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True Mother's Sermon on the Mount

A Reflection on One Passage

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On March 16, True Mother delivered a veritable Sermon on the Mount to the American leadership in Las Vegas. I offer these reflections on her words concerning the position of the eldest son and High Priest.

Instead of a "successor" to True Parents, there will be High Priests "establishing the tradition centering on True Parents." There is "no concept of inheritor or successor," True Mother said, because "there is no previous or future True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind." True Father many times stated that there is only one True Parents. In 2009, our former International President stated it well, "There's no new king, no new center, there is no new True Parents, forever. ... True Parents are the eternal rock upon which this movement stands."

Instead of a successor, there will be "the position of the eldest son." True Mother described the responsibility as follows: "The person standing in the position of the eldest son can become a central figure in carrying on the tradition. In simple terms, this son stands in a position akin to the High Priest. There are High Priests in each nation; those among you who are responsible for a nation are the High Priests of that nation. However, regarding the providence as a whole, when it comes to establishing the tradition centering on True Parents, the eldest son's line will carry this mission through the generations."

On April 4, 2008, in his prayer of blessing for Hyung Jin nim's couple, True Father declared Hyo Jin nim, in oneness with his younger brother Heung Jin nim, to be the one in the position of the elder son: "Now with Hyo Jin's going [to spirit world], he goes there in the position of the elder brother, and with the title of 'The lord who opens the gate to loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deepest, highest realms of heaven.' He will acquire all the internal and external aspects of True Parents, and go to the heavenly world. Heung Jin, who was in a position of being unable to govern, shall become one with his elder brother to create a realm of unity and expedite the return of the spirits to earth."


What is the High Priest's mission? The biblical High Priest's mission is to mediate the people's offering to God. As True Father said, "The offering is a conditional object given to God in place of ourselves." He identified Jacob as the model of making the offering to God, and outlined two conditions that Jacob fulfilled.

One, the offering was for a purpose greater than himself. Jacob "had to offer it for the sake of the Israelites and their nation ... the sacrifice is ... offered in order to make things of higher and wider dimension and more public nature... reach God and connect with him."

Two, the offering depended upon Jacob's victory over persecution and resentment: "What Jacob had that was acceptable as an offering to God was that the more difficult and lonely his situation became due to the aggravating persecution from Laban, the deeper attachment he felt towards his parents and brothers." Instead of feeling resentment, "[Jacob] felt sorry for what he had done to his elder brother. He thought it was understandable for Esau to want to kill him ... he was sympathetic with his brother."

Father also explained the stages of Jacob's offering, "formation, growth and perfection before going beyond the level of perfection," which set the model for the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages offerings before entering Cheon Il Guk. Thus, in the Old Testament Age, the people offered all things, through the High Priest, to claim the nation. As High Priest, Jesus offered his body (the child) to claim the world, spiritually.

In 1960, True Father offered the restored Christian foundation as the condition to receive the only begotten Daughter as his Bride. He then said that True Mother, representing all women, was "in the position to fulfill the worldwide responsibility of the High Priest," and on that foundation called husbands to unite with their wife and children to unite with their parents to complete the four-position foundation "that can fulfill the responsibility of high priest." In the Completed Testament Age, the blessed husband offered his wife; the blessed children offered their mother.

To close the circle, True Mother explained in Las Vegas that in the Cheon Il Guk Age, the one in the position of the Eldest Son mediates our offering to "the Heavenly Parent [within whom] is the Holy Father and the Holy Mother, the True Parents." This substantiates hyo jeong with no indemnity, in the era after the coming of Heaven. 

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The End of Communism





After the April 17 surrender of Cambodia to the Khmer Rouge and the April 30 fall of Saigon, seeking to stave off invasion by North Korea, True Parents held the June 7, 1975 World Rally for Korean Freedom at Yeouido Island Plaza, where Father said, "We Korean people, who have experienced the savage acts of communism, know the criminal behavior of the communists better than any other people in the world.... All religious people, especially Unification Church members, are God's warriors, called to the front line to win victory over communism!"

Today the world is divided into the two camps of Communism and Democracy, representing Cain and Abel on the global level. The fight between Cain and Abel has brought about endless struggles, causing enormous pain and suffering. In order to clear this up, Communism and Democracy should not stand as divided camps fighting each other. If they remain in that position, we cannot establish a kingdom of peace on earth, or see the reign of the Parents of peace. The sovereignty of God, who is in the position of the Parent over a unified world, can emerge only when the Communist and Democratic worlds, in the position of Cain and Abel, become one.

Why is Communism a problem?

The Democratic world and the Communist world stand at opposite poles. While the Democratic world seeks Heaven, the Communist world goes the opposite way. While the Communist nations follow materialism, the Democracies follow ideals. The Democratic world gives precedence to the individual, but in the Communist

world, it is the Party that rules. The Democratic world values freedom, love and peace, while the Communist world rules by force using threats, guns and swords. Today these two worlds have split and are heading in opposite directions.

The Democratic world seeks the world of the mind. At minimum, it has compassion and hope for the future. Further, it seeks peace. However, the ideology of Communism teaches struggle, based on dialectical materialism. It asserts that the course of struggle provides the elements for development. In that ideology, there can be no peace. Indeed, it leads to the opposite.

The world today fights for the body and material things. Yet, despite advances in the fields of economics, science and philosophy, these cannot bring peace to humankind. It is through the movement of Heaven that the world of the mind must emerge, equipped with a new teaching that re-evaluates the physical body and material things. Unless such a teaching appears in this historical era of the Last Days, this world will come to ruin. Now we

have arrived at the final era, when God must secure the one center. How can we, who are living in this era, resolve and clear up all the issues of our time? This depends on where we stand with regard to the two streams of thought that divide our world, the materialistic or the spiritual view of history. We will perish if we proceed based on materialism and the physical body. That is why we have to clear things up together with God. We have to place the mind in the forefront. Who is the subject partner of our mind? It is God.

Opposite motivations

Democracy and Communism, each in its own way, are trying to attain a world of peace. However, we are now entering the age when Communism will be completely banished from the earth. From the providential and historical point of view, this is inevitable. What will happen to Democracy when Communism is gone? The Democracies think that when Communism falls the age of Democracy will come, and Democratic leadership will come to rule the world. It believes

that Democracy is the hope for the world. But in fact, when Communism falls, Democracy will also quickly plummet.

Democracy and Communism have thus far co-existed in a state of continual discord, struggling against each other. They could not co-exist in peace. Yet there must be a fundamental solution to the struggle between the materialistic and the spiritual perspective. How can we resolve this issue? We must first clarify where we stand, and based on that stance we must deal with all issues that arise.

I have to stand on the foundation of having united Cain, the Communist world, and Abel, the Democratic world. I have to make the two become one. The Democratic world and the Communist world are the extension of the mind and the body. One is the world that centers on the mind; the other is the world that centers on the body. We cannot open the door to world peace unless we unite these two worlds. This is a law. This is how we can connect as physical beings from the individual to the family, society, nation and world.

The logic of Communism states that an ideal world is achievable only through a process of struggle. The directions of the Party are regarded as absolute, and all other ideas are rejected. That would be true if Communism stood on the side of goodness, which brings freedom, happiness and peace. But if you look at the core of Communism, it is ruthless beyond imagination. Communists will use any means or methods to reach their goal. If their parents, their country or their comrades stand in their way, they cut them down. During its history of seventy years, Communism has emerged as a global challenge.

Opposing methods

What is the communist world aiming for? It is a world of peace through struggle. Such a world is different from the peaceful world that Democracies pursue. Communists purge everyone who disobeys their ideology, labeling them as reactionary elements. If they cut off and remove all these elements, they call it a world of peace. Today the Soviets claim they want peace, but that peace is based on

Marxism-Leninism. It refers to a state where all the reactionaries that disobey those in power have been purged.

Communists have already infiltrated the U.S. government, the army and the churches. They are proclaiming an atheistic Christian movement in broad daylight. These Christians have structured their system based on materialistic Communist thought. We cannot expect anything good to come from it. We cannot expect a solution from the government, the army or the churches, nor from the scholars or the university students. In conclusion, it is inevitable that we must start a movement based on a religious teaching that can confront Communism. We have to raise this issue globally in order to offer hope for the future. That is the best thing we can do. The Communist Party does not want to pursue the ideal world based on a natural course. They want to pursue it through violence. They do not care what means or method they use to attain their goal. You need to understand that we must fight against their worldwide foundation. This is my role, and it is the role of the Unification Church. We must turn their ideology on its head. We must turn around their everyday emotions and guide their actions toward a new direction.

The Communist Party, like all evil, always attacks when it is stronger than are others. There can be no peace with it. In light of this, I built a gun factory in Korea. This was to set a fire in the hearts of the youth in the Unification Church and have them pledge from the bottom of their hearts to fight the Communists in the future, if necessary. Force must sometimes be met with force. Of course, I do not mean that we would attack them. Satan's core nature is such that he always strives to invade when the other side is weak. Talking about peace and the like is just one of their strategies. What should the Korean people do when beset by rapidly changing circumstances? The time has come when they must arm themselves with an ideology that gives them life-or-death resolve to protect themselves.

How did Communism originate from materialism? It began with the internal struggle rooted in the body,

which has only material existence, and expanded that to the world level. It applies materialism to the world. Meanwhile, idealism, which represents the mind in the mind-body struggle, has emerged on the world level in the form of Democracy. Today these two camps confront each other. Just as the body strikes the mind and dominates it, in the Last Days, materialism pervades mind-centered philosophies to a dangerous degree. Although we ought to bring about a world of peace in the twenty-first century, first we should consider how to bring about peace and unity deep within our minds. The conflict between mind and body is the cause of all problems. Because it is the origin of the problems, unless we resolve that, nothing will succeed.

Throughout the world, the communists are fighting in three ways. They are fighting through ideology, intelligence and propaganda. The United States is a huge and powerful country, but it does not have clear policies or measures to fight with and overcome the Communists. Some U.S. politicians are reluctant to fight the communists; they are making concessions to them and retreating repeatedly. As a result, Communists are manipulating the nations in South America that neighbor the United States, to the point that they threaten the peace and freedom of their neighbor to the north. What will you do if the Communists take control of your country? Do you think they will guarantee the freedom and peace you enjoy today? Surely, it is possible for such a thing to happen, even in the United States. In fact, the signs are already appearing in all parts of the world. South American countries have begun to recognize that only Rev. Moon and his teachings offer hope for their future. Henceforth Unification Church members in the United States must make the American people understand this situation.

The fall of Communism

I knew through Heaven's law that Communism could not last longer than seventy-three years. I waited and waited for this. Kim Il Sung had plotted with the government of the Soviet Union to kill me in December 1987. The FBI in America informed me



Mikhail Gorbachev (head of state, USSR, 1988–1991) greeting True Parents on March 24, 1994, at the Federation for World Peace Conference in Seoul, which he attended. The following day, Father said at the conference, "I am committed to support the Soviet Union in its genuine desire to uphold individual human dignity, to bring about economic reform and, most importantly, to establish religious freedom."

of this plot, which was revealed when twenty-five Japanese Red Army agents were arrested and interrogated in New York. However, now that Soviet leaders have studied the teaching propounded by the Unification Church, they recognize it as an amazing truth that can give hope to the Soviet Union.

I gave a direction that the end of the Soviet Union be declared before August 15, 1985 at the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) conference in Geneva, Switzerland. The declaration was made in front of three hundred and fifty scholars and Soviet experts that had come there from all over the world. If I had not made that condition, the Soviet Union would not have declined.

In order to bring about the end of the Soviet Union, I chose the theme "The Fall of the Soviet Empire" for the PWPA conference. This was when the Soviet Union was at its peak. It was 1985, and the Soviet Union had a plan to infiltrate the United States, but it could not do so because of me. When Dr. Kaplan visited me in prison in Danbury, he suggested that we should not bluntly

declare the fall of Communism but rather use the word "perhaps," but I said to him, "What if the Soviet Union collapses within five years? Will you take responsibility for the consequences of not having declared it clearly? Just wait and see!" Finally, he followed my direction and made this declaration. Afterward, indeed, it collapsed within five years!

No progress ever comes through struggle or fighting. When there is fighting, both sides suffer. Communism, which teaches that things develop through struggle, did not last more than seventy-three years. I had already predicted this as early as the 1950s. I said, "If Communism lasts longer than seventy-three years, you can burn my fingers!" But it indeed collapsed after exactly seventy-three years. Anyone who instigates a struggle surely brings destruction upon himself. He causes his situation to worsen. The concept that struggle brings progress is illogical. Struggle cannot take us beyond our current level.

I fought for forty years based on Unification Thought and the theory of Victory over Communism. I knew

that the Communist Party was destined to collapse. When the people discard Communism, what will they replace it with?

