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The Importance of the Cheonshimwon

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On December 15, 2017, True Mother gave me the heavy responsibility of serving as president of FFWPU for a heavenly Korea. I was so grateful, but on many nights I could not sleep from worries and anxieties. Nevertheless, I had to go toward victory in realizing Vision 2020. I have been running for the past three years as president, holding onto the guidance she gave me, “The more you feel inadequate, the more Heaven will work with you.”

Looking back on the past three years, I recall touching memories I had with church members. On February 22, 2018, at the Cheongshim World Peace Center, heavenly Korea had a March Forward Rally for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune. That was not a rally at which we listened to True Mother's guidance and made resolutions. The intent of the rally was to enthrone her and to display our firm re-

solve. There, I expressed my determination with fear and a trembling heart. I shed tears that day. Twenty thousand others did as well. Thus, Heavenly Parent moved in miraculous ways. The foundation to begin emerged, and after Foundation Day, forty families began the heavenly tribal messiah work to bless 430 couples horizontally [in the earthly realm]. In just six months, the forty families multiplied tenfold to over four hundred.

I also cherish the Cheonshimwon all-night-prayer vigil. In March 2018, under True Mother's direction, eight leaders did a rotating all-night-prayer vigil there for twenty-one days. We cried out, “Eight of us are doing this vigil.” Later, we prayed that more than eighty, then more than eight hundred people would be able to come pray together—and that came true. Only then were we able to envision that a heavenly, unified Korea might emerge. As we prayed for more people to join us, as many as eight thousand people came. Once, we had around twenty thousand people praying for a heavenly, unified Korea. On that same day, True Mother prayed for it as well.

Another memory is when True Mother, during the 2018 Hopeful March Forward Rallies, changed the status of Korea's five sub-regions, making them regions and dubbing them “heavenly nations.” After the successful rallies, she blessed the sub-regional leaders as co-presidents of the Korean movement.

After the close of all the events successfully commemorating the centenary of True Father's Holy Birth, True Parents' sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary and the eighth anniversary of True Father's Cosmic Seonghwa, True Mother raised the sub-regions to the continental level and chose me to be the co-chairman of heavenly Korea, for which I am grateful.

Another milestone is the victory of the Cheonbo families. On the centenary of True Father's birth and the sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary, True Parents prepared two gifts—the restoration of seven nations and the offering of families that had been victorious as heavenly tribal messiahs. Families, 4,497 of them, pledged to True Parents to register as Cheonbo families; while 3,525 families completed the vertical eight lineages and 1,623 out of the 1,686 families that completed the vertical and horizontal lineages, registered as Cheonbo families.

True Mother called me again on June 8 and said we need to command the spirit world from the Cheonshimwon and as a result, to solve problems on earth. “The center during the Seonghwa memorial is the Cheonshimwon,” she said, “People who visit should offer their devotion and receive Heaven's grace. By sharing those blessings, the Cheonshimwon will go beyond the level of liberating all the people on earth and in the spirit world. The Cheonshimwon should quickly be known to the world's 7.7 billion people as a place at which anyone among all humanity can experience a life of attending True Parents, interact with the spirit world, pray and express their wishes.”

She said to offer jeongseong even if it requires keeping social distance, so we started special jeongseong on June 10. However, as Covid-19 became increasingly more serious, continuing was no longer possible. Yet it did not end. The offering of prayer-vigil jeongseong continued through connecting to the Cheonshimwon online. We started with District One and all five districts started joining in. The grace of reporting activities, giving testimonies, and praying in unison continued, and early one recent morning, the prayer vigil jeongseong marked its one hundredth iteration, with a total of over 210,000 people having taken part online. For members worldwide, Cheonshimwon is important as a sanctuary like the place where Adam and Eve had one-on-one conversations with Heavenly Parent. 

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To Realize the World of Peace

True Father delivered this address on February 6, 2003 at the Jamshil Indoor Stadium, in Seoul, Korea, during True Parents' Congratulatory Birthday Banquet.

Respected former heads of state, religious, political and academic leaders who have gathered from around the world, honored guests from the diplomatic community and esteemed leaders of Korea:

I would like to begin by congratulating you on the results you have achieved for world peace through the Summit Conference, and I wish to convey deep appreciation for your many expressions of congratulations on this occasion of President Hak Ja Han Moon's and my joint birthday. I offer all this glory to God, who has

protected us to this day.

On this meaningful occasion, I would like to share with you my convictions about realizing a peaceful world. In view of our hope for world peace, never has there been a time when understanding between religions and reconciliation between religious people were more urgently needed than they are today. The precious teachings of our religions are the source of the wisdom that has brightened human history. However, believers of all faiths tend to have three weaknesses: one, they tend to be unrealistic and oriented largely

toward the hereafter; two, they can be narrow-minded and sectarian; and three, they can be extremist.

True religious leaders, however, must be able to embrace all people with open minds. The real duty of all religious people is to overcome the lines of division crippling the human race, in particular the walls between religions. Religions must not exist for the sake of their own success or for the salvation of their believers alone; they need to exist in order to accomplish God's will. Religious people should never be narrow-minded or seek their own gratification. When

one lives with a loving heart, all walls break down. The great founders of all the religions understood this and tried to accomplish this ideal.

God is the origin of true love. Because the fundamental character of true love is to seek to live for another unconditionally, true love always seeks to relate with a partner. From this point, we can properly understand God's motivation and purpose for creating. God brought forth the created world as his partner for relating in true love. And in all the creation, God set human beings apart as his closest partners of love, his very children.

The significance of the first person, Adam, was not just as an individual; he was also to have been the origin of the truly loving family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. God's ideal at the time of the Creation was a world in which each person lived for his or her partner in a realm of true love. Nonetheless, before this ideal of true love could be realized, the first ancestor of humankind disobeyed God while growing to maturity and fell through false love.

