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Peace Starts With Me: True Mother at the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles, CA

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Pace Starts With Me rallies started in July 2017, when we welcomed True Mother to Madison Square Garden in New York City. Since that victorious event, our work with Christians in America has risen to new levels. Another rally took place in November 2018, at Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, New York. Not only was the Coliseum full, but most of the audience was Christian ministers and their congregations. Bishop Noel Jones gave an inspirational message at that time and True Mother deeply moved his heart.

After a wonderful rally in Nassau, we looked to Los Angeles on the West Coast. We wanted to offer True Mother a greater victory. Bishop Jones, a well-known and respected Christian leader worldwide, agreed to host a rally in his megachurch, the City of Refuge. He wanted to personally welcome True Mother and hold the blessing in his church. He encouraged his congregation to participate.


On April 6, the City of Refuge was full beyond capacity; people were standing to hear True Mother. Everyone wore a blessing scarf and was filled with the Holy Spirit, ready to welcome God's only daughter. Bishop Jones had told his congregation that True Mother's coming isn't just one event but that it would give all of them a permanent experience that would continue to grow and change their lives. Afterward, he said that True Mother indeed had given everyone that experience on April 6 and that we must all inherit her wisdom and love. Archbishop George Stallings summed it up best, "Her presence to deliver a message of peace in the midst of one of the strongholds of the Christian faith was by no means a coincidence or a small feat! God intended it! The spirit of God, our Heavenly Parent, and that of True Father filled the sacred space to prepare and create an atmosphere of unspeakable joy and anticipation to receive God's only begotten daughter!"

Reflecting on this historic providential achievement, I could understand the internal victory that led to the great effects of this momentous rally. I believe there are several keys to our internal victory. First, True Mother had offered a special forty-three-day devotion to prepare for the event. The entire American movement joined this condition as our families offered their prayers with True Mother. True Mother then offered the victory before Heavenly Parent.

Family members on the West Coast invested everything. But this wasn't only Subregion 5's victory. Our families nationwide supported this effort by mobilizing themselves to LA and contributing to fund the event. The dedication of our local leaders and other members, as well as the deep involvement of those in our second generation, with the first- and second-generation members united to make an offering to True Parents were key factors. Another important key to victory was the spirit of unity of all the leaders and their commitment to work together to welcome True Mother. Our headquarters also mobilized to secure this victory. We did not allow anything to invade our unity.

In light of this internal success, we could see clear external effects. True Mother's gift of the Family Federation flag to Bishop Noel Jones and her gifts to Rev. Mark Abernathy and Dr. Luonne Rouse made a deep impression on the Christian communities.

After ten years of relating with us through the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and through the personal connection with dedicated members, Naoko Hiraki, LA Kodan leader, and Mark Tengan, secretary general of Subregion 5, Bishop Jones was completely prepared to welcome True Mother. He mobilized his entire staff and members, and they totally united with him to support True Mother's rally in their church.

Bishop Jones said that God had sent True Mother, representing True Parents on earth, to unite all people, races, religions and nations. He testifies that True Mother doesn't stand on a church, community, or national level, but on a universal level. Bishop Jones and his staff are committed to working together and building the kingdom of God. Through this event, other churches and pastors understood more deeply about True Parents and True Mother as God's only daughter. Most importantly, our own family members were revived. The other subregions have greater confidence that they too can welcome True Mother and host such magnificent rallies. We never doubted it, but we learned again that True Parents and True Mother are the hope of America and the world. Through our faith and unity with True Mother, we indeed see miracles happening around us and new being heights reached each time we make an offering together. 

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True Parents' Responsibility and Authority

This is from Book Two Chapter Four, Section Two of Cheong Seong Gyeong.



Facing page: True Parents during the Western phase and (above) during the Korean phase of the Holy Wedding on April 11, 1960.

Due to the Fall, humanity is sick. The only doctor that can cure this illness is God. There have been numerous religions throughout history, but the founders of those religions were just messengers. As messengers, they could only prepare medicine according to the methods shown to them by Heaven and then deliver it. How will humanity finally receive salvation? Even if people take that medicine and even if they improve, it does not mean they are cured. In the end, they must go through a process in total alignment with God's instructions. Unless they do so, the providence of salvation cannot be completed.

Spiritual and physical salvation

When the Messiah comes to humankind, he brings a teaching of equality. God is fair; hence God, who sends the Messiah to save all fallen people, treats everyone fairly. He comes with a purpose that is fair to everyone, to create the environment in which all people are equal. Thus, anyone who unites with him can be his disciple. What path does the Messiah follow? He takes the path from the bottom of hell in the human world up to the

most glorious realms. This means there is no place he will not go, putting his life on the line to save each person.

Looking back through history, we see that there have been many prophets and saints. They may have accomplished some level of outward unity, but because they could not attain mind-body unity, they inevitably encountered fundamental limitations. Now, however, the True Parents have come to earth with God's true love. By establishing the True Family, they are bringing about an ideal society. They have formed the mainstream realm for God's providence of salvation. True Parents are the mediators who engraft all people to God. We cannot go to God without the True Parents. True Parents are the ones who show us the only path by which we can receive salvation from the realm of the Fall.

True Parents came with the right of kingship over the spirit world and the physical world. In order for this right of kingship to take effect in the spirit world, they had to lay the foundation of unity there—a foundation at the formation level of the growth stage. Otherwise the spirit world could not

participate in True Parents' work on earth, where they fulfilled the standard of perfection. That is why True Parents had to make these preparations. The spirit world was supposed to have been united and connected to the earthly foundation based on True Parents' love, but everything was blocked. But now that Jesus and my son Heung-jin have become one, the barriers are being removed and Jesus, through Heung-jin, can come down and communicate with True Parents' family on earth.

Cleansing Satan's world

The world is in confusion and the source of this confusion is the family. Families are breaking down and teenagers are being corrupted. This is the world-level fruit of Adam and Eve, who in their youth caused the breakdown of Adam's family in the garden of Eden. God could not do anything about this. Those who are working for the providential will cannot stop this, not even Satan can. Then, who will resolve this problem? Adam and Eve were the ones who sinned. As the false parents, they brought about false love, false life and false lineage. Therefore, True Parents



True Parents on their Holy Wedding day

must come and uncover all of Satan's secrets and the secrets of the spirit world. With this knowledge they must inherit everything from both worlds—the democratic world and the communist world—and embrace everyone from both the right wing and the left wing. Jesus could not bring such opposites together, so division and conflict remain to this day. To bring them into unity, True Parents must embrace the democratic world and the communist world, that is, idealism and materialism.

From the viewpoint of God's providence, the realm of victory between Cain and Abel must be attained in the Last Days, centered on Eve. In alignment with God, the victorious side must absorb Satan's side. When that happens, the family, tribe, people and nation based on the perfected Adam can emerge. Once the left and right are both pulled to God's side by Adam, Satan's world will disappear. This should have happened immediately after the Second World War. Great Britain, an island nation, represented Eve. Under the leadership of Great Britain, the positions of Abel and the archangel were set up. The United States, the nation born of Great

Britain, was in Abel's position. France, a former enemy of England, was in the position of the archangel. Eve, Abel and the archangel were united, representing God's side. In opposition to them, Japan, also an island nation, represented Eve on Satan's side. Germany was the Abel nation on Satan's side and Italy was in the role of the archangel. The Second World War thus saw a global division and a battle between the two camps. The Allied nations' historic victory brought about a unified world centered on God; at that time the realm of religion had unified the world.

A clear view of end times

If we do not know history clearly, we cannot clearly perceive God's providence. The fact that after the Second World War the Eve nation, Abel nation and Archangel nation on Satan's side became nations on God's side is a sign of the Last Days. These are the end times. Yet although the Cain and Abel nations had united, they still inherited Satan's lineage. Their lineage still had to be completely restored through indemnity in order for them to return to God. In order for Eve, Cain and Abel to

become a daughter and sons on God's side, they must clean up everything on Satan's side and inherit the seed of new life centered on true love. The one in the flesh who bequeaths that seed of new life is none other than the Lord at the Second Advent, the Savior and the True Parents.

In order for the True Parents to be in that position, everything throughout heaven and earth that has been overturned by Adam, the false parent, has to be put right. Any condition by which Satan could accuse people needs to be completely corrected. Because I am striving to achieve that, Satan has mobilized the world to attack me all along the way. He led the world to attack me as an individual, to attack my family and to attack my tribe. Even though Satan blocked the path I took as an individual and as a family and continued to block my way as I walked the path of the tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos, through my own effort I have removed all these obstacles.

A highway to new life

The purpose of the providence of salvation is for God and the Messiah, the True Parents, to unite and liberate



Early disciples witnessing an event that God and beings in the angelic world alone would have observed had it occurred as intended in the garden of Eden.

the world. You are now at the very edge of destruction. If you take just one more step you will fall off, so you had better turn around. To do so, you need to have a love greater than Satan's temptation; that is the only way to liquidate his claim against you. How can you liberate God and True Parents? God has been carrying out his work of re-creation to this day. He carries re-creation out by investing and forgetting, then investing and forgetting again, in true love.

Wherever I go, Satan's walls collapse. The walls around individuals, the walls around families, the walls around tribes, around peoples, around nations and the world are all collapsing. Why? The right of the eldest son has been restored. The right of the king is being restored. These are the positions that originally belonged to Adam.


Representing humankind, the True Parents are opening the gates of hell and the gates of the kingdom of heaven and building a highway going straight to the kingdom of heaven. The highway to the kingdom of heaven was the original foundation and blessing that God gave to his children, Adam and Eve. However, people who

are in the spirit world do not want to hear the screams of those in hell or see the complicated spiritual environments in hell or paradise or anywhere else. All they want to see is an environment linked to God's kingdom. Who will resolve this? The True Parents will. True Parents are expanding us into a true family, true tribe and the true nation. As a true nation, true world and true cosmos emerge, everything on earth and in heaven that resulted from the Fall will collapse.

The Holy Wedding, a turning point

During the forty years since the True Parents' Holy Wedding, we have paid the indemnity for four thousand years of history and opened a new age. We have opened a realm of blessing for all people, so that they may abide within the realm of liberation. The worst problems now are related to youth and to the breakdown of families. There is no sovereign, no teacher, no one to solve these problems except the True Parents. I have the special authority to do so. I have resolved all the hidden resentments accumulated in history, in the spirit world and on earth. I have paid indemnity for everything and at-

tained victory, so when you determine to become one with me through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, day and night, centered on true love, you can rise. God has authorized the True Parents to form a lineage of true love, a clan of true love and a people of true love. Therefore, you blessed families are more precious than anyone else in history. This is how the True Parents pass down heaven's treasures to each family.

How will you settle Satan's claim against you? How will you liberate God and True Parents? Throughout history much indemnity has been paid. By carrying out your mission as tribal messiahs, you can liberate God and True Parents. The nation, world and cosmos are all connected to you in this. Originally you should have gone through the course of a tribal messiah, a national messiah, a world messiah and a cosmic messiah in order to connect to God. These things have all been done by the True Parents; you have only your mission as a tribal messiah. 

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Christianity's Mission from the Viewpoint of God's Providence and the United States' Responsibilities

This is the keynote address True Mother delivered to an audience of thousands at the Peace Starts With Me rally, in the City of Refuge Church, in Gardena, California, in the United States on April 6.

Respected dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen, my beloved religious leaders and all of you blessed families that have received the blessing from True Parents, I welcome you all. Family Federation members from all around America, I am happy to meet you.

Today, we have gathered to realize Heavenly Parent's dream and all humankind's desire. Through receiving the blessing from True Parents, the door by which you can stand in the position of true children in front of our Heavenly Parent has opened. Today, I wish to speak to you on the topic, Christianity's mission from the viewpoint of God's providence and United States' responsibilities."

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ came to earth as God's only son. Unfortunately, he could not complete everything, and as he went the way of the cross, he prophesied that he would come again. Afterward, through the resurrecting work of the Holy Spirit and the Apostles' work—as is recorded in the Bible—the Christian cultural sphere expanded. However, in the church's early days, Christianity received severe opposition and passed through unimaginable difficulties.

Then, in A. D. 313, Christianity was officially permitted by the Roman Empire. It expanded from the Italian Peninsula, through continental Europe to the British Isles.

Mission work and exploitation

Then, from the United Kingdom, Christian missionaries went out into the world. Unfortunately they didn't understand Jesus' essence. They did not understand the principles through which God created the universe nor the principles through which he led the providence. In Jesus' teachings, it reads, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Unfortunately, these missionaries, who went out in Christ's name, placed their nations' interests and their self-interests first. In other words, rather than a culture of giving, they established a culture of taking away from others.

In the seventeenth century, King James translated the Bible, which was written in Hebrew and Greek, into English, and as a result, many ordinary citizens gained access to

God's word. To this day, because they failed to understand Christ's essence, they have emphasized secularism and secular traditions even among religious believers, creating many mistakes. For example, from the midst of the Christian sphere, communism emerged claiming God was dead. This is humanity's mistake.