They will cling to whatever the Communist Party most vigorously opposed. That is the only thing they can do. Whatever the Communists opposed will become the start of the period of transition. That is why, without any hesitation, I have relentlessly fought against Communism, even as the Communist world and even the free world so desperately opposed me. When I went to Moscow recently, I clearly declared that Communism would collapse and I introduced God. I said that in order for the Soviet Union to find God in the future, they would have to rely on my teachings. My words are fundamentally different from the views expressed in the Orthodox Church and other established churches. They are words that bring God into the center of our lives. From that point of view, I made a historical declaration. *☞*

This is from Book 10 Section 2 of Chapter 4 in Cheon Seong Gyeong.



We Mustn't Be Complacent

True Mother delivered this address to eminent scientists, scholars and researchers at the opening ceremony for the 24th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences at the Jamsil Lotte Hotel on February 23.

I know that you must be curious about me. As I have said to all leaders of the world and to all Family Federation members, we must know God properly. I am saying that we can find the path for us to solve all the problems that are occurring in the world today and the solutions to these when we properly know God, who is the origin of the universe. Apart from religion, I will explain how to realize a peaceful kingdom of heaven on earth where you can attend God, the Creator, in your family, in your nation, and in

the world.

Today the entire world is feeling prosperous due to the development of civilization and the development of science. On the other hand, there are many problems. I see that at this time we especially need the efforts of scientists. When God created all things, he created those in the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom as plus and minus, stamen and pistil, male and female, until he created a man and a woman who would become the first good ancestor. In that case, God's essence

too, is not just a Heavenly Father, but a Heavenly Father and Mother.

God gave human beings responsibilities and gave them time, a growth period, to work toward perfection. However, Adam and Eve, who could have become the ancestors of humankind, could not unite with God during the growth period. They looked toward themselves. They became greedy. They formed greed and thought, I can become just like God.

That became today's fallen world with no connection to God. That is why humankind's original nature

desires to return to Heaven. Therefore, globally, four major religions formed. Yet, those religions too, to be precise, did not know God. God wished to come as the true parent, a visible God that could become the ancestor of humankind and embrace humankind. That is Heavenly Parent's, God's, dream. In order to realize that dream, God set up the principles of creation so humankind could cooperate with him. The world of all created things, which did not fall, circulates well according to the principles of creation.

However, due to ignorant human beings and their greed, that nature is being destroyed is true. God could not just wait. Therefore, the work of finding the True Parents, who could become humankind's ancestors, had not fallen and were victorious, is what Christians call "Messianism." Why do we need a Messiah? Fallen humankind cannot go directly into God's presence. Through the messiah, we must be reborn and resurrected. If we are not reborn, we cannot become God's children. Therefore, Heaven's providence had to become the lonely and miserable providence of restoration through indemnity. That took a period of six thousand years. How difficult must that path have been that it took six thousand years? This cannot all be explained from a religious perspective.

Yet, centered on Korea, here in this nation, the only daughter and only son of God were found and Heaven blessed them so they could go forward as the True Parents. Therefore, through the blessed families who have been reborn through True Par-

ents, the foundation is expanding.

I wish to tell you that the providence of informing the 7.5 billion people of the world about True Parents is actively progressing. When we look at the realities of today, we feel there is no hope. There are religious conflicts, racial conflicts, land conflicts, ideological conflicts and in all respects we are going down a path that does not lead to unity. Around two hundred nations are a part of the UN. Yet, even the nations that are a part of the UN only think first of the benefit to their own country, so they cannot unite. This is the mistaken reality of today.

How can we solve this problem? The only answer here is to meet the True Parents, who had been lost to humankind. All nations in the world can become brothers and sisters in front of True Parents. They can become God's sons or daughters. If that happens, when the parents say, "Shouldn't we solve this problem like this?" the children of the world will say, "That is right. That is the answer we have been waiting for." It will become like that.

Earlier I said that the world is deteriorating greatly due to humankind's ignorance. This is the truth. Even until a few years ago, we did not know that pollution was this serious. Because the development of science has been leaning in one direction, it is being used incorrectly to create destructive power.

In summary, there is no future for humankind or future for the planet. You do not wish for this. Originally, God had a dream. He created this

beautiful planet and placed humankind at its center. We cannot allow God's dream to be ruined due to humankind's mistakes. Therefore, I am doing many things worldwide. I am the only daughter of God, the mother of the universe! I cannot stand back and watch these wrongdoings. While I am on earth, as much as possible, I wish to give hope through the path to return to the healthy earth and the healthy humankind God originally created.

Your responsibility is important. I would like to give the example of a monarch butterfly. They are small, only about three centimeters long. How can they annually fly with such small wing movements all the way from Canada to Mexico? Who told them to go in that direction? These butterflies will go through many difficulties to go from Canada to Mexico. They will have to make many sacrifices. Yet they will go.

What point is there for poison, which is unnecessary for people? In small amounts, it can become medicine. However, Heaven also gave us the way to counteract these poisons. I am telling you this because I wanted you to know that Heaven has given us the methods to correct distortions through the development of science. Your efforts and hard work are the hope for the future and for humankind. It will become the joy of all created things and through your effort, which will return joy, delight, and glory to God, our Creator, a new age, a new history will unfold. In that sense, I ask for your active cooperation and effort. *TP*

Scientists and scholars listening to True Mother: The purpose of this ICUS was "to advance and provide education about scientific solutions to environmental problems by considering them in the context of an overview of the problems and a framework through which the solutions may be implemented."



I Will Show You the Road Ahead

This is what True Mother said on March 16 at the International Peace Education Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the western United States during Famicon 2018, a family conference for US leaders.



I am pleased to meet everyone. Please take your seats. Can you see me well? Can you see me better now?

During this past Foundation Day celebration, I asked this question: At this moment, where do you stand? Do you remember that question? Where do you currently stand? Following Adam and Eve's fall, God had to lead the undesired providence of salvation through indemnity, the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity. How arduous and painful must this course have been that it took four thousand years until the people of Israel could be raised through this long, historic and providential dispensation? When the people of Israel laid a foundation at the national level, Heavenly Parent sent Jesus Christ as promised.

However, what happened to Jesus? Did the people of Israel fulfill their responsibilities or not? As a result, the Old Testament Age became a past [dispensation]. Following Jesus' crucifixion, Christianity emerged centering on the revival initiated by the Holy Spirit. In the early days of Christianity, Christians endured tremendous persecution and martyrdom. However, Jesus prophesied that he would come again and Christians waited [for the returning Lord] with faith. Through the works of the Holy Spirit and the efforts of the Apostles, Christianity developed.

Now, I would like to ask you this question: Where does the term "trinity" come from? Catholics speak of the

Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and in so doing, usually draw a triangle. Who created this term? Jesus did not speak of the trinity. Originally, God created heaven and earth and he created all of heaven and earth in accordance with his original form. Thus, in the mineral world, we can see plus and minus, among plants, we see stamen and pistil, in the animal world, we can identify male and female and [Heavenly Parent] created humankind as man and woman.

The birth of any living organism does not begin with the male; birth is possible through the mother. Looking back at the creation of heaven and earth, if Heavenly Parent had the holy Father, there was the holy Mother [both within Heavenly Parent]. Therefore, the current definition of the trinity is wrong. Within Heavenly Parent is the holy Father and the holy Mother, the True Parents. This is how Heavenly Parent should be explained. Isn't that so?

The entire world needs blessing

Now, the New Testament Age has also become an age of the past, and through True Parents, we welcomed the Completed Testament Age. However, even the Completed Testament Age became an age of the past. In 2013, God's only daughter, True Mother, proclaimed Foundation Day and the first year of Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, we do not live in the era of the Completed Testament Age but in the era of Cheon Il Guk and in order to earn the qualifications as a citizen of

Cheon Il Guk, you must fulfill the mission of a heavenly tribal messiah. That is the position in which you need to stand.

Tribal messiahship does not end with blessing 430 families. It is when all 430 blessed families each complete the blessing of 430 families that a national level foundation capable of expanding to the world is established. In so doing, we can realize the long awaited wish of Heavenly Parent and humanity—the world of one family under our Heavenly Parent. Please understand that based on today's reality this can be accomplished. Do you understand?

Therefore, with what determination are you living in this present age? With regard to True Parents, we must make sure that there is no one among all of humanity that does not know about them. Moreover, the fact that God's only daughter, True Mother, is here right now and is leading the providence is something all of humanity should know. I am sure you felt this during the African Summit.

Senegal is not a leading power in Africa; moreover, it is a Muslim nation. Our membership there is also quite small. In such a nation, however, we were able to host a summit with heads of state representing the continent. This was an impossible task. However, I had made a firm resolve.

Religious harmony is crucial

At the time, the leaders of our movement suggested hosting the summit in a nation with a greater member-

More than two hundred leaders came from across the nation for Famicon 2018, an annual leadership conference for the Family Federation for a Heavenly United States. They had not come to the event expecting to see True Mother. It was an added blessing.





True Mother receiving flowers from Hiroshi Inose, director of HSAUWC Kodan, and his wife Hatsune

ship and a nicer external environment. Despite such suggestions, I [remained firm and] said no. Heaven worked so hard to prepare the righteous individuals for that very moment. In particular, for those in the Christian cultural realm, embracing Islam is not easy. Senegal is an Islamic nation and Africa has carried the wounds of slavery for so long. [The former slave port of] Gorée Island is close to the city of Dakar. That is why I resolved to liberate Africa and implement the worldwide providence of salvation through Africa. This is the reason I chose to host the summit in Senegal.

The Messiah... All of humanity yearns for the Messiah and the advent of the Messiah should at least take place at the national level. Unfortunately, two thousand years ago, even though Heaven worked to prepare the people of Israel, they failed in their responsibility and Jesus could not stand on a national level and emerge as the True Parent. Hence, [Jesus] prophesied that he would come again. Therefore, with regard to Heaven's providence, when looking at the two-thousand-year history of Christianity, what is more important than the Second Advent of the Messiah is the advent of God's only daughter, who comes from Heaven's lineage with no relation to Satan, just as Jesus did two thousand years ago. Unless God's only daughter is born, the returning Messiah cannot advance to the position of True Parent.

Slander's consequences

In the gospel of Matthew, it is written that people can be forgiven for slandering the Messiah. However, whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit cannot receive forgiveness. Do you remember this passage? This means



Apple Heaven USA and the Apple Blossoms dance team perform *Johangjo Geunome Sarang*

that with regard to the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity, we are in the Last Days. Whoever blasphemes against God's only daughter, True Mother, shall find no salvation. You must understand this. We are in the Last Days. Do you understand? Therefore, please awaken people from their ignorance. You must teach them.

Regarding the members of the True Family, there have been some issues. They do not understand Heaven's providence. One of them claims to be the eldest son. I do not know whether the eldest son concept is as strong in Western culture but in Eastern culture, in particular in Confucianism, the concept of the eldest son [is strong.] The eldest son carries the family name. When the eldest son ascends to the spirit world, the second or third son does not become the eldest. The line continues with the son of the eldest son; it is that son's responsibility. No matter how old the uncles may be, they should attend the ancestors by attending the eldest son's son at the center. This is the tradition of Eastern, Confucian, culture.

True Parents' uniqueness

However, regarding Heaven's providence, what is clear is that True Parents are the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. There is no previous or future True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. This means, no concept of inheritor or successor is possible. Do you understand?

With regard to carrying on the tradition of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the person standing in the position of eldest son can become a central figure in carrying on the tradition. In simple terms, this son stands in a position akin to the High Priest. There are


High Priests in each nation; those among you who are responsible for a nation are the High Priests of that nation. However, regarding the providence as a whole, when it comes to establishing the tradition centering on True Parents, the eldest son's line will carry this mission through the generations. Do you understand what I mean?

Just as there is only one Heavenly Parent, there is only one True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Please remember this. Do you understand? Thank you. You are all truly wise and sensible. I need to speak proudly of all of you once again. To reiterate: there can be no confusion or side branches hampering us on the path we are taking; please understand that there is only one path.

I have patiently waited and endured for a long time. I was born and raised as Heavenly Parent's daughter. This is why even if no one had taught me the Divine Principle, I knew Heaven's providence. That is how I made a firm resolve at a young age. I became the subject [of the providence]. My thinking was, I will realize Heavenly Parent's dream during my lifetime.

In the future, the Divine Principle will need many updates. What I mean is that theories from the Completed Testament Age do not suffice. I said to all of you that I would build and prepare a foundation that would enable all of humanity throughout the world to experience True Parents' achievements, internally and externally agree with True Parents and easily understand their providence. Did I achieve this goal or not?

