and respected leaders that fulfill Vision 2020 with our True Parents, even though we do not have much time remaining.

Darkness is deepest right before dawn. Often after a violent storm, we are blessed with a rainbow. In the same way, in order to reach this landmark achievement through Vision 2020, we should gratefully persevere through the hardships and suffering we face today. The future of our movement and completion of God's providence of restoration depends on us. Please have that sense of mission and pride with you today. I hope that through the presentations, forums and seminars that occur throughout this assembly, for the next two days, we can ask ourselves where we are headed and find our path. ☞

# The Musical “New Heaven, New Earth” Performed on the second anniversary of Foundation Day



The Korean performing arts field is experiencing a musical renaissance. Musicals have become a common art form again. Thus, selecting that genre as a way of expressing a narrative of God's providential history for humankind through True Parents was opportune. In the past, the Korean headquarters attempted to prepare musicals for our celebrations. Later, the Cheongshim Corporation hired professional actors and produced large-scale musicals for our events, including the high-standard performance we saw at True Father's seonghwa anniversary last year. Each time, however, some members voiced the opinion that they had been unable to connect in heart with the performances, because with non-members having written and performed them, those musicals failed to express fully our ideals. The prevalent viewpoint was that nothing much remained, despite the enormous investment into producing these musicals. People began advocating the idea of producing a musical by and for our

members. Thus began our audacious attempt to reflect True Mother's desire.

## Planning and script writing

The preliminary meeting to prepare for the Foundation Day commemoration occurred last September. The Korean headquarters organized all aspects of the events, but the History Compilation Committee produced the musical. Within this framework, the History Compilation Committee held sessions from October to brainstorm on the storyline and held several workshops to prepare props, benchmark other musicals and flesh out the script. The script went through an arduous process of writing, rewriting, discarding and writing again.

In the end, the initial draft was completed and the Korean headquarters began to recruit actors from December among second- and third-generation members interested in the project. Another important purpose of the project was to provide an

opportunity to raise the cultural personnel resources within our movement. As the first deadline neared, roughly twenty candidates had applied. This was not enough to produce the musical we had in mind, so we had to recruit actors by posting announcements on the Korean headquarters web site and approaching Sun Moon University CARP students.

## Forming the team

Time, unfortunately, was not on our side. On January 6, we began rehearsing with about thirty actors including three History Compilation Committee staff members and six professionals. On January 24, we held the project's opening ceremony at which our team had the opportunity to present a portion of the songs written specifically for the musical.

On February 3, after about a month of practice, twelve more CARP students joined the team, now fifty-two people. The musical team finally pulled up anchor and began its voyage.

## Training process

Despite these preparations, the training and rehearsal process was rocky. Initially, we asked all members to stay at the Guri Central Training Center during the rehearsal period.

Many members not used to dancing sustained ankle injuries. The non-member actors' lack of understanding of God's providence was also difficult. As we suffered delays, we had to replace a number of actors that we had been going to use.

A number of students joined the team a month after rehearsals began. They had to go through painstaking effort to catch up. These passionate students practiced late into the night. With each passing day, we could see improvement in their singing and dancing. Not wanting to fall behind, the non-member actors worked hard, too, and soon became close to and mentored the other team members. All of them stayed on even during the lunar New Year holiday to practice. Eye contact alone was enough to harmonize and adjust their performances. We sent a preliminary video to True Mother in Hawaii. You could feel that the performers were growing confident with the intent to fulfill their duty as children through this performance.

#### Structure of the script

The script was part of a longer one, three acts and seven chapters, on True Parents' course. The first act portrayed the end of the cold war and True Parents' ongoing contribution to Korea's reunification. The second covered their investment in promoting religious harmony, Father's time in Danbury prison, and his coronation as the King of Peace. The third act portrayed the proclamation of Foundation Day and celebration of Cheon Il Guk and noble families. The cast sang twelve songs in the whole performance including "New Heaven, New Earth" and "Until the Day of Our Death." We were happy to be able to create songs that will become part of our cultural heritage.

#### Foundation Day performance

The pressure of standing on the Cheongshim Peace World Center stage overwhelmed the less-experienced actors, but in onstage rehearsal, they began to find focus and confidence. A week before Foundation Day, the



musical team performed four songs from the musicals at True Parents' birthday banquet. They had a chance to perform and to obtain a preliminary evaluation of their performance. Despite the audience's praise, we knew we had a long way to go. This realization spurred us even more to practice.