At that time, ordinary believers did not wish to practice a secular faith. They wanted to worship God freely in their own homes. In wishing to do so, they crossed an ocean and settled in a new continent. This is the genesis of today's America. However, even they could not understand Heaven's providence. Originally, God created the heavens and the earth in his own image—and then created the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve. God gave human beings responsibilities. During their growth period, they had to grow to perfection while maintaining absolute oneness with God. However, during their growth period, Adam and Eve became self-centered and allowed greed to consume them; that is the origin of today's fallen humanity.

Christianity's expectation

God, through our human ancestors, wished to become the Heavenly Parent of humanity, but Adam and Eve ruined that dream. Nevertheless, since God, had created based on the principles of creation that the universe is eternal, God has had to go through the unwanted and painful history of the providence of restoration through indemnity.

In the Bible, it is written that God chose the people of Israel, who being in the position of indemnifying everything over a long period of four thousand biblical years, established a national-level foundation. God waited until that time and finally sent his only son Jesus and proclaimed, "This is my beloved son."

Still, even Jesus' mother, Mary, Zachariah's family, the Jewish leaders and the Israelites, did not fulfill their responsibilities in relation to Jesus. Through Jesus, God wished to realize his dream. Jesus knows how painful it was for Heaven to see, once again, such a sad and painful outcome. That is why he said, "My

Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." [Matthew 26:39]

Once again humankind brought sadness to God that could not be atoned for. God had created a man and a woman in accordance with the principles of creation. As Jesus went to the cross, he prophesied that he would come again. Today's Christians, however, say that they are saved by the blood Jesus shed on the cross. Do you know how far this viewpoint is from Heaven's providential view?

Since God created us to be eternal, Jesus prophesied that he would come again to host the marriage supper of the Lamb. So whom should Christianity await today? Prior to waiting for the True Parents, they needed to meet God's only daughter, the person who was to become the True Mother.

Korea's course

God raises central figures and nations and when they fail in their responsibilities, Heaven finds and establishes another chosen people. Just as you saw through the video today, God's only daughter was born in 1943 in Korea.

Korea's situation was extremely difficult during that time. Righteous men and women wishing for Korea's independence, notably Christian believers (when Christianity had not yet even celebrated its centenary in Korea) and young students, rose up during the March 1 Independence Movement. This year marks its 100th anniversary. The wish of all these students and Christian believers was for Korea's protection.

According to the principles of creation, God sent his only daughter and granted her a time period through which she could reach maturity. In 1945, Korea was liberated and in 1950 the Korean War erupted. At that time, Korea was powerless. It was divided into the communist North and the democratic South.

South Korea at the time had embraced a democratic regime, but it took time for that system to fully develop. That is why, in 1950, when North Korean communist forces invaded South Korea, South Korea was unprepared. Like a miracle,

Heaven sent sixteen UN member nations to come to protect democracy in South Korea.

The position of a True Parent

In 1960, the time had come when I could decide by myself, and in that year I ascended to the position of a True Parent. Fallen human beings yearn to return to God's bosom but they cannot go before God by themselves. Due to the Fall, human beings were born into a lineage not connected to God, Satan's fallen lineage. Only through True Parent's blessing can a change of bloodline take place and fallen human beings receive rebirth as God's beloved children.

If key figures had understood the providence, Christianity would have become the foundation. At that time, filled with the spirit and the truth, the Christian spirit in Korea was stronger than in other places in the world. Since Korea was in such a difficult situation, more than ever, Koreans yearned for the Messiah, and because of their earnest desire, Heaven sent True Parents.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ had to go the way of the cross because the nation where he was born did not recognize him. Yet, True Parents' blessings and the True Family Movement took root in an environment with Christian opposition and we have been continuing these around the world for almost fifty years.

Problems are multiplying

The time has come! We can no longer hesitate. Many problems are arising all over the world that cannot be solved by human efforts and power. Ethnic, religious, cultural and ideological walls have arisen. In addition, due to human ignorance, we have created many pollutants and caused pollution.. Even if we look at this country alone, it has suffered many natural disasters due to global warming. Many lives all over the world are being lost.

Heaven cannot sit idly by and watch. This world, which our Creator, God, created for us from the outset is suffering and dying due to our ignorance. As God's true children, we cannot just sit by and

observe this situation. Don't you agree?

According to scientists, after 2030, there will be more plastic waste in the ocean than fish. As blessed families that are aware of this, what should we do? We should attend God, the Lord of creation, live in accordance with the eternal principles of creation and find the right solution. Only then can we solve the problems.

It is true that we are living comfortable lives today through human efforts, especially thanks to scientists. However, this convenient lifestyle is causing many problems. In other words, we should live in line with the principles God originally established. Through the cycles of nature, everything is meant to last forever, but because people abuse the natural world, the balance of these cycles is disturbed and many problems arise. We, therefore, feel the limits of the resources we have for the benefit of all living things on earth.

The United States' responsibilities Blessed family members who received the blessing today, you would not want your beloved children to live in an even worse environment than today's. Isn't that so? Before it is too late, let us find solutions to these problems. This means that selfishness and nations that place their national interest first will ultimately not have a future.

One way or another, we have to work together to get rid of pollution. We must combine our efforts and unite in order to do that. Many organizations around the world are worrying about global environmental problems and future food security. However, they too also think of themselves first. The only solution comes through blessed families, those who received the blessing from True Parents.

Throughout history, there have been many cultural developments, but there have also been many difficulties. This is because, there was no center. In particular, America is a nation that Heaven has blessed. God wants to save the world through its Christian culture. Originally, Native Americans were living in this country. However, God worked with the Puritans and


blessed America to become the central democratic nation of the world within a short time of less than two hundred years.

This blessing, however, is not for America itself. As I earlier said, with every blessing from Heaven comes a responsibility. Heaven blessed America so that America can embrace all of humanity. However, the leader of this nation and leaders of other countries in the world are engaged in politics and actions centered on their own interests. Going that way means there is no hope for the future.

All of you here that have received the blessing today, please fulfill your responsibilities as tribal messiahs, and all ministers of religion participating today, please go to your places of worship and accomplish your responsibilities. We have to start a movement that will bring this country to attend our Heavenly Parent, our Creator God, even one day sooner. This is the only way for America to fulfill its heavenly mission as a nation blessed by God. In this way, God's dream and humanity's yearning to see the heavenly kingdom of one family of humankind under God can be realized. Today is the blessed day of the realization of this dream.

Unificationists' role

The West Coast is considered Family Federation USA's Sub-region 5. FFWPU has been divided into five areas. Now Sub-region 5 is on fire! Am I right? [Yes.] Would you like this flame to go to the Midwest and East Coast? Will you make this country one that our Heavenly Parent loves and cherishes? [Yes]

Thank you very much. I trust your determination. Around us, many unacceptable things are happening, things that people should never do. We must wipe away all of these things! On the path to a peaceful world, do we need guns and swords? On the path to a peaceful world, we do not need guns and other weapons. You all know very well, that as a result of these, innocent lives are taken every day. We can no longer watch this happen. What should we do? Let us practice true love. This can only be achieved through the blessing. 



We Have Much Still to Do

True Mother delivered this speech on April 20 at the Celebration of True Parents' Victorious Return to Korea and the 59th Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding in the main hall of the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center.



I am pleased to see you! What kind of hopes did you bring with you when you came here on this spring day, in the springtime of Heaven's providence? Why aren't you answering? Did you come without any particular thoughts?

As I look back on this day on which we celebrate the 59th anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, which took place more than a half century ago, I am filled with emotion. People have not known God's providence. Like a coat with the buttons done up in the wrong order, it had to be undone and redone in the right order. This has taken fifty years.

God had a dream, so he created all things in heaven and on earth in his image. He also created a man and a woman who were to become humankind's ancestors. However, God bestowed a growing period and a responsibility solely on human beings. That responsibility was to grow, focusing only on God, in absolute unity with the Creator, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Therefore, as the first human ancestors, they should have begun as victorious ancestors who realized Heavenly Parent's dream. However, we know that this did not happen. Today's fallen human race is the result of this failure. Although the original mind aims toward goodness and strives to come closer to God, this course takes many different forms. But even when we look at various forms of religion that have emerged throughout the world, we can see that their essence is not one hundred percent connected to Heaven. In fact, they had human-centered beginnings.

Nevertheless, since God created the universe based on the idea of eternal existence, he has allowed many religions to exist in order to teach human beings, who have fallen into ignorance. God established a chosen people with a central religion, established all the indemnity conditions to the point at which they could lay foundations from the individual level to the national level and waited patiently until the right environment emerged for the fruits to show.

Jesus' tragic course

We know that many parts of the Bible



True Mother and Sun Jin nim during the victory celebration

are difficult to understand. God sent Jesus Christ as his only son, one in the position of having indemnified everything. However, Jesus' mother, Mary; Zechariah's family, Judaism as a faith and the people of Israel could not fulfill their responsibilities in the end. After four thousand long years, God finally prepared an environment on which people could have hope, but human beings had once again caused him pain. This is impossible to understand, no matter how much we think about it. Yet these events occurred.

When Jesus died on the cross, to whom did he pass the keys to the kingdom of heaven? He passed them to Peter. This means we need to complete everything on earth. Although God had worked so hard to send Jesus Christ, the people had pained God's heart once again.

Early Christianity

Jesus said he would come again to hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. Later, Christianity began centered on the Apostles, through the works of rebirth that the Holy Spirit wrought. In the early days, Christians had to endure extreme hardships due to the great persecution they faced, including becoming food for lions. The Roman Empire finally recognized Christianity in ad 313. After receiving official recognition,

Christianity spread its mission work across Europe, beginning from the Italian Peninsula and going all the way to Britain, from where missionaries went out throughout the world.

However, many problems arose through emphasis on the practice of faith limited by a human-centered framework. Once King James had the Bible translated into English in the seventeenth century many commoners were able to gain access to the Bible. This gave rise to the Puritan movement. This movement, under which people longed to freely relate with God in their families, gave birth to modern-day America.

How sad God must have felt upon seeing Christians, who constituted a foundation, losing their way when they were supposed to form the environment in which the returning Messiah would be welcomed! God began afresh, therefore. Even so, due to people's ignorance of the providence, they continued to practice a self-centered, convenient faith, which caused many problems.

However, since Jesus said that he would return, believers waiting for that special day have spread and multiplied throughout the world. Though no one knew for sure when or how to welcome the Messiah at the Second Advent. One hundred years before I was born, Korea was unique

in having such a background. Then the Holy Spirit and the Truth led Korean Christianity with power stronger than in any other nation and all Christians around the world were waiting for the Messiah to return on the clouds. There were, however, spirit-led Christian groups in Korea that were waiting for the Messiah to return in the flesh.

God guiding True Parents

God's only daughter was therefore born in 1943. This was a miracle. God's only daughter, whom Christianity should have anxiously searched for, was finally born after six thousand years. Sadly, however, that environment could not welcome her. Under God's principles of creation, people have a period of growth.

Korea's liberation took place in 1945 and the Korean War broke out in 1950. This was a time of turmoil. However, the Creator, God, needed to give time, a period of growth, to his daughter, whom he was able to send after six thousand years. The Korean Peninsula divided into the North and the South; one became communist, the other democratic. By then, North Korea had already established a robust system and was ready to advance southward while South Korea was still not well-positioned to deal with this. I was in North Korea when this was happening. I was six years old. God, however, guided our family so that I could move to the South.

You need to know this. God instructed Father, who was in South Korea, to go to North Korea. Do you understand about this? Father had to fulfill his responsibility as God's only son. He obeyed God with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience when God commanded him to go north, which was at that time a mortally dangerous place to be. You need to be aware of this.

Undertaking responsibilities

Heaven had to wait until his only daughter was able to make decisions on her own. That is how God's principles of creation work. God needed to protect me in that dangerous situation. It was like a miracle when the sixteen UN nations mobilized and protected democracy in South Korea. It was then that Father's release from Hungnam Prison came about and he

went south. The work True Father had to do was to find the truth that Jesus was speaking of when he said, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." [John 16:12 RSV] That is why True Father wrote the manuscript of *Woli Wonbon*.

Until the point that he as God's only son could meet God's only daughter, he had to find disciples. Was he able to accomplish that task or was he not? Originally, prior to the Fall, Adam and Eve were able to know all of God's circumstances because they were connected with God. Likewise, I also came to know of God's providence. I realized that if I did not step forward, the realization of Father's and Heavenly Parent's dream could not occur. I was young, but I resolved to do it.

For me, the past fifty years was a time of being patient and waiting. You may not understand this well. I gave you an example a while ago. I said that it took fifty years to unbutton what had been buttoned wrongly and to button it the right way again. Do you understand this?

My proclamation

God tried to embrace the world using the Christian foundation. Likewise, as the True Parents, we sought to embrace America, which was going the wrong way. Four years ago, in particular, I declared I am God's only daughter in front of a gathering of American Clergy Leadership Council pastors and called them to work with me in achieving God's will. Many of the pastors wondered why they had not come to this natural understanding. That was their response.

That is why when I proclaim that I am God's only daughter, people around the world welcome it; particularly when I did so in Senegal—an Islamic country—in 2018. This is what their religious leader said: "We Muslims welcome God's only daughter." He has said he would become my son. He is determined to conduct a national-level blessing ceremony this November in Senegal. This is a busy year. He also stated that together with me he will conduct national level blessings in various places around the world.

