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As we Near True Father's Third Ascension Anniversary

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In the late summer of 2012, the world seemed forlorn and dark as if it had lost all its light. True Father had ascended after giving a last prayer of victory, expressing that with his physical life, he had completed everything. Through the ninety-three years of his life, True Father had followed a course of blood, sweat and tears to fulfill the mission of the True Parent, the Messiah and the Returning Lord. With never exhausting devotion and endless investment, True Father taught us the clear path that all of humanity must take and he left his victorious life entirely as a legacy for future generations.

After the historical Universal Ascension Ceremony, True Mother, who had become completely one with True Father, has been calling for all the blessed families to “advancement without ceasing” on the foundation of the total completion of their providential portion of responsibility.

After the twelve years of the formation, growth and completion stages, following the 2001 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, Foundation Day, which True Parents welcomed as the King and Queen of Peace and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind became the new beginning of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. True Parents opened Cheon Il Guk for all human beings. On that day, True Parents declared VISION 2020 and have busied themselves working day and night guiding our blessed families to substantiate Cheon Il Guk.

The blessed families of Cheon Il Guk will attain a substantial foundation when (by achieving true families centered on true love through a life of practice) they enculturate certain universal values. Since True Parents' Holy Marriage in 1960, we have spoken proudly of True Parents and we love them; thereby creating a foundation of victory that had not existed in history before. Now, after passing True Parent's golden wedding anniversary, we are living in an age with second- and third-generation Unificationists. In this age, all blessed families should live substantially as ideal families by creating an environment in which True Parents have no choice but to love and be proud of when they see our blessed families and those in our younger generations. We should demonstrate this to True Parents as being essentially the most natural, beautiful and ideal image. Through this, all of us will rise as true owners of Cheon Il Guk that resemble our Heavenly Parent.

When such true blessed families become the center of societies everywhere in the world and as they expand that scope and fulfill their missions as heavenly tribal messiahs, Cheon Il Guk will no longer be just an idea but appear substantially. After the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents founded the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation emphasizing the creation of an environment for our second generation and the future. They also enacted the Sunhak Peace Prize to globalize the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship and True Parents' ideology of peace. Many future dream-trees all over the world can receive the benefits of the scholarship and achieve their dreams and visions.

In addition, as we celebrate the historical third anniversary of True Father's ascension, we will experience the awards ceremony for the Sunhak Peace Prize laureates. True Parents declared the Pacific Rim Era. They have led the ocean providence on a lonely path toward peace for all people on earth and all those in the spiritual world. That one of the first laureates came from Oceania—our region of lands throughout the Pacific Ocean, connected to True Parents' ideology of peace—cannot simply be coincidence. I deeply feel the responsibility of the Oceania region, which we need to connect to Korea, the fatherland of the providence, so within it can bloom an ocean culture of peace. With

With the third anniversary of True Father's ascension approaching, in addition to the 120-day condition, I resolve to invest all my strength with all our members toward the goal of VISION 2020. 

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True Parents Are the Embodiment of God

True Father delivered this message on August 1, 2005, at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul. The occasion was the congratulatory banquet for World Culture and Sports Festival 2005. Among the audience were many clerics in the American Clergy Leadership Conference, who had come for their own symposium, to enjoy the festival and to observe or take part in the Blessing Ceremony.

Before I begin, I would like to ask you to bear one thing in mind. I do not stand in front of you on this momentous day to greet you with a routine, conventional address. I have come to earth in the capacity of the True Parent, to save humanity from sin. Although I will speak only briefly, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you a message sent to us from God.

Is there anyone here who has seen God? He exists as a being without form. Even when we pass on to the spirit world, we will not be able to see him. For God to establish a relationship with us human beings, who are composed of flesh and blood and jostling against each other, he needs to manifest as the Father here on earth through a physical body. God created our first ancestors Adam and Eve according to this heavenly law. Through

them, he intended to manifest himself on earth, both in spirit and body. Adam and Eve would have also represented the spirit world and the physical world coming together in harmony, and would thus have represented the unity of the cosmos.

How, then, can human beings, who have physical bodies, be the manifestations of God, who has none? God's nature is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, and he created his greatest masterpiece, human beings, to reflect fully all aspects of that nature. The physical body, created based on the principles of the temporal world of substance, cannot exist forever. Once Adam and Eve had reached perfection, however, God planned to dwell within them, to have complete oneness with them. He planned to enter a relationship of eternal true love with them, wherein he would be Adam and at the

same time God. Likewise, he would be Eve and at the same time God. If Adam and Eve had abided by the God's commandment and had not fallen, had achieved perfection as individuals, and come together in a holy matrimonial union with God's blessing, their children and their descendants would have lived forever as his substantial embodiments, inheriting his nature generation after generation.

We can achieve the realm of true love's absolute value only when we firmly establish the sphere of true love relationships. If Adam and Eve had attained such a standard, human beings automatically would have been elevated to the position of God's absolute object partners, in which position they and their descendants would have enjoyed an eternal life of happiness. As things turned out, however, the Fall dealt God a devastating blow. From the vertical per-

spective, God and human beings were to have been in a True Parent–true children relationship. From a horizontal view, human beings were to have been God himself as well as his children. Through the Fall, God lost all this.

If Adam and Eve had become the visible form of God, he would have dwelt in their hearts and reigned over the corporeal, physical world and the incorporeal, spirit world. In other words, God would have reigned over the world with Adam and Eve. They would have created the kingdom of God on earth; that is, the peace kingdom. Adam would have become the king of the kingdom of heaven on earth and the king of the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world. Having inherited God's nature in all its glory, Adam would have stood above all creation as an absolute being, a unique being and an eternal being. he would have been the unchanging parent, owner, teacher and king of true love in this world of substance. Moreover, each of the 6.5 billion people living in the world today would also have been God's visible form and incarnation. What stood in the way of achieving this? As I have said, the central problem was the Fall. The Fall drove all people into the sphere of ignorance, turning them into lonely orphans. Though their eyes gazed upon the natural scenery spread out before them, the Fall made them unaware of God, the root of all creation. They became unable to hear, see or feel his presence.

God, however, sank into suffering and grief even greater than that of human beings. Satan arose as God's archenemy, violated his ideal of creation, defiled his beloved son and daughter and took away planet Earth, God's ideal garden of true love. Earth became Satan's playground. Can you imagine how torn with sorrow and anguish God's heart was? There are no words to describe it. It was simply a horrid, wretched outcome. How many tears have you shed out of sympathy for God and his plight?

God was given no choice but to relinquish his beloved son to his enemy, not because he did not have the authority or the power to hold fast to him, but because God could not trample upon the heavenly way of love, the rules and principles of heaven that he had established. Therefore, our Heavenly Parent persevered and waited, shedding tears unceasingly as he proceeded with his providence to restore what had been lost. Suffering the indignity of having to deny himself as the Creator, God

has followed a path toward the restoration of his children for six thousand years. All-knowing and all-powerful though he is, to restore the true lineage, God still had to follow a course more torturous than if he had been imprisoned in hell.

The providence of restoration God is carrying out cannot be random. It cannot deviate from the principles and rules of heaven. To succeed in his endeavors, God has to seek out and anoint True Parents on earth. They will restore all people, the degraded descendants of the Fall that have inherited the bloodline of the false parent, Satan.

God originally intended that Adam establish the lineage of heaven after Adam attained individual perfection and after God had blessed him in holy matrimony. God thus has to install here on earth the visible God with the mission to begin that heavenly lineage. In short, the aim of the providence of God is to create, here on planet Earth, true families, true nations and a true world, unrelated in any way to Satan.

For this purpose, Jesus Christ came as the Second Adam two thousand years ago. The nation of Israel and its leaders, however, did not understand God's will, though God had prepared that nation for four thousand years. They were unable to believe in Jesus. He came to earth as the Savior and Messiah, but the disbelief of those to whom he was sent frustrated the restoration of our lineage centering upon Jesus.

Once again, God sank into a valley of sorrow and anguish. Again he had to wait for the day of new beginning. God has been waiting for the day he could completely uproot Satan's false bloodline and begin his true lineage.

The man who stands before you here and now, Rev. Moon, is the person who appeared in this evil world after receiving the ordination by the cosmos. You surely are not aware of it, but I cannot help seeing my life as one of innumerable hardships and trials. It has been a great, lonely and desperate battle. As a lone fighter, armed with only silent resolve, I had to face Satan's forces, six billion strong. However, I could not lose this battle no matter the cost. It was a struggle through which I had to bring the enemy Satan to voluntary submission and recover what Satan had seized, God's royal seal.


I learned that according to heavenly law the salvation of the spirit world had to precede the salvation of the physical world.

Therefore, I completed the salvation of the spirit world first. On that foundation, I have arrived at this stage of accomplishment in full stride. My path is that of a man of integrity and perfected character, whom God can utilize as his visible form. I have completed True Parents' path, founding the true tribe that carries God's true lineage, which can never again be defiled. I have walked the path of Savior and Messiah, whose mission is to restore the whole of humanity. This path transcends the levels of individual, family, tribe, race, nation and world to include even the billions of people in the spirit world. The light of truth I sought and finally found is illuminating the path for the 6.5 billion people of the human race, all of whom are blind.

The path humanity needs to follow is now more than clear. There are no further obstacles in your way as you travel at top speed on the superhighway in the era after the coming of heaven. Open up your hearts, receive God's word and take the path to individual perfection. Become True Parents' representatives. Become horizontal true parents in the era after the coming of heaven, passing on God's blessing to others, freely and without reserve. Build the peace kingdom here on earth and become the blessed citizens of the kingdom of heaven, serving God forevermore as true parents yourselves.

Even as we speak, we hear cries of pain throughout the world. I ask you to be aware of the importance of your roles as leaders who are concerned about the future of humanity and who are working on the front line for the realization of world peace.

The message I have conveyed to you on this formal occasion is neither my own personal philosophy nor Unification Church theory; it is the law of heaven, the way of heaven that God has been preparing for six thousand years. God is utilizing my physical body, the body of the True Parent, and is carrying out his works through me as the incarnate True Parent.

Please leave here tonight with heaven's new hope in your hearts. I hope and pray that as the people attending True Parents, you will stand at the forefront in the ranks of those working to establish the peace kingdom. May God's blessings forever be with you and your nation. 

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Communication Is Vital

True Mother gave this address at a Leaders' Conference on July 9 (5.24 on the heavenly calendar). At one point, she refers to An Jun Seok. This is the new name she gave to Young Shik An, who was until recently the president of our Europe region.

At this time, we are in dire need of communication; communication: sincere and honest communication, responsible communication. I always emphasize unity. If there are obstacles on the path to a united world, you must tell the truth through communication.

The path we must take is already decided. The goal is clear. You only have to follow and be a part of the providential history centering on True Parents. Yet when people start to look at the outer world they all say, My country is best; the world must unite centering on my country.

The world is becoming harder to unite. However, as long as God lives, the fallen world will not have its way. All the people and nations of today need to become acutely aware of the new era. They must understand why all these unpredictable issues are happening in the world.

Even Korea is aching from illness. Due to climate change, we are suffering a drought when we should be getting a lot of rain during our rainy season. The countries that are doing well only seem to be doing well; but one by one problems are arising. The

whole world is anxious about whether Greece will survive. You must awaken to what the original mind wants and let it be known. We need to light lamps even in dark places in the world and let people there know that the parents who can solve all their problems have come. You have to let them know.

This "letting them know" is communication. If those who follow the will communicate loudly and unite, one world, heaven on earth and heaven in heaven, which Heavenly Parent and True Parents have hoped for, will come. We can make this happen with our own hands. Isn't that right?

In spite of that, to my regret, you say that you became aware of the will before others did, you have received the blessing and have done your best. However, those who always live with an awareness of their insufficiency, their irresponsibility and are humble in God's presence are normal people. Whereas, many problems will arise if human beings do as they please. In this time, when this new era, Cheon Il Guk, is opening, between those in the first and second generations beautiful communication should take place. They have to become one.

I do not know how many second-

generation members are here right now, but I cannot say that there is a future with only second-generation members. The 7 billion people in the world are all in the realm of the first generation. We need skills and preparation until we can assimilate everyone and embrace them. Nevertheless, if you are to make a deep impression with such a small number, you must unite.

I do not know how many abilities each of you has individually, but there is a limit. Is there even one human being who will follow the omniscient and omnipotent Heavenly Parent? This is even more true of the fallen world. It is the same for blessed families in the Unification Church. Is there anyone who thinks that you are right, that you are honest and that you are perfect in every way? You are all insufficient. You must unite. It is the same for everyone. Spoken broadly, there cannot be dogmatism in any institution, organization or church. You should be able to develop greatly by communicating, harmonizing and uniting with each other, but you are unable to do so. You cannot even have a conversation if just one corner is blocked. Both sides must lay down everything in order to communicate.