March 3: Snow fell on the day commemorating Foundation Day. Our team put on make-up and costumes for the main performance. The curtain rose, spotlights came on, and they were off like wild animals, performing onstage without any regrets. The first scene portrayed a showdown between Soviet agents supporting the coup d'état and young Russians who studied Divine Principle. The visuals added tension to this spectacular performance. Tensions were high when the tanks rolled onto the streets. True Parents' meeting with Kim Il Sung focused on the psychological nuances exchanged during their discussions. Another scene attempted to portray True Father's heart as he stood in front of his parents' graves, while restraining tears and the ineffable emotions sweeping through his heart. In the scene showing True Parents' efforts to bring interfaith harmony, the actors performed a lively song and dance portraying True Father's victory in

prison in Danbury. During the third act, acrobatic performances and visuals created an image of True Parents' boat cruising through the ocean as they sang the boat song.

In the scene of the festival celebrating the birth of heavenly tribal messiahs, the lively song, Cheon Il Guk Bounce, was played inducing the entire audience to sing and dance along with the music. True Mother also responded, which the actors reacted to heartily.

During the epilogue, they performed "New Heaven, New Earth" and the musical ended amid loud applause. The journey, though long, bore the fruit of each drop of sweat shed during practice. We felt our hearts fill with joy; standing in line onstage we fervently waved to the audience. Many of our second-generation members had had no experience doing a musical. Yet, they overcame their limitations and put their strengths together to splendidly perform for fifty-five minutes.

People rated the performance as having done a good job of visually rendering the providential story. They commended the musical for its scale and detail and for the laughter, tears and beauty displayed. This performance, a joint effort by the Korean headquarters and the History Compilation Committee, was considered a success in displaying the level of our movement's culture and as a chance for our second- and third-generation members to develop their performing arts skill and create synergy. In the future, we plan to form a Tongil Cultural Performance Team from those who performed this time and to support them in cultivating their professional skills. 7

# Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures

## *Cham Bumo Gyeong* completes the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures



“On this day, I offer my thanks and congratulations to Heaven while feeling God’s unending grace and love. Since True Father’s ascension, I have been endeavoring to offer and dedicate the three great scriptures to Heaven. As of today, the last of the three books, *Cham Bumo Gyeong* will find its place among these holy scriptures. I don’t know if you welcome this day with deep gratitude, but I can tell you that Heaven has waited for this day for six thousand years.”

This is an excerpt from True Mother’s address at the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day on March 3. During the events that day, Rev. Kim Young-hwi, chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scripture Compilation Committee and Rev. Lee Jae-seuk, the vice-chairman, offered a box containing the complete set of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures to True Parents. Along with the dedication

and publication of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* the previous year, the dedication of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* marked the publication of the complete set. There is no way to fully express True Mother’s joy or the significance of the completion of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures.

*Cham Bumo Gyeong* is a compilation of vivid records depicting True Parents’ lives as the messiah, savior, returning Lord, and True Parents’ of humankind. It portrays True Parents’ dynamic lives, incomparable to any saint in history, in order to achieve the goal of bringing about human salvation, world peace and ultimately God’s liberation. *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was published with the focus of recording their victories through True Parents’ “Pilgrim’s Progress.”

### Compilation Process

Rev. Kim Young-hwi and Rev. Lee Jae-seuk initiated the first meeting to discuss the compilation of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures at the office of

the History Compilation Committee on August 23, 2012. Later, professors from the Sun Moon University Graduate School of Theology and the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology joined the process of compiling material for *Cham Bumo Gyeong*. True Mother emphasized the importance of this process saying, “After True Father’s seonghwa, the first thing I resolved to do was offer the holy scriptures. It will become the first and last, eternal textbooks and teaching material that can be used to guide people in accord with True Parents’ standard. Please be determined to do your best.”

True Mother immediately gathered the compilation members in the main building at Sun Moon University and prepared a temporary office where they could hold meetings and do their work. Technicians installed digital reference books, other relevant materials and the search system for True Father’s speeches on the compilation committee members’ computers. During these initial stages, True Father passed away. Sorrow filled the hearts of the members as if all of heaven and earth had been thrown into darkness. Nevertheless, the compilation process continued under True Mother’s instruction that we advance without stopping.

However, the *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee’s initial task became compiling *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and the new version of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, so for the next nine months they concentrated on these two books, published in 2013 on the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. Somewhat prior to the

publication ceremony, the Cheon Il Guk Compilation Committee began to turn its full attention to compiling *Cham Bumo Gyeong*.