Rotting on the vine

How about Korea? Korea, are you

confident? Can you bring our nation's president, with the many problems he is facing, to a blessing event? I have said that this is the springtime of the providence. We should not miss this time. Despite our shortcomings, we have been sowing seeds in every corner of the earth until now. The time has come to harvest the fruits.

Or should the fruits go unharvested?

The Christian realm and the world have welcomed the True Mother, God's only daughter. Then, shouldn't heavenly unified Korea, which must become the flagship nation, accomplish its responsibilities? Should it or not? We cannot wait any longer. We must achieve victory without fail.

Set holy family traditions

The United States sent out missionaries to the world in 1975. Many American missionaries established themselves in Africa. Two years ago, a father who had done mission work for more than forty years ascended to the spirit world. His son is now working in his place. The father appeared to his son and said to him, "Please help True Mother." This son has a mother and a younger sibling. He shared his story with his mother and now the mother and younger brother are fully supporting him; they are working together as one. They are not receiving any support. Instead, they raise funds to sustain their public mission.

This is how a blessed family should be. There are many who have their names registered in Cheonbowon. Since God's creation is eternal, your efforts should not end with the first generation. Your children and grandchildren should align with True Mother, the only daughter and thereby maintain a loyal family that remains forever unchanging.

The elder blessed families, especially, must accomplish their responsibilities. They should guide their children and grandchildren to join their public efforts. This is the example they should set as elder families. Will you do that? Each one of you must complete your own responsibilities and achieve victory. I sincerely pray that I, God's only daughter, will recognize many blessed families and that they will receive my seal while I am still on earth. ☩

The Peace Starts With Me, Blessing America Festival





- ① True Mother speaking at the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles California, U.S.
- ② A partial view of the audience
- ③ Moments after Mother finished speaking, children came onstage and each child presented a bouquet of flowers to her.
- ④ From left: Rev. Mark Abernathy, national co-president of ACLC; Sun Jin Moon, president of FFWPU International; True Mother, God's only daughter; Bishop Noel Jones, pastor, City of Refuge; Dr. Luonne Abram Rouse, co-chairman of ACLC; Kihoon Kim, vice president, FFWPU-International; Demian Dunkley, president, Family Federation for a heavenly USA; onstage soon after True Mother donated money to three LA charities and to the foundation of the recently slain rap star and community activist, Ermias Joseph Asghedom (stage name, Nipsey Hussle). Here, she is presenting Bishop Jones with a Family Federation flag.
- ⑤ Left to right Bishop Jones is also a televangelist known for "Fresh Oil"; Archbishop George Augustus Stallings led the audience in prayer; Dr. Kim expressed appreciation for the City of Refuge Church congregation's welcoming spirit; Larry Krishnek, local subregional director expressed gratitude to the congregation "on this day that the Lord has made."



The Holy Blessing in Los Angeles



- ① Dr. Luonne Abram Rouse and his wife Marie officiated the blessing as True Parents' representatives and Crescentia DeGoede, director of the Blessing and Family Ministry for FFWPU for a heavenly USA, introduced the blessing ceremony and guided the couples through the holy wine portion of it.
- ② *Left to right:* Choir director Jason McGee led the massive choir, which energized everyone in the City of Refuge Church; CARP members sang a raucous version of "Unconditional" and Divine and the Victory Praise Dancers, six young women, danced with great energy and skill.
- ③ Representative couples onstage during the blessing ceremony
- ④ *From right:* Rev. Lee Seong-man, with the Japanese headquarters; Rev. Tokuno Eiji, president of FFWPU-Japan; Tamme Song, wife of Bishop Ki-hoon Kim; Bishop Kim, Rev. Reiko Jenkins, national coordinator for ACLC Women In Ministry; and Dr. Michael W. Jenkins, national co-chairman emeritus of ACLC



Celebration of Victories and the Holy Wedding Anniversary



- ① True Mother speaking at the victory celebration
- ② Third-generation Unificationist children (from left) a Korean-Thai child; a D.R. Congo child, a Filipino child, a Korean child, a Korean-Japanese child and a Macedonian child.
- ③ Some figures in the front row, from Dr. Thomas Walsh to the right: Dr. Chang-shik Yang, special emissary to Latin America; Dr. Katsumi Otsuka, president of UPF-Greater Europe; Eknath Dhakal, ex-Nepalese parliamentarian; Kathy Rigney, special emissary to Africa; Dr. Robert Kittel, president YSPI; Dr. Tom McDevitt, president of the *Washington Times*; and Naoko Hiraki, the head of Kodan in Los Angeles and the person who first reached out to Bishop Noel Jones.





- ❶ Mother cutting the cake while surrounded by Sun Jin Moon, In-sup Park, Prof. Yeon-ah Moon and her children and Julia HJ Moon.
- ❷ (Photos, from left) Jae-seok Lee and Jung-won Kang and Young-hwi Kim and Dae-hwa Chung (36-couple blessing group) representing all blessed couples, gave a plaque of appreciation to Mother. Providential nations gave either a gift or a special donation. The FFWPU International Headquarters gave a gift to commemorate the occasion.
- ❸ Young-ho Yun, FFWPU IHQ secretary general was the MC and Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of True Mother's Secretariat, read hoondokhae of Mother's L.A. speech.
- ❹ Naoko Hiraki, president of Kodan in heavenly America's sub-region 5, gave background information on the success of the rally in Los Angeles.
- ❺ The Little Angels sang "My Graceful Mother, in Korean; the 1973 Carpenters' hit, "Sing, Sing a Song," in English and "What Do You Think Happiness Is?" in Japanese.
- ❻ UPA cadets danced to a recording of "Push Ahead," a song in a raucous old Korean musical genre, trot (트로트), sometimes referred to as ppongjjak (뽕 짝).





⑦ From left: Pres. Lee spoke about preparations for a large May 17 rally. Pres. Tokuno spoke about Japan's human assets. For the speech text of Africa's Chairman Camara, see page 38; For the speech text of Europe's Chairman Balcomb, see page 40; Latin America's Chairman Kim spoke about second-generation revival; Asia's Chairman Yong spoke on successes in Nepal and plans for development throughout his region.
 ⑧ Cheers of Eog Mansei rise to the heavens as this global family event comes to a spirited conclusion.

① True Mother enjoying the battling teams, each desperate to come out on top as winner of the yute tournament.
 ② Yute draws people who long to experience ferocious efforts made with the support of their ancestors.
 ③ The Hyo Jeong Team won this hotly contested yute tournament.



Connecting Heart to Heart

On April 7, the day after True Mother's triumphant Peace Starts With Me event at the City of Refuge Church, Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, led the 9 AM Sunday service of the Los Angeles Family Church by answering questions submitted in advance. This is an edited transcript of what she said that day.



We had fifteen wonderful questions from our brothers and sisters here. Starting with the first question:

My dear sister, I joined young, at sixteen, forty years ago. My question: When things get difficult, what do you say to yourself to give you strength in your heart and to get through your life of faith?

What strengthens my heart and mind is what strengthens everybody's heart and mind: it's love, only eternal love and gratitude. Whenever I find moments of difficulties or even memories when I had no light or love in my life—very dark periods in my life—knowing there is a path of darkness, I chose love and gratitude because I know what life is like without that love and how precious it is to constantly appreciate it and to use that as your strength.

It is said that the movement we knew six months or even a month ago is in the past and we're living in the moment now. What changes do you see and what should our mindsets be at this time?

That's an interesting way to think, because so much is changing in our movement. We have gone through many eras. Fifty-two years of True Parents' ministry all over the world, fighting, going through restoration, which we know to be the indemnity era. All of you in the first generation, could you raise your hands? Many! You are pillars of that courageous spiritual battle to restore yourselves, get away



The Los Angeles Family Church during Sun Jin nim's talk

from the Fall and create beautiful, peace-loving blessed families for the first time in history. We learned from Father how to separate ourselves from fallen nature as individuals through the indemnity course. Even in True Parents' courses we witnessed them as they grew to perfection and achieved their victory as True Father, as True Mother, as a holy blessed married couple. Father changed from when he started his ministry. All the way until he met Mother, he was growing. True Mother at sixteen, now at seventy-six, American age, is growing every day with more wisdom. You see the change.

Some people say, Oh things are changing so quickly. No, things have to change because we grow. We are no longer individuals, single members. Now we're blessed families. Now we have a second, third and fourth generation—pure water, pure children. So how do we minister to them? Do we go back to the indemnity history, where we spank them and say, Separate yourself from Satan? They're pure. They have no Satan. You will traumatize them. You are pure. Live your life with love. Live your life with joy. This should be the focus. We have to change. If we don't change, we will just traumatize others, repeating history and not

meeting our new generations' needs.

We always need to think that we need to broaden and build but never forget the past. The past is our history; it's what we learn from. The present is where we start making changes, and the future is maybe what we make better. How can we serve our families, our communities, better, create more victory? That is the growth process; it is continuous improvement toward perfection. Even True Parents weren't born with all the knowledge. They had to grow and perfect themselves at every stage.

You guys came up with great questions. I have to reflect and meditate a lot.

I love the term "Mother of Peace" and I think it is a great title for others to view True Parents. What is the best way to reach out to pastors and other people of influence?

Didn't you guys just do that? Didn't you just have an amazing victory by doing just that? How did you do it? With love and faith, you went out there. You believed in True Parents. You lived for the sake of other people; you reached out. You don't need to ask me that. You already know.

But if you ever feel, Oh! How do I reach out to people? Just love them. Love is the unifying language. If you

love dogs, they understand. If you love a tree, it understands; it grows beautifully. It's the same with people.

Another good thing is to give them True Father's autobiography, *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. The title encapsulates all we should be so proud of, because that's what we are.

What is a good way to be a bridge to other religions or practices? How can a Christian for example practice the way of the Buddha or of yoga without being chastised?

We were just talking about it; love unites us all. Connecting to God is the purpose of religion. Whether we're Buddhist, Muslim or any Christian faith, we all want to connect to God. What does religion teach us? Good virtues, to live in virtuous, moral and harmonious ways. Think of places of worship as being one family trying to worship God through their practices the best they can.

What we have as Unificationists from True Parents a higher understanding of God's heart and dream. We should support anything that promotes people being good. We should promote it, be a part of it. It doesn't matter if their practices are different from ours, celebrate them. Celebrate all the goodness in religions.



Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.... Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you.—1 Timothy 4:12 and 14

One of the seekers who asked questions of Sun Jin nim during the Q & A session.

Do (as I've heard you do in LA) go to Christian services. You will inspire those pastors and their churches with the beauty of your blessed central family's true love, hyo jeong heart. From there, you can teach them the higher level.

Because if you look at those religions—Christian, Buddhist, Muslim—at some point in time there was only one leader, a male central figure. Never in history has there ever been a female counterpart that was able to restore Eve's position. So, God had an original family of a son and a daughter. It makes sense. Everything in nature is in pairs. But all religions up to today are male-centric. They don't have a true mother. They don't have a perfect Eve, because there never was one until True Parents came to earth.

Only because of True Parents, their victorious blessing and their completion of the path of indemnity and restoration, we stand to inherit God's original dream of the four-position foundation, which is to be realized on earth and in heaven.

Each of you has the potential to enlighten many brothers and sisters around the world who all have a certain ceiling they can't get past because they don't understand who True Parents are. Please, love, teach

and bring into our one family under God any religion, any person of God.

In facing difficulties in your life, what helped you overcome and find peace?

Everybody knows that being part of ministering to the worldwide movement wasn't my original mission. I had many brothers before me anointed and selected for that. I never in my life thought I would share God's truth or be connected at this level with our movement.

It's now six years since Father's passing. This time has been my learning stages of how to understand God, of trying to understand True Father and True Mother's amazing lives' work and to center my heart to be a vessel and share that with members.

After Father passed away, I found yoga. Yoga helped me, because it's all about centering the mind and body in unity, in purity, in health and wellness, to live for the sake of love and peace. By learning the yoga principles, which are in line with Divine Principle principles, I learned a simple, ten-step way to control mind and body and center my life on good karma and positive love and works. I'll share them with you quickly.

The first is ahimsa, non-violence,

which is Father's "thing"[his forte]—love everybody, unconditional true love. The second one is *satya*; it means "truthfulness." In all you do, be truthful and honest. Next is *asteya*, which means non-stealing. These are all good virtues, right? Don't steal; don't have greed. *Aparigraha* is the same thing—no grasping [Don't covet.]. *Brahmacharia* means maintenance of the vitality of your essences. It's like living a monastic life. This physical energy, this body, is a temple. Use it correctly. Don't mess around. You could think of it as abstinence. Number 6 is *tapas*—everything good in life comes through hard work. Be disciplined in your daily practice to be a good person. The next is *santosha*, "contentment." Contentment is a joy that nothing can shake; knowing you are God's child and God is with you every moment. In your heart, find that wellspring of joy and contentment, no matter where you are.

"*Shaucha*" means "purity in all you do." That means cleaning the spaces, cleaning yourself, cleaning your relationships. Always try to bring more beauty and purity into your life.

"*Svadhya*" is "self-study," the only way we grow internally, spiritually. Practice the holy word, whether it be hoondokhae, your yoga texts, any-



Sun Jin Moon and Subregion 5's Kodan president, Naoko Hiraki, established a heart-to-heart connection.