First-generation members that are in the position of elder brothers or sisters need to establish themselves and grow into capable individuals with broad hearts. They cannot grow into a minister in one morning. We need time. In this moment, we need time. We cannot argue over right and wrong when it is hard to immerse ourselves in just one thing. Do you understand?

Hence, I am trying to organize a bit. The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation... Who is the president? They are investing ₩10 billion won in scholarships to raise many talented individuals. They need to be raised twenty-four hours a day within a fence so that they can grow beautifully and decently. In order for one life form to be born, it needs a period of ten months in its mother's womb. Can this baby, which was born through a ten-month period, walk in the space of one morning? Again, they need time. Now as the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation has built up its system perfectly on all the active, scientific, and psychological sides, I cannot be satisfied with some event held however many times a year in order to raise those students that have been given the opportunity. Thus, I am saying that it must change. In addition, Korea, Japan and the United States, which are the central nations of the providence, must participate together.

I appoint Moon Yeon Ah as the president [of Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation]. Please give her a round of applause. We are not doing this just because we have a lot of money, are we? This is really from True Parents' blood, sweat and tears. How many tears have been shed in order to provide these offerings? In reality, how many have there been? This is not something that we can sit at a desk and say, "They are doing good things. Let's just share." In the world and in major companies like Samsung, they raise scholarship students and make them their own people. There is this contract where they have to volunteer at their company for some time after they graduate. So they make them their own people, right?

However, we made a lot of effort in the past but I do not think it will be effective. Therefore, with a new system, I will observe and communicate with a heart of a mother so that I can promise the future. Also, because it is difficult for Moon Yeon Ah on her own and because she has to take care of her responsibilities as the international president of the Women's

Federation, the chairmen should actively support her and raise funds.

Because I have promised True Father something, I am giving a little bit of his seed money, but we cannot keep using it up every year, right? In addition, we need to help so many second- and third-generation members. They are our hope for the future. You need to educate these children and make them the best in the world. You need to raise them as leaders. You do not know how important this is. I am going to put an emphasis on this. Do you understand?

Is Yu Gyeong Deuk here? I appoint Yu Gyeong Deuk as the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation secretary general. From today, you will need to research how to raise these children that are receiving scholarships and develop research to cultivate talented individuals of the future. Moreover, if there is a child that needs to be specially raised, I will even send him or her to study abroad in order to do so. You need to be good at this. I will work on this through the board of directors. Do not work on this independently, but report to me. Okay?

I have also thought about whether putting the Sunhak Peace Prize within the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation would better attend True Father. Thus, the members in the United States associated with the Sunhak Peace Prize began an organization and have registered it as a non-profit foundation in the United States. Is this correct? [Yes.] I think that it should be detached from Wonmo and be managed by Cheon Jeong Won. The international president, Moon Sun Jin, as the president, will be given a team to manage and develop this. It will also require raising funds.

I think that it is better for the FFWPU International Headquarters to manage this because we are searching for global people. Don't they know the whole world? The headquarters knows it. Thus, I want vice-president Jun Seok An, from the world missions headquarters to put the secretary-general's office and the Institute for the Development and Cultivation of Individuals and Planning of Strategies for the Future on the same level.


I am going to get rid of the position of the headquarters' president and making it a secretary-general. I am going to use Cho Seong Il as the secretary-general. Is Cho Seong Il here? Give him a round of applause. Now by separating all whose

heads that were too big, Wonmo, Sunhak Peace Prize, and the world missions headquarters should go forward by uniting and communicating with each other and speaking in one place when they have something to discuss. True Father also hopes for this at the third anniversary of his ascension. When we become one, amazing power that we cannot even imagine will help us.

You all have good fortune because you could meet me. I tell you that it depends on how you do. Do you know how much force a single word from me has in the next world? Do you know or not? [We know.] How much do you feel this in your lives? It is the same for Japanese members. They only want to hear about my reports. All the people of the world are like this. They only want to hear about me. They are only interested in how True Mother is, in what she is doing, and in what she likes. Nevertheless, this is not my personal desire when I say that I want to accept you, so go forward and unite. It actually means that I want to take you all together with me. When will there be such a time to be as grateful as this? Think about it. The two-thousand-year history of Christianity was dragged forward in an environment where there was nothing, in such a bloody evil cycle.

In short, we have produced many cultural assets that could not be done through the strength of human beings. However, we achieved that much of a culture even in a situation where the mind and body were disunited and where the priest and believers; and the country and the politicians were not united. In that case, at this point, when we unite and establish a goal even when we have no country or possessions, and when we do our best to reach that goal, how will future generations evaluate us?

A culture that everyone can be a part of regardless of gender or age... You will be happy even when you are thinking random thoughts, and when you are putting on your clothes in the morning you will wonder what True Father's expression will be like when he sees you wearing those clothes. Thinking of True Parents twenty-four hours a day... Isn't this our own inherent and special culture of heart? You can cover all faults with overflowing and living true love.

I told you that the door has been opened in all areas. Not anyone can do that. No one but I can do it. 



Preparing to Go to the Original Homeland

The following is True Mother's message to the Adam nation national messiah's—most of whom received that mission in 1996—at a special luncheon on July 23 (6.8 on the heavenly calendar).

If I were to express why I called you here today in a few words, it is because I trust you and love you. I repeatedly say this in official meetings, but I am the True Parent. I am the True Parent of 7.5 billion people.

The path the True Parents take is not decided by rule of thumb. What does humankind hope for? What is Heavenly Parent's hope? True Parents. Humankind's six-thousand-year history is in the realm of the Fall. We are the one and only True Parents. There cannot be a second or third.

True Parents have given birth to physical sons and daughters, but just as God created heaven and earth and created Adam and Eve and gave them responsibilities, True Parents' children must also fulfill their responsibilities. Do you understand? You must receive the status of a filial son

or daughter and the status of a loyal subject by uniting absolutely with True Parents. That is the Principle.

True Parents have successfully completed the providential history of the restoration through indemnity and opened a new era. In the new era, you must unite with True Parents and have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience centered on them. There cannot be any onlookers. Do you understand? This is the same in blessed families. Do not take the side paths.

You must understand this. These things are happening while I am here, and I will settle these issues. I will take care of them. I cannot help but doing this because I am thinking of the time after I am gone. We are different from the world.

I asked you a moment ago what

you saw and felt when you first met Father. He is different from the people in the fallen world.

This life on earth is a preparation period so that our bodies can go to the next world, the eternal original homeland after we fulfill the will. There is no need to say that Father should go there in a beautiful way that does not even compare with the way the people of the world go.

As I was organizing his speeches, I said that I should make these gem-like words shine more brightly. The hope of Heavenly Parent is the providential history of restoration through indemnity, which has caused him to shed tears of blood for six-thousand-years.

There was not one day when he could rest. It has been a history full of pain beyond description. Can you



- 1 True Mother met with Adam-nation national messiahs at Cheon Jeong Gung
- 2 Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Parliament
- 3 Wonju McDevitt, special assistant to True Mother
- 4 Ryu Kyeong Seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea
- 5 Song Yong Cheon, chairman of the Blessed Family Associations in Japan
- 6 A Cheon Jeong Gung staff member sings accompanied by back-up dancers (also staff members)



though, how much he loved nature and worked for humankind's future food problems even before that? Living by an ocean or a river, he did not use just one fishing pole.

Do you remember him fishing in Jardim when you attended workshops there? Who was that for? Your responsibilities are important. You need to develop centered on the church. All of you should help the development of the church by working together and fulfilling your tribal messiah responsibilities.

Looking back on the experiences of that time and from a global point of view, the Korean churches need to soar straight up in front of the world as the owner nation. You must be able have pride in that. Do you understand?

You must witness. I hear that even middle school and high school students are witnessing. So you must let the truth be known to both sexes and all ages. No people should die without knowing True Parents, especially when they lived in the same age as they did. Isn't that right?

You will be slandered in the next world—"Why were you the only one to be in that position?" You must witness to each person as a valuable person. *TP*

imagine what Heavenly Parent must feel when someone he trusts goes astray or gives up? It is the same for me....

It is a good thing that I am alive. Heaven is taking care of all the issues that could happen after I am gone. Do you understand?

Do not become foolish people. Not just anyone can become the True Parents. How can anyone become the True Parent if a person cannot get in the line for the only begotten son of God or the only begotten daughter of God? There is only one Heavenly Parent and True Parents—forever. Become filial sons or daughters and loyal subjects who stand in front of them. In that regard, you must have very good fortune to have met me....

God has searched for True Parents for such a long time, more than six-thousand-years. Now you must pro-

tect those that are close to you and your brothers and sisters. It is the Principle.

You who are in the position of elder members should make it so that they become brothers and sisters that do not damage True Parents' status. You should embrace them with the heart of a parent, the heart of an elder brother or sister and be in a position where you can die well. Don't you all want to die well and go to the original homeland?

Because you are national messiahs, you must restore this nation before you die. That is more urgent. Father is the one who worried most for humankind—and for the future world to come as well—throughout his entire life.

Right now, every side feels urgency about global warming and other issues. Do you remember,

The International President's Birthday Celebration and a Blessing Ceremony

The special meeting to celebrate Moon Sun Jin's birthday began at 7 a.m. on July 30. The celebration took place at Cheon Jeong Gung in the third floor banquet hall. More than fifty people attended including True Mother, the FFWPU international president (of course) and her husband, In-sup nim, an FFWPU international vice-president. Also on hand were Jun Seok An, a recently appointed FFWPU international vice-president; Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea; Song Yong Cheon, the chairman of Blessed Family Associations in Japan; Kim Ki Hoon, North America regional president; Shin Dong Mo, the South American regional presi-

dent; and Seok Joon Ho, chairman of the Mission Foundation; and other leaders of providential organizations.

International Vice-President An emceed this special meeting. President Moon and her husband bowed to True Mother and then offered flower bouquets to True Parents. They cut a cake and then Korean FFWPU President Ryu offered a representative prayer. Well-wishing remarks and toasts to victory by Chairman Seuk and Chairman Song, a breakfast meeting and President Moon's words of greetings followed. After singing songs, the meeting was declared closed.

After True Mother encouraged and blessed president Moon Sun Jin on her fortieth birthday, True Mother spoke briefly. "In the position of attending True Parents at the center," she said, "the first and second generations are to become one. Isn't that true? In that way let us go forward

toward our goal happily while continually working to realize the world of the culture of heart." At the end of the ceremony, everyone sang "Sarang hae" together.

In president Moon Sun Jin's words of greeting after the breakfast meeting, she said, "Most of all we are all here because of True Parents. To even call ourselves one family under Heavenly Parent or True Parents is possible because if you think about Father and Mother, they truly became one and through that, we were able to be reborn. I can testify to True Parents' deep and unconditional love. Not only to be physically brought to life through their bodies, but through inheriting the truth, true life, true love, and true lineage, and a true family all around the world. Sarang hamnida, kamsa hamnida, Abo nim, Omo nim, True Family kamsa hamnida."

Before this President Ryu had prayed, "We are grateful for Heaven's grace, which has allowed us to celebrate our international president, Moon Sun Jin's fortieth birthday in the presence of True Parents, who are the substantial roots of true love and goodness.

The motto True Parents announced for 1976 (the year that Sun Jin nim was born) was "The Realization of



True Mother speaking on her daughter's birthday



Sun Jin Moon and her husband In Sup Park



Members singing a congratulatory song during entertainment



Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, and her husband In Sup Park, international vice-president, conduct the Blessing Ceremony.



The brides and grooms respond to the Blessing Vows.

the Kingdom of Heaven through the Children of God.” At that time, Father said that there was an important task to be done that would solve all historical problems. On that foundation, as we witness the realization of the substantial Cheon Il Guk under True Mother’s loving providential experience and knowledge today after forty years, we have come to fully realize how deeply profound and mysteriously Heaven’s providence is carried out....

Following this Chairman Seuk conveyed his gratitude and encouragement in his well-wishing remarks. “1976,” he said, “was a year of festivals for America’s two-hundredth anniversary, it’s bi-centennial, and the year of victory for the historic Washington Monument Rally. True Parents gave international president Moon Sun Jin, who was born with such heavenly fortune, the Chinese character for goodness (Sun: 善). I believe that they gave this character so that she would become a good child who would return joy and glory to True Parents. President Moon knows True Parents’ status, power and value better than anyone else does.

Moreover, she is investing her all, to fulfill her duty and to serve her parents by uniting with the heart of True Mother, who is struggling to complete Heaven’s work as she leads the providence. Lastly, president Moon Sun Jin is following the path of sacrifice ahead of anyone else in order to achieve a community of a culture of heart based on peace, harmony and unification.”

Blessing Ceremony

The next day, July 31, at Cheongshim

Church in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-Province, a Special Blessing Ceremony in Commemoration of the Third Anniversary of True Father’s Ascension occurred.