Consequences, countermeasures

Due to the human Fall, strife ensued between God and human beings. Confrontations and conflicts ensued between God and Satan, between people and Satan and among people themselves. The fact that there have been so many different nations and so many conflicts in human history bears witness to this. We can begin an ideal world only through a movement that is able to overcome and go beyond the origin of these myriad conflicts. And the only way to resolve these conflicts and struggles is through altruistic and sacrificial love; that is to say, through living for the sake of others.

The realization of God's ideal nation begins with individuals determined to love their enemies. The way to win over enemies is not through superior strength. It is possible only through the power of true love, by which we can embrace them. If you plant soybeans, soybeans grow; if you plant red beans, red beans grow; and if you plant the seeds of red flowers, red flowers bloom. In the same way, if you sow satanic seeds, which contain the germ of revenge, a tree of revenge will grow, and if you sow seeds of good-



This extra-special occasion included the celebration of True Mother's *hwa gap* (the honorific form of "hwan gap") the completion of a sixty-year cycle. Two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, José Ramos-Horta and Lech Walesa, gave congratulatory speeches as did Woon-san Lee, head of Korea's Taego Buddhist Order.

ness, which contain the germ of loving one's enemies, a tree of goodness and of loving one's enemies will grow.

If a nation arises consisting of people who have a mind to love their enemies, it could become the ideal land that God desires. It could become the model for humankind to follow. For the last thirty years in America, I have been devoting myself completely and without resting to solve such problems as the breakdown of the family, sexual immorality, the decadence of youth, the decay of ethics, and the decline of Christianity. In spite of my many efforts, Americans, including many Christians, misunderstood me, persecuted me and eventually even imprisoned me. The negative attitudes and vicious slander against me continued unabated. Yet, I refused to be caught in negative feelings of hatred or resentment, and I continued to live a life of love, giving consistently to those who persecuted me.

No matter what my situation, in my heart of hearts I consider God's love and will to be the most important factors of all. Because of this, as time passed more and more Americans, and especially Christians, realized the value of my teachings and life. I can see they are changing their way of thinking about me. In a public speech, I directly told them, "Christians must respond to their mission to realize the will of God,

who is their true root. Christians must change their attitudes and their ways of life." The founder of Christianity taught, "Love your enemy." If Christians cannot fulfill this basic principle, the only way left for them will be one of continued decline. If that decline persists, it will be because they abandoned the sacred teachings of Jesus that give us true freedom.

Respect all faiths

If, however, the Muslims and adherents of other religions are able to realize a higher level of love than Christians in terms of morality and living for others, their enemies will be subjugated through the mighty power of true love rather than through material strength. I have always told the leaders of the Western world that they must not disregard or overlook the 1.3 billion Muslims and the 3.4 billion followers of the Indian and East Asian traditions, as well as the people of other religions throughout the world. If America fails to understand the meaning of the existence of these parts of the great human family, how can we expect that America will be able to build a better future and realize a world of peace for our descendants?

For the same reason, how can the Islamic world or the people of other religions look down upon or overlook the importance of the Christian

culture? If we scorn one another, All hope is lost. All religious leaders must become leaders in a worldwide movement to realize a higher love that embraces other religions and societies. This is the lofty ideal implicit in the teachings of the founders of all religions. What is the direction of God's will in history? The ultimate ideal of God is a world that is peaceful and unified through true love, a world transcending religion, race and nationality; in other words, one family of humankind.

God's goal is not the victory of one religion or one ideology; it is the realization of a world of love in which all people live in peace, unity and joy. In view of the tendency of contemporary society toward merely external unification through technology and economic development, the responsibility of religions is to lead the way to internal harmony and unification. Religions must take the lead and provide the example in this work. History is calling for harmony and cooperation within the religious world. This cannot be delayed. It is the holy will of God. If we do not accomplish this, religions will decline. I know this because throughout my life I have taught based upon my direct experience of the heart of God and the will he hopes to accomplish.

A miraculous time is coming

What I teach is not speculation or theory. God is alive and working in history. Due to the Fall, human beings lost their original position, and without being able to relate with God perfectly, they have lived in sin and strife. Although God is omnipotent and perfect, when he has no appropriate partner with whom to relate, he cannot fully express his omnipotence. After our first ancestor disobeyed God, God lost the foundation of goodness to which he could relate. Accordingly, his goodness and absolute power could not be expressed, even as history nonetheless continued.

God is carrying out the providence to restore his position and fulfill the heavenly will by working to restore human beings to their original state. To restore the ideal of true love, true parents and true family that Adam, the first ancestor of humankind, could not accomplish, God has been carrying out the providence by entrusting key



True Parents shouting Mansei to offer to Heaven the victory of their birthday celebration and perhaps their joy at communicating to prominent citizens through the event that God's son and daughter have come to fulfill the salvific mission that Jesus began two thousand years ago.

figures with the missions of the second Adam and third Adam. God called me early in my life, and my mission as the True Parent is connected to such providential plans of God.

Respected leaders, I would like to ask you to pay close attention to the prophecy I am about to make. Humankind is at a turning point. In the past, the invisible God seemed almost powerless and nonexistent. However, the time has come when the power of God will become manifest in our lives. We have entered that era, a time long-awaited by humankind. The absolute power of God, who is the Lord of the sacred order and of laws that actually do exist in all things and in the universe, will manifest in amazing ways and be experienced by people in their daily lives.

This is a miraculous era that is possible only because a solid foundation of goodness has been established through the sacrifices and unconditional love of God, True Parents and righteous people throughout history. From now on, people will gradually come to perceive God and to understand the spirit world and the works of spirit people. People will become conscious of their internal person, their spirit self, and their spirituality will develop.