A slice of victory: (From left) Yumiko Dunkley, President Demian Dunkley, Naoko Hiraki, Young-tack Yang (US HSA headquarters), Sun Jin nim and In-Sup nim celebrate True Parents' LA success.

thing that helps you get enlightened, into a higher place in your mind, body, spirit. The last and most important one is "*ishoara pranidhana*," "surrender and devotion to God." If we do all these things but don't surrender to God, we are disconnected from any practice—it all belongs to God.

This is a wonderful way to practice being a good person. It is a practice alongside hoondokhae and reading all holy texts. I applied it to the principles of our movement. In that way, I changed from being a person who was lost, couldn't understand many things and became a person who wanted to perfect it, took action to do it and began to enlighten myself by the truth from True Parents. That practice is one way I found peace. That's why you always see me on a mat. Every moment is a practice of attending God. It grounds us.

What is your relationship with and view of Jesus?

We grew up as Unificationists. We were taught the Principle, and Jesus at that time was the Messiah, the son of God, who came to earth but was crucified and therefore could not complete his mission. We understand him as a saint or a martyr, the son-of-God originally, but Father and Mother

had to come to carry out and complete his mission. That's who we learned Jesus was. That is my understanding of Jesus because we weren't raised in the Christian church. But yes, that was way in the past before we were even born. Our brother Jesus took the path that True Parents have also taken in this time, which we've witnessed.

What was your most unforgettable experience with Father or Mother?

There is no one unforgettable memory, but as I said, True Parents have grown. If you hear Father's speeches from the early days to where he was speaking in the 90s, you see the progression of change and growth. Even to the point that we think, Oh, they're perfected; they're at the highest level. Father at one point came into an elevator when I was there and all of a sudden, turns to me and goes, "You suffered a lot. It was because I wasn't there to be your father." And I was like, [gently laughing] "Not really." You know, Father's talking to me; Oh no! What did I do? [Smiling] Father was apologizing to me. He was saying, I'm sorry I couldn't be your father; and I hope you can forgive me and I love you. He made amends is what I'm saying.

True Parents in their lives, because

they had to preach to and liberate the Cain children, they had to leave their family behind. When Father apologized to me—this is the True Father of heaven, earth and humankind—it blew me away. All the hurt in my heart, all the doubt... That moment when he connected to me and noticed that I needed that love and gave it to me was the most unforgettable moment in my life. That's the power of every parent in this room. As long as you're alive, you can use every moment to make healing amends, just as Father did.

The path of our movement has been imperfect; because of many obstacles, we can't do everything. If in your life you couldn't do something and you know that your words will heal somebody, don't hesitate to say them, because even Father could say that. I hope that if you have ever felt unloved, you take that as if Father is saying that to you. "I know you suffered. I know you tried your best. I love you. Forgive me. I'm sorry, but we can continue to go on to a higher place.

You can learn from True Parents to heal wounds in your families, in your churches and with people. Most important: we all have the capacity to grow. When we do grow, we have the capacity to make amends and heal.

A similar question: What's your most unforgettable memory of True Mother?

Do you think Mother going to be any different from Father? No. Just recently; we were attending True Mother in Hawaii. I grew up in America. Korean is not my first language. Because we are so busy in this international movement, I can't go to Korean classes, schedule school time or have a block of time when I can learn Korean. So, Mother said, OK. Just watch Korean dramas and you'll learn Korean. You think it's funny, but it works. It does. I started right after Father's passing.

Then Netflix came out. Netflix allows you to see hundreds of Korean dramas with the English translation on the bottom. I have been watching so many dramas that now my Korean is good. Even Korean leaders when they've recently seen me are like, Wow! 한국말 많이 늘었어요. 어떻게 배웠나요? [You gained a lot of Korean. How did you learn?] I was able to talk to True Mother from my heart, in her language, in Hawaii. I'm trying in my bad *Konglish* [here, English-influenced Korean] but she can see me trying. Every time I would say something wrong in Korean she would correct me. I said, Mother you are becoming my Korean teacher.

Because we were able to speak to each other in the same language and were making the effort to speak to each other, I had a chance to share with Mother what growing up without Mother was like, those tearful memories of living life without True Parents. She heard stories she never heard in her life and the brothers and sisters at the table were like, Wow! We never heard any of these stories before. Mother turned to me and said, Sun *Jina*, 미안해 [Mianhae], which means "I'm sorry." I couldn't be your 진짜 [jinjja (jj more intense, not louder)] mother, which means "your actual mother." She said that so sincerely and she gave me a big hug. That was so precious to me, because we couldn't share many things with True Parents; we couldn't communicate and we didn't have access, physical access. We were just with the congregation all day [gesturing to the audience] like this. The children would be in another place. When Mother could see those points, give

me love in the moment, recognize that—even apologize.

All I could do was just melt. All those feelings just go away. I said, "Mother, thank you for being my jinjja mother, my True Mother now. You're teaching me every day of your life and I'm so blessed to be in this position. Those are parent-child memories, and I'm sure you have them in your family.

So, if something is lacking, learn to fill it. Learn to grow. Learn to heal. Learn to restore its original beauty where love should be. Family is the school of love, the center of your home.

What helped to engender in you such loyalty to True Mother?

As I was saying, I didn't know True Parents. As children we were raised separately by members or like in a church congregation, kind of like in a communal area, where all young blessed children learned the Principle or at camps. We never had one-on-one time with our own parents, because they were 24/7 doing ministry, traveling the globe. You know how many world tours they had. We never had a moment.

For me, coming to know True Mother began when Father passed away and she asked me to help her in her mission. Of course, I have no qualification to do such a thing. I had no education, no connection, like the most unworthy person—that level of just not being enough. Not being able to do this scary mission. It was too scary but Mother just said, "Don't worry. True Parents are behind you, and you can do it." She had that kind of confidence in me. She has that kind of confidence in you. From that time, she has only been loving and helping me to grow. I see that as a mother's heart, which never gives up on her children. No matter how hopeless, how difficult, no matter what they do wrong, they forgive everything and take responsibility for everything. She leads the way, even at her age. Physically True Mother is in her "golden years," when people are retired, but she's carrying this heavy mission to complete True Parents' mission on earth every day, with national restoration just a year away.

How could I not have loyalty to someone who is doing that mission to

bring absolute peace and love to humanity? I always say, "Mother, you're my superhero." We saw Wonder Woman together. I told her, "You've surpassed Wonder Woman." Mother's our superhero; she's our heroine. If you think about it, she's the liberator of one half of the entire planet. What's half of the planet? [Audience: Women] Exactly, and what have women been in the past, since Eve, at the beginning of time? [Audience: Servants] Yes, and what else? [Audience: Slaves]. [She laughs.] Anything else? The lowest level...the person who failed. So, True Mother went to that deepest level of indemnity and restored the true daughter's, Eve's position, to its original intended state. Imagine a sixteen-year-old girl, absolutely pure, offering her life in service to God to complete this mission. If that doesn't make her the greatest superhero of all time, I don't know what does.

If you think about what we are seeing today in our culture, only because of True Mother and the absolute true love between True Parents after their Holy Wedding in 1960 were we able to create true families for the first time in history with God's original dream—God, son and daughter creating a four-position foundation for all humanity to come back to God. And it's because Mother completed her mission. True Father completed his mission and together they became True Parents and completed their mission. So for her to do that, she is my absolute hero.

We're seeing nowadays that women are on the rise. This is definitely because of True Mother. You have Me-Too movements; no longer will women be put in a position where you are "less than" because True Mother has elevated your original status as a daughter of God to the perfected level. Celebrate your mother, daughters, sisters and women in your lives. This is a new era.

I'll tell you something we did in Hawaii. In Korea, they have "White Day," when men give chocolates to women. On Valentine's Day in Korea, only women give chocolates to men. It's kind of flipped compared to America.

We were in Hawaii on White Day and in a new era, Mother had all of our brothers, my husband included,



In response to True Mother having expended much physical energy and poured out truth, love, compassion and blessings upon God's children in the Los Angeles area, gratitude naturally wells up within their hearts.

the drivers, *ajoshis* ["uncles," middle-aged men]... were all tasked on White Day to do what? [Audience: give the women chocolates] Yes, but what do you think she added on to it? [Audience: honeymoon?] [Sun Jin nim laughs] Kind of; it was like a honeymoon. She asked all the brothers to do the sisters' work.

Our amazing brothers all put on aprons, cooked us an amazing lunch and did all the dishes and cleaned the house while the women ate chocolates and sat at the table and ate lunch. Not only that, they kicked it up a notch. They all gave us a beautiful chocolate basket with hand-written cards. So sweet. Only in this new era! We had the era of Father as our Parent. Now we have the chance to have Mother as our Parent. Aren't we all incomplete if we only have Father and no Mother? We need to receive our Mother's love. Because what does it bring? It brings unity, balance and harmony. That was supposed to be the point of why we come together, that's love.

We do things for each other. Mother has liberated women. Today, you are queens, all of you, and a husband is a king. So, please celebrate all. When you raise your daughters with pride and love and joy and confidence, it makes the world a better place.

What precious dreams have you had of True Mother?


More often it's of True Parents and it's a dream where when you wake up it's an energy. Usually, I go to sleep with a prayer. I pray for (of course) for world peace, one family under God, but I also pray to Father to help our family come together as one True Family. It always makes me cry at night because in many ways we weren't able to realize a True Family, because we didn't have our True Parents as our parents.

In an ideal world, if parents could have loved us and raised us, I'm sure we would have been at a point where True Family and love was all we knew. But at that time, it wasn't. Growing up, it was still the indemnity environment. But every night that's my prayer, because I know if you're a parent, if one child is not OK, your heart is never at peace. It breaks your heart. You're incomplete. So all the time, my prayer to True Father is please bring our family together. Please enlighten those who are lost. Please open their hearts and minds to know your divine truth and to please bring them back to support True Mother in this life while we have a chance.

After a dream, when I woke up one morning, I felt an enveloping blanket of love and peace. More than having

the dream, when going out bouncing we saw so many beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and knew that Father through those, and rainbows, natural occurrence, was sending us hope. Giving us a message that this dream will be realized, have hope and just continue on and love people no matter what and that will heal all in the end.

How do you think we can support our second generation in America? How can we improve?

Like I said, second generation members, we're pure water. No more indemnity. No more indemnity. Let that be your mantra. We should be at a place where we broaden our lives with joy, peace and love. That should be our goal every day. We shouldn't be in this mentality of trauma and anxiety that we're not good enough. In that era, we were not good enough, with *makdaegi* [a punishment rod] every day. So selfish, such a failure, so evil, Satan's attacking me. No! No more! You are God's anointed and appointed. So, second-generation, third-generation, first generation that are blessed—new era! New path! Aju! So God bless you. [Loud cheers, audience rises] 

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Breathing New Life into Young People Worldwide

This is an edited transcript of a presentation to leaders of Youth and Students for Peace that took place at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center on Saturday February 29. The presenter begins by making some observations about the then ongoing World Summit 2019.

By Robert Kittel



Robert Kittel is the president of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace..

The head of state that ranked the highest was from Africa. That is important because Youth and Students for Peace played a critical role in bringing that head of state. Koji san went to Africa and met the head of state of Sao Tome and Principe. He came and the prime minister's wife came. The minister of Education came. They came because we talked to them about educating young people and bringing Youth and Students for peace to that country. They have already designated three schools they want us to teach in. Having met us, their hearts were deeply touched. Father said, "If you go into a community as a stranger and you want to make friends, the easiest way to do that is to make friends with the children, help the children and then the doors of the of the community will be open. I will share with you the activities we have done that have shown that.

A former speaker of the US House of the Representatives, Newt Gingrich, impressed me the most. To get to the podium, because of the seating arrangement, he had to walk

in front of True Mother. He stood and walked a few feet and when in front of True Mother, he bowed. I think he knows Korean culture and did it out of respect for True Parents. I was amazed to see that. When he spoke, he said that he was happy that religious leaders were there to pray as we began the World Summit's main session. He's a historian and he reminded us that the world's religious leaders have played critical roles in many places. They abolished slavery in America. It was the religious leaders that stood up for that. They ended segregation; the Civil Rights movement was a religious movement. He said that near the end of the Soviet Empire, John Paul II played a critical role. He said,

You are on the right track working with religious leaders to make social change. Historically there is a solid basis for what you are doing.

Newt Gingrich said his father fought here during the Korean War to help liberate Korea. He went on to say that many people have talked about the complete denuclearization of North Korea and that it should be verifiable and irreversible. One other thing he said we should ask is that the North Koreans provide religious freedom to their people. He called it an important component of democracy.

A lot was happening there. Mother got up after all of the dais was set. She got up and spoke. It was similar to what she said in her world tour last year. She spoke without emotion but from her heart. I met with some of the heads of state and they said all the other talks were somewhat political but Mother's talk was more spiritual, religious, personal, and it drew in the audience. They were not observers but could participate in Mother's speech. She had that kind of heart.