Furthermore, how would the world of peace that Heavenly Parent and humanity yearn for look? After resolving to make a model [for the world of peace] and expanding this model, what happened to the Cheonwon Complex? You all came to Korea for True Parent's Birthday celebrations, didn't you? Each year, the Cheonwon Complex will look different. I am working so hard; should you expand Heaven's foundation in your respective nations and throughout the world or not?

Because I saw that potential [in America] I suddenly came here. We shall realize the restoration of the nation and the restoration of the world without fail! Isn't that so? 

Guidance for Youth Ministers and Young Leaders II

On January 13, Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, spoke to eighty-five young leaders at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in the US city of Las Vegas, Nevada. Though this is the beginning portion of her talk that day, it is the second excerpt we have run. To read the first excerpt, which covered a section on ethical guidelines for living associated with yoga, see our January 2018 issue on iPeaceTv.com.



Good morning, everybody, I'm so happy to be here. All of you make me so happy. Thank you for welcoming us here to Las Vegas.... I got a lot of questions from this ministry group, the youth ministry, and I hear that you're all amazing brothers and sisters, taking care of the younger generation while you yourselves as young people are finding and following your faith and bringing victory with sincere hearts, wanting to create victory for True Parents. I want to say thank you and I'm deeply honored to meet you.

I would like to start.... So many tough questions you guys have for me! [She laughs] You can imagine—I was like, Oh, my gosh! How do I answer all these questions?

Go to the source

Whenever a question is in my heart or when I get a question that I have to figure out for somebody else, I always turn to Heavenly Parent and to True Parents' words because all the answers are in here. With any question, anything you're grappling with, the truth is all written down already so you have the gift at your fingertips at all times. Utilize this as a tool, whatever you're struggling with, even when you pray, you could open up to



Unificationist youth leaders in an open society like that of the United States face complex challenges. At a Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYAM) workshop, they sought guidance from Sun Jin Moon their international president who met the challenge head-on and provided comprehensive, holistic advice .

a page of hoondokhae and it might be answered. That is how powerful this resource is. So, to answer these questions, I found a hoondokhae passage, which I think is relevant to answering as best I can those questions. If it doesn't answer a question, we'll have a heart-to-heart session after hoondokhae where you guys can ask questions and we can grow together because we're all. ... Is there anybody in this room that's perfect? Raise your hand. No, right? I'm not raising my hand. The only people who have perfected their true beings are True Parents. True Father and True Mother are the first examples of perfected man and woman and through them, we can learn. This is why it is so important to go to the source. The best master is True Parents in the physical world and beyond that, it's God, Heavenly Parent. They inherited everything from Heavenly Parent. So, to start, I am going to read; we are going to do hoondokhae. We love hoondokhae. We're going to read "Leaving Behind a Legacy of Love." [This is a section in Chapter 5 of *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. Two excerpts, pertinent to her talk follow:]

The teacher with whom we have the closest relationship is our heart.

Our heart is more precious to us than our closest friends are and even more precious than our parents. So, as we live our lives, we need periodically to ask our hearts, "Am I living a good life now?" Anyone can hear his heart speaking to him. If he comes to the realization that his heart is his master, he "polishes" his heart and maintains a close relationship with his heart throughout his life.

"Today people can expect to live about eighty years. Eighty years of joy, anger, sorrow, happiness, and all the other emotions mixed together may seem like a long time. But if we take away the private time that a person spends sleeping, working, and eating, and then the time we spend talking, laughing, and having fun with family members and friends, attending weddings and funerals, and time spent lying sick in bed, only about seven years will remain. A person may live eighty years but only spend about seven years living for the public good."

Resumption

You asked many questions about all the difficulties in life all the things

that are going on and how to forgive and how to heal hurts and even in Father's chapter he says the most important thing is to polish our relationship with the heart. I know you guys have been studying hyo jeong, understanding a filial heart. This is the start of it all. ...

At this stage, how can we cultivate more love in our hearts, have a more loving heart and create more joy in our churches and in our experience with each other in our daily lives? That was the intention of all creation, right?...

I'll try to tackle these questions that you guys gave me. These are ten very difficult homework questions. [She laughs]... I'll try to get through these questions in twenty minutes and then open the floor for anybody who has a question. You can think about it as we answer these questions.

Restoring trust and love

How can we reach people who are disconnected or who have been hurt by our movement? That question got the most votes as a major question that you guys are tackling in the field, where people are hurt by the movement or by certain families. How do we help people feel reconnected or gain that sense again? How do we



Bonding takes many forms.

open our hearts once we've been hurt?

The answer to that is, number one, the heart. We have to stop. We have to go back to love. It is the hardest thing to do when you're hurt. When someone hurts you, the last thing you want to do is open your heart. It is just a natural response. You either fight or flee, or you close yourself off, you separate yourself or distance yourself. You do not want to go anymore to that painful place. But then, what happens in your life? Your heart shrinks and your world gets darker. When you're disconnected or hurt, to open your heart and to love is the hardest act, but that's the only way you are going to heal.

Many people think, I'm hurt and if I hold on to this hurt, somehow justice can come. It doesn't come. You are just holding on to anger and your heart darkens, your life darkens, but when you love, when you forgive love and unite—this is what Father teaches and this is why it works—you let go of whatever someone else did to you. You choose; you choose to love. You choose to invite in forgiveness or unity, and by doing that, you transcend that darkness. You are growing the light in you. You don't lose anything if you're hurt but still love and

forgive. You gain.... This is what Father teaches; love your enemy. This is how we save the world. This is how we surpass all divisions. Even seeing racism in America, religious discrimination—everything we see in the world is based on people being hurt by people or groups, holding on to hate from past experiences and living that out. That just divides people, separates people. That's the opposite of God's heart. God is here to unite us.

Hurt members are only the start

You're the Unification Church. We're supposed to embrace and bring back everybody and love them. There is always going to be hurt because we still live in an imperfect world. This is not the garden of Eden fully perfected until we reach the 7.6 billion people that Mother is trying to save—until that day happens, which is going to be 2020 national restoration, until Cheon Il Guk is realized, there will always be an element of hurt. We need to polish our hearts to be able to love beyond that. That's our choice. Only we can do that. When you do that, you'll find that you're free from all that pain, misery and suffering. You might find that when you reconcile or when you forgive, you have greater love and joy. When you over-

come a difficulty, when you overcome a hurtful relationship and can forgive a person and reconnect, sometimes that relationship becomes deeper.

As you grew up, you may have fought with your siblings, but did you never talk to them again? You worked it out. Sometimes you fight with your parents but do you disown them or do they disown you? No. We work it out. If we look at the whole human family as our family in the same way we don't quit on family but keep loving them unconditionally—this practice is the only thing that is going to unite us, and the world. So if you have people disconnected and hurt, find their heart of love. Help them polish their hearts to love and forgive, because Satan's tactic is to separate and divide, so bad things happen. People get cut off, separated, divided. They leave—estrangement. What good does that do? It gets us into more trouble in the world. We have seen that. So, to not let that happen, to proactively make the choice to love is powerful. I hope you choose that and can try that in your lives....

Substance abuse

[She reads] "Alcohol seems to be a topic with many opinions among those in our generation. How should



Sun Jin nim and In Sup nim with leaders responsible for the care and nurturing of young people.

we approach alcohol when addressing those who are younger and peers?" I guess you are all youth ministers and are taking care of young kids now. [*Sotto voce*] Scary!

I can't imagine being a young person now with social media and all this influence all around you all the time. But... A simple thing is that alcohol is a controlled substance. They're controlled substances because why? Dangerous, right? People when they drink are not responsible. They can hurt themselves or others. First of all, how do we address it? Number one: it's a controlled substance by law. Even "outside law," not spiritual law or church law, says you cannot drink until you are twenty-one. You shouldn't because it's a crime. Just as Father's teachings say, anything that pricks your conscience or could put you in jail, don't do it. Just say No. Don't go to jail. You are so young. You have so many great things to do. You don't want a DUI [driving under the influence of alcohol] on your record.

Sexual practices


The next question is, "How can we approach homosexuality with a loving heart and maintain a righteous perspective?" I guess that's an issue in the modern day with young people. So these kinds of questions I would say, number one, follow the law. Don't disrespect persons if they are of

whatever choosing in their lives. We do not hurt people; we don't want to attack people for their choices because that doesn't make us good. By attacking someone doing bad, we just double the bad. Instead of judging them, condemning or attacking them, if we are going to love our community and help our young people get past this, we need to give them practical tools to do that.

Number one, follow the law and then ask, Why would you want to do this to yourself when you could potentially hurt others? Do you want to go down this road? Usually, you will find that people turn to alcoholism, drugs or even homosexuality because they are missing something. They are filling it with these things. They are missing love, true love. Without true love, how are you going to find the will or the heart to live a joyful life? The lack of love in your life is numbing.

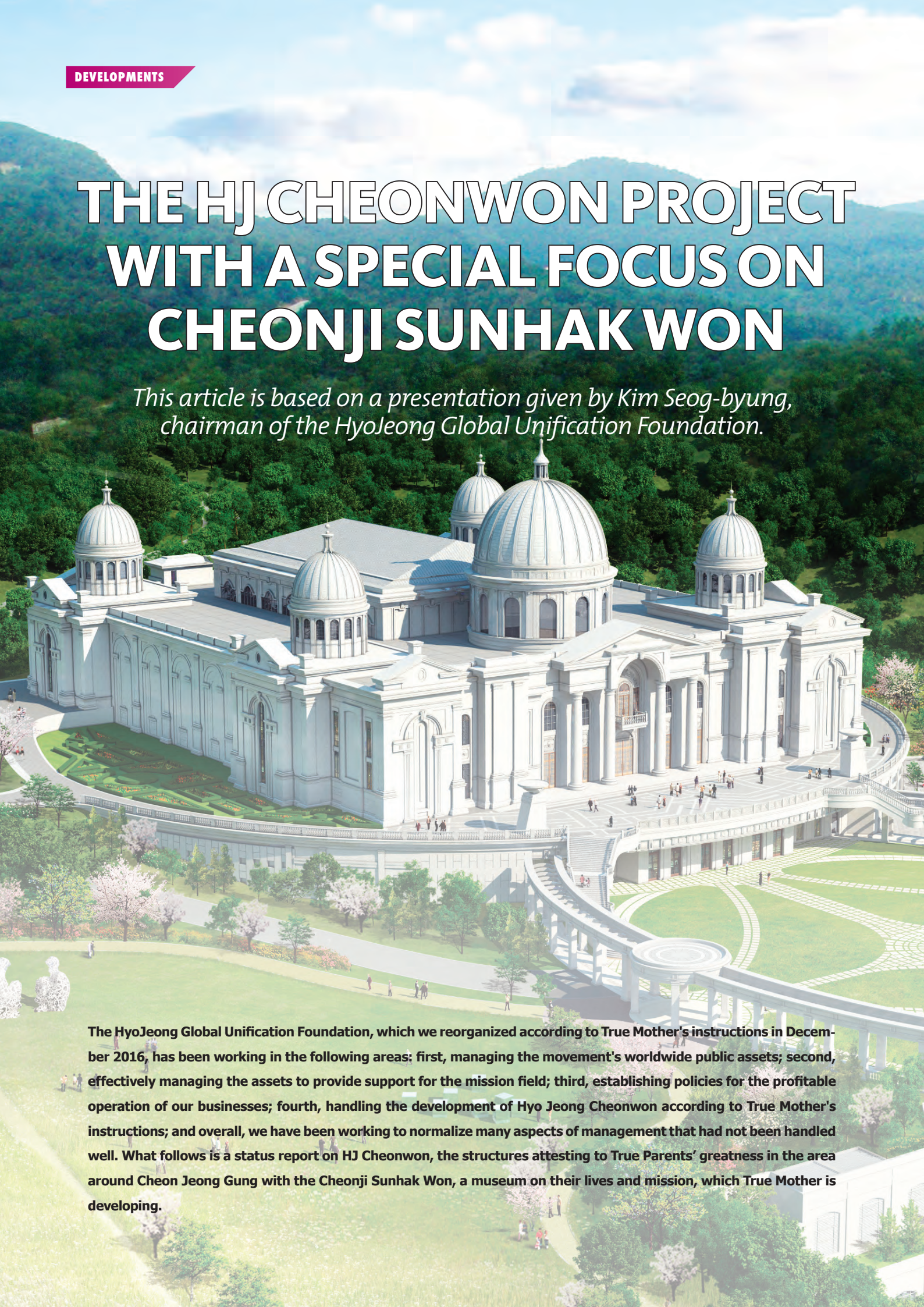
If you're counseling young people and they are having issues with this, go to the source of why. What starts the addiction? What starts the want for that? What are you missing in your life? Where is that hole in your heart that needs to be filled with more joy and more love. That is what we should be fortifying. In our communities or in raising children, we want to enhance the joy so that they do not even turn to those things.