In this way, people will naturally experience the laws of the universe and become true people, having undergone a clear change in their charac-

ter. In the course of this change, people will learn that God made the existing order of the universe and the relationships among human beings. He made them not to be centered on the self or self-interest, but for an altruistic life of living for the sake of others. People will come to know that God's ideal of peace in the creation, as he originally intended, is an ideal of unity. God made the existing world for the ideal of partnership. It is based on the premise of harmony and unity. Hence, no ideal of peace can be realized by neglecting or harming the other.

When human relationships extending above and below, front and back, and right and left, all realize harmony, unity, and the ideal of true love by living for the sake of others, complete peace will be achieved throughout the spirit world and physical world. God will attain joy, and so will his partners, human beings. Furthermore, God wants the individual purposes of all created entities to be realized as part of a larger purpose, the greater good. God established the order of the entire universe so that through the connection of these dual purposes, individual and public, a great harmony and unity can be achieved.

However due to the Fall, human beings, betrayed God and fell into ignorance. They flouted the order of existence that God originally intended, and lived dominated by selfish

greed, which is fallen nature. People have been living more for their private gain than the public good, more for their own private goals than public ones. The result is self-evident. This way has not ensured unlimited freedom, peace and happiness. Self-centered people who pursued hedonistic satisfaction or who, hungry for power, engaged in struggle and confrontation with others, are now bogged down in misery.

An outpouring of the spirit on all flesh

Now is the time when people must reflect on their lives and listen to the voice coming from Heaven. Through the benefit of his providence, the living God is now drawing near to us. From now on, people will have many spiritual experiences they could not have had earlier. They will communicate with the transcendent world. Through these frequent spiritual experiences, people will be influenced directly and indirectly. Especially those who experience the inspiration of God and good spirits will develop their spiritual senses centered on God, and they will experience major changes in their character. People who change their character to fit the way of Heaven are the true people for whom God hopes.

We all need to practice the true love that liberates us to love our enemies, become true persons who properly understand the spirit world, become true parents and establish true families. This personal transformation is the starting point of the world of peace. This is the starting point of the ideal nation and world God desires. For the person who is not able to become an embodiment of true love or to establish a harmonious, ideal family life, there can be no ideal world or ideal nation, overflowing with songs of peace and joy, in which he or she can live happily. The ideal homeland God desires will be realized by loving one's enemies. It will be realized when we establish the tradition of loving our individual enemies, our family's enemies, our tribe's enemies, our nation's enemies, and the enemies of the entire world. Many people are hoping that the United Nations will solve the problems of the world and will be able to establish world peace. However, the UN operates under some handicaps. The biggest of these is its inability to



Members from various countries came to Korea to perform for True Parents' birthday celebration in 2003.

recognize the importance of religions and spirituality altogether. Thus it chooses a path that compromises its influence. The result is that in engaging with and trying to solve present-day problems of the world, the UN has been one-sided. If this continues, it will not be able to realize its founding purpose, and its relevance will gradually diminish.

In order to realize the ideal of world peace in a fundamental and comprehensive manner, I once again advocate that the United Nations establish an assembly consisting of representatives of all religions. These representatives need to implement the central ideal that their founders implicitly sought to realize, and they must do it with wisdom. They must exemplify true love in their attitudes and behavior and serve as a model for everyone. I hope many leaders will take this matter seriously and continue to strive to establish an assembly of global religious and spiritual leaders within the UN.

I have worked without ceasing my entire life for the sake of realizing the one world family in heaven and on earth that is the will of God. During that time I have taught leaders, not only of the religious realm but also in the areas of politics, philosophy, academia, business, media and non-governmental organizations, that we have to live for the sake of others. I did not teach concepts alone; I led the

way and provided the example.

On that worldwide foundation, I established the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and appointed ambassadors for peace throughout the world. This was in order to cultivate leaders who will realize a world of peace and harmony by overcoming the barriers that cause conflict and struggle and by serving as living examples of altruistic true love. In addition, I am building "peace embassies" in every nation of the world as bases for our peace movement and our service movement, and as educational centers to teach and accomplish the vision and wisdom that IIFWP advocates.

I earnestly implore you to re-create your families and nations through true love. I hope you will support and help to accomplish the vision of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, which is working so hard to establish the true, everlasting world of peace that God desires, a world without divisions between nations.

I now conclude my address, with the hope that this conference has provided you with productive and inspiring experiences that will lead to the world of peace being realized even sooner. Thank you. 

This is Book Two, Speech Seven of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong.



True Mother's Message at the Grand Cheonbo Festival

True Mother spoke to cheonbo couples at the Grand Cheonbo Festival Celebrating the Centenary of True Father's Holy Birth, the Sixtieth Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding and Special Blessing Ceremony 2020, which took place on October 10.



True Mother waving to the worldwide audience, some physically in the venue watching her but millions more feeling the touch of her heart via Peacelink, an online platform that is connecting people around the globe to humanity's saviors, our beloved True Parents.

How long we have been waiting for this one day! Our Heavenly Parent has wanted to fulfill his dreams together with his children on earth. However, the Fall filled our Heavenly Parent with so much pain. How difficult it has been for him, how much he has endured, how long he has waited for this moment.

The families inducted as Cheonbo [heavenly treasures] today are the authentic citizens of Cheon Il Guk, registered as the original clear and

pure Cheonbo that Heavenly Parent has dreamed of seeing.

While we are on earth we must offer to Heavenly Parent, who has been waiting, one family of humankind that attends the parent of all people, which is Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' heartfelt desire.

In welcoming this day, families inducted as Cheonbo today have the responsibilities of the citizens of Cheon Il Guk. How we expand our heavenly spiritual energy as Cheonbo families toward our neigh-

bors, tribes, nations and the world while we are on earth will determine whether we are able to fulfill our responsibilities as families happily registered under the name Cheonbo—and through this, we will achieve eternal freedom when we go to the spirit world.