True Mother reaches out to young people

We had our first leaders' meeting, which Mother sponsored, here in Korea, in October last year. Mother is putting a lot of effort into YSP. When she launched YSP, this is what she said: "Who are you? You are the Cheon Il Guk Special Forces who must work hard to create the environment to expand Cheon Il Guk throughout the world. As you work to do so you attend True Parents. Brave warriors! She has used this analogy when talking about UPF many times.

If you want to inspire your VIPs, the best way to do so is to have an active youth movement. Japan realized that when launching the YSP programs. They are inviting members of the Diet (parliament) and others. They see young people who are clear, passionate and inspiring. They are like the Special Forces. Here in Korea in October, Mother asked us to watch a movie about a great battle, again emphasizing that young people are fearless, bold. If you can tap into their energy and direct it, you will succeed. There's no doubt in my mind.

Our work, vision and mission

We are working in three areas. The first is the movement for true families and true love. The second—especially active in Korea—is working for Korea's reunification. Our third major objective is supporting the UN development goals. On the UN website, I read the seventeen sustainable development goals, trying to make connections with marriage and family. They're not in the goals and it's hard to find where they fit. I downloaded the UN pdf explaining each of these goals in their own terms. The document has no mention of the family. It doesn't exist in the text. No mention of the word "marriage," not only in the goals but in the explanation of them. This is where I feel we can make a big contribution, not alone but with others to even educate the United Nations of the importance of marriage and the family.

This is the mission statement that we crafted together as YSP leaders: "To advance world peace by empowering youth and students to become responsible local citizens." We are to do this through character education, through peace projects and through supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That is our mission statement.

Our vision, which we didn't address there, is "YSP is a global family of young people building a world of peace through true love." The values that we work for have the acronym, RISE. Responsibility is unique to human beings. In the Divine Principle it says, Father says clearly that responsibility is what makes human beings unique among all other animals and things in creation. Integrity: mind and body, prioritizing. Service: living for the sake of others and Empathy: True love and hyo jeong.

Teaching youth in the hyo jeong age

There are 1.8 billion young people in the world today. Ninety percent live in developing countries. India and China have the largest populations. Africa has the largest number of young people. Asia follows that and others are quite a bit behind, in terms of percentage of the population.

I have used this many times because this is the one area that I feel we can work together on. Youth as defined by UNESCO: "'Youth' is best understood as a period of transition from the dependence of childhood to adulthood's independence and awareness of our interdependence as members of a community." Young people are transitioning, and we need to help them make that transition....

This transition is the mind-body transition that Father talked about. When young our body dominates our mind. It's not wrong. It is immature. If it stays that way when we become an adult, it is a problem. In maturity, the mind dominates and we think of others; we don't think of ourselves. Father has explained the transition most clearly as "living for the sake of others." That's the focus.

I was head of the Pure Love Alliance in America when it was going. We went out and taught sexual purity, in-your-face sexual purity. It was very strong. I think we were successful in many ways, but Mother's emphasis on hyo jeong made me rethink that. Instead of talking about sexual

purity, I talk about living for the sake of others, *hyo jeong*. That's the foundation for sexual purity. If children love their parents, they will control themselves—not just so they don't get a sexual disease, not just so they won't get pregnant, but because they love their parents. So loving my parents, filial piety or *hyo jeong*, becomes part of the brother–sister relationship. How do I treat my brothers and sisters? With the heart to make my parents happy. It comes into this area, reemphasizing this, the maturity. I want to develop a whole presentation about this transition.

Questions and answers

What is the difference between CARP and YSP?

CARP is meant to witness for the Family Federation and the Unification Church. It cannot be used for YSP, simply because when we applied to the United Nations, under consultative status, we did so as a non-governmental organization not as a faith-based organization. CARP members can help YSP. There's no problem there. YSP members can help with CARP programs, just not as YSP members. They can go help programs, but don't use the two logos together when you have an event; keep them separate especially in any photograph that comes out. If it's a YSP event, of course CARP can be one of the sponsors. YSP can have many faith-based sponsors and you should have many, but if it's a purely CARP event, YSP, please don't mix them. Don't cross that line.

Is CARP under the YSP umbrella?

He's asking what the relationship is between CARP and YSP. In Korea, they have the same leader. They are restructuring. Mr. Will Kim is now leading both of them, so he has to be careful how he manages those two. When I worked in Nepal, the key point for us was the logos people would see. We put much thought into who sponsored an organization. How can we use that event not just in the moment but how are we going to use it for public relations. You have to think of that in advance.

What is the relationship? Mother has said that under YSP all of the youth movements will operate. So YSP is the large umbrella organization. YSP is similar to UPF. UPF is not out to proselytize for the church, although they don't hide the affiliation of Father and Mother as the founders. But church activities are done separately.

To organize a youth organization, the budget plan and organization chart are important. Does YSP have an organization chart?

Right now, we have no budget. But it's coming [Laughter] before Jesus comes back. It won't take two thousand years. Hopefully, during this Foundation Day period or soon afterward, we will have a budget. We submitted the budget for the different activities we're working with.

One of the main areas of our budget is to get character education programs in to the public education system. For me this is one of the key areas for Cheon Il Guk. If young people are studying principle-based character education, Father's teachings, in one way or another, their character will start to change. They will start to have clearer ideas of what is right and wrong, the importance of family, how to prepare for a family. We know those things.

There are different structures in different regions, we know that. We have looked at the Korean model as what may come in the future. We don't know that yet. Now, YSP is part of or under the UPF structure. Mother has asked us to work together clearly with UPF and the Women's' Federation. You, local people, have to work out the details of that harmony. Mother can't get involved and I can't get involved with designating details that may end up create more conflict. It's up to you, local members, to work it out. YSP is under the umbrella of UPF in Korea. In other regions it may be different; it probably is different.

I believe that character education is important. Do you have a database where everyone can receive materials for educating young people in schools?

The answer is yes we do and we have character education programs. I will show a little bit of some of that. The structure that YSP has set up includes a regional president, a national president and a national secretary-general. Usually, the secretary-general is a UPA (Universal Peace Adademy) graduate, which is a powerful network because UPA cadets have been living and working together for many years. They have been living in Korea; they speak Korean. Su-ho is our head here in Korea. He's not here right now; he was here before. He is one of the key people here and he knows those local YSP secretary generals personally. That structure, which is set up, is an important, powerful structure. One character education program that we have, we launched in Senegal when Mother went to Senegal. We had a translation done so it's in English and in French, the two main languages in Africa. It is called Four Family Loves.



The Peace Designers Seminar and Midwest Launch of Youth and Students for Peace in Chicago, one of many developments as YSP branches have become active all over the world.

An overview of progress in nations

In Korea, they are busy launching YSP. They have had launchings in five regions. They are doing many different programs—youth debates, peace designer programs, internships, forums... They are very strong on education programs in schools. Originally Hyeong-yeong Lee was there and now Mr. Will Kim is.

Japan

In Japan they launched five chapters, held 214 events from twenty-two thousand people. In Japan they found this to be a powerful tool to reach out to their extremely important people, to inspire them. What I'm hearing from the Japanese movement is that this is one of the most inspiring programs that they have. They've had parliament members, metropolitan assembly members and professors; these people are usually the judges in programs. The Synergy Program is like a Ted Talk for young people, where they have contests. It's exciting. The judges are there. The young people come out.

We recently held training for the Synergy Program and a Peace Designers both in Africa and in Europe. Koji san, Koki Matsudo, was there. They set a Guinness World Record with ten thousand sticky notes, making the longest sentence ever. Yeon-Ah nim is supporting that, very much so. That's what is happening in Japan.

The United States

In America, they are working with character education, hyo jeong. America's role now is important because they registered YSP at the United Nations at the beginning of 2018. That marks the beginning of a two-year period when we need to document our activities before we can apply for consultative status. Mother has asked us to do that. We have the Women's Federation and UPF with consultative status. Our goal is to get YSP as well. I offer my gratitude to Nakimi and shin America.

Details on Thailand

I'll dwell on this a little bit because I'm more familiar with it and because the model is there for many people to look at. In Thailand, we have been teaching character education in public schools for many years. The government is watching problems among young people. They document the problems of young people—how many young people are involved in drugs, how many drop out of school, how many are pregnant, how many commit suicide. They concede the problem is getting worse, year by year. The government wants to solve the problem. They can see it. They are inviting other people; we are not the only people working in Thailand, but they said our program is the best they have ever seen.

I have heard that from the educators. In one province, the governor wanted to expand the program and invite five thousand young people. There was no stadium big enough; no suitable auditorium in any school, so let us use a soccer stadium; the national soccer stadium. They are in fact the champions in Thailand. Let's have this education there. You can see that the other side of the stadium is empty. The governor was angry. He said, Next time, let's fill the whole stadium. If you



In April of last year, YSP launched in Europe with enthusiastic young people and Angels of Peace, a dance troupe modeled on the Little Angels of Korea.

touch the hearts of your leaders by giving guidance and direction to young people, they want to expand your program more than you do.

Thai government support

Please understand. This Pure Love Pledge given on that occasion is not the one we usually do, because we work with the Ministry of Education. We don't work for the Ministry of Defense. We don't work for the Ministry of Finance. We can't. We're not a government. But we can work with the Ministry of Education. This has been the key for us opening up the government of Thailand. The government gives us \$100,000, and they expand our program. They have a five-point pledge. I can't remember all of them but the first is "Honor you parents." Love your king. Honor the elders. Be a responsible citizen. One of them is "I will prepare for marriage by remaining pure." It is only one of five, but this we crafted together with the government. We are working together. Cain and Abel are working together. We cannot do it by ourselves. It's not possible. Only working with the government...

Now this is going on throughout the universities in Thailand. Students are being educated wherever we go. Do you see the front row? Do you see the religious leaders there, the Buddhists? There supporting the program because we are working with these people. When we launched YSP internationally, the first international program was held at the United Nations, ESCAP Hall, the Economic and Social Commission for the Asia-Pacific, United Nations' Hall. And of course the hall was full. We were able to use the UN logo. They have curtains with the logo, which they could have closed. They said, No, no—it was done in the name UPE, which has consultative status with the United Nation.

A rally with True Mother

Then they had a rally in the largest indoor stadium. We had it indoors because Mother was coming. It needed to be air conditioned. Twelve thousand young people came. The government brought half of the students. They took students out of school and bused them to this hall. Why? Because they know us. We work together with them. We have a partnership. The government wanted to bring more. We said, no. You can only bring half. We have our own network to bring. The government sent them because they know they are going to receive character education.

There were many fun things—martial arts, singing, dancing, all of that was there. But those were supporting the character education program. The central point was to make a pledge of purity and they did that. The minister of education was there and a deputy prime minister of the country came. The deputy prime minister stayed for five hours! That's not normal. Another program that you can see working is in the Philippines. It's an active program. They are working with the university network.... I'm going to move on.

The Philippines

I want to show you one program we had in the Philippines. We have a college, called the International Peace Leadership College (IPLC). The government under President Duterte is cracking down on drugs. You know that; it is making headlines. Some young people are recreational drug



To the Central America isthmus and the islands of the Caribbean came Youth and Students for Peace on February 10, 2018.

users but not drug addicts. The government said they wanted to send some of these recreational users to our program to see how it works. They sent them, about a hundred drug users. It's a year-long program. On the banner at the back you can see "One-Year Tong-il Moo-do Training and Peace Studies, Second Graduating Class." Below that you can see "Zero to Hero."

The yearlong program includes four months of martial arts training. Drugs users need some discipline in their lives. Best way: martial arts training. They get a black belt. Four months of character education training follows. They learn Divine Principle repeatedly, over several courses and Divine Principle application. Then four months of community service. We call it fund raising [laughter] but it's community service, also.

We tell them, When you enter the program, you're zero. That's your starting point. You're taking drugs, we know that. You're probably having sex, because they go together. You have no vision in your lives. You are probably wasting your lives and if you continue, your lives will absolutely be miserable. You will stay at zero for life if you want to. Lucky for you, you've got this program and when you graduate, you'll have discipline in your life. You'll have a martial arts degree; you'll have proficiency in English as a second language teacher. We are going to send these people around the world. We are already starting to do that.

The vice-governor was at this graduation. I was with him onstage. He was crying. How did you do it? Everybody wants to do that. There is no doubt. But how to do it? Then, the policeman in his uniform—he's got his hat on. He pulls his hat down. Why? He's crying. How can you do that?

The parents are in the audience. How did you do it? Then, we explain. This is Father Moon's teachings. This is the power of Father Moon's teachings. They want to expand the program. Wow! If you do a successful youth program, it will expand naturally, automatically. These are the black belt martial artists who graduated. They've been sent to Fiji to start a program there.

A participant testifies

Ronnie: I work at IELP, our university in the Philippines. Basically the program participants are the dregs of society. We are educating them. They get up each day at 5 am for hoondokhae. In 120 days, we give them three cycles of Divine Principle lectures, from the beginning until the end. After they graduate from that, they go for internship. They go to the field, teaching in different centers. We send some of them to different parts of the world, Fiji, Malaysia, India, Nepal. They are teaching Tong-il Moo-do. The sixth batch of 120 is graduating soon. Apart from that, they are conducting 120-day workshops in Nepal and in India. They have the skills because they are participating in international world CARP here in Korea, India and Africa. They participated and are receiving gold medals. Ninety percent of the ones in this group are dark hearts; they do not have vision. They do not know how to help themselves....