Thirteen members of the *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee convened on March 26, 2013, at the History Compilation Committee's office. Rev. Lee gave a presentation, "Compilation Guidelines for *Cham Bumo Gyeong*," and the professors Kim Hang-jea, Jo Eung-tae and Cho Kwang-bong gave a joint presentation of their concept of the table of contents. True Parents' life courses were then categorized into specific periods. Each compilation committee member was assigned a part to compile. Dr. Kim Hang-jea was to focus on the period from True Father's birth to the Holy Wedding in 1960. Dr. Cho Kwang-bong the period from True Parents' Holy Wedding to the beginning of the providence in the United States and the global providence, which began in 1971. Dr. Yang Pyeong-seung gave his full attention to the period from 1972 to 1992; and Dr. Jo Eung-tae compiled material specifically related to the period from the Completed Testament Age in 1993 to the present.

During the second compilation committee meeting, on April 19, 2013, the basic outline for each book was announced. The committee discussed each draft outline. The members agreed to flesh out each chapter, section and the table of contents for each book by the next meeting. They held subsequent meetings and during an August 7 to 9 workshop that year at YongPyong Resort, they decided on three guiding principles for the compilation process. First, the material would come from True Parents' speeches. Second, they should avoid redundant passages that overlap with those in the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*. Third, they would organize the books—which have the role of chapters in a manner similar to the Bible—in chronological order following True Parents' life courses while focusing on their accomplishments by theme and based on a chronological and consistent depiction of events.

They held another workshop at Cheongshim Village from November

29 to December 1 the same year. They divided the committee members into seven teams. Each team would scrutinize two of *Cham Bumo Gyeong*'s books. At that event, they removed parts from the draft that they felt were unnecessary and carried out further proofreading. They held another workshop from January 16 to 22, 2014, at Moochangpo Beach Palace for further review and editing of the text. This version was then offered during the commemoration of the first an-



niversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day. Throughout this process, the committee members had spiritual experiences in which they felt that True Father was guiding them personally. At the same time, True Mother also personally provided guidance as she pored over the details in the book. Through their investment, the first version of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was offered to heaven at the commemoration of the first anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.

### Supplementing and Reorganizing the Content

During the victory celebration and hoondokhae welcoming True Mother back to Korea from her visit to Switzerland, Mother instructed that the content of *Cham Bumo Gyeong* be supplemented. She reminded us, "Our Heavenly Parent's wish and the wish of all humankind is True Parents. True Parents did not one day suddenly appear out of nowhere. You have to know history. You have to be aware of providential history, under-

stand it theologically and be able to explain it. *Cham Bumo Gyeong* is a holy scripture that is perfect and faultless for humankind today."

The *Cham Bumo Gyeong* Compilation Committee pored over more than 4,500 pages of basic material and delving into the 615 volumes of True Father's speeches and examining even never published ones. They worked day and night with little rest and did their best to meet the deadline for offering the text by the first anniversary of Foundation Day. Certainly, however, we may have had some inadequacies in our devotion during this process. During her visit to Switzerland, True Mother read *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, which was expected to be dedicated during the upcoming first anniversary of Foundation Day. She confirmed that some parts were inadequate. Through prayer and conversation with True Father in heaven, she promised him that she would supplement the content once she returned to Korea and would complete the entire process.

"Please smoothen the material so that even someone with little contact with our movement can understand what kind of people True Parents are and what they have accomplished—that they gave new life to human beings and that they worked very hard for humankind. You have to organize this volume so that people can understand it in this way." Based on these guidelines from True Mother, the committee began to supplement the content and reorganize the table of contents. They held a workshop from October 9 to 11, 2014, at Cheongshim Village for this purpose. True Mother invited the members to lunch and encouraged them in their work.

From December 17 to 23, the committee held a workshop in Yeosu, where they reviewed the content again. From January 26 to 28 at Cheongshim Village, they held a workshop to confirm and check the material. After a final review and confirmation process, printing began from February 10 this year and finally *Cham Bumo Gyeong* was dedicated to heaven on March 3 during the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day. 7



The one-on-one Divine Principle workshop participants



In Fukuoka, where they met Japanese student members

# Helping Our Young People Discover Their Identity

## A testimony from Korea's Jeonnam District

From January 24 to 28, the FFWPU Jeonnam District in Korea (under District Leader Song Jeong-seob) conducted a holy ground pilgrimage and visit to historic and cultural sites with more than eighty students, members of the Seonghwa Haksang group [a student group begun by True Parents in the 1960s; hereafter, “seonghwa students”] from seventeen churches within the district. This pilgrimage and tour was held under the theme, “Inheriting the hearts of True Parents, peace-loving global citizens!” The purpose was to instill in the students their identity as second-generation FFWPU members and encourage them to inherit their parents’ faith.