Three couples received the blessing, including a second-generation Japanese couple who had become engaged earlier and two other couples personally matched by True Mother; a Korean–Japanese second-generation couple and a Japanese first-generation couple.

The brides and grooms could not suppress their surprise, because holding a Blessing Ceremony for so few couples is unusual. However, the three couples symbolize the beginning to propel a new providence after the Third Anniversary of True Father’s Ascension, centered on President Moon, who had celebrated her fortieth birthday the day before.


The three couples came to the Cheongshim International Youth Center on the July 30 and after receiving education for half the day, they had a Holy Wine Ceremony officiated by Rev. Ryu Kyeong Seuk. The next day, President Moon and her husband entered the ceremonial hall as the officiators of the Blessing Ceremony. Heaven guided all procedures of the ceremony beginning with a representative prayer by Chairman Song, followed by a Holy Water Ceremony, the exchange of marriage



The attendants usher in the officiators of the Blessing Ceremony.

vows, a prayer, the exchange of rings and the declaration to God of the marriages.

Afterward, a luncheon took place in the Hoondokhae Room on the third floor of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum with True Mother present. True Mother was happy for the three newly blessed couples and congratulated them as she greeted each personally. Even though none of the three couples could hide their surprise and bewilderment at the unexpected grace and great expectations from Heaven, they set off with new determination.

With the approaching Third Anniversary of True Father’s Ascension, this Blessing Ceremony was carried out upon the foundation of all the sincere devotion of our blessed members around the world as a wedding gift to Heaven. Specifically, True Parents’ boundless grace and love bestowed upon the mother nation, Japan made this possible. 

This article was written by a TPmagazine staff member

Preparation for the Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension

TPmagazine: You have so many events. It's like the 1988 Olympics; only the Olympics had a larger staff. Could you give us some insight into the preparations?

FFWPU International Headquarters: The individual organizations and departments has done most of the work. For the main events, we are cooperating with the Japanese headquarters and the Korean headquarters. The musical is being handled by the Japanese headquarters while the rest of the main events are being managed by the international headquarters and the Korean headquarters.

How do you keep track of the progress of the events being done by other people so that on the day everything works well?

First of all there is a lot of cooperation because the events are being run by departments and the department liaisons give the jobs to different organizations. Our office is sort of the bridge, or center, for all of the work. Mr. Nagasaka is responsible for organizing meetings for these responsible staff members to make sure that things are done on time and are on schedule.

But the international headquarters itself is putting on very large events. Although the main event is under the

name of the international headquarters, it's actually being done by others such as the Japanese and Korean headquarters. From my viewpoint, other organizations are doing a lot more and they are organizing the overall plan.

There is the students' youth forum, which I think will be done with World CARP and the special assembly for religious leaders. I do not feel there are events completely controlled by the international headquarters.

Isn't there a Leaders Assembly for national leaders from all over the world?

Yes, there is from September 2 to 4. The international headquarters is conducting that at the Cheongpyeong training center. Most of the planning is done for that and the Education Department and General Affairs is putting together the conference and they just need final approval on that.

Transportation to the stadium has been difficult in the past. Has it improved?


Transportation will be organized by the Korean headquarters. I believe they have the know-how and they will use the same company they have used in the past events. They know how to manage things well.

People are coming into Korea through many groups. You have religious lead-

ers coming for the conference and thousands of people that have made arrangements with different groups. Is this centrally coordinated?

For the main event, we have an overall plan. Although we cannot count exactly how many people will come, we have a rough idea of where to put the important guests, the foreigners and the local people. That has already been planned. For all the activities before and after the main event, we are relying on the various departments to do the work. They will work with Seil Travel to organize transportation and accommodations.

Have there been any major obstacles that you have faced and solved at this point?

It's a bit difficult to describe exactly how I feel but this is the third anniversary of the seonghwa, so it is not in the same category as an annual event that we are routinely holding, so we want to put in the effort to make True Father known in the world and to serve him, in heaven. Mother has emphasized this. That is why I am a little more nervous and stressed because many people are coming from around the world. This is my personal burden. I want to do my best and we all want to do our best, but it is the first event officially hosted by the international headquarters. We are quite nervous about that as well. 



The Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

Main Events

Saturday, 6.16 (H.C.)

◆ **Blessing Ceremony**

Date: July 31, 10:00 am
Venue: Cheongshim Church
Officiator: Sun Jin Moon



Sunday, 7.17 (H.C.)

◆ **Pledge Service for the Third Seonghwa Memorial**

Date: August 30, 7:00 am
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung

◆ **The Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind**

Date: August 30, 9:00 am
Venue: Cheongshim
Peace World Center

◆ **Cultural Performance for the Third Seonghwa Memorial: Musical**

Date: August 30, 10:30 am
Venue: Cheongshim
Peace World Center

◆ **2015 World Summit Banquet to Commemorate True Father's third Seonghwa Memorial**

Date: August 30, 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung

Monday, 7.18 (H.C.)

◆ **Victory Banquet**

Date: August 31, 12:00 pm
Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung



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Major Symposia

◆ Academic Conference

Date: August 24
Venue: Sun Myung Moon Research Center of Sun Moon University
Hosts: Unification Thought Research Center, PWPA

◆ World Summit 2015

Date: August 27–31
Venue: Seoul Intercontinental Hotel
Host: UPF International

◆ 2015 International Forum on Climate and the Environment

Date: August 27, 2:00–6:00
Venue: Korean Press Center
Host: *Segye Times*

◆ Youth and Students World Assembly

Date: August 27–30
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Hosts: CARP, FFWPU International Headquarters



◆ Family Ministry and Heavenly Tribal Messiah Ministry Seminar

Date: August 31–September 1
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Host: FFWPU International Headquarters

◆ Memorial Workshop for Cheon Il Guk Leaders

Date: September 2–4
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Host: FFWPU International Headquarters

◆ Church Growth Conference for Victory of 2020

Date: September 4–6
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Host: FFWPU-Korea



Sharing and Volunteering

◆ Festival to Welcome New Members

Date: September 19–20
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, Yeosu Blue Sea Garden, Yeongnam Region
Hosts: FFWPU-Korea, various district headquarters

◆ Festival of Altruism and Compassion

Date: September 12–October 18
Venue: Local churches and centers in Korea
Host: FFWPU-Korea

◆ The First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony

Date: August 28
Venue: Seoul Intercontinental Hotel
Host: Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

◆ Sunhak Laureates' Lectures

Date: August 28
Venue: Seoul Intercontinental Hotel
Host: Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

◆ Dedication Ceremony for the Holy Scripture, *Chambumo Gyeong*

Date: September 1
Venue: Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center
Host: History Compilation Committee



Cultural Events

◆ Multi-Cultural Youth Camp

Date: August 7–9
 Venue: World Jamboree Center,
 Goseong, Korea
 Host: FFWPU Korea

◆ Seeds of Dreams Concert

Date: August 19
 Venue: KT Chamber Hall
 Host: Aewon Volunteer Organization

◆ Goodwill Football Match

Date: August 22
 Venue: Namyangju Sports Center
 Host: The Korea Religious Association

◆ Martial Arts Festival

Date: August 25
 Venue: CheongShim International
 Youth Center
 Host: Martial Arts Federation for
 World Peace

◆ Exhibition Celebrating the Life Accomplishments of Dr. Sun Myung Moon

Date: August 27–30
 Venue: Cheongshim Peace World
 Center, Cheon Jeong Gung
 Hosts: FFWPU-Japan Headquarters,
 Cheong Jeong Gung Museum

◆ Holy Ground Pilgrimage for World Representative Families

Date: September 4–6
 Venue: Main Holy Grounds
 from Beomnetgol
 Cheon Jeong Gung
 Host: FFWPU-Korea

◆ PEACE ROAD 2015

Date: May 30–August 27
 Venue: 120 nations
 Hosts: UPF-Korea, Citizens' Federa-
 tion for the Unification of
 Korea

◆ PEACE ROAD National Assembly Welcome

Date: August 27
 Venue: National Assembly Large
 Conference Room
 Host: UPF-Korea, Citizens' Federation
 for the Unification of Korea



The Value of Learning from Others

An interview with the newly appointed international vice-president

In July, True Mother appointed Rev. Jun Seok An to a new post. She also gave him a new name. He had been Young Shik An, until recently the regional president for Europe. In light of his new position, we wish to give the global readership of the magazine an opportunity to gain a sense of the experience and heart that he brings to his new mission. The interview was conducted in English.



Could you begin by explaining a bit about your background and how you joined?

My family background is Confucian; my father was a Confucian teacher. I joined because my eldest brother was a member. He joined when he was very young and had to leave our family. Eventually he came back. My father was very sick so the eldest son had to come back so he could inherit and fulfill all the various tribal requirements. He was the sixth generation, with the first sonship, so he had to take his tribal position. After that, all my brothers and sisters joined.

If I'm not mistaken you're from the Jeonla (western) area of Korea?

Yes.

True Father often spoke of bitterness between western (North and South Jeonla Provinces) and eastern (North and South Gyeongsang Provinces) South Korea. Growing up did you sense that?

My ancestors come from eastern Korea. Also in my family, my great grandfather was a great Confucian

scholar. He was of the Confucian school of the east, not of the west, even though we lived in Jeonla, which is situated in western Korea. So we did not have any bad feelings about the east, such as the Gyeongsang area; but of course I grew up in the Jeonla area which has so much feeling of discriminations.

In the United States, you were a regional leader in the American Deep South, which had a plantation economy and until 150 years ago had slaves. In one sermon, you spoke of

the cultural dynamics between African American and white members there. On the international level how does your experience color your outlook?

That helped me a lot, not only experiencing some racial friction, but also national differences and cultural differences, and then to experience that diversity in the Deep South and the national differences, later in Europe. I loved the Deep South and African Americans. Through this, I learned how to harmonize differences.

Christians say that Christian communities are brothers and sisters because they believe that God is the Father. They say "Oh, brothers and sisters," but they do not have a real sense of brothers and sisters. If they had a real sense of brothers and sisters, how could they have sold brothers and sisters as slaves and have done all these terrible things?

Even though they have Heavenly Father, they do not have a real sense of parents in truth, as we have. They don't have the same real bond of brothers and sisters who share the parents. To have brothers and sisters, you have to share parents.

Did you see real bonds developing within that church in Atlanta?

Of course, we had real bonds, the real sense of brothers and sisters under True Parents. We could feel all the brothers and sisters, all the members, are all like my physical brothers and sisters, black or white. That was my feeling.

When did you go to Europe, I think

first as an itinerant worker?

No, in 1992 I went to Europe as CARP. I was a missionary for CARP for one and a half years.

Could you give your general impression of Europe and the countries that are there?

They speak many different languages and there are so many nationalities and cultures; there is so much diversity. Europe has deep roots in history.

I think that they also have some deep-rooted distrust.

Sometimes, of course they have. Because any country's neighboring countries cause so much trouble in history, they kill each other, but at this point they have a European Union. Especially Germany and France is a kind of a modern model of reconciling and leaving the past. I think that is a very important success.

I think not so long ago we had the problems in the Balkans, though we address these difficulties mainly through UPF.

Yes, there are deep religious and ethnic conflicts. Historically, it was the starting ground of World War I. Recently, we witnessed a great tragedy in the genocide. The area remains unstable. Without the guidance of True Parents, we cannot hope to truly go forward. UPF has and continues to work toward reconciliation and harmony.

Even within the church, I sometimes find differences of opinion.

Of course. People have different perspectives, so they might see the same thing as a positive or as a negative. People have a perspective according to their common base: Russians have their common base, and Americans have their common base. But Americans and Russians also have a common base, a fundamental common base. If we say that the common base is the Principle, there are many layers of principle, so we have to place the priority on basic principles, principles that are more general rather than principles that are more specific. This is how we can resolve conflicts of opinion, by emphasizing the sameness rather than the differences.

Did you study Confucianism as you grew up?

No, I went to a regular public school. My house was the Confucius school, so people came to my house to study Confucian canons as I was going out to study at school.

I guessed you had been a Christian because I read sermons in which you spoke about Jesus.

Actually, I was a strong atheist, but I read the Bible by myself. It was a long process to change from an atheist to believe in God, and in the Bible also. Of course, without the Divine Principle and going the church, I don't think I would have been able to believe in God.

What did your brother first say to you when he first introduced you?

He just said to go to the workshop.

And you just agreed.

No, I did not agree. I had to follow.

Ah, that's a beautiful way to put it.

It has a different sense. Especially in my family, we learned that when we are asked to do something we assume there is some reason for the person to ask me to do that even if I cannot understand at the time. My parents were always saying, "You won't understand until you become a parent." Of course it is better to know, but sometimes you cannot. To act after knowing is preferred, but many times we do not know. Therefore, we must trust our parents and elders.

Better to follow and find out later.