I want to sing in a band or I want to swim in the ocean, enjoy nature or play sports, whatever their joy is is what we should be focusing on. Instead of focusing on what not to do, I hope we can learn as a community to focus on what to do. Find better ways for young people to spend their time. Maybe they are bored. How can you make it more enjoyable to be excited about life in these eighty years? You want to milk those seven years of greatness for the sake of the world. If you're speaking to a five year old, it's easy to say, Don't drink. Don't smoke. Don't have sex until you're married or blessed. Being gay is bad. This is bad. That is bad, but beyond that, if you are going to witness to young people and to outside people, just telling people them these things are bad is not going to get your foot in the door to witness to them....

Instead of hating it, look for compassion, empathy and think of ways to love the person more. How can I help this person find the truth, find a happier place, find the blessing, find God and True Parents? That should be your intention. You are all smart young people. Don't start getting on a track, saying, Don't do this, don't do that. They are past kindergarten age. Think of what we should be doing and how we can make an environment in which no one wants to waste time doing those things.... 

THE HJ CHEONWON PROJECT WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHEONJI SUNHAK WON

This article is based on a presentation given by Kim Seog-byung, chairman of the HyoJeong Global Unification Foundation.



The HyoJeong Global Unification Foundation, which we reorganized according to True Mother's instructions in December 2016, has been working in the following areas: first, managing the movement's worldwide public assets; second, effectively managing the assets to provide support for the mission field; third, establishing policies for the profitable operation of our businesses; fourth, handling the development of Hyo Jeong Cheonwon according to True Mother's instructions; and overall, we have been working to normalize many aspects of management that had not been handled well. What follows is a status report on HJ Cheonwon, the structures attesting to True Parents' greatness in the area around Cheon Jeong Gung with the Cheonji Sunhak Won, a museum on their lives and mission, which True Mother is developing.

REASON FOR DEVELOPING HYO JEONG CHEONWON

Mother has stated, "Since the time when we made the holy ground and training center at Cheongpyeong, True Father and I have had the dream of developing the area into a place that future Cheon Il Guk citizens would want to visit. My hope is to complete it during my lifetime."

Let me explain some of True Mother's reasons for developing Hyo Jeong Cheonwon. First, it will be a model of a heavenly garden, the kingdom of heaven on earth. People of all racial backgrounds races and cultures can live together here as one family in a community that exists for the mutual benefit and happiness of one another. Hyo Jeong Cheonwon is the headquarters of the providence. As the Vatican is the center of the worldwide Catholic Church, HJ Cheonwon is the central headquarters for True Parents' worldwide providence. Hyo Jeong Cheonwon will be the place where you can view True Parents' life courses and accomplishments. Those in future generations will come to learn about True Parents' teachings and vision here. Anybody who wants to find out about True Parents can come here, to this holy sanctuary. Finally, Hyo Jeong Cheonwon will be the place where the values of hyo jeong culture will flourish. This will be a place for all-around spiritual and physical health and healing, with cultural, leisure, medical and educational facilities.

STATUS OF HYO JEONG CHEONWON

These days, we can see changes in Hyo Jeong Cheonwon every day. We are carrying out renovation on existing buildings to make them more convenient and useful, and we are seeing new buildings arise.

In May 2017, True Mother dedicated Azalea Village townhouses, providing lodging for church leaders. We transformed the old water purification plant into the HJ Sunsuwon. The Tongil Foundation and several other providential organizations, including UPF Korea, now have their offices there. That building won the Architectural Institute of Korea's 2017 Grand Prize in the Excellent Renovation category. We renovated the annex behind the Cheongshim Medical Center to provide new facilities for the Sunhak Institute of History and the headquarters of the Family Federation for a Heavenly Korea. We also remodeled the student center at the Sunhak Universal Peace Graduate University, which is now the Hyo Jeong Academic Center, housing our academic organizations.



New buildings we recently dedicated include the Magnolia Plaza, with the Jaemi In Shop, Hyo Jeong Yeon, which is a restaurant, a beauty salon and other shops, and the beautiful riverside Hyo Jeong Café. Additionally, we transformed an annex building at Cheon Jeong Gung into a guesthouse, HJ Gung, with first-class lodging facilities and a café and exhibition area on the lower level.

FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

These are the buildings we started erecting in 2017. One is Cheonbowon, a genealogy center, where Cheongpyeong will store records of blessed family lineages starting from now and going down through all their future generations. It is at the Cheongpyeong Training Center. We expect to complete it in August this year. Cheonbowon will also have lodging facilities and a bathhouse and sauna on the two basement levels, seminar rooms on the third floor and a museum about Dae-mo nim's life on the fourth floor. We are renovating the Cheongpyeong bathhouse, and we will rebuild the adjacent area, including the Tree of Love plaza at the center of the training center as an open plaza with an amphitheater seating area for offering devotions and holding festivals.

Construction continues on the traditionally styled Japanese village overlooking Cheongpyeong Lake. The Japanese village is the first part of the international village that True Parents have talked about for many years. It will combine traditional styles with modern conveniences. Other plans include a five-star hotel and a youth hostel. The hotel, tentatively named Hyo Jeong Hotel, will be a tower-style, full-service facility. We will build it on a 130,000-square-meter site, which will also include a convention center and a youth hostel. We are also developing the wooded mountain areas. In the area from the Hyo Jeong Cheonwon entrance up to Cheon Jeong Gung, we will plant luxury forests of a wide variety of trees suited for each of the four seasons. We are also building additional housing for the people who work in Hyo Jeong Cheonwon. To begin with, we have a building under construction with seventy apartments in the village of Seorak that we expect to complete in February 2019. Construction will begin on an additional four hundred apartments near the Seorak interchange, as soon as we receive approval for the building permits.

Another new development is the Hyo Jeong Arboretum, which will be a forest of



life, a place to experience nature's power for healing the body and mind, which whole families will enjoy together. The Korean Tongil Foundation is developing the arboretum, which will be in an area between the Cheongshim Peace World Center and Cheon Jeong Gung. It will cover about 500,000 square meters and will have zones with different types of natural vegetation. An outdoor sculpture park will feature works by world famous artists displayed amidst the beauty of nature. The park will harmonize and blend in with the four-seasonal natural growth within the Hyo Jeong Arboretum.

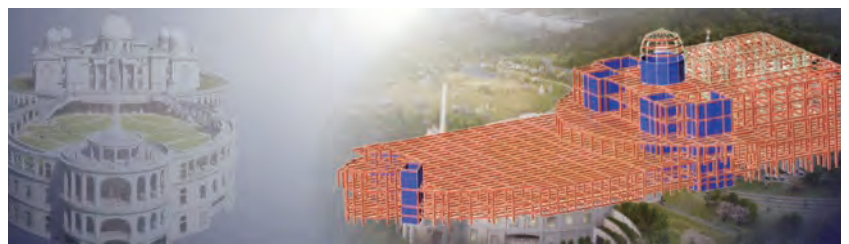
We will construct a gate on the road leading to Cheon Jeong Gung. The gate will serve as a monument marking the entrance point for the Cheon Jeong Gung holy ground. We expect the gate to be a popular site for people visiting the holy ground. Under True Mother's constant love and attention, Hyo Jeong Cheonwon is developing into a model of the original heavenly garden.

PROGRESS ON CHEONJI SUNHAK WON

True Mother gave us construction guidelines for the new museum, Cheonji Sunhak Won. "It will be a place," she said, "where you and those in your future generations will be able to feel and experience True Parents' boundless love for all humankind and for each one of us, and a holy place where we can honor True Parents and return our gratitude to them." (May 7, 2016, Cheongpyeong Training Center) In summary, True Mother said that the Cheonji Sunhak Won should be a unique facility, with state-of-the-art equipment. We should organize it to include a large variety of art and cultural material and simultaneously to be a holy place that teaches about True Parents' lives and achievements over the course of the providence of restoration. If we view Cheon Jeong Gung as the palace where True Parents lived and delivered many important speeches and other messages, we must build Cheonji Sunhak Won to be a museum to educate of Cheon Il Guk citizens, so that they can deeply understand True Parents' position and status.

THE STATE OF CONSTRUCTION

The architectural design of Cheonji Sunhak Won calls for a steel truss structure with stone floors, two basement levels and four stories aboveground, with a total floor space of 79,000 square meters. The building will be sixty-five meters high, ninety me-



ters wide and 230 meters long, on a plot of land totaling 24,000 square meters. The design concept is “A Tribute to True Parents, and a Journey through the Providence.” We held the historic groundbreaking ceremony on September 8, 2017. True Mother led it, and it attracted a crowd of two thousand people, including many foreign leaders. True Mother expressed her expectations on that day. “What I want to do is build Cheonji Sunhak Won as a place that will be sought out not only by all of you who are living today,” she said, “but also by your descendants and by all the future citizens of Cheon Il Guk—a place that offers a deep experience of True Parents’ love, along with a vivid look at the history of God’s providence led by True Parents.” Following the ceremony, after we had completed further preparations, construction began on December 22. A special prayer ceremony for safety took place on January 5, this year. Currently, terracing and ground preparation work is underway.

MUSEUM ZONES

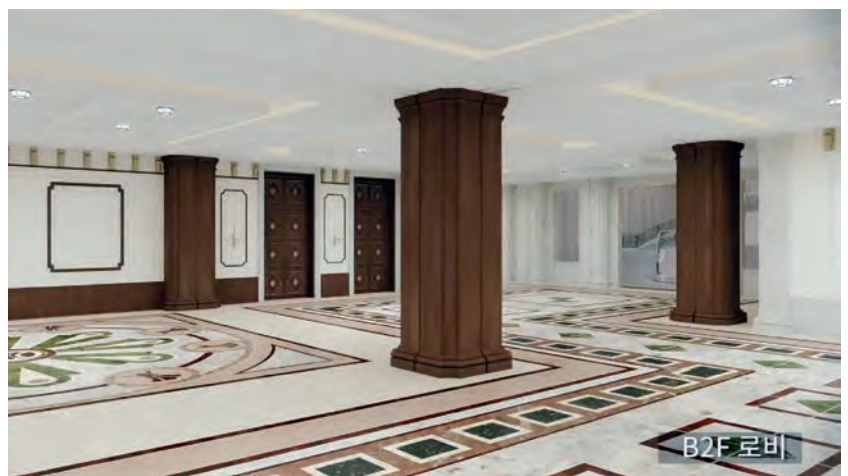
Cheonji Sunhak Won has various sections. Outside the building is an open plaza, an oval-shaped grass-covered park. This will be an area to relax in the beauty of the outdoors while enjoying a view of the magnificent museum building. The first basement level will include climate-controlled storage areas for important artifacts related to True Parents’ lives and the providence. On level one, there is a multipurpose event hall with seating for about a thousand people. The hall will have a modern stage and audio and lighting systems for lectures or performances. The lobby, which will contain conveniences such as a café and a museum shop, has a vaulted stained-glass ceiling. Moving up to the third floor, you will find the grand tribute hall, forty-eight meters wide, thirty-six meters long and twenty meters high. On each side of the hall, seven oversized murals crafted in Korean lacquer-work show important scenes from True Parents’ lives.

THEIR LIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Located on the right and left sides of the Tribute Hall on the third and fourth floors are the galleries with exhibits about True Parents’ lives and accomplishments. As True Mother said, “It is not enough for the museum showing True Parents’ lives to portray the past, the achievements made during their lifetimes. It must also show the future course that their legacy will pursue.



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The history of True Parents' work covers many different fields." (November 11, 2014, Cheon Jeong Gung)

The concept designs for the exhibition galleries took a year to develop, beginning in December 2016. We are now completing the preliminary designs.

Over that time, an advisory committee, consisting of professors of theology and other pertinent fields, has worked diligently to study the facts and material and consider what modes of exhibition to use.

The display featuring True Parents' lives and work covers about 6,500 square meters, divided among thirteen themed exhibition galleries. The main theme of the exhibition, which depicts the history of the providence of restoration is "The long and challenging road to a unified world." The first gallery is a four-D cinema, which that will offer video presentations introducing God's providence of restoration and True Parents' lives.

Gallery 2 is about True Parents Holy Wedding. It will present the story of True Parents' births and early lives, the miraculous history leading up to the appearance of True Parents on earth and the historic marriage supper of the Lamb. With a re-creation of the scene of True Parents' Holy Wedding as a background, visitors will learn about the significance and the history of True Parents' appearance through testimonies and stories.

Gallery 3 introduces the Principle and True Parents' teachings. It tells the story of the new truth and True Father's long, prayerful search to discover the Divine Principle as well as True Parents' extensive speaking

tours and the production of publications in multiple languages, up to the Cheon Il Guk scriptures, all of which was done in their quest to spread the new truth across the earth.