I hope, then, that you all become great and prominent families who receive respect and love forevermore, generation after generation, throughout the course of human history. *TP*





Unite and Carry Out Your Earthly Mission

This is True Mother's message at the concluding victory celebration of the forty-day Cheonbo Festival to Celebrate the Eighth Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. The celebration took place on October 11 at the Cheongshim World Peace Center. True Mother's speech to the leaders participating in the victory celebration was followed by her announcing a substantial restructuring of the Family Federation and establishment of the Cheoneuiwon (the incipient Cheon Il Guk National Assembly), plus some reorganization of personnel. The acceptance speeches of the leaders whom True Mother reassigned cover pages 27 to 39 of this magazine.



True Mother gave this address originally to a limited audience. It was not broadcast live, but an audience mainly of leaders were able to be with True Mother in the World Peace Center via modern technology, while others were physically in the stadium with her.

Beloved families who have been inducted as Cheonbo families [Heavenly Treasures] and leaders around the world, I am happy to meet you all again. I have mentioned this on many occasions, but our lives on earth, the environment that we create on earth, will become the environment in which we will be able to live in the eternal spiritual world. This boundless environment, in which we can be free, must be realized on earth.

That is why even our Creator looks at life on earth as important. Accordingly, he gave Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, a growth period, and hoped that they would grow to be perfect through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Absolute love and absolute purity are essential. Only when we live a pure life without any blemish or stain can we live in complete freedom in the eternal world. And this can only be accomplished on earth.

After True Father had ascended, who proclaimed Foundation Day? True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, proclaimed the founding year of Cheon Il Guk. The gates to Cheon Il Guk, under Heaven's governance, have opened. In that case, people who are qualified as citizens

of Cheon Il Guk are also needed. This qualification is not obtained simply by receiving the Blessing. There is a period of growth; that is, duties and responsibilities. Therefore, the status of a family will be determined by how much responsibility that family takes on and how well the family does in fulfilling it. Hence, all blessed couples around the world, of course, need to fulfill their responsibilities as tribal messiahs and join those that are inducted as Cheonbo couples. They should not stop there but continue to advance for generations to come. As Cheonbo couples, how much have you expanded your domain here on earth during this time that True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, has been with you? This will become your asset in the eternal world.

2027 expectations

During a seven-year period, I visited even places to which people said I should not go. I did so because I know of Heavenly Parent's dream and hope. This is because True Parents must guide all of humanity, who are like orphans, to our Heavenly Parent. Through the Blessing, True Parents must open the door through which all people can

stand as Heavenly Parent's children.

In the Bible, we read, "Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [Mathew 16:19 and 18:18] The earthly plane, therefore, is very important. Hence, in order to live lives without blemish or stain, you must absolutely become one with God's only begotten daughter, the True Mother, and work toward the completion of the providence. Please remember that this is the only way for you to be in a position in which you can receive Heavenly Parent's congratulations and blessings.

From that perspective, I am not so young anymore. True Parents' mission includes finding and setting up children through whom Heavenly Parent can freely work. That is why I said that it would be good if we could restore all 7.7 billion people of the world by 2027. However, through the seven-year course, I became aware of the many barriers that need to be overcome.

Hence, I am calling all families who have been inducted as Cheonbo, and all other blessed families, to work with me in restoring at least one-third of humanity. My sincere hope is that by 2027, on the sixtieth Heavenly Parent's Day, you will all be able to report to Heavenly Parent, "Though

our offering is insufficient, we did our very best." Hence, we need restructuring and a new system for this. Yet, this nation, which is supposed to be Heavenly Parent's homeland, is divided into the North and the South.

During my speaking tours around the world, while conducting UPF activities, I met many heads of state. The leaders expressed that UPF can save their countries and that it surpasses the UN. Given that they recognize the great work of this organization, founded by the True Parents, many other countries want to work with UPF and True Parents' Blessing Movement.

One people will bring about one Korea

However, the reality of this country is like that of a frog in a well that cannot see the world. We need to inspire people in the government. However, most important are the citizens. In other words, our witnessing has been weak. The established powers of this country are on the decline. You, on the contrary, have the full support and backing of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. What is there for you to fear? Will you abandon this country and people, whom Heaven originally wanted to bless, to simply become a people that has failed to fulfill its responsibilities?

All citizens spread throughout this nation need to attend True Parents under the umbrella of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Only when we become such a people can there be a genuinely unified Korea. The Jeongshimwon is the most important thing. In the future, it will be called "Cheonshimwon" ["Cheon," here means or implies "attending God."] Moreover, when it comes to True Father and True Children, with Hyo-jin and Heung-jin being in the spiritual world, no one can claim that he or she is working as their substitute on earth. Father knows better than anyone else the preciousness of the only begotten daughter, the True Mother, who is on earth, and that I have a heavy responsibility to fulfill.

If not through me, how could one say various things? For instance, how could he send messages from the spiritual world through unknown people? This is in no way possible. It is the same for my sons in the spiritual world. They send messages through me alone. The Bible mentions this, doesn't it? "Therefore, I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. [Matthew 16:19]"

This is the last chance to receive salvation, the last one! If you disobey

at the end, how can you be forgiven? I have entrusted those in the third generation with the task of establishing the providential tradition. During my life on earth, I will create all the conditions for things to run smoothly, just like flowing water. To all those who have a big heart and wish to get closer to God, True Parents and True Children, I will allow them to pray in the Cheonshimwon... and to offer their conditions of devotion there. However, be aware that those who will not connect to the main current will not be able to remain. I hope that in the future, the international headquarters, the [HJ Cheonju] Cheonbo Center and the churches in Korea, together, will create the conditions for the Family Federation and UPF to have the power to put this nation back on its feet by 2022 and that the political leaders who wish to lead this country come to ask to be anointed with oil.

In seven years, I have created a foundation that no one could have imagined. The history of the Unification Church in this country goes back more than sixty years. Now, by investing ourselves, mind and body, I want us to achieve enough results that we are able to say that we have kept our promise to Heaven. ㄹ

True Mother waves to her audience of adoring members marking the final conclusion of the victory celebration for the events commemorating True Parent's Centennial, the sixtieth Holy Wedding Anniversary, and the eighth anniversary of the Holy Ascension of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven Earth and Humankind.