Yes, because my parents and brothers and sisters are not going to ask me to do things that will lead me astray. My eldest brother is the eldest son, but he is also a kind of parent figure. After my parents died, my eldest brother became a kind of parents figure for me. That is why I went to the workshop because I presumed he asked that I do what is good for me.

What did you discover at that first workshop?

At the time, I was not sure that there was God, because I had a very strong belief that there was no God. However, I realized there was some possibility that God existed. There was consis-

tency in history according to God's Providence.

How did you apply your Business Administration studies in your church life?

I was studying practical things, I worked in a bank, which is very practical. This helped me develop a sense of practicality. I think perfection means to cover from one side to the other extreme, a big spectrum.


Do you have anything you would like to add?

Throughout my life I think I stretched in many dimensions. I was born into a poor country, but throughout my life I have witnessed its economic progress, and I have worked in rich countries. I was an extremely idealistic person, but I studied very practical things. And I would go back to the spiritual area again.

I was able to gain a good sense of the mean, the Golden Mean, what the balance is. To be stable, we need to pursue this balance.

It sounds as if you lived a very fortunate life.

I have had a bright life, with many experiences, many people, many nationalities, and many cultures. When I arrived in London after receiving my mission at my first meeting with elder leaders, they basically said that I had to understand Europe. I don't think that perfection means knowing only one side. Perfection means that you span from one side to the other side, covering a bigger spectrum. A good car needs a good accelerator and a good brake, so you can drive at the right speed. In some places, you have to go fast, and some places you have to go slow. That is what perfection means. If I just follow the European culture, what about the Oriental culture? We have to balance both.

Liberal people have to learn from conservative people and conservative people have to learn from liberal people. Many people think they do not like the other side so find nothing to learn from them. They think they don't need to learn from the other side, but that is not good. The differences have to be united through the give and take action, between the subject and object, based on the common base. That is the way to be perfect. 

True Parents Can Solve the World's Problems

By Dr. Thomas Walsh



Dr. Thomas Walsh gave this message at Cheon Bok Gung, Seoul, on July 12, in his capacity as chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation.

One of the centerpieces of the third anniversary of our True Father's ascension will be the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, centering on our True Mother, because the Sunhak Peace Prize is linked to Heavenly Parent's providence and to the mission and work of our True Parents. The emphasis on this year's Sunhak Peace Prize is on the ocean and the environment around us. This is central to True Parents' core vision. We have a creation-centered theology. The three blessings are at the heart of

the Principle. The third blessing elucidates our relationship to the environment.

Heavenly Parent created this magnificent, incredible world, this universe, this cosmos, this physical world, this planet. To be part of this world and to live and breathe is a miracle. This is Heavenly Parent's gift and blessing. So we need to love the creation with all of our heart and soul as a way of loving our Heavenly Parent.

With this in mind, our True Parents invested time and energy into

the ocean itself and into thinking about the importance of the ocean and the environment. They also spent so much time in the Pantanal region, one of our great environmental treasures of the world, and on protecting that region and the rain forests. This has been central and core to the overriding mission of our True Parents throughout their entire ministry.

True Parents want to restore all seven billion people of the world. Part of that mission is to take care of those people. They're concerned

about hunger and malnutrition that could afflict so many millions of people around the world. The ocean and care of the environment is central to that mission.

The ocean is our treasure and a precious resource. Seventy percent of the planet's surface is the ocean. It sustains the life of this planet. It is a source of food and nutrition and replenishes of our oxygen supply, which keeps us alive. It has many natural resources, and its gas and oil are energy sources that sustain the world. It is an instrument of trade through shipping lanes around the globe. It is so important to our future, our destiny and our wellbeing.

True Parents' legacy is in every field of endeavor, so I am sure True Mother especially gave a lot of thought to the core focus and theme of this inaugural Sunhak Peace Prize. The conclusion, which was accepted by the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, was to focus on the ocean and the significance of our ocean as a precious resource and a gift of our Heavenly Parent.

But there are many threats to our ocean, to our planet, to our environment. Climate change is a critical issue facing humanity. Related to climate change has been the melting of polar ice caps in the Arctic region; in many glaciers and the ice is melting. This creates the problem of sea levels rising. There is also the problem of the pollution of the ocean. All the sewage, industrial waste and petrochemicals from agriculture flow into the streams and rivers, which empty into the ocean, affecting bio-diversity, and even affecting the food chain. We get certain chemicals in our food, including fish, that if we eat it, it is not healthy for us. We want a clean ocean and that is a strong value that our True Parents emphasized.

In some respects, we might associate the Cain-approach with taking a strong interest in the environment. Yet, true ownership of the environment belongs to the Heavenly Parent. People connected to the Heavenly Parent and True Parents should feel a sense of ownership. In virtually all speeches True Parents deliver, they explain the three blessings, in which the care, stewardship and love for the physical world is



Spirited young people singing for the congregation at Cheon Bok Gung

central. Part of our responsibility is to take care of this planet, this home that Heavenly Parent has given to us.

You know it is very interesting: At the same time that True Mother advised us on the Sunhak Peace Prize to focus on the ocean and the environment, the entire world began turning its attention to sustainable development. The primary focus of the opening of the seventieth session of the UN General Assembly, which will begin in September, will be on the issues of climate change and sustainable development. That means that the head of state in 193 member states will come to New York for that, and they will spend their energy and time considering the issue of climate change, the ocean and sustainable development.

In early December, once again, all the UN nations will meet in Paris for the Global Summit, again on climate change, the environment. The entire world has their attention on this topic and the first Sunhak Peace Prize is standing in a leadership position by convening in August even before the General Assembly, before the Paris International Climate Change Summit, to set a certain direction and tone.

How do we approach sustainable development and address the problem of climate change from a principled point of view? This is the significance of this Sunhak Peace Prize. When True Mother spoke at the United Nations in Vienna, she was crystal clear about the guidance and direction from True Parents. The

world needs to come to know our True Parents, know the Principle and True Parents' teachings. This is the root or core of the solution to global problems. It applies to climate change and to the restoration of our environment, which is Heavenly Parent's home for all his children.

Please, let's not think of the Sunhak Peace Prize as something over on the side, in some special external area. No. This is at the center of Heavenly Parent's providence, at the very center of True Parents' mission. At the core is how to educate the world on True Parents' vision and the solutions to global problems.

The Nobel Prize was rooted in Scandinavia in the Atlantic civilization era, and the Sunhak Prize is emerging now, in the Asian Pacific era. You have heard True Parents speak about the Abel UN. I believe this will develop as an Abel Nobel Peace Prize as it grows in stature around the world.

It will be a means to educate the seven billion people of the world. That is True Parents' deepest aspiration, and even their longing and heartache: How do we reach them?

This instrument, the Sunhak Peace Prize, becomes a means and an occasion to educate the world about Able-like figures who understand the true meaning of peace and to help the world move toward taking care of our world and fulfilling our responsibility as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent. *TP*

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Peace Road, a Global Expression of Love

An interview of Dr. Son Byung Ho, president of UPF-Korea

Background: In 2013, as a way of honoring True Father’s heart and life, 210 Japanese members mounted bicycles in Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan’s four main island. The cyclists crossed from Hokkaido to Honshu (the island where all the famous cities are) and rode down the full length of that island to Shimono-seki on the very southern tip of Honshu. From there, eight riders with their bicycles crossed by ferry to Busan on Korea’s southeast coast, where Korean cyclists met them. Together, they rode from Busan all the

way to Imjingak, a point seven kilometer from the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the strip of land that separates the two Koreas. Imjingak is an observation point with art and photographic displays expressing Koreans’ grief over the Korean War and their desire for reunification. A large group that included ambassadors for peace and several of Hyo-jin nim’s children mounted bikes and joined the riders for the final kilometer to Imjingak. The Japanese had ridden 3,800 kilometers. For some of the older ambassadors for peace, the

unexpected high temperatures made even the last kilometer challenging. At Imjingak, all joined in singing and praying for unification. The AP and AFP wire services and Korea’s KBS broadcasting covered the event. On August 12 last year at the second anniversary of True Father’s ascension, True Mother said, “During the first anniversary of Father’s ascension, Japan and Korea became one through the peace bike Tour. This time, fourteen countries took part in the event and the teams cycled a total distance of six thousand kilometers.



True Mother and Sun Jin Moon, FFWPU international president, in Las Vegas during the Peace Road 2015 launch

How beautiful is that? Despite the changes in climate and bad weather, the participants were not deterred.” This year, the expression of love for True Parents, a desire to see Korean reunification and the fulfillment of one family under God is being carried out on an even grander scale. It is still ongoing. They expect 120 nations or more to take part. To get a behind-the-scenes look we talked to the president of UPF-Korea, Dr. Son Byung-ho.

How do you envision the concept expressed by the name Peace Road? Are people helping to make that road through the kilometers they cover?

The Peace Road is True Father’s, True Parents’ 세계평화 구현의 길, the road to realizing the will for world peace. Notably, True Father said to connect the whole world as one world. The world of peace will come with the use of developed technology and developed transportation. It should unite in this way. In other words, it should become one life zone. That world is a world of one great family under God, which is centered on one will. True Parents are working hard to realize the ideal that God has been trying to fulfill through the word here on earth. True Father was doing that, and now True Mother is doing that. From that point of view, we need to re-engage our determination to substantiate the path to realizing world peace at this time. Especially with the third memorial coming up, we came up with the name Peace Road, in that we wanted to go forward together to bring about the ideal of peace, which True Parents have established in detail. Thus, we can see it as the road to substantially realizing world peace.

For our younger readers, could you explain the relationship between Peace Road and the International Peace Highway?

The International Peace Highway is within the idea of the Peace Road. It is True Parents’ plan, their design. It has a very close connection to creating the actual road. True Father spoke about his determination to create an International Peace Highway starting from the Cape of Good Hope in Africa and from Santiago,



President Son of UPF-Korea is heading Peace Road 2015

Chile. The Peace Road started in Las Vegas, the Cape of Good Hope and Santiago Chile, all on the same day, May 30. In reality, we made it a Peace Road centered on True Parents. Including the three places I just mentioned the Peace Road actually had four starting points; the other one was in New Zealand, where it will cross over to Australia, and all four are heading toward Korea. So the Peace Road is following a similar course to that of the International Peace Highway.

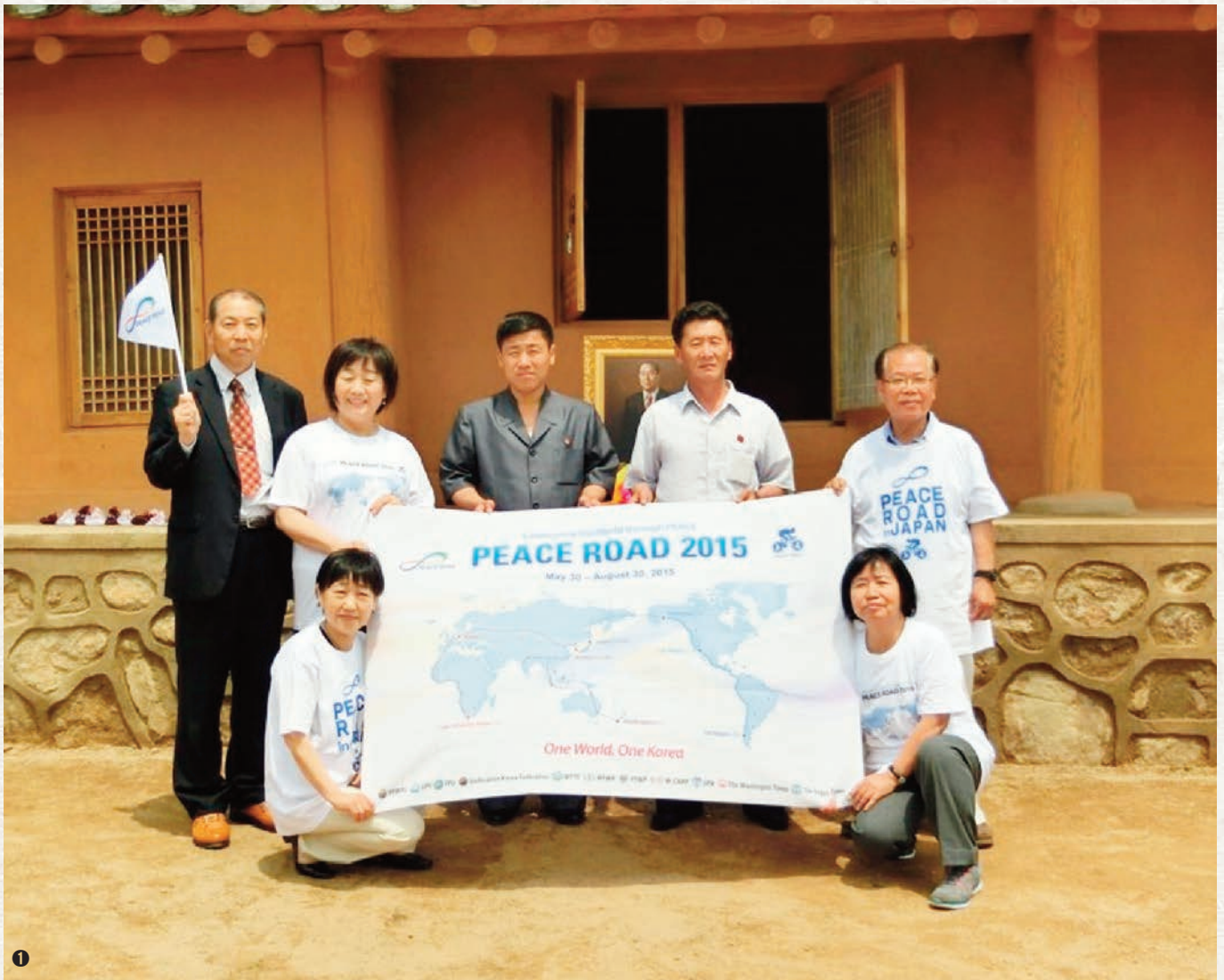
In 2013, the riders were calling for a Peace Park in the DMZ. South Korean President Park Geun-hye budgeted money for a peace and ecological park in September of that same year. Could you tell us about the cooperative relationship you have had with the government for Peace Road 2015?