Gallery 4 is about the Marriage Blessing. Visitors will hear stories of the amazing families that have received the Blessing from True Parents, and our vision for the creation of one family of humankind that reaches beyond all borders of race, nationality and language through the Blessing, the greatest gift to humankind.

The theme of Gallery 5 covers the founding of the church and the worldwide mission work. Guests will experience stories of the pioneer witnessing done by the early members in Korea, True Parents' world tours, foreign-member missionaries going out across the globe, and other historic events, all displayed in panoramic form.

Gallery 6 is about suffering and victory. Here, visitors encounter True Parents' suffering under Japan's occupation of Korea and then their lives in Communist-controlled North Korea. It also delves into True Father's imprisonments and the persecution of True Parents and of overseas missionaries.

THEIR GLOBAL MISSION

The pioneering history of True Parents and the unification movement are on display on the fourth floor in the six areas that you have just read about, while the galleries on the third floor show the many areas of True Parents' work in leading the providence of restoration throughout the world.

The first gallery you enter on the

third floor is Gallery 7, about Korean reunification and their Victory Over Communism efforts. This gallery will explain True Parents work in combating Communism and laying a foundation for reunification, including such dramatic moments as meeting Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, and visiting North Korea to meet Kim Il-sung.

Gallery 8 depicts their work for world peace. Here, we can see the background and significance of True Parents' work for peace, including inter-religious work, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the International Highway Project and other areas.

Their efforts to transform our internal world, by introducing the culture of heart, *shimjeong munhwa*, are on display in Gallery 9. Included in building a culture of heart are True Parents' initiatives in the media, education, the arts and sports. This gallery includes interactive zones in which visitors can directly experience True Parents' culture of heart.

Gallery 10 tells the story of the ocean providence. Those who are curious can learn the ramifications and significance of the ocean providence in this gallery and can see the places around the world where True Parents conducted spiritual training through fishing. In addition, they will learn about True Parents' vision for the ocean as a provider of food for humanity.

Gallery 11 covers mutual prosperity a prerequisite for global harmony. Building on the foundation of the Divine Principle, museumgoers learn the ideals of equalization of technology and mutual prosperity. An intro-



duction to the many business ventures in diverse fields that True Parents inspired and directed in order to restore all aspects of the world is included.

Gallery 12 is the True Parents' Gallery. It explains their philosophy, and depicts their traditions and daily lives. It will include reproductions of some of the places they lived during the course of the providence and precious events in their lives.

The final part of the exhibition, Gallery 13, is the Cheon Il Guk gallery. Information about life in the spiritual and physical worlds, True Parents' entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung, Foundation Day, the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures and Constitution, and other facts about the creation of the substantial Cheon Il Guk will be on exhibit here.

At this point, the designs are still at the concept phase. You can expect many changes and improvements. We are eager to hear any ideas or inspirations from experts and investors. We hope you will join us in guiding this project to its conclusion. Later this year, we will open a website through which you can check on our progress and offer your ideas.

THE FUTURE OF HJ CHEONWON

We may summarize the future of Hyo Jeong Cheonwon, the center of which is the Cheonji Sunhak Won, with these three thoughts. First, it will be a model of the kingdom of heaven on earth, an integrated cultural complex with education, leisure and museum facilities. Second, Cheonji Sunhak Won will play a role in substantiating the tabernacle and the temple from the Bible as a holy temple honoring True Parents' lives and achievements. Third, Hyo Jeong Cheonwon will be Cheon Il Guk's "mecca," a landmark in a peaceful world, the origin point for hyojeong [filial piety] and the new light of the world. Let us maintain deep gratitude toward True Mother, for her vision and leadership in developing Hyo Jeong Cheonwon as Cheon Il Guk's capital and point of communication with the world. 

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Karl Marx and the Providence of Evil

By Barbara Grabner

The end of the Cold War unfortunately did not end the influence of Marxism, at least not in Western Europe. The 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's birth and the 170th anniversary of the publication of his *Communist Manifesto* evoke bad memories. UPF chapters in several countries will hold public lectures in the near future to analyze the role of Marx in regard to the providence.

Victory over Communism, especially as CAUSA, tackled the task of countering Marxist theory and preventing a Communist takeover in many parts of the world. It was a vast job well done. Recently, though, we perceive a renaissance of Marxism; therefore analyzing the man and his work once more is merited.

Communism in our view of history

What is the relationship between Christianity, Marxism and the Divine Principle? First, let us reconsider why the Unification Church had to struggle against Communism. How did this situation develop? After the resurrection of Jesus, Christianity was continuously to grow spiritually and at the zenith of its growth was to receive the returning Lord. The actual development, however, took a different course. Due to severe persecution during the first centuries, Christianity gained a high spiritual standard. Unfortunately, during the Middle Ages, the Church lost its moral foundation and had to pass through three stages of reformation. Since Christianity failed to substantiate Jesus' command, "Love your neighbor as yourself," during the four-hundred-year preparation period for the Second Coming, Satan invaded once more.

Who was Karl Marx?

Almost exactly a hundred years before the new messiah arrived, a central figure of the dark side came on the scene. On May 5, 1818, Karl Marx was born in the German city of Trier. His parents were Jews who converted to Protestantism in 1824. His father, Heinrich Marx, was a lawyer who abandoned the faith of his fathers in order to further his career. Son Karl was six years old when he underwent baptism; since his parents became Christians out of opportunism, it is fair to assume that he did not become a true believer.

As a student of law, Karl Marx came to know Satanism, which was fashionable in intellectual circles then. He wrote the horrifying drama *Oulanem* and in his poems he used phrases like, "I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above." He belonged to a relatively well-to-do family and had a comfortable childhood. What produced his vicious hatred against God? No personal motive is known. In a letter dated March 2, 1837, he confessed to his alarmed father, "My holy of holies was rent asunder and new gods had to be installed." Father and son exchanged many letters. The father knew that his son was a genius but also worried about some foibles. Karl had often suffered sleepless nights and showed signs of mental disorder. "There were times when Marx seemed to be possessed by demons," writes a modern biographer, Robert Payne. "He had the devil's view of the world, and



A detail in Diego Rivera's mural, "The History of Mexico" showing the influence of the German Marx on Mexican laborers.



China has presented this 14' 3"-(4.4 meter)-tall statue by sculptor Wu Weishan to the city of Trier, Karl Marx's birthplace.

the devil's malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil."

Immersion in evil influences

What was the source of his malignancy? When Marx moved to Paris in 1843, he associated with people involved in occultism. In the aftermath of the French Revolution, many intellectuals inclined toward diabolic cynicism and rebellious confrontation. The poet Charles Baudelaire wrote the epos, "The Flowers of Evil," which includes a hymn to Satan. The Socialist thinker Pierre-Joseph Proudhon became a friend of Marx, though only for a limited time. Proudhon propagated anarchism and in his writings scorned God in language that makes one shudder. Another close associate was the Russian anarchist Mikhail Bakunin, who wrote, "...here steps in Satan, the eternal rebel, the first freethinker and the emancipator of the world." Bakunin hoped "...to awaken the devil in the people, to stir up the basest passions." They and others created an oppressive atmosphere, which definitely made a deep impression on Marx.

Providence of evil

At this point, it is necessary to explain the expression "providence of evil." All Unificationists are used to the term "providence of restoration," but hardly think that the Devil also has plans. This is a huge mistake. God's providence and Satan's providence work in parallel but in opposing directions. As soon as a chosen people or chosen nation fails, Satan is free to advance his providence. We find vivid examples in the Divine Principle chapter on the world wars. The mission of the Messiah is to fulfill the three blessings on earth while Satan tries to establish a pseudo-version of the blessings. He cannot invent other principles, so he distorts the divine plans. He replaces the absolute truth with a pseudo-form of truth that becomes the central ideology. In most cases, Satan takes a partial aspect of the divine truth and blows it up, or he changes the key parts. Devilish illusions deceive man to believe that the pseudo-version is the original one! No sane person wishes to follow Satan, so he conceals his strategy meticulously. For that reason, Marxist Communism became such an effective tool used with an evil intent. Marxism is a creed complete with a prophet, sacred texts and the promise of a so-called worker's paradise.

What were Karl Marx's "accomplishments"? He seized on the resentment of the exploited work-



Karl Marx with his daughter, the first of his children to live into adulthood, Jenny Marx Longuet.

ing class, gave it a moral justification and added an ideological base. Primarily, Marx fostered prejudice against the Spirit. He degraded man to the status of a higher animal. It should come as no surprise that he congratulated the excited Charles Darwin on the publication of *On the Origin of Species*. It provided Marx with the “missing link” that destroyed the “myth” of the Creation.

Secondly, by teaching that humanity had split into two irreconcilable classes, he also destroyed the foundation of substance. As a result, people in Cain’s position became unable to love Abel figures; they grew unwilling to receive salvation through Abel as a mediator, or to submit to Abel. Furthermore, they rejected reception of God’s will through Abel. Moreover, Karl Marx branched the principle of materialistic economic self-interest as an absolute principle, something that one cannot overcome. Marx-

ism presupposes that fallen nature is original and one cannot change it. Consequently, denying man’s ethical freedom and responsibility.

Additionally, in his writings, Marx inaugurated the Communist tradition of mercilessly deriding anyone with “incorrect opinions.” He argued cuttingly, never shrinking from using biting satire to insult others; his expressions often were rude and cruel. The endless and heavy-handed insults tended to make others doubt Marx himself, since he relied so heavily on vituperation instead of reasoned argument. He himself bemoaned the fact that he was sometimes mistrustful and unjust even to his best friend and fellow campaigner Friedrich Engels.

Despite an ancestry replete with famous rabbis and accomplished scholars of the Talmud, Marx abhorred his Jewish roots and used anti-Semitic phrases. His followers to this day exhibit the same character traits—self-righteous anger, violent rhetoric, demonization of big business, division of the world into exploiters and victims, contempt for piecemeal reform, zeal for activism, impatience with democracy, suspicion of compromise and an eager resort to actual violence.

Marx’s legacy of destruction

That Marx led a bourgeois family life is worth mentioning. He married the aristocratic Jenny of Westphalen. The couple had six children but partly owing to the poor conditions in which they lived, only three survived to adulthood. Two daughters committed suicide and one son died as a child. Marx also fathered a son out of wedlock by his housekeeper; his friend Friedrich Engels adopted the boy. When Marx died in London in 1883, he was buried in a cemetery reserved for agnostics and atheists. Fewer than a dozen mourners were present at his funeral.

Despite his sad end, his work became a huge success for the providence of evil. His book *Das Kapital* (*Capital*) follows only the Bible as the world’s most influential book. Friedrich Engels called it the “Bible of the working class.” Marxism became the vehicle of Communism, which created the foundation for the Antichrist in the person of Josef Stalin. Communism twisted the innermost essence of Christianity and distorted Jesus Christ’s two commandments into their exact opposites. We do not know for sure if Karl Marx himself was aware of the historic role he played, but he started a wave that became a tsunami of destruction and suffering unprecedented in history.

Most left-wing intellectuals say that we cannot accuse Karl Marx of having fathered the evils of Communism, but their apologetic opinion defies reality. Konrad Loew, a lawyer and Political Science expert is the most renowned critic of Marxism in Germany. He will talk at an UPF event in Munich scheduled for early May.

Professor Loew, who has analyzed thoroughly all forty-six volumes of Marx and Engels’ collected works, says, “One can hardly develop friendly feelings for Marx based on his texts.” In his opinion, the multitude of supporters all over the world has barely studied the works of Communism’s spiritual father. Most people who praise Marx as a great thinker have never read even his most famous book, *Capital*, from the first page to the last. To destroy the myth about Marx being a humane man, Loew published a two-hundred-page book of illuminative quotes. Perhaps best known are “Religion... is the opium of the people,” “The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism,” “The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion,” and “History repeats



The USSR commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the publication in September 1867 of *Das Kapital* with a 4-kopek stamp

itself, first as a tragedy, second as farce“ to name a few. By the way, quotations of Marx one finds on the internet are generally of a more harmless nature.

Marx's influence in modern times

Early in March, a fourteen-foot (4.27-meter) tall bronze statue of Marx that the Chinese government had given as a gift arrived in Marx's hometown. Marx spent just the first seventeen years of his life in the ancient town of Trier in western Germany. The statue will stand close to their famous Roman gate, Porta Nigra. Since the gift came from a Communist country that tramples on human rights, considerable debate arose over whether to accept it. What is alarming is that not a single city council member from the Christian Democratic Union voted against the monument. Chancellor Angela Merkel has moved her conservative party considerably to the left. What is more, Trier receives up to 150,000 Chinese tourists a year (which is more than the number of Trier inhabitants) and the tourist business hopes to attract more of them with the statue in town. "Many who talk about Karl Marx today didn't experience the Cold War themselves and know the Berlin Wall only from history books," says the journalist Michael Schmitz, who writes for a local daily, "Only two decades ago, the statues of Marx, Lenin and Stalin were removed."