Members Must Write a New Chapter in Religious History

True Mother delivered this address on the occasion of the sixty-first True Children's Day and the thirty-third Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth at the Special Sunday Service to Transfer the Cheonwon Gung Cheonwon Church to the Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace on November 15. The event took place at the Cheonwon Church Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace.

Today is the sixty-first True Children's Day, right? If it were a person, we would say it has reached its *hwan gap* [completion of a sixty-year cycle]. Those of you present here today that have passed your *hwan gap* [sixtieth birthday], are you the children of God and of True Parents? Are you filial sons and daughters? Are you loyal? To be honest, you cannot say you are so 100 percent, right? What God expects, as he expected from the first human ancestors, is absolute

faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This does not allow for self-centered thoughts or comments. Even if you have learned something for decades, if the word says that it is not so, you must believe that 100 percent. That is the duty of a true child.

Isn't the mother the one who has 99.99 percent responsibility for the birth of a child? You must have heard this a long time ago. From that point of view, when after sixty years I said that I am the only begotten

daughter, were you one with me? No one united with me. I said, "The only begotten daughter was born in 1943." and "This only begotten daughter had to be born amidst a Christian foundation." The spiritual work of the Korean Christian Church originates from the Presbyterian Church, which comes from Calvin's Protestant Reformation, after Martin Luther promoted religious reform. John Calvin's role influenced Christianity, especially among the Puritans. After the crucifixion of



True Mother speaking at the new location, in Cheonwongung, Cheonwon Church, Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace, which used to be the main hall of the Cheongpyeong Training Center.

Jesus, Christians—whom as I said before did not know what God is like and did not grasp Jesus' essence—waited for his return and imposed a faith confined to a human-made system, which resulted in many problems. Thus, Luther called for religious reform in 1517. Yet Calvin gave birth to Protestantism.

Relevant religious history

God gave birth to the United States, a country founded on Puritanism, to have a foundation for True Parents. [Periods of] four hundred years are important in providential history. (In 1620, Puritans arrived on a new continent.) It so happens that a Cain–Abel struggle for the elections is taking place. The president of the republic decides who will take charge of the country. The one who understands the providence and cares for God should be responsible for that country, and Korea has an important role in that.

The pastors of the Northern Presbyterian Society went out into the world to testify. While Jesus was expected to return on the clouds, Christians around Pyongyang, who worshiped in spirit and in truth, stated that the Messiah would return in the flesh, and that the fall of our human ancestors was caused by sex and not by a fruit of good and evil. I was born in 1943, when the spiritual groups were in the process of laying a substantial foundation to receive the Lord at his Second Advent.

Kim Seong-do, head of the spiritual group died a year later. Heo

Ho-bin's group inherited that mission, in which along with [Korea's] liberation came its division into North and South, democratic and communist. While the communist regime in the north was being strengthened, when I was six years old, Heo Ho-bin testified about me as "the daughter of God, the Creator" who "will become the mother of the universe." As we celebrate Children's Day, do you realize that you have spent more than sixty years...? The time has come to overcome reality and assume responsibility for all periods of stagnation and failure to fulfill your duty to have filial piety toward God and the True Parents. Do not make God wait.

This nation should not be in a position in which its citizens say they were ignorant. These people should not be left in the same situation as the Israelites when they failed to do God's will in the past. Every day, every hour, is urgent during this period. There are too many tasks that you, from our Family Federation, citizens of this country and citizens of Cheon Il Guk now have to take on all over the world.

Mind the environment

I do not know if you are aware that because of the coronavirus and so many disposable masks, mountains of rubbish are piling up and that this is becoming a big problem. Not only that, but humanity—unaware of God's providence and out of human greed—is devastating the planet. I thought that with summer over and the coming of winter, tornadoes

would stop occurring, but just two days ago, on the news, I saw the damage caused by a tornado in the Philippines. It is indescribable. We must repent and ask ourselves why this reality keeps happening all over the world. That is not the end. As long as this planet exists, living beings must continue to exist, and it is ignorant human beings who stand in the way. One by one, people must be taught how to improve, taught the path to unity and taught that if they dream of having any hope for the future, they need to know who they must attend at the center of their lives. If we can teach this country and the world that united under God, we can correct everything that is wrong one by one, we will have hope for the future.

What do you think? You must proclaim that the only begotten daughter, True Mother, who can solve these problems, is here on earth and you should become one with her. You, blessed families, must make God's chosen people able to fulfill their responsibilities. And to the leaders of the Family Federation, please know that Cheonbo families belong to True Parents. Being tribal messiahs does not make you the center. You must teach that [the center] is God and True Parents. Do not pack your bags and leave. The attitude and responsibility of a blessed family and tribal messiah is to let go of everything and give back to God and True Parents. Do you understand? I hope you understand that only by being in that position can you be called "true children" who celebrate True Children's Day. ☯

Societal Values are the Basis for Peace

The writer was president of the European Commission from 2004 until 2014.

By José Manuel Barroso

First of all, I would like to thank UPF and its founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for her kind invitation to participate in this event. It is always a pleasure to be with UPF. I have been before in Korea and Seoul, this time it is not possible, we have to do it virtually, but I think we feel we are all together. We are now living in an interesting but an extremely difficult time. The rule today is uncertainty.

We have of course all the pain of this pandemic COVID-19, economic recession, higher unemployment, higher debt that is also a burden for the future generations, but also growing frictions internationally including armed conflicts and a possibility of new armed conflict. And we have more permanent threats and challenges like climate change, I think this is an existential threat to our home, our planet. The question now is how to face those challenges. And I believe it is more important than ever to come back to the essentials, to the basics, to our values.