The highlight of the Peace Road is that it would be very meaningful for the bikers to cross the DMZ, for Russian, Chinese and North Koreans to come through and to meet the South Koreans and Japanese. The would gather at the National Assembly Building before heading up to Cheongpyeong. That is our plan. However, we do not yet have the cooperation from North Korea to do this.

As for your question, the Peace Park, or the official name the “Peace Ecological Park,” that president Park has spoken about, and our side and Peace Road, are meant to bring awareness to vitalize the issue as part of our program and for the establishment of a UN office in the DMZ.

Do you mean to make a road through the DMZ?

There is already a road, but the issue



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is that North Korea has not agreed to cooperate. Whether they are able to come to South Korea or not, we are supporting the government in the making of the Peace Park. This is because True Parents originally wanted to do this. So we are also promoting the building of the UN office with this event.

Many people may not know the ecological significance of the DMZ. The DMZ is the truce line that was created from the Korean War. The truce line is a joint area two kilometers from the line on either side where both sides do not fight. This is a truce line [He draws on paper].

- 1 Japanese members in North Korea took part in Peace Road by driving from Father's boyhood home (Note the North Korean pins worn by the men in back.) to Pyongyang.
- 2 Through the streets of Mali in Africa, Peace Road moves forward



Our Japanese members in North Korea quietly took part in the Peace Road event, the central focus of which is reunification of North Korea and South Korea.

The two kilometers on each side creates the Demilitarized Zone. Since neither side has been able to go into this area for the past sixty-five years, the nature is perfectly preserved. Thus, it is like a treasure. This became an extremely important place. No buildings can be built here. It has been sixty-five years since anyone has been there. It has been preserved perfectly for the past sixty-five years. So from the ecological point of view, it has become a land that is like a treasure. True Father said that there is need to preserve this area for the sake of peace. Therefore, there is a need to make a park that can help this. Especially, if we use this area well, then we can use it for unification. So there is a need to have a UN office here. As a treasure chest, we need to use this place to create peace, for unification, and to protect the natural environment. We can make this a tourist area for not just the Korean people but for the people of the world. True Father has already spoken about all this, and President Park has outlined it in more detail.

I think that the most moving part

was that there was North Koreans participating.

I wish that was so, but it is our people who are in North Korea, under certain conditions who are doing it and visiting True Father's birth home where they held an event with the Peace Road banner. It is meaningful that there were a few Koreans who participated with the Kim Il sung badge.

At least the Peace Road flag was in North Korea

We had hoped that the government would have cooperated as other countries have. When that didn't happen, we carried it out with a few citizens. There was historical



Soon after a devastating earthquake, Nepalese members conduct their Peace Road event



Our member in front of the Peace World Center in Pyongyang, North Korea

meaning to our being able to go to True Father's birth home and set up the banner. ㄸ



Music for Peace

Why Art Matters

By David Eaton

“**M**usic for Peace” may seem like a tired and shopworn platitude to some, but for me it remains a vital part of my life’s work and a significant reason why I continue to be an advocate for the teachings of our movement

When I was first introduced to our movement in 1974, I was especially inspired by the idea espoused in Divine Principle that we are “co-creators” with our Heavenly Parent in creating a culture of peace. Over the past forty-plus years I’ve had numerous opportunities to create and perform music with the intention of using my talent to foster understanding, cooperation and love in pursuit of a better world. Because music is an especially effective means to evoke a spiritual atmosphere, nearly every religious tradition has utilized it for ritualistic and cere-

monial purposes. But the transformative power of music goes beyond that which is ceremonial or ritualistic. In Father’s autobiography, he states:

People often think that politics moves the world, but that is not the case. It is culture and art that move the world. It is emotion, not reason, which strikes people in the innermost part of their hearts. When hearts change and are able to receive new things, ideologies and social regimes change as a result.

Father made this assertion in the context of the creation of the Little Angels and the Sun Hwa Arts School in Seoul. In her speech on April 25, 2013, True Mother recalled that era and how, when our church was dirt-poor, Father

had the vision and foresight to create the Little Angels School and the wonderful performing troupe that would “strike people in the innermost part of their hearts,” and thereby open people’s mind to the truth. The Little Angels became important cultural ambassadors and through their performances the hearts of people from Moscow to Pyongyang to Washington, D.C. were opened to hear the message of true love that is central to the teaching of Divine Principle.

I remember, in 1976, when Father purchased the Manhattan Center, and how he expressed the desire to broadcast Divine Principle “over the airwaves.” He spoke of how “music and religion go hand in hand” in bringing people to God. If we are serious advocates of the Divine Principle’s paradigm of conjoining truth, beauty and

goodness, then the “beauty” component needs to be valued—and supported—commensurate to the truth and goodness components. In this respect, art and artists play an important role in advancing providential matters. I fondly remember meeting with True Parents after Holy Day celebrations in New York and how they encouraged us to live a virtuous life and to maintain a principled motivation in our artistic endeavors. When Hyo Jin nim took the reins of the Manhattan Center in 1988, he continued to emphasize the importance of using art to influence society in a positive fashion and to use the emergent digital technology for that purpose. For those of us who were blessed to be in that environment it was a memorable time.

On April 1, 1995, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, I had the opportunity to meet with True Parents, and once again they emphasized the importance of art as a means to gain a measure of influence in the world. In the aftermath of that meeting, several musicians took the initiative to establish the Artists Association for World Peace (AAWP) with the intent of assisting like-minded artists from every artistic discipline to foster the conditions for establishing a culture of peace. We were encouraged to undertake a world tour and to assist other artists in their work as a way to make this vision a reality. That effort continues to this day.

In 2003 I made what would be my first of twelve visits to Israel to participate in the activities of the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI). From those experiences I had the opportunity to meet many wonderful artists who shared the vision of creating a better world and who were committed to use their talent for that purpose. Music for peace is a serious business for artists in that part of the world.

In 2005 I co-wrote a large-scale composition (thirty-eight minutes) for solo voices, chorus and orchestra with the highly acclaimed, Israeli tenor, David D’Or. The music we composed draws on influences of the European classical tradition and the rich rhythmic and melodic characteristics of Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and North African cultures. It was our desire to create music that would deeply touch the original minds of those who heard it. When we performed the music on two occasions in Europe, the response of the audiences was overwhelmingly positive. Since then, David and I collaborated on other concerts in Asia, Israel and at the United Nations as part of the UN’s 10th Anniversary Commemoration of the attacks on the World Trade Center, and we’ve included excerpts of our piece on each occasion.

While composing that music with David, I recalled how Father (in a meeting in 1983) instructed us to master the Classical tradition as a founda-

tion for our composing. He then suggested that we incorporate the “Abel-type” elements of other genres—Jazz, Rock, Folk, Blues, Latin—with the Classical tradition, and emphatically proclaimed, “That’s New Age music!” I remember at the time thinking that this was the penultimate unification concept regarding composing music.

Family Matters

We know that the family, education and popular culture are the three most significant factors in the inculcation of values in young people. The “celebrity-industrial-complex,” with its penchant for promoting and aggressively marketing materialist, secular and often immoral content, is ravaging our youth. Our children are far more likely to be influenced by Lady Gaga or Kanye West than their local politicians, their teachers, the clergy or even their parents. The pervasive power of popular culture contributes to the downside of our social wellbeing. Too often the celebrity-industrial-complex is at odds with the values needed to create a godly culture. As a result, lowest-common-denominator rationales win the day. We need to provide alternative choices that appeal to higher common-denominator values. We don’t create in a vacuum. What we create has consequences. Moreover, as artists who stand for moral and ethical propriety, it’s imperative to consider the effects



Mr. Eaton (with the red hankerchief) the music director of the New York City Symphony Orchestra, is convinced of music’s effectiveness in moving God and True Parents’ providence forward.



The NYC symphony helped the UN celebrate



Music expresses well our ideal for international harmony

of our creations vis-à-vis creating a culture of peace.

St. Augustine averred that people (and by extension, nations) fail because they choose to love the wrong things. In my examination of the cultures of antiquity (Sumerian, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, et. al.) it became apparent that they placed a great deal of importance on the moral implications of music within their society. Confucius would go so far as to say: “If one should desire to know whether a kingdom is well-governed, if its morals are good or bad, the quality of its music will furnish the answer.” We can find similar opinions about music and its effects on human behavior from Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Boethius and many contemporary commentators as well—Roger Scruton, Allan Bloom, Kaye Hymowitz and Camille Paglia, to name but a few.

Obviously, the good work that the Family Federation does to promote family values, interfaith unity, sexual purity, responsible media, and principled economic and political policies is necessary. But equally necessary is the need to advocate and support the creation of art that can begin to influence our society in positive ways. If we choose not to support the arts it will be a continual uphill battle to gain a measure of success in dealing with the pernicious and pervasive influence of the popular culture.

On June 30, 2015, I had the good fortune to perform with the New York City Symphony at the United Nations as part of the UN’s 70th Anniversary concert. The concert featured artists from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and the United States. It was very gratifying to meet artists who share a similar passion to use

their talent for a “higher cause.” Our appearance at the UN was due, in large part, to the efforts of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP). Those two organizations laid the foundation to foster the necessary relationships with various UN delegates to make the orchestra’s appearance possible.


The June 30 concert was the orchestra’s third appearance at the UN since 2011. As we prepared for the concert, we were well aware of the spiritual foundation that had been laid over the past fifteen years. At the World Peace Assembly and Blessing held at the UN in 2001, one of my compositions, “Morning’s Calm” was performed as the congratulatory song for the Peace delegates. I remember the intensity and importance of that day as we prepared the auditorium for the occasion. At the time there was little emphasis placed on the need for interfaith dialogue in discussing international relations. But as we’ve witnessed the ongoing conflicts born of religious enmity in the Middle East and elsewhere, the UN has been far more willing to concede that these discussions need to be in the peace equation. This affirms the vision of True Parents and the establishment of UPF and WFWP and their continued efforts to promote interfaith harmony.

When contemplating the concept of “Music for Peace,” I often recall this famous quote from Dutch political philosopher, Baruch Spinoza (1632–1677):

For peace is not mere absence of war, but is a virtue that springs from force of character: for obedience is the constant will to exe-

cute what, by the general decree of the commonwealth, ought to be done.

For Spinoza, character counts and that which “ought” to be done in the context of establishing a culture of peace should be predicated in large part on the moral and ethical precepts that are perceived to be most beneficial to the general welfare of a community. Unification Thought refers to this as being the axiological attribute of creativity, which corresponds to the “goodness” aspect of the truth, beauty and goodness paradigm as articulated in the Principle. For artists to become responsible citizens it’s imperative to consider what kind of art we “ought” to create in order to realize a culture of peace—the hope of all ages!

The theme of the recent U.N. concert was the Transformative Power of Music. Because that power has moral and ethical aspects, it is my contention that artists should use it with a heightened sense of moral responsibility. We don’t create in a vacuum. That which we produce and put before the public has consequences. As such, choosing to create and perform music that has positive “transformative” power is something that I take very seriously. If, as Father asserted, using art and culture is the most efficacious ways to change hearts and minds, it seems imperative that we support cultural projects that assist our effort to convey the ideals of UPF, MEPI and WFWP to a larger populace. I’m all for that, and as I’m fond of saying, “More music, less talk.” 

Mr. Eaton, a composer and conductor, has been director of the New York City Symphony since 1985.

Universal Peace Choir

Universal Peace Choir is a platform to express our unified love for Father and Mother Moon and their vision by using our unique talents, especially music. Sponsored by the FFWPU International Headquarters, a virtual choir is one made up of voices from all around the world, going beyond the barriers of time and space with the help of technology. Participants create a video, singing along to the song, and those videos are edited together so that we can sing in a unified choir! On August 30, a live choir and the virtual choir will perform together.