Why do so many people still believe in Marxist Communism or are unaware of the delusion? According to the philosopher Herbert Giller, an accomplished expert of Marxism living in Vienna, it is "because this ideology is the best developed half-truth that has appeared in the world. The Russian philosopher Nikolaj Berdyaev said that Communism is a very dangerous mixture of truth and lies. It is a lie that looks like a truth—it is impossible to top that." In the mid-seventies, Giller wrote the book *What comes after Communism?* and other literature that was useful for our VOC activities. He has said, "A Communist will only see the reality and therefore not listen to another opinion. There is no way to win over Marxists by disproving their theory. So the best possibility to change their opinion is to build the kingdom of heaven on earth at least in one country. When they see it, they can change, because it will be better than what they ever dreamed of." Herbert Giller spoke on Monday March 26 at the UPF event "Who Is the Real Karl Marx?" highlighting some dark and little known aspects of that icon of Communism and destroying some popular myths about the man.

Without doubt, Karl Marx played a central role in sabotaging the providential course of restoration, though he may not have seen the devil in the background. In the past, VOC and CAUSA taught that those with a destructive or revengeful attitude cannot overcome Communism. Only people in Abel's position who follow Jacob's course can extinguish the flames of class struggle. Thanks to True Parents' lives and work, we have a bright perception of how we can save all humanity and resolve struggles of any kind. The chief target of Communism concerns the third blessing. Concurrently with the Second Coming of the Lord, many new inventions emerged in the fields of science, technology and industry. They provide humanity the possibility to produce abundant wealth of material goods so that nobody has any lack of necessities. *✍*

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Young People and the Arts in the Age of Hyo Jeong



This years contest attracted 194 submissions. Above: The winners of the Audience Choice Award, a blessed family in which the father and the sons sang rap.



A quartet of woodwinds plus a tambourine was among the winning entries with "La Magdalena."

Something great took place in FFWPU's East European Region recently. From last October 1 through December 17, they held their second annual international virtual contest and festival for children and teenagers of the second generation. It is likely that every FFWPU region has second-generation members with artistic talent and skills, developed in schools or on their own initiative. Holding an arts and music contest, as does the East European Region, rewards young peoples' efforts and perhaps reinforces their sense of being valued members of our church community.

Our East European Region covers a vast portion of the Earth. Thus, this competition took place by e-mail through videotaped or photographed submissions of various art forms. The contest brings together—not physically but in an online space—young people with two things in common: They have grown up in Unificationist families, with all our idiosyncrasies and the issues that we grapple with, and they love the arts. Certainly, seeing the entries of their competitors who come from a similar background and love a similar art form must be subtly reassuring.

The age categories were from six to eight; nine to eleven; twelve to fourteen; and fifteen to eighteen. Mixed-aged groups competed as well. One category was for individual families to compete as a group; against other



The audience for the December 17 Awards Ceremony in Moscow; All submission had been by photograph or video, but this audience enjoyed live performances.

families; blessed couples could not compete without at least one child.

Jury members that decided the winners of the contest as well as thousands of other viewers from different nations and continents were able to see the artists' submission on the Internet at culturefestival.ru. At time of publication the Russian links work. Not only could viewers see the performances, but their relatives and friends were able to cast their votes by posting a comment on their favorite entry. A grand celebration and awards ceremony brought many of the winners together in Moscow for the second annual Hyo Jeong Festival, where the winners were feted and the contestant whose entry had attracted the most online comments received the Audience Choice Award. The winner was a rap group comprised of a father and his three sons.

Even for non-artistic adults, watching the performances and viewing and listening to the various artistic works is a special experience. We know that these children are growing up in Unificationist households. We feel a sense of kinship with them and without speaking the same language, we can be proud of their efforts in honing their talents, delighted by their creative energy and feel a deepened sense of hope for the future by sensing the quality of character these young people display. These children reflect the investment of their own parents and likely that of other Unifi-

cationist adults who directly work with members of our second generation. These are the people behind the contest itself.

Curators

Each category of artwork for this contest had a curator. All are Unificationists. The curators were "managers who were responsible to facilitate the process of accepting all the art works from the participants, helping them load their materials correctly, collecting all the necessary information and sending it to the jury. They then collected the points from the judges and prepared information for the award ceremony." The various categories that young people prepared an entry for and their curator (surname first) were the following: Choral and Ensemble Singing, Shurshilina Lilia; Dance, Galiullina Olga; Sports Show, Shidlovskaya Nadezhda; Vocal (solo), Zhuchkova Marina; Instrumental Musical Performance, Salmanova Oksana; Fine Arts, Naumova Nataliya; Theatrical Creativity, Nigmatyano-va Marina and Authored Literary Works, Kosareva Nina.

The organizers did an excellent job of providing clear guidelines as to what was allowable and what was not. Working with young people from many nations, they needed to instill confidence that the contest would be fair and that competent people were in charge of it. That they did.

The criteria for evaluating the

contestants were the spiritual culture and aesthetics of a performance or of the content of the work, the performance technique, the emotional level of the performance or work, the originality of the performance interpretation and the level of artistry. All over the East European Region young people began painting or drawing, rehearsing plays, singing, seeking out fellow chorus members—all in preparation for this great event. Contestants were charged a small fee for each artwork entered in the contest. Up to three entries per person were allowed in a single category.

Who was on the jury?

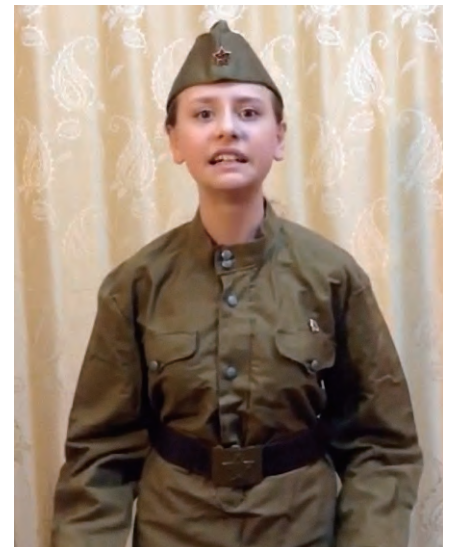
The key figures involved in organizing the contest and judging the entries are Unificationists well known in their region; thus, not much background information was needed for those that took part in the contest. For the purpose of this article, a request through a Russian intermediary resulted in a description of each. "Alexei Saveliev, the honorary chairman of the contest, as the assistant to the president of Eastern Europe Region, is a longtime leader in Russia, representing the vertical standard and heavenly parental heart. Elena Kalmatskaya was chair of the contest and is the leader of the Eastern Europe Second Generation Department. She has been working with second-generation members for more than ten years every day and is well



(6–8) Renata Skvortsova recited E. Moshkovskaya's poem "Morning and Evening" in her room, near her doll house and stuffed toy animals on the video.



(9–11) Maxim and Marina Timofeev sang "In the Forest near the Fringe" They harmonized beautifully.



Screenshot: (12–14) Anna Zharova recited "The Ballad of Anti-Aircraft Gunners" by R. Rozhdestvensky with patriotic intensity and appropriate attire.

known by all of the families in Russia as the one investing the most heart, time and energy into the young people of our second generation. Dmitri Melnikov was a committee member and a facilitator between different countries of East European Region, being a long-time general secretary in our regional headquarters. Zhuchkova Marina was a committee member, executive director of the first contest and has a degree in vocal singing. She is a professional singer."

**A PARENTS' VIEWS,
ELENA KALMATSKAYA:**

"My daughter was one of the participants of the Festival of Culture, which took place on December 17, 2017. First of all, I would like to recall that the competition was virtual, so that as

many children as possible from the most diverse and remote cities of our large region had a chance to participate in it. During October and November, the children's works appeared on the website. It was especially pleasant, together with my children, to feel amazed, rejoice and admire the works of other children of the second generation—those who live very far away from us, children whom I have never met. But this contest left a special feeling that we are all united by something special; we are a very beautiful family. I believe such events are crucially important for those second-generation children who live in the cities where there are just a few blessed families.

"On December 16–17, the winners came to Moscow, where some of them met each other for the first time. It was amazing that there was no competitive feeling between the participants. Often participating in various secular competitions with my child, I know perfectly well how great the desire of the child is to win. At the Festival of Culture, the main thing was really not a victory, but an opportunity to bring your talent and long

diligent laborious work as an offering of thanks to God and True Parents—to bring a piece of one's work into the bigger picture.

"The final event, of the Festival was a very interesting story of two young wizards who are going through difficulties to return their magic to this world. Every performer of the final concert would give them a piece of the magic from their art.

"It's really great to see so many children and teenagers talented in different kinds of art. It's great to see them hard working, motivated to achieve their goals, but even more beautiful is to teach our kids to do this not for their own personal glory and success but to be a living example of God establishing new culture in this world, to testify to our True Parents' lineage becoming a bright light already today."

**PARENTS' VIEWS,
OLGA AND VITALY VAKULINSKY:**

"As parents of three daughters, we appreciate all the sincere effort that was made in preparation for the Unification Culture Festival. It has





(15–18) Nikita Krylov, on a classical guitar played "Pilot" by Alfred Schnittke. It is the performance of a serious musician.



A scene from the theatrical production "Hungnam," which allows our second-generation members to express themselves through the arts and perhaps gain deeper insight into True Parents' history.

been held in our region since 2016 and has become an event that people look forward to. We consider it a unique and precious opportunity for all blessed children from all countries and cities of our region to show their talents and to get to know each other better. It was also a very good idea to make it possible for us to put "likes" or comments under the performances that could be seen online. In such a way, members and blessed children from different places could support and encourage each other. We feel this kind of event brings blessed families closer and helps us feel more united. The best performers were invited to the main show that was held in Moscow. This is very good encouragement for children to improve and to develop their talents more. We would like to sincerely express our deep gratitude to all the organizers and hope that this festival will be held every year."

What Science Says about the Arts


The arts are important for a child's spiritual growth and maturity. It is important for any child, but can transform the outlook and mental health of

children who go through inward difficulties or trauma. According to the authors of "Dancing Mind—Promoting Mental Health through the Medium of Movement," dance relieves psychic pressure in children's lives because it is a means of emotional expression of feelings and experiences that are still too difficult for them to put into words. As Dr. Pavitra and Dr. Shubrata put it, "Most children are ill equipped with the adult faculty of verbal self-expression and composite articulation of thoughts. Their feelings and emotions accumulate as unresolved tensions and repressions. The critical concern is with the tapping of this stored up energy and providing a means for its dissipation. Since earliest times, dance and creative movements have been known to reach in to the depth of the unconscious aspects of the mind and effectively mobilize blocked psychic content."

Ironically, regarding the medical profession, in hospitals that introduced music and art to help patients heal, doctors, nurses and general hospital staff have found that they, too, experience more joy in life.

Among hospital patients, the introduction of music and art has provided such positive influences that clinical outcomes improve, the amount of drug consumption needed to heal patients declines, patients spend less time in the hospital convalescing and they tend to have a more optimistic outlook on their own recovery.

Meanwhile, concerns are rising that the strict focus on science alone in medical schools is leading to sometimes inhumane medical practices and caregivers that are unable to connect well with those they are caring for. Health professional who receive arts-based education in medical school or who practice in health facilities that employ the arts in healing report that they develop deeper empathy for patients and particularly notice they can more easily connect with people from cultural backgrounds far from their own.

For an organization like ours, that wishes to love all humanity and re-create one human family under God, how valuable is it that people in the secular world are testifying about a means of feeling empathy for those from different ethnic or racial backgrounds? How wonderful it is for we who wish to see one family under God that our blessed children have access to the arts? Bravo Eastern Europe! 



A TP magazine staff member based this on the contest website and Kazuha Canak's article covering the awards festival.

Strengthen Capacity and Take Steps toward Change

This interview took place at the Lotte Hotel in Jamshil, Seoul during UPF's International Leadership Conference.



Ms. Hala Salem, executive director of the Al-Quds Center for Political Studies in Jordan. Based on what you know of it, what useful role do you think the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace can play in the Middle East?

Thank you first for the invitation to this very interesting and important conference to build peace between nations. As you know the Middle East faces many challenges—security, stability, civil war, the sectarian divide and implementing Democracy. These are the most important challenges we face in the Middle East.

I think it is very important to work with parliamentarians and parliament as an organization to build peace, but in the Middle East because of a lack of Democracy, some of the parliaments and deputies [legislators] do not have power to work to build peace and don't have the freedom to go out of the country. I think we need to deepen the capacity of deputies and of parliament. We need to, develop the concept of parliamentary diplomacy and have more advanced training for MPs in the Middle East to work on this mission.