“We were making a lot of effort in witnessing to seonghwa students in line with the providence under Vision 2020. At that time, I discovered that our second-generation members were unable to confidently tell their friends at school that they were Unificationists. I discovered in some families that children lost their self-esteem in this area after seeing their fathers not going to church,” Rev. Song explained. “Through the pilgrimage and the visit to historic sites, I wanted to

awaken in these students the sense that they were second-generation members born through True Parents’ blessing, to instill pride and dignity in them and to help them understand clearly why their mothers, who are Japanese, had crossed the Genkai Sea to come to Korea,” he added.

### One-on-one Divine Principle

Earlier in the month, Rev. Song organized a one-on-one Divine Principle workshop for seonghwa students, January 2–4, and again January 7–9. Through these sessions, the district leader saw hope in the substantial transformation of second-generation members. Rev. Song explained the background and motivation behind this education and the methodology that he used for the sessions.

### Impetus for the education

Many of our seonghwa students and other second-generation members do not know the Divine Principle. Thus, they are not confident about it and do not identify themselves with our church. More than 90 percent of the second-generation members in our district conceal the fact at school that they belong to the Unification Church.

That is why it is impossible for them to witness to their friends. I realized that the first hurdle to overcome involved helping our second-generation members to understand the Principle and to establish their identity as second-generation Unificationists. I decided to utilize the one-on-one education method for this purpose.

To the district headquarters, we brought eighteen seonghwa students and had our church leaders and Japanese missionaries act as hoondok readers for three days (January 2–4) during which they read each chapter of the Divine Principle, starting from the Introduction and ending with the Second Advent. We assigned one reader to each student. After doing this, we saw our second-generation members transform and discover hope. We immediately held another session, January 7–9, for student members in the entire Jeonnam District. We held the Seonghwa One-on-One Divine Principle Hoondok Reading Workshop in a seminar room at the Spaland Dogok Hot Springs, for twenty-seven students. Church leaders and Japanese members again volunteered to be hoondok readers. The results of this workshop engendered hope. After this, we began to





The one-on-one leaders requested this in-depth teachers' workshop.

hold these one-on-one Divine Principle hoondok reading sessions in the churches in my district including those in Haenam, Damyang, Gurye, and Gokseong.

Through these workshops, our second-generation members began to engage in church activities on their own initiative. To see them inviting their friends to church was very encouraging. The best part about the one-on-one Divine Principle hoondok reading workshops is that students have the opportunity to focus on studying the Divine Principle. By reading the entire Divine Principle from beginning to end, they were able to absorb all the concepts in the Divine Principle.

#### Education method

A student and a hoondok reader sit across from each other at a desk. The director asks the student to first read the parts in red in *Exposition of the Divine Principle* and the hoondok reader to read the parts in blue. At the same time, the twelve-hour chart diagram is placed on the desk, so that they can look up at the chart while they read from the book. If the readers feel that the explanations in blue are not sufficient to explain a certain concept, they go on to read the yellow parts as well. If there is a particular concept that the hoondok reader feels should be thoroughly understood, he or she will quiz the student to make sure the student understands.

#### Preparation of lay ministers

Through these workshops, we heard from the hoondok readers that even though they wanted to teach the Divine Principle in depth to the stu-

dents, the readers themselves felt their knowledge of the concepts was insufficient. Consequently, we held a one-day workshop, at which the hoondok readers summarized and recapitulated what they had learned from each chapter using a question and answer format. On January 31, in the main hall of the Naju Multicultural Center, eight church leaders and twenty-seven other members took part in this session. Participants found hope that they could be successful as hoondok readers if they made effort. Many of them came to appreciate that one-on-one education was necessary and realized how they themselves had led their lives without fully understanding the Principle. The coordinator of this event commented, "In the future, I think we should move away from the one-sided lecture method and utilize the one-on-one method not only for seonghwa students but also for adults. If we can do that, I think recipients of the lectures can focus more on studying the Divine Principle. If the church leader is willing and can find the appropriate venue and time for one-on-one education, I AM confident we will see hope arise in all of our seonghwa students."

#### Pilgrimage and historic sites

After completing the one-on-one Divine Principle workshops, the seonghwa students in Jeonnam District went on a pilgrimage of holy grounds in Korea. On January 24 at 3:30 PM, they arrived at Beomnetgol in Busan. There they visited the Beom Il Jeon Memorial Hall, where they saw the rock of tears and shouted three cheers of eog-mansei. Here the stu-

dents learned how True Father had written *Wolli Wonbon* (the original, predecessor Divine Principle) and endured a great many difficulties and challenges during that time. This explanation deeply moved many students who seemed finally to discover their roots.