Dr. Kittel resumes speaking

I don't know the exact dropout rate but I heard the testimonies of the students who were there and they said that in the beginning they wanted to drop out. They were almost going to pack their bags, because it's too difficult. Discipline is hard when you haven't had discipline and suddenly you have



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to have discipline. So, it was tough but they stayed. [Someone offstage states that three or four out of eighty drop out.]

You create a program and then invite your VIPs. We invited the young director from the office of the president. He came. He looked; he listened. He was so inspired. You can work with VIPs. This is one of the best ways to do that. In Asia, we launched YSP inside the Parliament Building in Indonesia. We cannot do this by ourselves. It is not possible, but we were launching IAPP and we were working with the parliamentarians. We said that in the morning we have the IAPP launching. What if in the afternoon we launched YSP? They brought five hundred university students. The program was exciting. In India, the same thing happened after we launched IAPP in the morning. You're working with the parliamentarians. They've given you permission to use the hall. You network with UPF or work with the Women's Federation.


Africa

Here is Africa. This one surprised me. Thirty-four thousand students! What curriculum are they using? Four Family Loves. I wrote that in a about a month when I was recovering from a heart operation. I figured, I can't travel but I can still write. It's a simple program; I did no training for the teachers. It's extremely simple. The Africans took it. Look at that! This is Cote d'Ivoire—ten thousand students, thirty-six MOUs, a thousand, two hundred teachers trained. They did this themselves just looking at the book. It's being used in eight cities. Twelve thousand high school students taught by seven hundred teachers. It was designed to be simple; I'm a simple guy.

Europe

This was Europe, not to leave them out; they held a program in Vienna. They also had the inauguration in Israel, in the Knesset, the parliament building. Then they went to Pakistan; they worked together with MPs there. Finally, they went to Latin America. In Brazil, thirteen thousand young people came. I'm not sure what program they're using there. This was our worldwide program.

I'll show you what we have. This is the Four Family Loves curriculum. There are twenty-five files. Twelve of them are Word documents; twelve are PowerPoint files. I will show you how it works. It's very simple. This is the PowerPoint document for Chapter One it's just slides; there are very few words. You can see it. This is "The Four Family Loves," we talk about this, when we fulfill our desires, we feel happy. Then it says, Can we find a universal definition of happiness? These are talks about what it means to be good. Fifty-seven definitions are in the dictionary; can we find the universal definition? And we have activities for them to do. The PowerPoints are already created, twelve of them.

This Word document is the other component that goes along with this. It's what you need to read when the slide is showing; all you have to do is read the text. It's simple. Put up the slide and read the text; push the button and read the text. The Word document is your "teachers' manual." It's available. You have twelve chapters; three chapters dealing with each element of one of the family loves. Three times four is twelve. That's it! That's how simple I am. 

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WRITING TO TRUE MOTHER

In our last issue, we ran a presentation by Dr. Michael Balcomb in which he encouraged members to write occasional, brief letters to True Mother. These are examples of how members in his region recently expressed their hearts to her. (These letters predate True Mother's renaming the training center at Cheongpyeong.)

Dear True Mother,

Today was a great day for Heavenly Europe as we finished the inauguration of the Cheongpyeong branch for a Heavenly Europe at Camberg, Germany. Fumiko and I wanted to thank you again for sending Rev. and Mrs. Ki-seong Lee to help with this important providential moment.

It was a beautiful winter morning with a clear blue sky, bright sunshine and fresh, clean German air. Rev. and Mrs. Lee were marveling at how much fresher the air is here than the dusty skies over Seoul! We visited the historic sites at Camberg, starting with True Parents' bedroom, which is now the main prayer room; then the holy ground with its twin trees representing Father and Mother, and finally the training center where True Parents spoke so often and had given the holy blessing.

The inauguration ceremony was powerful. Rev. Jack Corley gave a stirring report prayer, honoring the great saints of Christian European history but also repenting for the great evils that came out of Europe, including slavery, fascism and communism, and the worst sin of all to falsely claim that "God is dead."

Then Dieter Schmidt reported about the history of Camberg in God's providence in Europe centered on True Parents. We had beautiful celebration music from two of our very talented youth musicians.

In our remarks, President Ki-seong Lee and I focused on the great grace of Cheongpyeong and the significance of the branch providence. Many leaders in the audience remember vividly how just five months ago you sent us all to a three-day workshop with the admonition to "empty ourselves." We determined to keep doing so and to make a life or death commitment until 2020!

After flowers were offered and the celebration cake was cut, Rev. In-pyo Moon, the branch president, gave his welcoming address. He movingly shared from True Mother's midnight benediction and New Year's Day address, almost in tears. In-pyo is well known among the elder European second-generation members and he pledged to work to bring them closer to True Parents. Thank you for appointing him here!

After that, we all moved to a nearby theater complex for the Cheongpyeong Special Works program with around a thousand members from all over the region. I'll report more about that tomorrow! Thank you once again for your love and grace for Shin Europe!

Sincerely,
Michael Balcomb, United Kingdom

Dear True Mother,

We just concluded all ceremonies to install the European branch of Cheongpyeong in our European and Middle East Region. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to all of us to liberate and bless our ancestors and to purify and heal ourselves in our region.

Rev. In-pyo Moon provides such a joyful and young spirit. We could not have a better European branch director! Thank you for sending him to Europe and the Middle East. We felt Heavenly Parent's guidance in finding the Rhein-Main Theatre, which is close to Camberg and connected to a fine hotel. It provided the ideal environment for our start of the European branch of the Cheongpyeong training center.



The City, the area of London (in the United Kingdom) that contains London's central business district

The whole event was totally supported by our second-generation members. Especially, Kasua Wakayama, our Hyo Jeong Art Department leader, took on an enormous responsibility. We had great young sisters as MC, a powerful second-generation members' music band, beautiful classical music, stage technicians, photographers, receptionists and a professional *changyang* team [leaders of clapping and striking one's body in various places]: all done by our young brothers and sisters!

I heard only positive and grateful comments about our first European Cheongpyeong branch workshop. Brothers and sisters had tears in their eyes, sharing what deep spiritual experiences they had! They were overwhelmed and received new spiritual Life. Most of us participated for the first time in the Hyo Jeong Offering Ceremony. We could feel the depth of Heavenly Parent's love behind this ceremony.

We want to thank you for sending Rev. Lee and Mrs. Lee. Both of them won the brothers' and sisters' hearts so quickly. Rev. Lee gave us deep insight into the providence. Mrs. Lee brought us so much joy and happiness by singing three songs to us. In the end, we all felt like a big united family.

For me it was like a miracle to experience the same spiritual atmosphere, like in Cheongpyeong. With the power of the spirit world and the help of our Heavenly Parent we will build a Heavenly Europe!

With a deep grateful heart from "*Campyeong*." [A pun on Camberg and Cheongpyeong]

Sincerely,
Dieter and Ana Schmidt, Central Europe Subregion

Beloved True Mother,

We have just finished the Cheongpyeong Shin Europe branch inauguration and ancestor liberation and blessing in Germany. It has been a Holy Spirit-filled experience. Through this event, my wife and I have gained a new "can do" spirit. Thank you, True Mother for the priceless grace you have given through the new schedule for ancestor liberation and blessing.

We are now totally confident to reach 430 generations of liberated and blessed ancestors by 2020. With their support we are also confident to fulfill the tribal messiahship responsibility.



A view of Kiev, Ukraine, in Eastern Europe

Thank you for sending Rev. and Mrs. Lee. Their presence made us feel even closer to True Parents. The spirit of unity among leaders and all brothers and sisters was truly inspiring and hopeful. We love you, True Mother, with all of our hearts.

Sincerely,
Jack and Renee Corley, Eastern Europe sub-region.

Dear True Mother,

We are on the way back to our mission countries after having inaugurated the Cheongpyeong branch in heavenly Europe. How the spirit of Cheongpyeong could be experienced here too is amazing. This means that the world is ready to be transformed in the kingdom of God.

My deepest moment was when I was appointed to support the liberation of brothers and sisters. Rev. Lee offered a special prayer for regional leaders in order to do that. I expected a kind of spiritual phenomena, but it was my heart that was moved mainly. As soon as I started to do the *chanyang* [*chanyang* [Literally "laying on of hands," actually slapping] on the head of some brothers and sisters, my heart was overwhelmed by an incredible compassionate love and I started to cry. I felt that whoever we may be, whatever our background, we were there as children of God, looking only to be clean and pure to go back to him. I felt how much God wants to embrace them, comfort their hearts for their difficult lives.

The *chanyang* is a returning to God's holy bosom and he is there for us. I thank you True Mother for allowing us to reach many brothers and sisters through this new providence to heal our lives. I wish all humankind could experience such a joy that comes only through True Parents!

Sincerely,
Giuseppe Cali, Italy, Southern Europe

Beloved True Mother,

Kamsahamnida! We just finished the inauguration of the Cheongpyeong branch for the heavenly Europe region. We experienced so many miracles. We could feel the presence of our True Father and True Mother. There are no words to express our gratitude for



Roman ruins in Italy

sending Dr. Lee and Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Lee was so nice in sharing her motherly love to us; her words, her songs and her character touched our hearts. We could recognize that behind a great man, such as Dr. Lee, there is a great woman. They brought the heart of Heavenly Parent and of True Parents to our region.

Thanks to the inauguration of the Cheongpyeong branch, all brothers and sisters of greater Europe from seventy-two nations could become one. Within two days of the Cheongpyeong works and chanyang *yeoksa* [literally, "history," atoning for our history] our spirit totally transformed. We could gain the confidence to bring Cheongpyeong team to the Middle East Region in July. We need support from the spiritual world in order to completely change our region and fulfill the goal of True Parents to achieve Cheon Il Guk by 2020.

Thank you so much True Mother. We know that you have been praying and doing so much jeongseong for our regions to be revived. We are fully charged by the Holy Spirit and will give our utmost best to restore our families and nations. May God gives you True Mother long life full of joyful moments.

With love and gratitude,
Umberto and Marilyn Angelucci, Middle East sub-regional president'

Dear True Mother!

Thank you so much for bringing Cheongpyeong to Europe. From the very beginning with the inauguration in Camberg to the very end of the workshop we could feel Heavenly Parent's love and True Parents' love for all of us. Once again you gave us so much hope and to all our brothers and sisters who could not go to Korea until now.

Thank you so much for the dedication and great work of those at the Cheongpyeong branch in Europe and all brothers and sisters who worked very hard to make this possible!

With all our love and from our Spanish brothers and sisters who came to Niedernhausen,

Sincerely,
Maryvonne Jamoise, Spain



A view of the National Library in Vienna, Austria

Dear True Mother,

This weekend we felt so close to you and to True Father because the Cheongpyeong providence started successfully in Germany, Camberg. Although we had only two chanyang sessions I felt purified and born anew after the second session. We cannot thank you enough for guiding the Cheongpyeong great works directly! United in heart with our brothers and sisters we will invest ourselves in building a strong foundation for True Parents in our country.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Cook, Austria

Most beloved True Mother,

Thank you so much for this opportunity to have a Cheongpyeong branch in Europe. I received authority to give *ansu* [literally, the Christian term "laying on of hands" during prayer] from President Lee. This first experience showed me how to give love to members. I strongly felt you, True Mother, giving love to us. I learned through this how to love members.

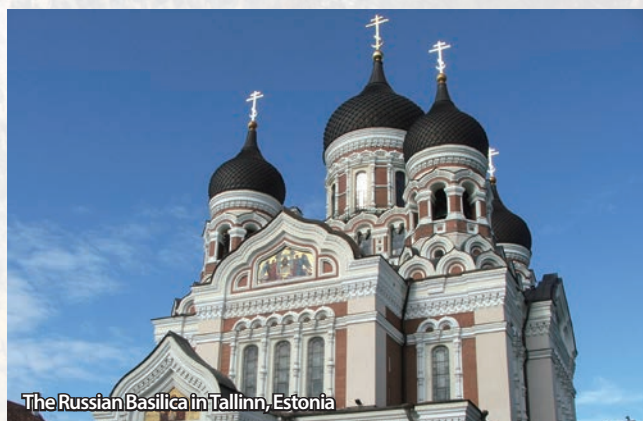
Through the whole process from the inauguration up to the blessing of ancestors—even the entertainment with Mrs. Lee singing—I felt in the atmosphere a lot of True love. Again, thank you so much. I pray for your health and long life, True Mother.

Sincerely,
Hisako Moulinet, France

Dear True Mother,

Thank you for your love and care for us by opening the Cheongpyeong Training Center branch in heavenly Europe! We had two great chanyang yeoksa sessions and an ancestors' blessing ceremony.

When we prayed for the hyo jeong offering [wish] papers' fulfillment, I realized a bit more clearly why True Father choose the word "sincerity" out of other words. When I "peel off" all my spiritual layers, what remains is sincerity. And that moved Heavenly Parent's heart. I realized that through their lives, True Parents want to show the living example of filial piety. And they help us to "clean" ourselves spiritually through the Cheongpyeong providence.