Also, I think we need to support democracy in the Middle East because Democracy is very important to empower the parliament, the deputies, to work actively in building peace in the Middle East.

Surely, religion is a factor in the daily life of Jordanians and in your region of the world. What useful role do you feel the interreligious Association for Peace and Development might



Executive Director Hala Salem is the third person from the left in the front row.

play in your nation or region?

I think it is very important to continue dialogue between the different religious groups in the region. This is very important because we need to bridge the gap between each other. I think it's also very important to invite all the religious groups without any exception. We should invite all religious groups, mainly the people we do not agree with, not only the people we agree with, because we need to have serious debate about the challenges and what might be solutions.

I think it's time to think about religious reform, because in the Middle East, we have not yet taken serious steps toward religious reform. We need to learn more about this from specialists, from European countries and from America, because they have taken good step in past years to reform religions. We need to have a group, civic, Democratic, religious discourse in the Middle East. We need to respect human rights, women's rights, and the minorities in the process.

Please describe for our readers what you feel are the best aspects of the daily lives and interpersonal relationships of the

Jordanian people today.

Jordan has many challenges, as do other countries in the Middle East, but we have potential to improve our society, improve our country. The majority of the Jordanian population is young and they are very active. Young leaders or young groups have built many initiatives in Jordan, to improve the society, to build the Democracy and to improve the people's lives. The young generation in Jordan has the potential to handle peace and Democracy in Jordan.

Jordan is a lucky country in that we avoided the influence of the Arab Spring. With the political situation in Jordan, they try to mediate within the society, between people, and to make some reforms in Jordan. We also need to build the capacity of the parliament and the political parties. These are not huge steps. Small steps are also good because the system in Jordan listens to the people, understands the people. This is a good point for Jordan. Our system is strong and it is trying to reach Democracy. I feel that Jordan has potential for a good future.


So, you can see a sense of devel-

opment. You're moving ahead.

They are small steps but they are going on.

Currently, the widow of the founder of our many organizations is carrying on their work. Do you have any thoughts on this? She initiated IAPP and IAPD.

I believe that the role of women is very important to build peace and to bridge the gap between different groups and different nations because women, mainly, are the ones effected strongly by war and conflicts. You see that women are more active in building peace. They are very active in civil society organizations that support peace. Many woman around the world initiate efforts such as movements to build peace. My recommendation is that it is also important to enhance the role of women in organizations, which works on building peace in the world. Increasing the number of women on the board of directors of organizations is important.

I think also that we need to have exchange experiences among women in the world. We need many people in the Middle East with many experiences from different countries to learn how to build peace—the tools, the challenges and lessons learned—all these things. 

A Couple, Newly and Deeply Blessed

The Andanars, a couple from the Philippines, have both invested themselves in government service in their nation for decades. In the few minutes we were together, that they were firmly public minded and intrinsically gracious was evident. Clear, too, was the tangible love between them.



We are the 2018 International Leadership Conference. I am with a recently blessed couple. Please introduce yourselves.

[Mrs. Andanar holds the microphone for her husband.] My name is Attorney Wencilito Andanar. We're now with the Philippine Olympic Committee. I used to be undersecretary and acting secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

She: I am Fauzia Annie Andanar. I am presidential assistant for special concerns for the Philippine Olympic Committee. I used to work in the House of Representatives in the Philippines.

Are you here with the Philippine Olympic team?

No. Actually, we are here for the International Leadership Conference. We only had two athletes, two entries in the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang.

For the Philippines, having any athletes in the Winter Olympics is quite an accomplishment.



In this group photograph, Attorney Wencilito Andanar and Fauzia Annie C. Andanar are at the far right in the first row.

She: Yes, we have only two athletes but in the Philippines, we really don't have snow, so it is something special. These two athletes are figure skater, Mr. Michael Martinez, and Alpine skier, Mr. Asa Miller. Mr. Miller trained in America and Mr. Martinez trained not only in America but in also Europe.

Could you tell me of your experience participating in the blessing ceremony?

He: Yes. For me, it was a life-changing. We have been married for twenty-nine years and we have beautiful children. The last one is about to graduate with his Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations, so we thought that what is needed by the world is peace but to achieve that we need interreligious harmony. My learning is that interreligious harmony is key to international peace and the foundation of that is the family. Strong loving families will engender strong, loving communities and strong loving nations and one global village.

She: It is both timely and I'd like to say we've come full circle. We have been involved in peace efforts in the Philippines as a

student, as a political worker, as a government official in our legislature and truly God is great and God is good all the time because he brought us to the International Leadership Conference. We attended the ILC in Thailand in November and since then our lives have changed. We thank the Universal Peace Federation for its consistency and for its tireless efforts in strengthening families because we believe that strengthened families make for peaceful communities.


How did you respond to the idea when someone approached you about attending the marriage blessing after 29 years of marriage?

He: Well, we have been having a number of marriage blessings. That was the last one. We had and we thought that it was really great in the sense that we had to renew our vows for each other and this time more strongly. I told my wife this time that we have to be more tolerant, not only with each other but with our neighbors because, as everybody teaches us, we are all one family under God.

She: It is really a special blessing and it's like all marriages, every day is a journey. You

are two different people, given different backgrounds, though we work in the same organization—we have always worked together. We were friends before we became lovers and now parents and grandparents to thirteen beautiful grandchildren. We thank God for all the blessings and for the benefits of being in love all the time with each other and with all of our children.

He: We hope we will be able to contribute to the efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. Moon toward achieving universal peace, and we are truly blessed to be invited to this international conference by the Universal Peace Federation.

She: In fact, I have an injury, an ankle injury. This happened in Germany in the last week of December. I was thinking of whether I could make it to Seoul to attend this very important, critical conference. God allowed it to be and I thank everyone, Dr. Yong of the Universal Peace Federation-Asia, Dr. Julius from the Philippines and all those who made this possible. Thank you and thank you also for having us here. 

Steps toward Respecting and Loving “the Other”

Often interviews at UPF conferences allow us to see the responses of the participants to the material we present around the concept of seeing the world as one human family. In this instance, the participant has much expert, practical, first-hand experience in the process of people from different backgrounds learning how to relate to one another. This interview took place at International Leadership Conference 2018.



Please tell me your name and what you do.

My name is Ari Van Buuren. I'm from the Netherlands. I am retired but I do a lot. I was working in a university medical center, a UMC in the city of Utrecht. There I was head of the Interfaith Department of Spiritual Care. We were pioneering in Muslim spiritual care, Hindu spiritual care, Buddhist spiritual care, alternative Protestant and Roman Catholic spiritual care and Humanist spiritual care. "Humanist" in our country means "secular."

It's an interesting area. I wonder how you even gather information about the spiritual care of these different groups.

Yeah, Let me tell you first that Holland, the Netherlands, is a small country. We have seventeen million inhabitants, and since the 1960s, many people have come out of Turkey and Morocco to do the "dirty work" in our society. Everybody thought that it was temporary, but later, the families reunited in the Netherlands and they stayed in our country. They integrated into our country and now there are a million Muslim immigrants and many Christian immigrants, who came from Africa. So we have two million immigrants in a total population of seventeen million. That's a lot.

Muslim chaplaincy, Hindu chaplaincy and Buddhist chaplaincy is new to us. There was an interest in development; namely, in Amsterdam there is the so-called Free University [Vrije Universiteit]. Originally, it was a Presbyterian university with its own theological faculty. To state it briefly, there was a big development and now the theological faculty is interreligious—it's for Christians, for Muslims for Buddhists, for Humanists and the students come together for common education.

They also have identity education, of course, but interreligious dialog already starts in university. We started to cooperate in this field. It's very good! We started with inter-vision. What do you think as a Jew, as



Ari Van Buuren at a UPF event in Amsterdam in September 2015: Overleaf: A view of the city of Utrecht, where he and his team pioneered interfaith spiritual care.

a Christian, as Muslim, as a Humanist or as a Buddhist about life and death, about euthanasia about abortion, etcetera?

Could you give me an example of the spiritual care of different groups?

[He sighs heavily]

Are there specific different practices or is it mostly philosophical?

It is philosophical or theological but it also has to do with the culture. For instance, we started on my team, in my department, by training intercultural communication. Briefly said, the culture of Muslim people from Turkey and Morocco is a "we" culture. As Western people, we have an "I" culture. That difference means a lot. We are individualistic while they live more communally, more as families together.

Korea, and Asia generally, are similar; we call it communitarian.

Yes, it's communitarian.

How does that effect health care?

It is very difficult to explain. I will give an example: When an older woman who doesn't speak our language well, consults a doctor, perhaps her son or husband comes

with her, but it is very difficult for the son or the husband if she is consulting a gynecologist. When the gynecologist asks questions, for us Westerners, it's not a problem but even the husband and surely the son doesn't dare to translate what the doctor has asked. That's one aspect.

Another aspect of this is that it's very important that the nurses and the medical doctors learn how to behave when they are in contact with people of other cultures. It was very useful that our department [spearheaded] this and begun the intercultural training. That's very important. It's very good.

It has a third dimension, the dimension of ethics. My Muslim colleagues trained the doctors about what Islamic thought is about life and death, etc. because often people are unaware of these. In a children's hospital, if a baby is not going to be able to go on living, and the doctor tells this to the parents, they will say, No! No, doctor, you have to do everything you can. They don't understand and when the doctor says there is no further treatment possible, they think, to put it roughly, that the doctors is killing their child. We need our trained, well educated Muslim colleagues to explain to the parents. They can do it best. If I tell them, they won't trust



This UPF event attracted people connected to United Religions Initiative, such as Ari Van Buuren (back row, beneath a "peace sign"), the Church of Scientology, and Women Empowerment Amsterdam. UPF-Netherlands Secretary-General Willem Koetsier is the man in the back-left corner and national Family Federation president, Hans Campman, is seated and wearing a blue necktie.

me. So a Muslim chaplain explains that the doctor is not killing their child but the doctor doesn't see any possible treatment for the child.

Before the immigration into the Netherlands, weren't various groups already there?

What kind of groups?

I am a bit ignorant. [Laughs] But I'm wondering if the Netherlands isn't the country where people speak either Dutch or Flemish.

No, no, no. [Laughing] You are wrong; totally wrong! Belgium! In the Netherlands we speak Dutch and in the northern part of Belgium (That's our neighbor) they speak Flemish, which is Dutch and part of Belgium speaks French. Their neighbor is France.

Thank you for clearing that up. How is your work connected to the organizations you're here with?

So, I told you we were pioneering with this project in the hospital, the medical center. I was the leader of the project, which

our Ministry of Health Care supported. People heard about our work. There was a new organization in America, URI, the United Religious Initiative. They came to Europe in 1997, to Oxford. Two people from Holland were invited to attend and I was one of them. They had heard about my work and the project. That was the beginning of the work of URI in Europe, interreligious dialogue. There are many interreligious organizations. They must not compete but work cooperatively together. So, I came in contact with UPF and I always participate in the gatherings of UPF in the Netherlands.

Are you aware of what *uri* means in Korean?

Oh, no... I don't know.

It means "we," so they often talk about Korean culture being an *uri* culture.

Ah! I didn't know that. You should know I came here with UPF and I have no time left for exploring or learning what URI is doing in Korea. There must be a URI organization here. Uri is "we" in Korean, but we always say

U.R.I.—You are I.

Exactly! Very good. What do you do with UPF?

As I told you, I participate in their gatherings. Every month we meet and they have a speaker. UPF members but also people from other organizations participate. Sometimes we have dinner. Talking over dinner is also good. So we are very close to one another.

I knew a Dutch speaker years ago and he used to say... These are his words, not mine: The Dutch don't have a language, we have a throat disease.

Why?

He would then recite a poem in Dutch with perhaps a bit exaggerated guttural pronunciation.

Yes, I can demonstrate it for you. [He does and we both laugh.] That's the difference between the Dutch of Belgium and the Dutch of our country. Belgium Dutch is much softer.

Thank you. I've learned a lot today. ☺

Glimpsing True Parents' Awesome Value

Special Emissary Kathy Rigney spoke at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly describing the course her heart had traveled from before Father's ascension until after the African Summit. Due to its overall length, what follows is an edited excerpt of a transcript of what she said that day.

By Kathy Rigney





Kathy Rigney speaking during World Summit Africa 2018

Many of our senior leaders were staying in Las Vegas because True Parents were there. I asked people what we had to be preparing for Foundation Day. They gave me some of their own opinions but after a while, they said they would ask Father. Father came back and said that we had to restore a nation and had to tell the 7 billion people of the world that True Parents are on earth.

I joined the church in 1969 in St. Louis, Missouri, and I thought we had been trying to do that for forty years. What were we going to do in these last three years to make that happen suddenly? I was honestly confused. I wanted desperately to prepare for Foundation Day with no understanding of how to do it.