How it was created

The idea for "True Parents Dedication Medley" came from multiple sources. For the past few years, FFWPU Korea and Heiwabunka, a Japanese church cultural group, have organized local Korean and Japanese choirs to perform for major holy day events in Korea, such as Foundation Day. We often sang arrangements of Holy Songs, but wanted to be more creative in our artistic expressions. This has always been in the back of everyone's mind.

Miran Kim and Ms. Yasuko Sakata, on the Heiwabunka staff, developed the idea to have a choir sing True Father's favorite folk songs. This started with choosing Arirang and Hollo Arirang, and adding Akatonbo, a Japanese folk song, and then "Amazing Grace" for our English listeners. This merged with the idea of using technology to give a chance to all Unificationists around the

world to offer something without physically being there at the event.

Currently, there are participants from Russia, Germany, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Korea, Romania, Brazil, Japan, USA, China, Afghanistan, Austria, Uruguay, Nigeria, Switzerland, Togo and the Philippines (about sixty people so far).

In spring of 2015, the "True Parents Dedication Medley" was officially confirmed and planned to be performed at the third anniversary. Heiwabunka staff members prepared for the launching of the project, and named it the Universal Peace Choir—a global choir in which anyone can participate, regardless of where they reside. Universal Peace Choir's first project, "True Parents Dedication Medley," was first composed and arranged on a piano for a four-part choir. The four-part choir was carefully crafted and put in order so as to bring about the character of each song, while having a breath of originality.

When the groundwork had been laid, the music was orchestrated by Harry. Harry is an independent composer, arranger and an audio engineer based in Japan, who has created much of the orchestra and band music that you have heard at our major events. Harry was also a long-time member of the Hyo Jin Moon band, where he shared the stage as a keyboardist with the leading guitarist and vocalist, Hyo Jin Moon.


Lyrics and music to help participants prepare to record their voices are

at <https://universalpeacechoir.org>. There are tips, lessons and guidance for those who have not sung in a choir or are having difficulty, so that anyone is able to learn and be a part of the project.

Background of the medley

One challenge of composing a choral piece is that the music has to tell a story, and the lyrics are what guide the story. The medley opens with Akatonbo, which gives a "feminine" feel and transitions into Arirang, which is "masculine," with a sense of yearning present through the main melody. As the music transitions to Hollo Arirang, the feeling of yearning is replaced with the encouraging need for togetherness. While Akatonbo and Arirang are rather classical in the style of music, "Hollo Arirang" tends to sound more modern and "pop"-like. It symbolizes that we are entering a new era. We have wept for the ascension of someone who is dear to us, but now we are moving on, as we collect ourselves. The main melody of Hollo Arirang is sung in unison. When our emotions subsided and we walked forward, arm in arm with our brothers and sisters, we experienced a profound, spiritual awakening. Amazing Grace is a song of inspiration and a discovery of one's faith.

As alto choristers sing Amazing Grace, tenor and bass singers tackle Arirang and sopranos reintroduces the Akatonbo motifs. All those old memories, thoughts and emotion are recollected and organized in the mind. This is the part where the choir sings Akatonbo, Arirang and Amazing Grace at the same time

The song concludes with the choir singing, "We will go over the Arirang pass," which is a metaphor that we will "unite, overcome challenges and complete the journey." The conductor is: Ms. Nancy Kubo, a former conductor of Sun Hak International Children's Choir based in Seattle. True Mother appointed her in 1994 because, True Mother envisions promoting the culture of peace through arts and music. 



Refreshing our Determination to Protect Each Spiritual Life

A workshop for head managers of the Family Departments throughout Japan

We held a workshop for the head managers of the Family Departments throughout Japan at the Isshin Special Education Building. This is located in Urayasu City in Chiba Prefecture. The workshop lasted three days, July 2-4.

Seventy-nine head managers from the Family Department in each region gathered, and they spent a satisfying three days attending various lectures and speeches, discussions and question and answer sessions. The purpose of the workshop was 1) primarily to understand the eight

major policies that the Family Department is focusing on in 2015. 2) The proper internal attitude of a department head in the Family Department was also conveyed and a reconfirmation of the work duties of the department head took place.

3) The Various responsibilities, standards and existing interdepartmental agreements were confirmed. 4) It was an excellent opportunity to interact and discuss issues of interest and importance.

The many invited lecturers created a good learning environment and it was a precious chance to examine

and seek solutions to real problems. At the workshop, Rev. Tokuno, the Japanese Unification Church president spoke about True Mother and True Children's recent situations. He also guided the department heads on their mission and the heart-centric attitude of a Family Department manager in the field. He stressed how important it is to create true families. Such insightful guidance allowed the participants at the end of the workshop to depart with a completely new feeling from the one they had on arrival.

Through the speech given by Mr.




Sano Kunio, the national Family Department leader, we learned the direction of the Family Department as we approach 2020, how best to act and the hope we have for the blessing in this present era. The person in charge of each area gained new determination and we had one consciousness.

One of the major problems of this workshop was to improve the internal attitude of Family Department head managers. The Family Department's field of responsibility is to listen to members sincerely and to receive their hearts because the Family Department is concerned with the each person's practical and religious lives deeply.

Thus, for this workshop, Miki Abe, the director of church growth research, gave a lecture on communication about having real conversations. It was a precious learning time within a calming atmosphere. Through the lecture of Ms. Yuki Uchida, the participants reconfirmed that one of the main tasks of the director is to facilitate family members gaining closer bonds to one another and to support education on personality traits and lineage. Participants spoke of increased personal determination to care for each person's spiritual life.

At this workshop, we had longer discussion time than usual to engage with one another over how to solve many problems. Family head managers, who are responsible for the blessing, interviews, matching support, faith guidance face many of the same challenges. Sharing their situations, relieved their heart and made a fresh start possible as they receiving new power.

Looking at difficulties from another perspective, participants gathered by area and had the time to discuss plans for the future by themselves and field activities for future. The question and answer time was serious, covering basic questions and difficult cases. Participants recognized and strongly felt that their mission required them to keep learning in many areas in order to support the couples and families in their areas. They hope to study more in the future. They are determined to progress in internal and external education even as the head managers of each church. With this resolve, they returned to their fields. 



Tokuno Eiji, president of the Japanese Unification church, giving a sermon



Miki Abe, director of church growth research, giving a lecture



Participants interacting and discussing the revitalization of blessed families



Ms. Yuki Uchida giving a presentation

The Dawning of the Feminine

By Elisabetta Nistri

Meeting True Mother and Sun Jin nim in Vienna filled me with confidence and courage, as I thought about the important role that we, as sisters, have in this time. On that occasion, I had the opportunity to get to know more closely Yeon Ah nim, through the WFWP meeting we had; in all of these women I could perceive the true feminine spirit, which is anxious to heal the wounds of the world and solve problems through the logic of love.

When I was invited to speak at the conference, the Dawning Of the Feminine, organized by a Holistic Association on May 30, I decided that the title of my speech would be "Women in the New Era," because I really desired to convey my experience.

Below is the message I delivered, which attracted great interest and

participation from the audience. When I introduced WFWP's vision, which advocates that every institution should be guided by a couple that as real parents care to solve the problems of society, to my great surprise, I was interrupted by loud applause from the audience. The president added, "This is a beautiful idea. We really like it." Even if this was not an official proclamation of the True Parents, I was happy to be able to bring True Parents' vision and ideal to people who did not know our movement yet.

The speech

Mr. and Mrs. Moon founded WFWP in 1992 in Korea. Its purpose is not to be one of the many existing women's organizations; it does not intend to be an external, political movement that fights for women's

rights, targeting mainly men and promoting gender equality. Rather, it is a movement of global peace, on a completely new level, with the providential significance to realize the ideal world that God envisioned at the Creation.

Recently, on May 11, this year, Dr. Moon, our president and founder delivered a speech at the UN office in Vienna. She said, "How can we just look at people suffering and dying?"

Our true hope is a change of model, which places women together with men in the government and leadership in order to fulfil a culture of heart and a vision similar to that of a family. Families, bound together by their Creator, are the core, model and training ground for world peace.

Therefore, men and women do not need to confront and fight each other; they do not need to limit each

Mrs. Nistri heads WFWP in Italy and is naturally involved in public issues.



Mrs. Nistri is on the left.



other's characteristics, attitudes and roles, nor envy those attributes or take them by force. On the contrary, by giving what they have to each other with true love, and completing each other, they can unite as a greater unit and share a relationship of ownership, in common.

In the twenty-first century, women should play a major role in world history, serving together with men as one wheel of the engine that propels the construction of a peaceful world. Going beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building a century characterized by a culture of peace and love, and their role will be more important than ever.

Being a woman has never been easy, but the time has come for us to discover the feminine aspect of God, to know God in a complete way; this is our task as women, today, because every woman is an image of God and has great potential within herself. This was the original project: to reflect God's original image. What we do with our lives is our responsibility. Of course, it is not an automatic process. There are also wicked men and women, but inside each one of us there is a precious divine nature, which we must listen to and share

with others.

When we violate the rights of a woman, a child or any human being, we hurt God because each one of us is like a little God; each one of us is his son or daughter.

Many times, people have misunderstood God, as they have women, and he, too, has suffered in silence. Yet now it is the time that God wants to reveal himself completely through God's complementary male and female aspects united in harmony.

We do not have many examples of female leadership, because most always men have led history. Male figures particularly have been highlighted. Nevertheless, let us try to draw from the experiences of women in history, in the Bible and in our times: Ipazia, An San Su Chi, Malala, Jordan's Queen Ranya, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, Doctor Moon.

Each one of us can make a difference. Surely to be a woman is not easy, and to become a true woman of peace is even more difficult. But this is our time, and when we create peace around us, other people as well as ourselves will benefit from it.

In the vision of the Moon couple, this is a new age, which in the Korean language is called Cheon Il Guk. It refers to the place where two become

one. Man and woman, heaven and earth, religion and science, spirituality and politics, moral and technical education must unite to realize True Parents ultimate vision—a society in which in every institution is a couple devoted to solving problems and taking care of society with the heart of true parents.

I would like to mention the leadership of the Unification Movement, which has been centered on the figure of the True Parents as the ideal that each one of us strives to fulfil, following the example of Mr. Moon and his wife.

When Rev. Moon passed away, his wife took on the responsibility to continue on the path initiated by him, in order to realize a world of peace and guide the movement. With heart and dignity, she shouldered all the responsibilities involved in this, and she is showing us the heart of a True Mother.

Through her, we are experiencing another aspect of leadership, and together with her daughter Sun Jin nim and her daughter-in-law Yeon Ah nim, the Dawning of the feminine has started for the Unification Movement too. ♪

Ms. Nistri is president of the Italian chapter of WFWP.

The Holistic Association venue, where Mrs. Nistri delivered her message.



Airing Views on Why the Family Is Vital

By Santosh Neupane |

The Czech Republic chapter of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) recently convened its third conference in the Czech Parliament on the topic of the family. The purpose of the Prague conference, “The Family and the Present Time,” was to inform the participants about pressing issues concerning the family in the Czech Republic and Eu-

rope. The two previous conferences were titled “The Family and Society” (May 2014) and “The Family in the 21st Century” (held during a UPF-organized European Leadership Conference in October 2014). At the June 3 conference, more than eighty participants listened to presentations by six members of the Czech Parliament and one member of the European Parlia-

ment, among other speakers. There was a lively discussion after each panel. Our national UPF chapter and the Civic Institute organized the conference with the support of the Topaz organization under the auspices of Mrs. Nina Nováková, a member of the Czech Parliament.



The author addresses the audience while seated beneath the Czech Republic coat of arms.

Changing societal mores

Dr. Juraj Lajda, secretary general of UPF-Czech Republic, in opening the conference, reminded the audience that the family is defined in UN documents as consisting of a father, a mother and children. He spoke of the roles of fathers and mothers and described the fundamental structure of the family including the vertical, horizontal and individual, which correspond to the order of the universe. A violation of this order implies the destruction of the society and universe, he said.

Dr. Jan Jandourek, a well-known Czech essayist, writer and theologian, spoke about the changes in the family in the last two generations. He compared the family under communism and today. During communist times, the totalitarian society could interfere with the family at any time, he said. The family was like a hostage. Today we have a free society, and there are more opportunities in life.

The concept of family also has changed, Dr. Jandourek explained. More individuals are unmarried, and people do not consider the family as important as before. The passing of experiences from one generation to another is not considered necessary, as the young generation can find all information on the internet. The crisis of the traditional family is a result of the crisis of the traditional society.