At 9:00 PM that day, the students boarded a ferry that departed from Busan Port and arrived at Hakada Port in Japan at 8:00 AM the next day. The students then headed to Shimomoseki, where the first missionary to Japan had arrived in 1958. The students visited and prayed at a holy ground that Father had designated in 1965, during his tour of Japan described in "Love Japan More than You Love Me" in our last issue. Rev. Song explained to them the difficult circumstances in which the providence grew to a level at which it could reach Japan and how from that time forward breakthroughs have taken place.

Later the group headed to Fukuoka, where they played soccer with the Japanese seonghwa students, had a chance to try on kimono (traditional Japan clothing) and take part in a traditional tea ceremony. On January 26, they visited the investigative excavation site in Nagoya for the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel. "I was able to see how True Parents' providence to create global peace was actually manifested in steps instead of just remaining an idea. I am so happy and proud to be born into the second generation through True Parents' blessing," was the response of one student to this experience.

Rev. Jeong Hyeong-cheol, the vice-pastor of the Naju Family Church, who was heading this delegation commented, "Many parents are comforted when their children go to church for worship. In reality, however, even these students are exposed to many things that undermine their faith on the internet, through their smartphones.... This pilgrimage and visit were meaningful opportunities to allow the seonghwa students from Jeonnam District to experience firsthand True Parents' hearts and investment." 

*The Jeonnam district leader and the FFWPU Korea Cheon Il Guk News provided material for this article.*



▲ Kobe members welcomed Lord Ahmed to Japan.  
▶ Members of the Press asking questions



# Dealing with the Wicked and Ungodly on the Path toward Peace

*UPF-Japan invited British Member of the House of Lords Nazir Ahmed to Japan at a time when the nation was debating its place in the world. He spoke at the Tokyo Press Club on February 16 and then answered reporters' questions. This is an edited version of what he said that day.*

Japan's recent history of not engaging in any type of war but working for peace around the world and your governments' efforts at trying to bring peace in the Middle East, its three-pronged approach of political dialog, confidence building and economic assistance for Palestinians, are admirable.

Talking about peace in the Middle East five or ten years ago was very difficult; now it is more difficult. The Arab Spring started in September 2010; by 2013, rulers in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, and other parts had been forced out, and chaos has emerged in Syria and Iraq. Sadly, we saw what happened in Libya [a video released that day showed ISIS beheading Egyptian Christians there] and what happened in Copenhagen [the February 14 attack].

I came here this morning with the thought that I would express my deep sympathies, with thoughts and prayers, to the Japanese people and the families of the beheading of two of your citizens. You have the sympathy of one and a half billion Muslims, except a very tiny minority of extremists who are responsible for cold-

blooded murder. The so-called Islamic State (active in Syria, Iraq, Libya and claiming parts of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia) has absolutely nothing to do with Islam. It uses Islam to unify support from deviant young men who had looked for peaceful change within their nations, while we have a weak and ineffective UN and brutal dictators in Egypt, Libya, Syria and Iraq that have provided neither justice nor jobs for young people. Today, in the Islamic world, over 50 percent of the population is under thirty years old. They are looking for alternatives that can give them jobs and opportunities and a justice system that is available to them and not just to the sheikhdoms or kingdoms that have lived amongst gold and diamonds themselves while poor people are begging on the street and picking up rubbish. These are evil people, who have no religion, no faith, in my view. Theirs are twisted minds. They are attacking others for political reasons, for domination.

Just as from 1618 to 1648, when Catholics and Protestants were at war, the Shiites and the Sunnis are at war from Yemen to Bahrain and from

Syria to Afghanistan and Pakistan. In my view, Saudi Arabia and Iran are playing very dangerous roles in supporting opposite sides financially or logistically. The Muslim world is involved in this sometimes proxy, sometimes obvious, war. You have external struggles, where extremists take over, leaving masses in poverty without justice in Nigeria with Boko Haram, in Somalia, in Darfur. In Syria, the state has tried to oppress its own people. In Iraq, the Shia majority government in Baghdad ignores the Sunni minority, which was powerful during the time of Saddam Hussein. Yemen and Libya are in chaos because the system of government has crumbled. Out of chaos emerges this evil ISIS, al Qaeda and all these groups.

The big debate in Japan is on the role Japan should take in the international community, whether a pro-active defense role or a pro-active peacemaking role. I would support a peace-making role because of Japan's experience of institution building, economic support and neutrality. One role Japan could play is in strengthening the UN, making it more representative of the modern world, so that it



Baron Ahmed



Baron Ahmed spoke in various Japanese cities, such as Fukuoka, pictured above.

is not run by the Big Five, with nuclear weapons and with veto power. Japan could make the UN more effective in dealing not only with disasters but with injustices taking place, make it representative of the entire body of human beings on earth.