I asked [the leader who asked me to come to Las Vegas] if I could go back to Africa to meet some heads of state. I was thinking, How was Christianity accepted? Maybe some president of some nation could receive a revelation and accept spiritually, understand that the Messiah is on earth.

Father's autobiography had come out, so Father said, Yeah, go! So, I went. I started meeting heads of state and giving them Father's autobiography. I said, If you want to know how to restore your nation, how to take care of your nation, you should meet

the True Parents in Las Vegas. Many would say, I'd like to do that, but...

Step by step, you try to work with them. We brought some First Ladies to Las Vegas, but suddenly Father got sick. Father went to Korea and Father never came back.

I knew that Father had said, If only I could live in God's restored nation before I go to the spiritual world, I would go to the spiritual world happy.

When Father passed away, it was a tremendous shock for me because I had focused on having to find a nation before Foundation Day and finding a way to communicate to the 7 billion people of the world, and then Father was gone! It was devastating to me. I believe in the spiritual world. I believe that no one has lived as successful and fantastic a life as has our True Father. I was so sad. We were all so sad, and I knew inside of me that it was because we did not do what we were supposed to do. We did not restore a nation, which Father had needed and wanted desperately to have happen on earth. That's why it was so devastating.

Advance without ceasing

I remember that first meeting with Mother, a public meeting after the seonghwa ceremony. True Mother stood in front of us saying, If you believe in me... We're not going to stop. Father has gone, but we're not

going to stop, and if you believe in me, miracles will happen. Then she said something else: If you believe in me, you will find that one righteous man, that one righteous person prepared by God, who will lead the way and lead you on that path.

For me, it was like catching a piece of hope, because after Father ascended, I felt hopeless. (Oh my Gosh! We didn't do it. What are we going to do now?) Mother extended hope to us. When she said that, in my heart, I grabbed it and I believed it with all of my heart and soul.

I felt this is our only hope. If the Messiah goes to the spiritual world, what have we done before he goes? What's going to happen to the world when Mother also goes and all of us also go? What traces of True Parents' footsteps will remain? Mother said we have seven years—Vision 2020—a grace period.

Mother herself sent the international headquarters last April to Zambia, and we had an Africa-wide meeting. In the forty-three years I'd been a missionary in Africa, we'd never had that. Mother paid for the tickets of the national leaders so that they all could come. She sent Dr. Yun Hyunook Seo and Rev. Cho Sung-il to teach and guide us, to listen to what we had to say, to listen to what our struggles and our objectives were.

At the end of that meeting, they told us three directions from Mother: Accomplish your heavenly tribal messiah mission. Educate youth, our second generation and all other youth in the world about God's will and God's way through things such as character education and prepare the environment for UPF by contacting VIPs.

A false start

My mission at that time was special emissary to Africa and UPF chair for Africa. They then announced there would be an African Summit, which means UPF. I started thinking, Oh Good. That'll be great. We've never had an African Summit before. Start thinking about what nation has many members, where it would be easy, so to speak, to carry out some kind of conference. Which nations have developed externally, like South Africa has?



True Mother and others are with Moustapha Niasse, a significant figure in Senegal and Africa. He is president of the National Assembly. He founded his political party. He has been prime minister twice and foreign affairs minister. He has run for president three times. Twice he has been the special representative of the UN secretary-general to other nations in Africa. During Africa Summit 2018, he participated and facilitated the launch in Senegal of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace.

I thought, Well, if we have this in South Africa, they have everything we need: the roads are good, the conference centers are good. If it's about VIPs, we can bring a couple heads of state, I'm sure, from other countries in Africa that we already know. That'd be a nice conference, wouldn't it? That was in my mind. I said that to Dr. Yun. I think it would be good in South Africa, Dr. Yun, and I think we could bring a couple heads of state and many parliamentarians, etcetera. He didn't say anything. He said, Hmmm.

True Mother's expectation

About a month later, I got a letter from True Mother, through Dr. Yun and through Hyunook Seo, who translated it. What she said to me was, You should bring fifty-four heads of state to the African Summit. If you can't bring fifty-four, forty-nine would be OK. I should explain that our region in Africa has forty-nine countries, but if you include North Africa, which belongs to our Middle East region, it's fifty-four.

She said, The dream would be fifty-four. The ideal would be forty-nine. I thought to myself, OK, Mother wants forty-nine heads of state. I had just sent a report we had made to Senegal, where a Minister Diop who is an advisor to President Macky Sall, had come to the World Summit last February, a year ago.

While he was here, he was deeply moved. Do you remember the musical last February? Right after the musical Mother came onstage. You may remember it was very mystical. Smoke was all around Mother and the crowd was cheering. He stood up, walked over and grabbed one of our members and said, Who is she? What's going on? Who is she?! Why do you people love her so much? Through the World Summit and at that time last February, he expressed many feelings about Mother and about the event that took place.

Fated meetings

When we visited Senegal, he introduced us to three people, one of whom was Sheikh Mansour Diouf, an important Islamic leader who became an ambassador for peace. We had three ceremonies when I went to Senegal. I reported everything to True Mother. Then, she said, We are not only going to have fifty-four heads of state, we are going to have four parliamentarians from every country in Africa, and two traditional rulers and two religious leaders, two woman leaders and two youth leaders. If possible, instead of just parliamentarians, try to bring the president of the National Assembly. She added that we'd do this in Senegal because she liked so much the report of how we had been received during our time in Senegal.

What she liked was the Minister Diop's attitude toward her. Mother thought we had found that one righteous man. Mother identified that clearly. That deeply tested my faith, because logically speaking, in my mind anyway, it is impossible to bring fifty-four heads of state. It's impossible even to think about bringing forty-nine heads of state. Aren't we kind of wasting our time by thinking in that way? Wouldn't it be better to focus on a few countries?

When I remembered that fateful day when True Mother said, Believe in me. We're not going to stop. We're not only going to keep going, we're going to start running from now on. We're going to accomplish in the next seven years what we were not able to accomplish while Father was on earth.

I thought to myself, That's it. Mother said, "Believe in me" and miracles will happen. I absolutely from that moment on tried to take away any feeling of "this is impossible." But the reality is that there is almost no foundation in Senegal. We have about fifty members at Sunday service if everybody comes, and everybody doesn't always come.

I had realized that Mother chose Senegal because of that one righteous person. Mother caught that point through the reports we had sent to her. She chose Senegal because of that one righteous man who recognized



The Closing Plenary Session at which leaders reflected on the experience. Sheikh Mansour Diouf read the Dakar Peace Declaration, which was approved and adopted.

her during the world Summit. We had absolutely no foundation in that country except for fifty people after twenty years of mission work. We didn't know how to witness to Islamic people, or to teach Islamic people. We didn't know how to work with Islamic people. It seemed like an incredible mountain to climb. But if Mother decided this, absolutely no doubt, that was where we were going to go, no matter what and climbing up that mountain we were going to learn many things we never knew before. We started to walk up that path.

Meeting the president

I need to go back forty-three years to 1975. When Father was preparing us missionaries to go out, he gave us a list of ten different things we needed to do in our mission. Father said that the very first thing you have to do is unite. If you don't do that, everything else you do will have no value and it will not bring results.

When we started to prepare to hold this summit in Senegal, we first had to unite with our Mother and our international headquarters. I can tell you that the last ten months have been some of the worst days of my life—truly and completely. I vowed every day that I would never do this again. Every night I would wake myself from moaning. I would wake up. I was moaning because I was so fearful that we would not be able to

accomplish what Mother wanted. It was so painful because every step of the way we had to fight. Just to get to see the president took us there months—May, June, July. On July 22, we met the president. Without meeting the president, we could not dream of holding a summit in Senegal.

When we met the president, he said, Yeah. I would love that. I'll co-host that. Where are you going to hold it? I said the Fahid Hotel. He said, No, no, no. You will hold it at the international conference center that we just inaugurated and I'll pay for it. He paid to rent that huge national conference center. It's state of the art. The ball had started to roll but every day there was another crisis.

When UPF has a conference, we rent a hall and then invite the people we want to invite according to the budget. We decide who to invite based upon who the speaker will be. Don't we?

We're free; we can do whatever we want. But this was not the case in Senegal. From the first day, July 22, when the president of Senegal said, All right, let's do this together, we began having meetings two or three times a week with a representative of the president, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the chief of protocol, Sheikh Mansour's local ambassador for peace groups, UPF and our local members in Senegal who had already been working with us.

Yielding through faith

An events company is a company that helps you to organize things. Because we were inviting heads of state, because Macky Sall would be there, they didn't trust us to organize it on our own. Maybe we would hire a cheap caterer and everybody would get sick and all those legislators coming from 54 nations would become ill, go home and say, We got sick in Senegal. So this event company's job was to control us and make sure that we did things right and we did things on a level that would properly represent the president of the country.

Those meetings were some of the most difficult moments I have ever spent. I was begging [regional group president] Bakary [Camara], please come to Senegal. I don't want to go to those meeting anymore. If you come, you could take my place. But he had other things to do. He had the tribal messiahs to take care of. We had to go through that process and it was such a painful process. It would have been so much easier to organize the summit with just UPF being the host. Do you understand that? It's a very important point to understand. Had we done that, though, had we organized it as UPF who decides everything, it would never have been the victory that it was.

The world's respect for True Mother

You watched the summit, I suppose. I



At the Closing Plenary, Session VIII, Kathy Rigney is presenting gifts to traditional rulers, here, to those from the Kingdom of Loango, who are likely from the Republic of Congo. Africa Summit 2018 included the launch of the International Association of Chiefs for Peace and Prosperity (IACPP). During Session VI, Summit participants also launched the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

suppose that you watched Mother's opening plenary session. I was with Mother for many meals during the time she was in Senegal, and after the Opening Plenary session, Mother invited us to lunch and she said, This is the level.... Mother had been received as a head of state in Senegal from beginning to end—her arrival at the airport, her meeting with Macky Sall before the event, her speech in front of Macky Sall and Macky Sall's speech in return to Mother's speech. Until Mother left the country, she was treated by the government of Senegal, not by us, but by the president himself, as a head of state. That, Mother said, is what should have happened in 1960 when True Parents' marriage of the Lamb took place. True Parents should have come to the world on a national foundation. "A national foundation," that's what Mother said. So, that it happened in 2017 in Senegal, is fifty-seven years too late. But Mother was thrilled. At least, finally, it happened. Mother called me every day. The IHQ was the liaison for Mother and me. It was so much pressure. Every day, they would ask, What did the president say yesterday? Is the president ready to do this? Is the president ready to do that?

A righteous man

Yet to reach the president was still not an easy thing. I couldn't just call him on the phone. What I'm trying

to share with you, as Bakary said, When we believe in True Parents, when we believe absolutely in Mother, when we put ourselves on the line, throw ourselves out there, maybe we will look like crazy people if we fail, but if we don't try what will the result be? Where will we go? When will we reach the level we are supposed to reach? But by putting our lives on the line and I can honestly say that for several of us that was the case, we were able to throw away our fears. No more fear. We are going to do what we are doing based on True Mother's directions. That's why I say unity—unity with our international headquarters; unity with Mother through them. For me this was the key. If it were left up to Bakary and me, I can guarantee you we would never have had this level of success. As you go to your nations, your cities or wherever you are responsible for, maybe you think, We don't have that kind of foundation; we cannot meet the president. Well, I guarantee you, we did. We met the president through that one righteous man that Mother had talked about. That's how we met him, through the one righteous man. He was there, waiting and he had a dream that he was going to meet these people and these people were going to take him to a different level than he could ever imagine for his life. This is Sheikh Mansour.

He testifies to the fact that Heavenly fortune came to him through Mother. He is a Muslim. He is a deeply, deeply religious Muslim. What he's feeling is through Mother... "My Mother," he calls her "Mom," "Mama." When he meets Mother, he says, Hi, Mom. Are you Ok, Mom? He says that through her, he has received heavenly fortune. "My life has changed." He said to me, "This is not the Africa Summit." We were always in discussion about that. He said "This is a world summit in Africa." We would say, No, this is the Africa Summit. Then, two weeks before the summit, I got a message from Mother that said, "This is not the Africa Summit; this is the world summit in Africa."

God guides him. He believes that Islam needs True Mother more than it needs any other religion, more than Christianity. He believes that. How could we ever imagine that we would meet that kind of man? How could we imagine that that man would be instrumental in taking us to this level? So the point is not is not Mansour Diouf; the point is not Bakary, it's not me. Mother said, If you put yourself out there on the line, believing in me 100 percent, you are going to meet those people who are absolutely prepared to take you to the level you so must be in. I don't care if it's America. I don't care if it's South America or Asia. I believe that the same is ready and waiting for all of us everywhere. ☞