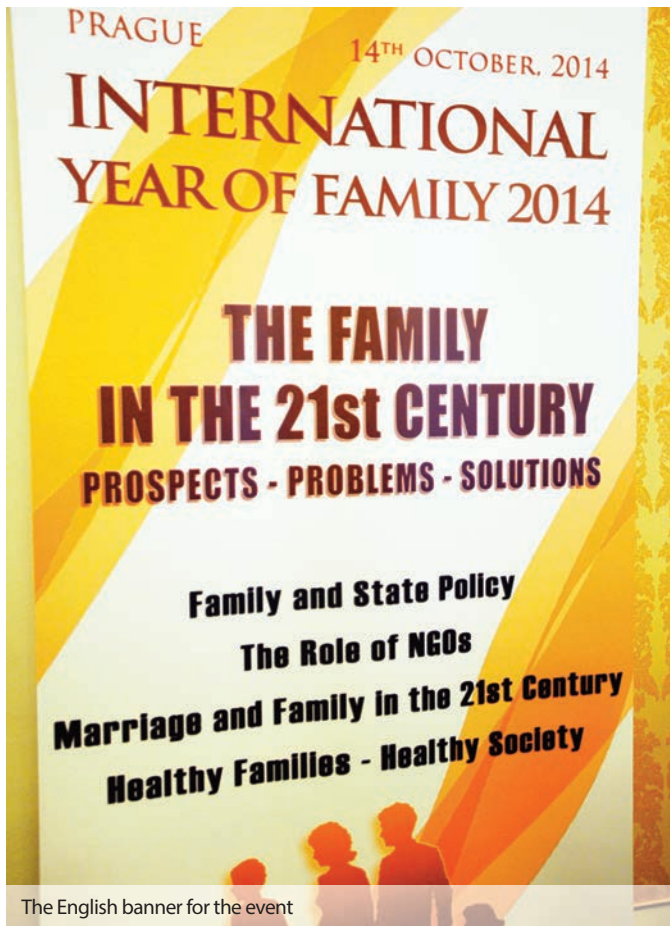
Mr. Michal Heres, a lawyer dealing with family law, explained that each law is based on traditions and religion. Nowadays family law is given less value in the Czech Republic; there is no specialization for family law. The courts, he said, should not be the ones to decide about children; rather parents should solve these problems by themselves.

Dr. Petr Mach, a member of the European Parliament, was the next speaker. He lamented that some recent trends seem aimed at destroy-

ing the concept that a family consisting of a father, a mother and children. If we are aware of family breakdown and seek out the laws that (when applied) will create circumstances detrimental to the traditional family, correction is possible. He explained that European money is funding various feminist projects and that gender ideology wants to push the limits. In the family, there is so much freedom, but a free environment disturbs some people, who want to interfere with it. Some people—government ministers or other officials—are trying to impose their own ideas on others about how best to educate children. One aspect of this trend is that many cases have arisen of children being taken from their families. Dr. Mach gave examples from Norway and Great Britain. There is no reason to take away children from their family just because one parent smokes, he said. The family should be the priority, and the child belongs above all to the



The beauty of the building helped create a harmonious atmosphere for interchange between presenters and participants.



The English banner for the event



The entrance to the Czech Parliament building

family.

Dr. Jitka Chalánková, a member of Parliament (MP) and a medical doctor, emphasized that politicians should always take a stand on behalf of the family (at least conservative politicians). The adoption of children by homosexuals is not correct, she said. The more the state interferes with the family, the easier it will be for parents to lose their children. Dr. Chalánková is very active in a case in which two children were taken away from a Czech mother in Norway.

What families are up against

Mrs. Pavlína Golasewská, an MP, opened the second panel. She outlined some of the factors that are causing difficulties for families: debt, housing problems, various addictions (alcohol, drugs, gambling), promiscuity, mental illness, adverse home environments and a lack of education. She suggested some ways to improve the situation, e.g., innovations in housing laws, improving financial literacy and educating young couples to be aware of

their responsibility toward their children.

Next Mrs. Pavlína Nytrová, an MP, proclaimed that there must be a healthy family in order to have a healthy state. The family consists of man, woman and child, she said. Among all priorities, the family should be the first. If it is endangered, the state is also endangered. Nowadays people want to enjoy their lives and no one is willing to sacrifice for others. Individualism is growing, the only value is money, and freedom tends toward anarchy. It is difficult to keep a healthy family, she remarked, with the desires held by young people. Education for parenthood should start at school. She mentioned that last May there was an auction of children in Brussels (human trafficking). She warned that this also could happen in the Czech Republic. If we do not educate our children properly, she said, they will not take care of us when we become old.

Mrs. Nina Nováková, MP, said relationships in the family are unconditional. The family is not a

company, nor some fellowship, political party or sports club. It is a natural partnership based on unconditional relationships. In the family, there is a principle of mutuality and a principle of appropriateness. Nowadays, we let the children decide about important matters too early. Mrs. Nováková introduced the term of "qualified parent," meaning that one should voluntarily take on the responsibility of being a parent. Finally, she stressed the importance of sexual education and education for marriage and parenthood.

The next speaker was Mr. Marek Benda, an MP. The family can survive if we keep our word and the determination we had at the beginning, he said. That is to say, we should have respect toward our word and toward ourselves. Indeed, nobody should prescribe how the family should behave. He mentioned that there is no border between the parents' rights and duties.

The last speaker was Mrs. Radka Maxová, an MP and the chair of the Standing Committee on Family Af-



The author (left) at the head table at this important conference, which drew the support of members from throughout the Europe.

fairness, Equal Opportunities and Ethnic Minorities. She stated that there are 581,000 single-parent families in the Czech Republic, a number she considers high. Children need emotional education, and all habits are passed down to the next generation. There should be more emphasis on moral values—personal responsibility and awareness that one is entering a bond and has to take care of children. Parents are responsible for the family; the state is not.

Surprisingly, the speakers represented all the political parties in the Czech Parliament, including the governing coalition and opposition parties. We heard a variety of opinions; the conference could thus contribute to the public and professional discussion on family issues. Mrs. Nováková, an MP, put on her web page the following statement: “The conference on ‘The Family and the Present Time’ created an unusual working, accommodating and friendly atmosphere, completely different from that experienced during parliamentary

proceedings. Members of Parliament from five political parties and one member of the European Parliament could openly discuss problems related to the contemporary family. We did not agree on many things, but were able to listen to each other. This was in contrast to

the atmosphere we experience during parliamentary proceedings, for which the price is high, for it affects the quality of laws and the level of political culture and raises the dissatisfaction of citizens. This conference showed that it does not have to be like that.”



Carolyn Handschin from Switzerland



Christian Hausmann from Germany

Demonstrating Our Dreams

By Benedicte Suzuki

My husband Hidéo and I were blessed among the 1,275-couple blessing group. We have four sons and live in the north of France. Thus, we are members of our church's northern regional community.

After Heavenly Parent's Day and the Foundation Day anniversary, I was thinking deeply about how we can develop our tribal messiah work more. We are somewhat distant from our physical families, so it will take time to restore them. On my husband's side, his parents passed away when he was young, so it has been

difficult to connect with his family in Japan.

I have been thinking about how to create our tribe from among our friends first and then to go to our families. With this in mind, I have taken part in many different activities, looking to create relationships with people.

With my job in a market as a natural medicine small business seller, I have contacted many people and created a list. Some people had even come to my home to study Divine Principle but when I closed my small market business, we did not interact very much afterward.

Yet, with our children in school, we have made some very good friends, including through a taekwondo club that our sons all attended over many years. We were able to bring the taekwondo teacher and his wife, Christophe and Anissa Meurisse, who are Muslims, and a young couple, Caroline and Thomas Carret, who have two young sons to a Blessing Ceremony in Paris on Foundation Day three years ago. The young couple succeeded in their three-day ceremony in August 2014 and became a "real" blessed couple. They come to Sunday service whenever they can and help our children



Students of the Yonent Mame Ibrahim School

very much, as well as other youth in our community. They were among many of our friends that had become peace ambassadors, but they were the first peace ambassadors from our contacts to go to the blessing and in the one case, to complete the three-day ceremony.

Truth in action

At the beginning of the year, I felt how important it is to be able to connect all these people together to create some kind of group to whom I could share about True Parents more. But I feel that young adults today are more attracted by concrete and substantial action before sharing spiritual things. Caroline, with our second-generation members, had already organized a mobile soup kitchen to give hot soup and sandwich to beggars at night during the winter in Lille. It was very good experience for our youth.

So I decided to create a small association with the wives of the two couples who had been to the blessing and two other friends of mine, one a

blessed wife who is a longtime member and the other a friend from my last child's school. We created Femmes au Secours de la Paix (Women Saving Peace, which Anissa's husband Christophe devised) and registered it with the north region prefecture.

Thus our team was born. We subscribed for membership of the organization with WFPF in Paris and since March 4 have been doing various activities. Among them, we sell second-hand goods in the market and donate the money to UPF-NEPAL, collect clothes to donate to a charity in Morocco and collect vitamins and medicine to donate to a small school in Madagascar. I also taught a three-month French language course to Moroccan women.

Members active in Senegal

One day I read an article on Facebook about a school run by Delaila and Ambroise Diagne, our national leaders of Senegal. Delaila was looking for sponsors for a school they funded

near Dakar, in Senegal. I asked her for some pictures and when I saw how pitiful the classroom were, I felt we could do something, such as sending some young people there to renovate the classroom and the desks. They had no blackboards, so they painted some walls black, but it does not work as a proper blackboard.

I started corresponding by Facebook with Delaila, whom I found to be a wonderful and devoted sister from the Philippines. I asked around among the youth to find those who would like to go in August to renovate the classrooms. Victor Vanalderwelt, a second-generation member from our northern region, was very enthusiastic to go there, so the project started to take form.

Finally, after having prepared what was necessary, I sent a letter to the UPF leader and national leader in France. The national leader of Senegal also sent a message to our French national leader explaining how we could help them. Unfortunately, the project became known to UPF too late



The writer (left), and her contacts receiving an Ambassador for Peace certificate from Jacques Marion and Dominik Dedours



With a new first-generation blessed couple receiving their Ambassador for Peace certificate



The writer's family, (her husband is on her left)



Delaila Diagne, wife of the national leader in Senegal Ambroise Diagne, visiting the family of a little girl in need of a sponsor



The Yonent Mame Ibrahima School, funded in 2008, now has more than a hundred and fifty pupils.



Ambroise Diagne in his classroom. He is our national leader for Senegal, founder of the school and a school teacher.

for them to get involved in. They had a project planned in Tunisia, but next year, I was told, we can do a wonderful youth service project in Senegal. I will help in the preparation of that.

Meanwhile, I found a wonderful website created by young people called [ulule.fr](http://fr.ulule.fr), a crowdsource funding site. I created a page there explaining the situation of the school and what was needed (<http://fr.ulule.com/9classes-senegal>). I felt that as blessed members, we should know what humanitarian and education activities other blessed members are doing. Of course, we have large providential associations, such as UPF, FFWPU and WFWP, but we do have many blessed members in the world trying on their own to create projects to help people. I felt that it would be nice to have a place where

we could see all the good work our members are doing and where we could help even with as little as \$7 or €5.

L'école Yonent Mame Ibrahima

Ambroise and Delaila founded their school (named above, in bold) in 2008. At that time, they had very few students, so they started with only three classrooms; now they have a hundred and fifty children. A Korean NGO had been helping them, but this year it suddenly stopped doing so. This year has therefore been very difficult for them. Ambroise and Delaila deeply desire to help these children have happy, healthy futures. They

hope they become pure leaders for Senegal. Later, when she can, Delaila, who has a diploma in teaching English, would like to build an English institute, which will be another means of helping poor children and should bring financial independence to their school. For the moment, though, the school has nine pitiful classrooms, as well as desks in need of repair, blackboards that need to be built and around fifty children that need sponsoring.

For the future of Senegal


Delaila is teaching the kids about character development; as Senegal is a Muslim country, they have to be careful how they approach the topic. In order to teach this, Delaila is in need of a video projector. This item, which is outmoded in our countries, would

bring wonder to the children's eyes and help Delaila in her character development courses. I have read several stories about those children that brought my heart to tears—about how those poor children have dream of becoming someone great even though they live in extreme poverty. (One little girl, living in great poverty, dreams of becoming a midwife!) Of course, not all the children are poor, but many are, and many cannot go to school because their parents cannot afford it.

We would be extremely grateful for you to spread an explanation of this wonderful project and to encourage our members to donate to the site [ulule](http://fr.ulule.com) by August 2, the end of the campaign, or to the bank account of the school, which I will send to you upon request. I could also give you the address and phone number to call in Senegal. We have the goal of collecting €3,000 on [ulule.fr](http://fr.ulule.com) by August 2, in order to do everything for the school. It is not a huge amount. Victor will need to buy paint, brushes, wood, etc. With some second-generation members in Dakar, he will paint and renovate the school.