For the international community to push Japan softly toward self-defense spending would be easy because of the emerging superpower, China, and of course North Korea near your borders. I can see the argument, but is it right for Japan to spend billions of dollars to build up defense, or is it better to spend money in peace building that actually ensures peace for another fifty years? I thank you and I will now answer your questions.

**Weekly Friday: Two days ago, ISIS killed two Japanese citizens. ISIS claims this was because Japan is a part of an anti-ISIS coalition. What do you think of Japan's role?**

I think it takes a Muslim person to understand some of the conflicts—inside Muslim minds and inside Muslim countries, about which I have spoken. The Shiite-Sunni complication, for example, what is hap-

pening in Iraq and Syria and in Yemen and Egypt can only be understood if you understand the culture and traditions and the tribes as well.

Japan should not be silenced because of the evil acts of ISIS, who have killed two Japanese citizens. ISIS as well as Bashar al-Assad are responsible for four million refugees being in Jordan, two million in Turkey and one million in Lebanon. They are all Muslims, and yet they are refugees because of evil ISIS, which claims to be Muslim. They have nothing to do with my faith....

We are speaking about Muslims and terrorism. We have just commemorated a hundred years since World War I and seventy-five years since World War II, and the sixty million or so people killed. I just want to remind everyone that Muslims were not responsible for any of those deaths. It was... You know who it was.

**America is preparing a limited military operation and military assistance. How can they combine to combat ISIS?**

The British Parliament has rejected ground troop involvement in Syria. If America is preparing to send limited troops, I do not believe America can win a war in Syria or in Iraq. They have already proved that. When it comes to winning hearts and minds and understanding the psychology of those they are fighting, America does not have a good track record. Saudi Arabia and Iran becoming involved is important, be-

cause in Syria and in Iraq a proxy war is going on. You have Iran supporting the Shia government in Baghdad. In Syria, you have the Assad government, which is Alawite Shia, a small minority [14.7%] that are dominating the majority Sunnis.

Of course, Sunnis from around the world, from the West, from Europe, from North Africa are all attracted to go to fight their cause. Getting Saudi Arabia and Iran to the table is much more important than sending American ground troops.

**Sekai Nippo: What do you think of the possibility of ISIS getting chemical, biological or nuclear weapons?**

It is a deep serious worry because they have seized many weapons in Syria and in Iraq and are seizing many weapons in Libya now. There aren't nuclear weapons in this region but chemical or biological weapons are a serious worry. The Assad regime, has them—had them and claim they have destroyed them. Saddam had them. Many ISIS fighters were in the Saddam Hussein regime but were pushed out of the way by the Maliki government. They have nothing left in life but to fight. These are trained people, who know about arms caches from Saddam's time and even the weapons controlled by the Iraqi government. It is a deep worry and I am 100 percent sure that intelligence services from around the world are keeping an eye on that. It would be devastating if they got hold of those weapons. ☞

# Insight on Our Church in the Republic of the Congo

*This interview was conducted during a forty-day Cheongpyeong workshop with Rev. Norbert Ndielle-Moutsatsi, the national leader of the Republic of the Congo, which has six church centers.*

## What church activities do you focus on at this time?

We are concentrating on UPF activities and tribal messiah work. I am a newly appointed national leader. We had been witnessing to prepare for the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, which our members just received. From now, we will continue witnessing according to what True Mother has asked of us, while still doing the tribal messiah mission.

## How do you carry out the tribal messiah work?

We send a person back to his or her native region to witness to the family and tribe, friends and neighbors. From there, the members call for the national leader to come to organize a workshop. Along with that, we try to organize couples in each tribe. From that, we know how many couples we can bring from village to village. As Mother emphasized, we will teach them the Divine Principle and explain to them who True Parents are.

We have hope that we can also call on Christian pastors that are in each region and teach them Divine Principle. When we teach them Divine Principle, we will come to understand how to approach the staff members and eventually we can teach all members of the church.

I can say that our relationship with other churches in Congo is good. Why? Whenever we visit a church, we meet people there that

have received the blessing, even two or three pastors. Christian churches understand our value.

Sometimes, a church used to be divided because some people used to follow the Bible in a bad way. For example, Solomon had three hundred women and so on, so pastors used to follow that kind of practice. We used to meet them and converse with them and we were able to tell them what God wants from them. He does not want them just to teach the Bible, but he hopes that all of us can build the kingdom of God. It was useful to tell that to some of them.