Values like peace, like freedom, and above all the dignity of every human being. When I had the honor to receive on the behalf of the European Union the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012, in Oslo, I had the occasion to underline the very close link between peace and those of the values we have in a society, the society at all levels, starting with the family. That is our most basic community, the family, our countries, and why not to say the international society, the international community. And this is why it is important to commit to multilateralism, to commit to a renewed international cooperation. Because it is obvious that for some common, public goods, we will only reach them if we work together.

First of all, the common public good that is peace and security, but also the fight against climate change, the fight against global pandemics, the promotion of financial stability, the promotion of free and fair trade and open investments. And of course, the freedom of circulation of people and ideas. All these public goods require a renewed commitment to multilateralism and more international cooperation. Now, about this, of course we know that we need to face the difficulties of the current prevailing pessimism.

Fear dominates today. And fear is not a good advisor for decisions. If we look at the language, today when we



see the public debate, we hear all the time the word 'crisis', financial crisis, it was the year of crisis, refugee crisis. We even hear the word 'threats', climate treats, pandemic treats, or the word 'extinction', life extinction, the planet extinction. So you see, this vocabulary reflects a mood of pessimism that to a large extent is driven by a market of ideas.

Today it is more difficult in the public debate to be in favor of, let us say, reasonable, rational opinions, because they sell less well. So to be moderate, that does not mean that you are not committed to our opinion, but to express things with balance, I would say also with politeness, it's more difficult in this social media landscape of some aggressiveness, sometimes fear, and sometimes hate. So, in the end, I believe courage will win over fear. I believe that we can win that debate being, why not, polite and kind and trying to express this in international society.

Because I look at the world as a society, as if we were in a family. And sometimes there are also problems within the family, but we should understand above all our disagreements there is that common purpose of our global family. The future is not written in advance. It depends on

what we can do, we, I mean each one of us. And I insist on that idea of 'each one of us' because very often when we speak about politics and about global order we think in terms of abstract categories, the world, a class, a party, a nation.

And we forget one thing, at the end of the day what counts is a person, a man, a woman, and a child. I see some nationalists speaking all the time about the sovereignty of our nation. Of course, we love our countries, we are patriotic. It is our community, like I said, like a family

we can love our community, our nation. The problem is the extremism, thinking that our nation, for some reason, is better than others. And so, I think instead of speaking all time about national sovereignty, we should think about sovereignty of the individual person, each person should have maximum freedom to realize his or her potential, and to fulfill his or her dreams. At the end that is what counts, a person. And that is why I continue to think that fear is going to be defeated, because hope is stronger than fear. I thank you for your attention. *RP*

Credibility and Clarity of Purpose are Vital

The writer was the vice-president of the United States from 2001 until 2009.

By Richard Cheney

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen and thanks for the chance to join in today's discussions. As always, the Universal Peace Federation has brought together an impressive collection of representatives, heads of state, and other leaders from around the world. It is a real privilege to be invited, and of course, we all hope that the next gathering will bring everyone together in person.

The global pandemic has put every country to the test with disruptive consequences for practically every organization yet the work of UPF continues, and that is a credit to the energy in the dedication of Dr. Moon. Since founding UPF 15 years ago, she has assembled a broad diverse network of leaders and concerned citizens and made it a respected influence for the good. I am most familiar with Dr. Moon and her late husband's influence as a reader for many years of the Washington Times. It has also been regular reading for presidents I have known starting with Ronald Reagan, and it remains a vital and well-regarded newspaper to this day.

When I traveled to Seoul in 2019, none of us at that Gathering could have imagined all of the challenges that would unfold in 2020. The covid-19 crisis is one of those before and after events that will shape our thinking and policies for decades.

For a very good reason governments of the world have had to focus on containing the virus, protecting public health, and stabilizing their economies. Yet, the test of leadership does not end there, least of all when it comes to the global security environment. Even now the best



leaders will be thinking to the day when this pandemic is behind us.

From a security standpoint one constant for American leadership is the critical importance of keeping strong partnerships in the Pacific region. In my time as Secretary of Defense in the 1990s and later as vice-president I passed through Seoul on a number of occasions and no matter how far the journey, it always felt good to stand on the firm ground of the dependable American friend and ally.

Here is one thing I have learned in forty-plus years of dealing in foreign policy and security matters. Against any set of challenges events will always go better when free and democratic governments work together. I have learned as well to have no illusions about some regimes in this world.

Try as we might to operate within a rule-based system of good faith dealing and honored promises, there will always be those that do not respond on time. The last World War began because the worst of such regimes were allowed for too long to work their will.

What followed in the post-war years was an entirely new approach under American leadership designed to deter threats with a resolved and unified action. We can all look back on that post-war era today with admiration for how much was achieved.

For generations, from one end of the map to the other, humanity has been benefited from the protective influence of the United States and our allies working together. Diplomatic engagement, military strength, coordinated intelligence these and more have made all the difference for our security, for our freedom, and for the progress we have enjoyed. A related asset and security policy is credibility. As secretary of defense and as vice president, I had the advantage of representing presidents whose consistency of word and action was a given. It is a short step from credibility to another key element of security policy which is our clarity of purpose.

There are times when a lot rides on our focus and determination and sheer perseverance in pursuing vital objectives. An obvious case and point concerns North

Korea and the all-important goal of denuclearization. All of us can recall the sense of anticipation last year as the US and North Korea prepared for a second Summit meeting. And all of us share the same disappointment that those diplomatic efforts came to nothing. It was not for lack of trying on our side; our negotiator simply ran up against a familiar obstacle. The reality is that the regime in the North has its own agenda, part of which has always been to buy time and extract concessions while giving nothing meaningful in return. Accepting that unfortunate reality is certainly better than chasing after false hopes. And whatever future efforts might be made, we have to stay absolutely fixed on our security objectives with every incentive that can help, but no backing down on the denuclearization.