We would like to conduct another project there next year, this time with UPF and RYS young people, as well as one STF team, if possible. I am grateful to share this experience with our members. I hope that increased communication about projects to make a better world, one more closely resembling Cheon Il Guk, which our members are initiating, can rapidly become concrete and successful.

If you want to donate to the campaign by August 2, please visit <http://fr.ulule.com/9classes-senegal> to donate any amount beginning from \$7 (€5). If you want to sponsor a child, please visit our website, <http://femmes-au-secours-de-la-paix.com>, send us an email so we can introduce you to a child that needs sponsoring.

If you want to connect with Ambroise and Delaila, visit their schools' Facebook page by searching for the word Facebook and Yonent-Mame-IbrahimaDakar. If you wish to contact Ambroise and Delaila or send money directly to a bank account for their school, email me at (hidebene2020@free.fr). 

Holiday Workshop in Brazil for the Education of Youth

By Nivaldo A. Santos

The holiday workshops in Brazil are done in January and July each year, matching the schools' vacations so our children, teenagers and younger people from all over Brazil, can have the opportunity to participate. During the vacation period, youthful joy and energy fill up the workshop center in Sao Bernardo do Campo, about forty kilometers from Sao Paulo, a very beautiful place surrounded by lush natural vegetation. Not only are the workshops a great chance to meet our brothers and sisters, but they bring a very important providential meaning,

between seven and ten years old. In January, which is the summer vacations period, there is massive participation by young ones.

Under the weighty main theme, "To establish the tradition of absolutely serving the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, Let us study the Divine Principle, line by line, word by word," experienced leaders give the lectures.

In support of the lecturers, special envoys from Universal Peace Academy participate, giving testimonies and encouraging the young people to become future leaders that serve our



Workshop participants pay close attention.

Heavenly Parents and perhaps become Pure Love missionaries who emphasize sexual purity. These workshops are a source of hope and a means of increasing commitment for the Unificationist families. They prepare themselves in advance to send their children. All the Divine Principle lectures are given in detail, including a lot of enhancement through internal lectures about the True Parents' life courses, our traditions and attitude. By playing games, doing sports and challenges, our young participants engrave into their hearts a deep experience with the heart of God and a strong connection with their brothers and sisters.

which provokes transformations and spiritual rebirth. They are opportunities given to our young people by God to reflect on the path that these young from our church must follow in order to bring joy to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

We have divided the workshops into three categories: A CARP Workshop, for education, which all our fully devoted "internal" members also take part in. A workshop for Unificationist teenagers, between the ages of eleven and fourteen, and the children's workshop, for those aged

Young people's workshop
Regardless of the workshop's cate-

gory, that the prayers are filled with tears and emotion is not rare. This is because everyone starts to miss the moments full of God's love, even before going back home. A very nice spiritual atmosphere is formed, a time when many young people decide to become internal members and dedicate their hearts to a providential life.

In many other parts of Brazil, members are realizing great activities; for example, the workshop done on the New Hope Farm, in Jardim, between July 11 and 15. The main theme was "The Harmonious Union between brothers and sisters from Mato Grosso do Sul". In the schedule were Divine Principle lectures, Pure Love lectures, presentations on True Parents' Life courses and a lecture competition for the missionaries and CARP students. It was truly a very special workshop, where each participant received abundant lot of spiritual benefits and hope, to seek real results.

In a society with values that are inverted, where good and evil seem to mix most of the time, the Divine Principle, coming from our Heavenly Parents and True Parents is the only viable solution for our young generation, which is forming itself right now and must grow and strengthen its faith and the traditions inherited from first generation parents. They learn to take care of their own conviction and commitment to the providence.

These unification young people have responded to this call from True Parents with joy and exhilaration. This is meaningful, because they are the ones who must conduct the movement in the future. Receiving words and love, young people's faith matures and they become leaders of our movement attending True Parents and seeking the fulfillment of the 2020 vision. *TP*

Regional Home Group Event In Bolivia

By David Pereyra Aguilar

The heavenly fortune of our Heavenly Parent made possible the Regional Home Group Event—2015 in Bolivia. Home Group activities began in Bolivia just last year, following the heavenly guidance of Rev. Shin Dong Mo, our regional president, allowing all members to open up and pursue opportunities for the development of the heavenly tribal messiah mission.

The region of Cochabamba together with pioneer missions from the departments of Sucre and Oruro, initiated the Regional Home Group Event on June 28 this year. The event attracted the participation of more than two hundred people, a hundred and ten in the city of Cochabamba, sixty in Oruro and thirty in Sucre, among which twenty-one are currently studying the Divine Principle one-on-one.

The region of Santa Cruz with its missions from the Beni department and Montero and Camiri municipalities carried out the first Regional Home Group Event on July 5. Within this program, they held a futsal championship between the different Home

Groups, increasing the unity and teamwork of the members and guests who attended the event with great joy. Futsal is a modified form of soccer played with five players on each side on a smaller pitch; matches usually take place indoors.

Two hundred and fifty-three people participated in the home group event, including members and guests, among whom forty people were regular attendees at Home Group meetings. Twenty of the regular attendees are studying the Divine Principle one-on-one.

On July 16, La Paz held Regional Home Group events in each pioneer headquarters on the same date. Across the entire region, the events drew four hundred and fifty guests. Our members in La Paz held their event with the municipality of El Alto. It drew over two hundred and fifty people; the Achacahi mission headquarters drew a hundred and eighty guests, while Tarija drew twenty-one people and the department of Potosi, eighteen. Among the total in La Paz thirty are studying the Divine Principle one-on-one.

The great joy of this event is the involvement of family, friends and acquaintances of members of the Home Groups. The people are potential candidates for the study of the Divine Principle one-on-one. With the skill, creativity, effort and dedication, the different Home Groups formed in each of the regions performed musical and artistic productions expressive of happiness and joy that filled the hearts of those that had come to the events.

Many members have testified about how these events help their relatives to change the concept they have had about the Unification Church. There are even testimonies of remarkable experiences occurring through Home Groups. One example is of a guest who had just finished studying the Divine Principle and received True Parents as the Messiah. His wife was staunchly opposed to her husband studying with us, but when she participated in the event and could see the families performing their artistic presentations with great unity and joy, she felt good and said, "I will go with my husband to the Home Group meetings." When one brother began to attend the Home Group meetings, he did not have a good relationship with his children. He decided to change this and strove to meet his goal of focusing on listening to their children and improving his treatment of them. This helped him. The relationships improved. Placing great faith in the practice of making weekly goals, he studied the Divine Principle and received True Parents.

We hope these testimonies multiply by the thousands around the world as well as in our nation of Bolivia and that we members all increasingly develop our hearts to love and



Bolivian members are excited about their Home Group prospects.

Providing Wonderful Memories to Blessed Children

North of New York City is a vast natural area with mountains and forests that goes all the way to the Canadian border. In the midst of this natural beauty is Harriman State Park. There, Camp Sunrise has been a summer retreat for blessed children since 1988.

Camp Sunrise sleep-away camps have been welcoming children for the past twenty years. Every summer we host three different programs at different times, for children in elementary school, in middle school and in high school—each uniquely designed according to age-appropriate learning and developmental parameters. The elementary camp lasts for seven days, and the middle school and high school programs go for either ten days or two weeks. In each camp, children have the opportunity to meet and interact with other second- and third-generation children from around the country as well as non-

Unificationist children whose parents choose to participate in our educational program. The camp staff members are trained, and elder second-generation members supervise a team of approximately seven to ten children each. Additionally, we have a supervisory core staff of three or four people who have professional training as teachers and who have worked in our camp for many years.

Our educational program is activity-based and seeks to engage children on their level with True Father's core teachings. Our day begins with family-level hoondokhae reading and discussion (we call our teams "families"). This approach seeks to engage

children in discussion of the content of True Father's teachings as well the relevance for their lives. After breakfast, our mornings are devoted to education in a small group, active-learning context. For example, we divide the Divine Principle up into different sections, assign a different section to each family and give the counselors the responsibility to teach this section to his or her campers, while also developing a skit through which they teach the entire camp during the next day's education session. At the end of each presentation, the program director will provide a brief summary talk or lecture that summarizes the campers' presentation and



drives home the key points of the Divine Principle.

In addition to Divine Principle content, we also focus extensively on giving internal guidance. This is done through our team structure on a daily basis as well as through special programs such as Brother-Sister Day and Blessing Day (only for high school aged campers). The counselors are trained to deal with a wide variety of

issues and concerns, and the programs are designed to focus on key issues connected with our faith and lifestyle (such as abstinence and purity) and provide an opportunity for campers to find answers to important life questions.

All in all, at Camp Sunrise, we attempt to build the Cheon Il Guk culture in our everyday lives. We practice living as God's children and work

hard to improve the children's faith habits and life skills over the course of their time with us. All our activities are designed to be fun as well as educational. We believe that children can best learn about God and True Parents when they are engaged in fun, purposeful activities that challenge them to think, feel, and act in the knowledge of who they are as God's children. *TP*



Means of Communicating True Parents' Work



Happy participants in WFWP's Peace Bridge between North Koreans and South Koreans in Tenafly

Newsis (www.newsism.com) is a Korean language news agency, similar to Reuters or Association Press (AP).

Their web site posts with fair regularity small "breaking news" types of reports about our events, though sometimes with just the bare essence of what took place or what the events accomplished. On May 12, they had a photo of True Mother with the caption, "On the 11th (local time) Mrs. Han Hak Ja of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification giving a keynote speech at a UN International Peace Conference hosted by the UPF and the WFWP at the United Nations headquarters in Vienna, Austria." A photo posted some months earlier had the caption, WFWP International President Moon Yeon Ah giving a welcoming speech at the "Peace-Loving Global Citizen, Reverend Moon Sun Myung's Women's Peace Movement—American Continent Briefing Session." The posts mainly cover events taking place in Korea. Their coverage of Peace Road, which is being coordinated in Korea, included how the event was conducted in at least a dozen countries.

On July 12, a posting highlighted an event in faraway America. "WFWP-USA held a Bridge of Peace Ceremony at the Korean Community Center in Tenafly, New Jersey, wishing for the unification of North Korea and South Korea. Domestic and for-

eign guests, about 400, attended, including people such as the President of WFWP-USA, Angelika Selle, coordinator Marguerite Dabis, Tenafly Councilman Daniel Park and chairman of UNESCO Center for Global Education, Dr. Ada Okika. They watched a documentary video about the activities of WFWP and there were performances by the director of Pyongyang Arts Group Ma Young Ah playing a yang geum, beatboxing by Lee Seong Yun, Korean Youth Drummers and soprano singer Seiko Lee sang 'Song of Korea.'"

At the time of the 2010 US census, 36,000 people of Korean descent lived in Bergen County, where Tenafly is located. A decade later, the number had jumped to nearly 57,000. The Korean Community Center opened its doors earlier this year. It is a modern, three-story building covering 2,000 square meters.


What follows are excerpts of a WFWP video that covered the event: The founder of WFWP, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, said in one of her speeches. "A clear objective of our federation has been to carry out a number of activities that will aid the reunification of the Korean peninsula. Women have to take the lead in both national and global unification by providing an example through education base on a true value system and the practice of true love." It has been a long-standing goal of the WFWP to promote a peaceful and harmonious

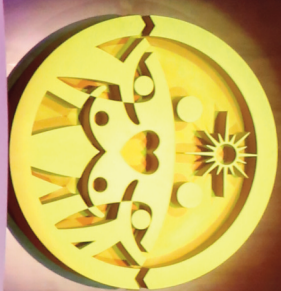
reunification of the Korean peninsula.

WFWP International over the years has been involved in efforts for unification. In 2007, over five hundred women from around the world went to North Korea and engaged in a peace conference, which culminated in a Sisterhood Ceremony of Peace. (In fact, ten North Korean women took part in the 2007 event. Ms. Kim Kyeong-ok, the vice-chairperson of North Korea's Choson Democratic Women's Alliance, expressed her feelings upon seeing, in North Korea, WFWP members from all over the world. "Though our skin color or language may not be the same, I know that the WFWP officials who have come from different parts of the world have committed themselves to the promotion of the peace and unification of our nation. I would once again applaud, and to them express my appreciation.")

In the U.S., over the past twenty-three years, WFWP fostered reconciliation between former enemy nations (such as Japan and the United States) as well as between African American and Caucasian Americans, where women from both countries or races cross a bridge and embrace in the middle, beginning a life-long relationship of sisterhood. These events and more, led to President Clinton acknowledging the Bridge of Peace Ceremony as "a promising practice."

On July 11, 2015, the New Jersey chapter of WFWP hosted an historic Bridge Of Peace Ceremony between Koreans representing North Korea and South Korea at the Korean Community Center in Tenafly New Jersey to help foster the beginning of the end of a divided Korea.

Cumulatively, over time, a Korean news agency presenting information of interest to Korean people about our events in an unbiased manner shows our movement to be integral to Korean society and to be addressing issues of deep interest to the nation. 



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