## What would you say are the strong points of the church work you are doing and the challenges you face?

The strong point of our work was our preparation of people for the blessing that just passed. From now, we will restart the mission by organizing a workshop with all members. We now have more than 420 couples and each member can now work to unite deeply with this new mission that True Mother, True Parents, have given us as tribal messiah. This is what I have on my mind now.

Regarding UPF, before we were teaching them, but we did not ask them to go to the blessing. Now we will organize a workshop to help them understand the meaning of the blessing. Each of them must come with his wife. We want to teach them how to prepare for the blessing and encourage them to bring their chil-

dren in as well, so that their children can begin to hear something about Divine Principle.

## How widespread is your ambassador for peace network?

We have UPF ambassadors for peace. When some of the criteria changed, things were not going well, but now things are going well. Why? Because the chairman and the former chairman are organizing things well.

When we return after the African leaders meeting, we will absolutely organize a workshop with them to persuade them about this new mission. They also must strive to do their best, so that they can receive the blessing. From there we hope to begin to work with their families so that we can organize the tribal messiah outreach.

## Your UPF chairman is the older brother of the president?

Yes, UPF-Congo's president is the older brother of President Denis Sassou-Nguesso. The older brother is an ambassador for peace, and he and his wife are a blessed couple. We have a good foundation but we have to educate our ambassadors more fully about True Parents so they too can move.

## What is most appealing about our message to the people of Congo?

Congo is mostly Christian, and because of our views on immorality, when we are teaching Divine Principle, many people accept it. When we



Rev. Ndielle-Moutsasi is in the center (brown coat) of this group of African national leaders.

teach using our slides about AIDS, about families and young people, everybody is attracted to these ideas. Having that aspect, we need only to organize workshops with some highly respected personality. When True Parents' message is received deeply, people are very happy. Now, though, we do need to explain exactly who True Parents are and persuade the people to receive the blessing.

#### **How are your relations with the media?**

We have a good relationship with the media. In part because the chairman of UPF has his own national television station. Also, we used to speak over the radio and people could call in. We conversed and gave our point of view on any issues of importance to the nation. We are always in the middle, but we can give Father's directions, tell people what Father would say about issues.

#### **How did you join the church?**

I joined in 1988. I received the blessing in 1995. I met my spiritual mother, a Zairian sister who came to Congo for fund raising. While they were raising funds, they also wit-

nessed. They came to my university. Many people listened; I joined because I was a strong Christian. I believed in the coming Messiah. I believed that as a Christian, I had to be honest and had to follow a lifestyle of chastity, not going around with women. When I heard the Divine Principle from her, I soon accepted.

My wife is Nigerian. We have three children, two girls and a boy. The girls are sixteen and fourteen and the boy is thirteen.

#### **What has your experience been like at Cheongpyeong?**

In Cheongpyeong, I feel that many good spirits are around. Yesterday, before we received our international president, Sun-jin nim, I was looking forward to when we would give flowers to her. I was thinking that some elder couple should give them. Just one minute after I was thinking that, Rev. Bakary, our regional president, came to me and said, "You are the one to give the flowers." I realized I have to keep good feelings, a good way of thinking so that everything can go smoothly. We also have to work hard, positively. If we start to complain, I try to comprehend

how True Parents have suffered to make this kind of place and how God has come so far in his providence.

I think about the way that True Mother is asking us to go. I can see that we are so happy, but True Mother needs us to support her and to accomplish much so that she feels joy. That is what I am feeling in my heart all the time.

When Sun-jin nim came to see us; she wanted to hear African songs. She said that because we need to work hard, True Mother sent us some coffee. We felt True Parents' hearts toward Africans. Sometimes, we tend to feel that we are too far away and are forgotten children, but I could understand again that True Mother is always thinking of us. She wants us to do our best, so that we can raise up our countenance and we can be on the side of people that are really working for God, especially in this special time.

I promise that we are now going with all our power, with the experience in Cheongpyeong and with True Mother and True Parents. What we want is to bring Congo to True Parents. *✚*

# Kingdom of the Heart

## An interview of a missionary

*The interviewee was one of our early missionaries, whom True Mother honored with an award on the Foundation Day anniversary, forty years after True Parents sent them out. She first went to the Central African Republic (1975–1983) before going on to other mission fields.*

### True Peace: What was preparing to be a missionary like?

**Mary Johnson:** I'd been a member for two years in 1975. Father often came to speak to us at Barrytown, where we prepared to go out. When I prayed I got this feeling, not necessarily from Heavenly Parent, but a strong feeling that though I hadn't heard of this country before, this is a wonderful country. If you looked at the statistics, The Central African Republic was one of the poorest countries in the world, then ruled by a cruel dictator. At Barrytown a huge map on the wall showed which countries in the world were communist, which countries were not and which countries were trending toward communism. We got a strong sense from Father that we were going out to try to stop the tide of communism. In 1975, communism was dominant and aggressive.