It should always be clear as well that our security commitments to friends and their region are unbreakable. Among the many reasons for that are the values that hold us together as allies. It is our purpose in this world.

After all, it has set us apart from other powers and always have in the post-war era. America and our friends stand for the independence of nations, for the self-determination of peoples, and for justice under the rule of law. Those are ideals that always need defending, and we should do so with confidence that they speak to everyone in every culture and every part of the world. That is certainly the spirit of this online gathering, and I am honored you asked me to be a part of it.

My good wishes to everyone watching worldwide and my thanks for your kind attention. 🇺🇸

Toward Compromise and Development

The writer has been president of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe since 2016.

By Evaristo Carvalho

Your excellency Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government:

It is with great honor and sublime pleasure that I speak at this Rally of Hope, promoted by the Universal Peace Federation. Allow me to extend my warmest congratulations to the founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and sincere thanks for inviting me to participate in this

important forum. I would like to express my best wishes to the forum.

Our planet is facing extremely serious problems, which have been of great concern to countries, international organizations and NGOs. These are climate change and its perverse effects—such as droughts and floods, rising sea levels, coastal erosion, rising temperatures—armed conflicts, hunger and extreme poverty, and terrorism. In addition to these major



challenges that the world faces, the COVID-19 pandemic has emerged and has severely affected people across five continents with high rates of infection and mortality, which affects the full range of socio-economic activities.

The scale of the crisis has led a large number of political, economic experts and other intellectuals to imagine ways to reinvent society after confinement. Distinguished participants, we appreciate the numerous initiatives of the Universal Peace Federation, in the person of the venerable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, ardent defender of harmony among all people and tireless fighter for peace, justice and the well-being of humanity, particularly on the continent of Africa. This historic Rally of Hope takes place this September, in a period full of meaning and of challenges, not only for the Universal Peace Federation, which celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of its founding, but also for the International community and the United Nations, which hold its General Assembly, and which celebrated the International Day of Peace 2020 on September 21. The theme of these rallies in 2020 calls on us to build peace together.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased that this Rally of Hope opens a favorable horizon and allows us to look to the future of our nations and world, the post-COVID-19 era.

I would like to reiterate here my adherence to the principle of living together, of building peace together, of removing any religious, racial, or ethnic considerations, that could further poison and add fuel to crises, and of pooling our resources and our means to solve the problems that humanity as a whole and our populations face, in accordance with the principles the founder of the Universal Peace Federation has dedicated on more than one occasion.

I share the positions Dr. Moon takes and I congratulate

late the Universal Peace Federation that she is its founder. My great interest in UPF was accentuated on the occasion of the World Summit in Korea in 2019 and the African Summit in São Tomé. I had the pleasure and the joy of participating in those summits.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, What are the prospects for the post-COVID-19 reality?

Young people are the spearhead of Society. Greater attention should be paid to youth in the elaboration of development projects; Education is the heart of development. The education system must be strengthened. Students should be educated on the issues of norms, ethics, universal values, virtues and altruistic love, and the sense of selfless service.

Children need an education that they love and a love that teaches, with a vision for their well-being; The promotion of dialogue and cooperation, with a view to promoting and strengthening the culture of peace and human development; The protection, preservation and defense of the dignity and value of each human being, that all people are members of a global family; The strengthening of the family as a central and fundamental institution of society; Indeed, society is an expression of the family, because it is within the family that we learn for the first time, what our attitude should be and what kind of relationships we should have with people, with things and with our work; It is fundamentally the family that forms our character, it is our first school of ethics and morals, where we learn to esteem and respect ourselves, to respect the other, and to respect things; Government programs, strengthening the family, must address the central and root problems.

Actions to build trust, mutual respect and cooperation between peoples must be initiated; Programs for the preservation of the environment must be part of children's education, from kindergarten on.

The greatest resource needed to rebuild the world is human capital—whatever the type of plan for the reconstruction of national and world economies, whatever renewal and development that must be prepared for a glimpse of the economic and vital sectors of society—a new human conscience oriented towards the love of one's neighbor, respect and human dignity and the right to be different, active human solidarity, and life for the good of others.

Venerable Dr. Moon, we are convinced that your proclamation of the new age of "heavenly Africa" as a continent of hope, which can bring about a world of freedom, equality, peace and happiness, will be a reality in the not too distant future, if we all work together for it.

I would not like to conclude without renewing our sincere thanks to the Universal Peace Federation, in particular to venerable Dr. Moon, for the commendable initiative to carry out this Rally of Hope, for the gifts agreed upon in my country, the most recent being the offer of a fire fighting truck, the ceremony for the delivery of which took place this September.

We invite everyone to engage actively with the ideals of peace, reconciliation, security and human development. Thank you for your attention. ☯

We Are One Family

The writer was a member of the US Congress (House: 1977–1981, Senate: 1981–1989) and vice-president of the United States from 1989 until 1992.

By Dan Quayle

Distinguished leaders, heads of state, members of parliament and religious leaders from around the world, you are to be commended for participating in today's Global Rally of Hope, which has brought together delegates from over one hundred and fifty nations in search of ways to create a more peaceful world. Your efforts are absolutely vital at this time and even though we are meeting in this virtual environment we can feel connected because we share a common heart. Thank you for being here and thank you for the honor of speaking with you today.

I especially want to commend and congratulate Dr. Moon for her leadership and the decades of service to establish peace through so many activities, like the Universal Peace Federation, which she co-founded with her late husband the Rev Moon. Her recent American and Global speaking tours that reached millions with the theme of Peace Starts with Me are creating a narrative that the world truly needs now.

They are also co-founders of the Washington Times, with which I am very familiar. I have long appreciated the good influence that the Times contributes with its reliable news and insightful commentary, based on the core values of family, faith, freedom and service.