The Russian Basilica in Tallinn, Estonia



The Mitchell Library in Glasgow, Scotland



The Western Wall in Jerusalem, Israel

We want to thank all Cheongpyeong chanyang team members and brothers and sisters who worked very hard during these days.

With love,
Your son and daughter, Avo and Olga Martinson from Estonia

Dear True Mother,

I felt loving ancestors holding my hands and being all around me as the chanyang started. It was a very strong vibration. During the blessing unison prayer, a strong image came of the children and their dad arriving together from different directions at the entrance of one of the Cheongpyeong buildings to go back to True Parents embrace.

Sincerely,
Pamela Dillard, Scotland

Our beloved True Mother,

We love you so much! You have showered us with so many blessings that we are speechless. Your invincible realm of victory has embraced us all in the European and Middle East Region. We have witnessed such beautiful harmony among all our leaders, who demonstrate to us heavenly relationships. They have testified to your love and shared with us the grace they have received from you. Mother, when we saw that your trusted leaders are beaming with love and heart despite their heavy burdens, we feel endless pride at your unprecedented success. You have raised sons and daughters of hyojeong in your image. I'm ever grateful and determined to bring victory by 2020.

Sincerely,
Hod Ben Zvi, Israel

Dear True Mother,

Thank you for granting the grace of local branches of the Cheongpyeong training center. On the first day of the workshop, I felt so much fallen nature

welling up from inside of me. It was as if there were a massive war between the evil spirits influencing me and the good spirits trying to cleanse me. I struggled to connect with the meaning of the song we were singing, as I didn't feel gratitude, praise or grace.

But today, on the second day, I could dismiss those negative feelings and focus on the strong singing. At the end of the ancestor liberation ceremony, I was in tears as I felt that the suffocation of the ancestors, who had been stuck for six to nine thousand years, could end as they tasted the astonishing love of God for the first time. That was true liberation, and I felt that through liberating my ancestors I could also be liberated myself. To bless seven generations, taking responsibility for the first time as a second-generation member for my ancestor's blessing was such an honor.

I believe that through ancestor liberation and blessing and by uniting with God and True Parents, my family will receive Heaven's help to accomplish victory in heavenly tribal messiah activities. Also, with the grace of hyo jeong wish papers, great fortune will flow into our blessed families which we can pass on to the world. I realized how generous True Parents are—you want to satisfy even our humble requests—and I want to become bolder in the petitions I offer.

Thank you so much for this amazing grace,
Matthew Huish, United Kingdom

Dearest True Mother,

We thank you very much for sending Rev. Lee and Mrs. Lee here, to Germany. We all are so appreciative to see how they sincerely love you and the 清平 [Cheongpyeong] mission. It was such a precious experience; doing ansu made me feel each brothers and sisters need, such as to feel happiness or God's love or have good health or healing. My gratitude toward True Parents became strong and I could see European brothers and sisters' deep faith in God and True Parents. It was very successful start of the 清平 branch. Thank you very much True Parents.

Sincerely,
Fumiko Balcomb, United Kingdom

Dear True Mother,

This is my reflection on the event of January 29, 2019 in Niedernhausen (Germany) for the inauguration of Cheongpyeong in heavenly Europe. I was very impressed with how the whole program was managed, starting from Saturday morning in Camberg with the opening of the program. Everything went smoothly. The event in its entirety was welcoming and familiar but at the same time very solemn. Of course, having these special guests from Korea gave the whole event an even closer connection with you, True Mother. I was very moved by this event. The organization was excellent.

Sincerely,
Giorgio Gasperoni, San Marino

Our beloved Mother and Father in heaven,

This weekend my wife Roma and I attend the opening of the Cheongpyeong training center branch in heavenly Europe. We want to thank you for such a wonderful gift for our region. We feel special grace and your deep blessing upon us, by having President Ki-seong Lee in all the ceremonies.

Beloved Mother, during the chanyang session in the ancestor liberation ceremony, when I closed my eyes I saw you with True Father standing side by side, greeting my liberated ancestors, and sending them to Dae-mo nim and Heung-jin nim to attend a one-hundred-day workshop, to understand True Parents' heart.

Thank you, beloved Mother, for this incredible blessing you give us. Thank you for Dr. and Mrs. Balcomb, who are guiding us and doing everything to bring us closer to you.

We love you our beloved True Mother!

Sincerely,
Aram and Roma Karagezian (leaders in Lithuanian)

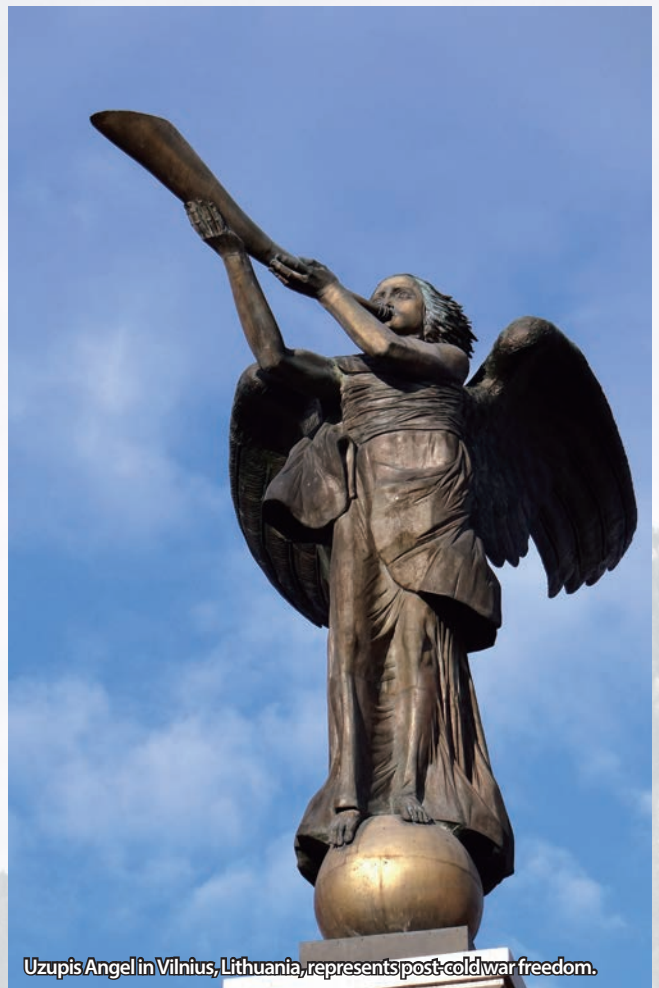
Dear True Mother,

The Cheongpyeong heavenly Europe branch inauguration in Niedernhausen, Germany, was a special and great experience for me! I did not expect much and everything in the program was new and different. I've never gone through a chanyang yeoksa session or an ancestor liberation. I've never written a hyo jeong offering paper. But all of these were such beautiful experiences for me!

I felt free after the chanyang session and am grateful for the hyo jeong offering ceremony. I felt so comfortable! The atmosphere and the spirit were so beautiful.

During the ancestor blessing, singing "Saranghae" [I love you.] all together hand in hand, made me feel part of a big, blessed family! Thank you so much, True Mother, True Parents, for bringing Cheongpyeong to Europe and giving so many blessings to us. Thank you everyone for investing so much in this wonderful weekend! I feel happy and blessed and want to help True Parents.

—Unsigned



Uzupis Angel in Vilnius, Lithuania, represents post-cold war freedom.

Dear True Mother,

During the preparation of the launching event in Germany, I had many dreams. One was of my being pregnant. (I am almost sixty-seven years old and have been living alone for twenty years.) My good friend Mihoko, with whom I often work together, was also pregnant [in the dream]. There was this beautiful child, shining like gold. It was not clear to whom it belonged; it was simply there. I saw long rows of people, like refugees.

The event itself was very intense. I simply took part in it and enjoyed the clapping sessions and the other program. Coming home, I dreamed about war—very exhausting. Maybe somebody wanted me to have a feeling of what they have been going through. Many things have happened during 378 generations. I was born in Norway and the Vikings are a dominant part of our history. I also dreamed about True Mother seeming serious. Something was blocking me, I could not see well and had to look again.

On the hyo jeong wish papers I wrote I want to be able to fulfill 430 couples—also horizontally—and bring my children closer to the church and True Parents. That is my overall desire. *Saranghamnida!* [I love you!]

Sincerely,
Elfrid Langenes, Holland

Miracles Abound in Africa

True Mother asked the regional chairs to give an overview of their activities to members that had come to the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center to celebrate True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 20. This an edited transcript of the presentation given by the leader of Africa.

By Bakary Camara

Our beloved True Mother, respected, great leaders of Cheon Il Guk. Welcome. I'm honored to be here to give a short report about Africa. In reality, all glory belongs to our True Mother. To start with, I would like you all to join me in great applause. I will tell you why in a moment. [Applause] Because 1960 is very meaningful for Africa. The majority of African countries got their independence from colonial forces in 1960. At that time, we didn't know why. Now we can celebrate it. More than anything else, Africa is celebrating our beloved True Parents' Holy Wedding, because through them, finally, liberation came to Africa countries.

Today, I'm only going to concentrate on four countries. As you know, miracles are happening in Africa, and that's not just talking, but in people's lives, from the government level to the youth, situations are developing incredibly. Why? Because of True Mother's grace, blessing and liberation. Today, I'm going to talk about Nigeria, Sao Tome, South Africa and Sudan because of their actual miracles. You know already about Africa—Senegal, Zimbabwe, and other nations. But particularly in these four countries, something happened at the last minute and it has continued happening. That's because



Mother is saying exactly the fact of the matter—if we unite, we will make it happen.

Unexpected developments in Nigeria

In Nigeria, what happened? While we are discussing plans to realize the victory of Vision 2020, our special emissary realized that True Parents visited Nigeria and our great foundation is in Nigeria. Why not check what is going on there? After taking time to visit Nigeria, the first thing, when we arrived, the Nigerian gov-

ernment suddenly contacted and asked us to meet with a special commission of educators. What they wanted was to receive character education from our beloved True Mother, character education for the whole country. As you know Nigeria has almost two hundred million people. That was something incredibly special. We were not expecting that at all. Of course, our brothers and sisters are working there without any rest. But the minister, the government itself, was calling: Please come. We are interested in your character education program.

Next, we were also praying to support our True Mother in her activities in America. While preparing for a rally, during that prayer time, we were learning. We read Demian Dunkley's testimony. His testimony said that Bishop Noel Jones, as we all know now, went to Nigeria and spoke there to 350,000 people, and that is something we never imagined—that Noel Jones while connecting with our beloved True Mother, already has a history in Africa. He visited Africa and he met with the bishop who had invited him, Bishop Idahosa. This is also a great bishop and they had some activity together. Bishop Idahosa is someone with a great foundation. He is an author with a million people behind him. He realized that Bishop Jones is working with our beloved

True Mother. When he heard that, he also made a decision. Now is the time. He also wants to work now with the Family Federation. Even though he has been a peace ambassador for some time, because True Mother's foundation connected to Noel Jones, now in Africa, that revelation, that inspiration came to Isaac Idahosa. And Idahosa with a million people as followers, decided he wants to hold a national blessing with us. Don't you think that is a miracle? [Applause]

Who could've imagined that this foundation of True Mother's in America comes straight forward to connect with such a foundation that now we are preparing for a national blessing? Nigeria, actually, was not a nation we were thinking about. That is a miracle! We have to believe in it.

The center of the world

Now to the case of Sao Tome. It is a small island in Africa; most people don't even know where it is. But believe me, this small island is the center of the world because the equator and zero meridian meet there to make sure that in this small country—things can happen. What am I talking about? The heavenly blessing. After the World Summit in February in Korea, UPF went to meet President Carvalho of Sao Tome and Principe [2016–]. As you know, he came to Korea and he had a great time here. We wanted to check about his feelings, but the reality was that they were waiting for us. When we, the UPF staff and YSP staff, arrived there, they received us with an incredible welcome; saying they are ready, not only for education but the blessing, and development to make their country a new country known to the world. That can happen only with UPF and our True Mother.

We visited the president of the country, the head of the Parliament the vice-president, and the prime minister. They all welcomed us. What they want is family education. They want youth education. They want development and they want to establish their nation as a peaceful nation. They believe that only through Mother Moon can a true nation be established because she was sent by God—that is from the president.

After we met the president, we became a national issue. We went on

a press conference and the whole nation welcomed our team. So the three branches of the government are ready and they want to work with us. They want to prepare a national blessing and they want us to educate their youth. Because they are a small island, the youth there are without enough activities to occupy them. The young people have become an issue. To remind you, 70 percent of the population of this small island are young people.

That's why YSP is welcome, UPF is welcome and Family Federation (for the blessing)—are welcome. All are welcome. Thanks to True Mother for the inspiration, the guidance and the strategy. She's giving this to us so we can come to this kind of place. Otherwise we cannot think about developments in a small nation like Sao Tome. But Sao Tome has now become not only a physical center of the world but they want to become the spiritual center; they want to receive the blessing because they want to make sure that Sao Tome is the first nation to be restored in the world.