Father told us to stay in our country for three years and to unite with the other missionaries. Uniting sounded easy. We all love True Parents. We were to love our country as Jesus loved Israel and walk every path with the same heart that Jesus had had.

The German brother was very organized; he had already found a tiny apartment where we could stay. From there we just started. We were always thinking we have to go out to witness but we can't do anything that would get us kicked out of the country.



Mary Johnson

### What was the greatest challenge?

It was very hot. The diet and the language were also difficult, but these, step by step, you can overcome. I was not prepared for how difficult it would be to unite with my German and Japanese brothers! We set up something at the beginning that I think was our salvation. Every morning, we would get up and pray first and again every night before we slept. We sang the holy songs. The German brother and I in English, the Japanese brother in Japanese.

In so many ways, it was very difficult to unite. Should we do a workshop or not? How should we witness? These things should be easy, but we always had to discuss them. Father had said we were

going to be restoring World War II, but my generation did not know the bitterness of World War II.

The German brother always wanted everything well organized. The Japanese brother and I probably conflicted the most. He sometimes said, "I've never met sisters like you," meaning American sisters are so outspoken.

Finally, we began using a system of each of us being the central figure for a week. This included everything—like going to the market to buy food and cooking. The person in charge became a servant of servants. That was how we could begin to make unity.

Lady Dr. Kim (Kim Shin-wook) came to Africa, I think because she had received information spiritually that many of the missionaries were struggling. When she started talking to us, she said, It has been very difficult for you during these three years, right? We all looked around and we realized that all the brothers and sisters in other countries had been going through the same thing. We suddenly understood that Father was right; we were restoring the past.

So we taught and we witnessed. I think one of the funniest things is that the Japanese brother would use a bit of French to say to any young person he met, "Do you like Karate?" He did not say he could teach karate, but he was Japanese. Many CAR young men would come with him to our center and we would teach them the Principle.



Certificate of merit recipients with True Mother (Mary Johnson is on the far left.)

### What was the greatest blessing?

The greatest blessing took me a while to realize. You know CAR was incredibly poor to the eye—very few people had cars, some had little mopeds or used bicycles, most people walked. Many people’s socks—even their shoes—wouldn’t match, but I realized the heart of these people, the heart that followed the Japanese brother and would listen to us, embrace us, was so remarkable. Even though they did not figure out what we were doing there, they never judged us. Through the years I realized, this is so beautiful. Because the kingdom of heaven is a kingdom of heart. Gradually I begin to understand that that was why I received in prayer, You’re going to a very wonderful country.

In Central Africa, some members came two or three times to a workshop before they really got it. I remember one young man who studied three times, then he went away and we never saw him again. Of course, we could not contact him, no mobile phones back then! Two years later, all of a sudden, he walked into the center. He said, “I went back to the village but I couldn’t forget.” Now he is still a member, blessed, with a family.

### What gives you the most hope for our movement to succeed?

For me it is the second generation. They have so much talent, so much energy. We were trying to make unity, you know, Japanese, German and American, but now most of those in the second generation have one parent that is American and one parent that is Japanese, or one who is Austrian and one that is American. For them, this type of world is natural. That is why I think the movement will succeed.

### What would you like to implement for the benefit of our church in the future?

I think it would be amazing if we could give an opportunity for many in our second generation to go out to another country. If that became our church tradition after secondary school or after two years of university, young people would go out for a year.

I was in Nigeria in 2013 when four young Japanese second-generation members came. One of them had grown up wanting to be a missionary, but for the other three it was farthest thing from their minds. How coming to Nigeria transformed them was amazing to see. Only one could speak English, the others de-

pended on the one who could. These Japanese brothers would go out and say, “We are having a one-day workshop next Saturday” and they would bring fifty people.

### What advice would I give to a young person going out?

What I found in Central Africa was that there is so much to learn if we get beyond the external reality, that the people are poor.... I would advise, go out to listen!

Yet there also needs to be some structure. Service projects are good, because they can attract people to come and listen to who we are. Some people have gone out, maybe on RYS programs, for two or three weeks. They have a deep experience, but if you go out for a year, it is very different. You are no longer just visiting; you are really living there.

The mobile phone revolution has changed Africa, even in economically challenged countries. If I went out again I would try to use that in a positive way. But we have to go out with the same heart—listening, learning from them, trying to understand their point of view. I would take advantage of the internet, and communications, but still go out with the same heart. *TP*



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