On to South Africa

Hope is there in South Africa. In South Africa, as you know, we had activities and we gained someone there, someone very special. Mother calls him her son—Prophet Radebe. You know, when Prophet Radebe started working with us, he was working with us very cautiously. But now, when Mother and he met together in South Africa last time and they had a special meeting, where his heart completely changed. Before, he was not doing the blessing by himself. We were doing the blessing to support him, but from now on, Prophet Radebe is doing the blessing himself. He wants to be able to say that this time he's doing the blessing in South Africa in a way that says, True Mother will know South Africa. We are all welcome. In June, he would like to realize twenty thousand blessed couples, which is the beginning. In the end, he wants to realize—in a great stadium—eighty thousand couples. That is happening in South Africa. South Africa is coming along because Mother touched it. When True Mother touches something, it comes alive—definitely. Prophet

Radebe's life changed. Now, he says, he wants to do the blessing himself; the blessing is the solution that brings world peace. The blessing is the solution that brings salvation.

Surprising South Sudan

Now to South Sudan. Maybe I didn't talk about South Sudan ever before. You didn't hear about South Sudan. Why am I talking about South Sudan now? I'm talking about these countries because of miracles. Our foundation in South Sudan is very small. One of our special leaders, a man called Taj Hamad, visited South Sudan a few weeks ago. Today I was looking for him; I couldn't find him. Maybe he's here somewhere. Taj Hamad received a call from the president of South Sudan. As you know, South Sudan is a troubled place and they are looking for solutions to realize peace. True Mother's strategy, the philosophy of peace has been attractive to them.

When Taj met them, they talked about peace. They had a televised talk. It was quite popular. And based on guidance from Taj, the president and the opposition, the entire government decided to go to the Vatican for a retreat and prayer. When they went there... You may know already what happened. They received a visit with the pope. The Pope came and prayed and encouraged them to make peace and unity and even he kissed their feet. Because of the inspiration they received from Taj, and the touch from True Parents, finally these leaders could accept the idea of going for prayer and a retreat. The conclusion is that they became so inspired that they want to realize the national blessing centering on True Mother's ideals.

When you see this, dear Cheon Il Guk leaders, it's not a man-made program and activity. The Messiah, True Parents made it directly. True Mother, God's only daughter accomplished it. We cannot easily realize it here, but in Africa, we know that because of the blessing and the coming of the True Parents of all humankind, Africa received liberation. Because of the coming of True Parents, Africa can now receive the blessing and take themselves to a level God can see and God can love. God bless you! 🙏

Cooperative Interaction and Breakthroughs

True Mother asked the regional chairs to speak on the state of their mission activities to members that had come to the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center to celebrate True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 20. This an edited transcript of the presentation given by the leader of Europe and the Middle East.

By Michael Balcomb

Good afternoon, everybody! I have to say you look a little bit tired and I don't blame you. So, I want to ask you to please stand up and shake the hands of the person behind you and in front of you and tell them, Happy anniversary! I'm glad you came, and then sit down. Do it quick! Okay, that's better. Please be seated.

Good afternoon once again. Let me begin with a question: How many of you have never been to Europe? Raise your hand if you've never been to Europe. Oh, my goodness! You are invited. You're invited to come to Europe. [Cheers; applause] I didn't say I'd pay for it, but I will take care of you.

One year ago, we celebrated True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary by going on a cruise on the Blue Danube River. We had a wonderful time. In fact, I remember Hoonsook nim doing a waltz on the Blue Danube. It was very inspiring. True Mother enjoyed the history and the culture and the taste of Europe.

Put on course

I have to say that when True Mother came to Vienna last year, it changed



everything. Before that, some people said that Europe was asleep, but not anymore. When True Mother came, she brought the breath of life, of hope and victory to Europe. In this last year, our blessing and tribal messiah activity has increased more than ten times. We also have dozens of new heavenly tribal messiah victors and we'll have hundreds this year. I want to take a moment to thank and appre-

ciation Dr. Chong-shik Yong of heavenly Asia, because it was his invitation to our leaders to come to Thailand to see how they are doing it there and our Russian members to come to Cambodia that broke our concepts. Before that we thought we couldn't do it, but after we saw the victory in Asia, we know that we could do it too. So, thank you, Dr. Yong and your team.

We also have launched the heavenly Cheonbo Cheongpyeong providence. All over Europe, people are liberating their ancestors and not only that they are meeting the spirit of the living God. True Mother often says that we cannot restore nations by human power alone and that is true. But where do we get heavenly power? It comes from our Heavenly Parent, from True Father in the spirit world and of course from our ancestors and forebears. I want to thank the Cheongpyeong team, especially Rev. Ki-seong Lee for coming to Europe and helping to launch the Cheonbo Cheongpyeong providence. Thank you so much our older brother and sister.

Young members contributions

Also, right now, we have twelve youth witnessing teams active. We haven't had twelve teams active in a long time. I particularly want to mention the STF [Special Task Force]. Last year, they went to Africa and they worked with True Mother in that most-important Africa rally. When you think of STF in Europe, you probably think that everybody is British and German and French, but we actually have eight people from Korea. We have nine from Japan. We have eleven from the United States. We have seven from South America. So, my fellow regional chairs, thank you. Please continue to send your young people to Europe. We will educate them well. They are doing well.

Significant developments

Another breakthrough, in Geneva, you may have heard of the World Council of Churches. It was created to be almost like the Vatican for the Protestant churches. Unfortunately for many years they were strongly opposing the Unification movement. They wouldn't even let True Father speak in their ecumenical chapel, to their undying shame. But last year, they finally sent one of their representatives to one of our UPF programs and next month the president of the World Council of Churches is coming to officially partner with UPF in Europe. This is a big deal for a breakthrough with Christianity in Europe.

I want to thank Dr. Thomas Walsh, whom I see here, for the great work of UPF, especially in Vienna at the

United Nations Office there. UPF has become the leading NGO, with many programs there in Geneva and Vienna. The UN itself recognized one recent program on the Horn of Africa for being a key contribution to peace in Africa.

You know, our True Mother told us that Europe has a sad history in Africa, and it's true. We must do everything we can to restore that past and bring a new hope, so I am so grateful for the work of UPF.

A focal point

Let me speak briefly about Albania. That's where I'd like you to come when you visit Europe, because there is a new stadium they are building in Tirana. I can tell you there are seats for everybody. Please come to see True Mother speak and give the national-level blessing here in Albania.

Last month, we had a preparatory seminar in Albania. We had eight former heads of state come to our meeting to indicate their support for True Mother, including former presidents of Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Bosnia and more. The interesting thing was that when the meeting was over, they wrote a personal letter to True Mother, inviting Mother to come to Albania to bring the blessing and the work of national restoration. We are confident that Albania is ready to receive the blessing of the living God. In fact, every city in Albania, sixty-one cities, all have a UPF Peace Council and all members of those Peace Council are in the process of receiving the blessing and are getting ready to come to Tirana for the national-level blessing.

Importing and localizing success

We want to follow the great example we saw in Nepal last year, where representatives of the whole nation came. So, thank you, Ethnak Dhakal and the team from Asia. You're showing us the effective, suitable way to restore a nation, even when it's not a Christian nation. Albania is a Muslim nation and the whole nation is watching closely.

Other areas of Europe

We're also doing programs throughout the major capitals of Europe, in the parliaments of London and Paris.

Another big event coming up is the inauguration of the Hyo Jeong Academy in Berlin. It's thirty years now since the great Berlin CARP convention. A couple of years ago, Yeon Ah nim came with her family to see the sites of Hyo Jin nim's great victory. In June we will have an amazing seminar there. I want to thank Dr. Jin-seong Bae and the Hyo Jeong Academy team. We still have room if you'd like to come to Germany. You don't have to speak German; the conference will be in English.

We are planning an event in UNESCO in Paris in the Fall. I can say that overall, we are making inroads at the highest level in European society, but I want to finish by telling you that there are signs at last of peace and development in Middle East.

Recently we had two especially important people come to attend True Parents. Mr. Hilik Bar, the deputy speaker of the Israeli Knesset, came to Los Angeles and attended Mother's event in a Christian church. I asked him, "Are you ready to hear Christian evangelism?" He said, "Yes. Christians are the biggest supporters of Israel. I'm happy to come and I'm always happy to hear True Mother speak." Dalia Itzik is a former president of Israel. These are two great supporters in Israel.

Meanwhile, in Morocco, where we have no members at all, somehow by the grace of God and True Parents, the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House have decided they want to make a partnership with the Universal Peace Federation. We have many other leading supporters. In February, the Parliament of Morocco sent eight people—at their own expense—here, to Korea, to check out the World Summit and they loved what they saw. They want UPF to come to Morocco and to make it the ideology of Morocco. We also have connections in Iran, of all places, and in Bahrain and in the United Arab Emirates.

So even where the traditional work is not possible, God is opening doors. I can tell you that True Parents are going to restore the nations of Europe and the Middle East. We have seventy-two nations. Don't just sit there! Come, and be part of it. Thank you very much. ☞

Cleansing Souls, Beautifying the Environment

YSP-Senegal

On April 2, we began our first activity in partnership with the Coordination Unit of Solid Trash Management, locally known as UCG and TV channels such as “Dentale TV” and “Lac Rose TV” in Tivaouane Peulh. Generally, the goal was to sensitize the population about cleanliness. However, our specific object was to gather youngsters to share with them the Unificationists' Principles. Therefore, we divided the day in two parts: a big clean up event in the morning, followed by a character education program and ending with the closing ceremony after a sensitization rally.

The clean-up event went well with the participation of about ninety youngsters from all over Dakar including many from the Tivaouane Peulh youth associations, a Yeumbeul Youth Association, the humanitarian association of the SupdeCo Management University and youth from Cheikh Anta Diop University. Showing strength in unity, they all strove together to achieve impressive results in the work at hand.

Conveying purpose in life

Following that, we ate lunch at the training center. Mr. Kouame Dieudonné, the person in the Africa headquarters who is responsible for young people, then presented a character education lecture on “Universal Principles and Life’s Goal.” Linking




Youth and Students for Peace-Senegal cleaned streets in the community of Tivaouane Peulh, a rural community thirty kilometers from Dakar.

the external morning activity to the internal principled education of the afternoon, he explained that we should do everything centered on God and true love for the accomplishment of the three great blessings.

Next up was the twenty to thirty-minute sensitization rally on the main road in which we explained the reason of the march and the morning activity to the population on Tivaouane Peulh, after starting with a group picture.

To end the day, we had a closing ceremony. Different Youth leaders, YSP-Senegal General Secretary Se Jin Fary N'Diaye and Vice-President Dony Kando, the Senegal national leader who is also the FFWPU-Senegal president, Abderahmane Gaye, and the Vice-Mayor of

Tivaouane Peulh, Mr. Boubacar Kâ. But the highlight of the ceremony was the artistic prostrations given by different youngsters including those of YSP-Senegal representing young spirits ready invest themselves in doing the work needed for their development.

Many people took this as an opportunity to better themselves and to transmit what they have seen and learned that day to the rest of the youth and apply those teachings to their lives. Moreover, they expressed their willingness to join and start partnerships between their associations and YSP-Senegal. 

Youth and Students for Peace-Senegal formed on January 19, 2018.

Senegal's Next Steps

By Justin and Patricia Fleischman

Following the successful 2018 Senegal Summit in Dakar, Senegal, Unificationists have focused their efforts toward a multitude of projects. Unificationists in Senegal successfully organized and administered three major events at the beginning of 2019. First, they implemented Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) in a massive event, then the Marriage Blessing Ceremony was held for twenty-seven couples, including the Deputy Mayor of Gorée Island (an island off the coast of Senegal), and finally Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) held a continental conference which Senegalese President Macky Sall attended.

Senegalese Unificationists are also working on numerous other endeavors. These include the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), service projects, youth outreach workshops, blessing campaigns through tribal messiahship efforts, and the Jamoo Training Center, a Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) project.

Main objectives

For their next steps, Unificationists in Senegal are looking to complete three major goals. They had already accomplished the first goal when President Sall attended the FFWPU conference. The second goal is to have a national level marriage blessing ceremony co-hosted by President Sall, and the




A family festival to celebrate peace in Senegal.

final goal is the national inauguration of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP). With the support of religious leader Sheikh Mansour Diouf, Senegal Unificationists are confident that President Sall will be involved in the remaining two events. The African FFWPU leadership, FFWPU leaders in Senegal and other national religious leaders are working to orchestrate these ceremonies and conferences.

"Senegal is a moderate Muslim nation," said former Unificationist Missionaries Justin and Patricia Fleischman. "Because of several prepared Muslim religious and political leaders, including President Sall who demonstrated very positive support for True Parents and the Unification movement, True Mother chose Senegal. She saw Heavenly Parent's hand opening a door in Senegal through which to reach out to the 1.8 billion Muslims in the world."

Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman are still looking to raise funds for a minivan and a passenger car for the Senegal Unificationist community: they hope to cut down travel time to further their initiatives. Through GoFundMe.com, Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman have already raised an incredible \$23,550 and counting, and other Unification organizations have made pledges totaling \$20,000. They are still looking for additional funds to reach their reduced goal of \$35,000.

"The Unificationists in Senegal do not consider life without vehicles a handicap," said Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman. "They soldier forward toward the goal doing whatever it takes. However, they would be so grateful and appreciative to possess these vehicles." 

Patricia Fleischman was the American in the trio of missionaries that went to Senegal in 1975.