My friends, I wish to share a few thoughts with you today about coming together for peace. We all want peace. The question is, how we are going to achieve it? We have a lot of violence in the world, so much dysfunction and unthinkable human suffering because of this. We know that true peace comes about when people can unite and the best way to come together is to recognize that there are universal values that can serve as a compass setting for everyone.

I know this is one of the key pillars of UPF along with interdependence and mutual prosperity. And I applaud you all for shining the light on universal values that all people can share.

Consider the value of our families. Family is so important—your mother, your father, your brothers and sisters, extended family, aunt's, uncle's, friend's. Family is everything. You see family in your neighborhoods, you see it at your place of worship.

Today, especially through our technology and commu-



nications we can see right here a global family striving for peace, decency, compassion, and human flourishing. That is why I support one of the main themes of UPF. That we are one family under God. That is a positive and powerful message.

How important is Faith? I have always cherished the words in the America's Declaration of Independence that we were endowed by our creator with the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is the most essential value to have. Faith, a belief in God and appreciate the gifts that God gives us every single day. In times of challenge and turmoil like today, it is a good thing for us to call upon the Almighty to guide us forward.

Think about the sacred value of freedom. Freedom is a core value that makes everything work. Freedom is liberty, without freedom human beings cannot reach their true potential.

Today, unfortunately, many people are not free. The painful division of that special nation of Korea reminds me of those years I had the honor of serving as Vice President of the United States of America.

It was the greatest privilege to stand by the side of President George Herbert Walker Bush as he led America and the world through the end of the Cold War.

President Bush was known for his decency, wisdom, and total commitment to service. Think of it. This was a global conflict with atomic weapons that lasted 45 years and could have destroyed us all.

I remember that momentous day when the Berlin Wall came down like it was yesterday.

Our national leadership never expected the change to happen so fast and so peacefully. The Cold War ended without a shot being fired because peace-loving free nations pulled together, with a profound commitment to freedom and human dignity, bestowed upon us from our creator for all people, including all Russians and others who are now free from communism.

My friend, it is my solemn hope and prayer that we will witness a similar transformation on the Korean peninsula in our lifetimes.

I saw it before, and I believe it can happen again. Through diplomacy and all nations working together we can bring a peaceful resolution to Korea. The DMZ will be a gateway for Korea's new destiny of peace, freedom, unity, and happiness. And the work of

Mother Moon, UPF, the Rally of Hope, and all of you who are here today will play an essential and decisive role.

And finally let's think about service. Service to your family, service to your place of worship, your community, your country, service like this Rally for Peace. Service creates a positive ripple effect that can change people's lives. That is why I have always counseled young men and women to get into public service because we need good young people who want to make a difference and create a brighter future. No matter our race, religion, nationality, or political views when we come together, we serve a greater good.

As I think Dr. Moon likes to say 'if we live for the sake of others, even the most critical challenges can be solved.' In closing as we go forward from this Rally of Hope, let us uphold the profound value of our families, our faith, our freedom, and living a life of service. This is the best way that we can achieve lasting peace and it shows how we can honor God's gift of freedom for all people in every nation.

I am delighted to be a small part of this noble cause. Let us encourage one another to move forward and build a new movement for peace aligned with our Creator. Thank you very much and may God bless each and every one of you. 

Peace and Development Go Hand-in-Hand

By Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng Samrin

Today, it is my great pleasure and privilege to address you all at the General Assembly of Hope of the Universal Peace Foundation under the important theme reflecting the common concerns and challenges which we need to resolve for our common interest.

I would like to commend of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for making this forum increasingly important in providing opportunities to all leaders from around the world — including politicians, religious leaders, economists, journalists and scholars — to express and share their views and experience in working together to address the challenges faced by their countries and global citizens to achieve peace, harmony and prosperity.

As the world suffers from the Covid-19 crisis, working together, enhancing international cooperation and universal solidarity are essential and indispensable for our common interest.

The pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges, devastating effect on society and the global economy. For Cambodia, the Royal Government has promptly and effectively responded in prevention and control of this disease, without a single death. One experience that Cambodia can share in the fight against Covid-19 is our culture of sharing, solidarity, non-discrimination, and national unity. The fight against the spread of this disease requires a lot of financial resources, supplies and human resources. Our Cambodian



people have donated and shared their limited resources through contributions from the public and private sectors, development partners and civil society to people in need — and through sharing among local people.

In addition, the Royal Government has set out development strategies focusing on agriculture, agro-industry, digital transformation, and domestic tourism as priorities. In times of crisis, parliaments have an increasingly important role to play in resolving and preventing such problems by coordinating, overseeing, and adopting relevant laws — including states of emergency — and adopting fiscal stimuli in response to people’s needs. To restore and rebuild our societies from this crisis, we need to: Develop concrete recovery plans, setting out a number of clear scenarios for the gradual relaunch of cross-border travel and trade between countries and regions, and rebuilding areas seriously affected by the crisis; Maintain regional and global peace, a key factor for national development.

Peace must go hand in hand with development. Peaceful areas are places for development—and peace without development is unsustainable. In this sense, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals play a vital role in guiding our paths to national prosperity; Respond immediately to inequalities caused by this pandemic, with measures such as better social protection by focusing on local resources, establishing effective health system, and supporting small and medium-sized institutions; Accelerate the transformation of digital technology into more effective applications.



Parliaments must pay attention to the adoption of laws and policies related to such technologies to ensure benefits to all countries, regions, and the world — especially developing countries — in developing capacity and infrastructure. Finally, I would like to wish all distinguished delegates the blessings of Longevity, Prosperity, Health and Strength. May the world live in peace and prosperity forever.

Thank you 🙏

In Trying Times, We Need One Another

By Yousaf Raza Gillani



A salaam alaikum, good morning! Distinguished Leaders, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to speak at this prestigious forum. I am thankful to the co-founder of Universal Peace Federation, Mother Moon, for her unflinching and steadfast commitment to promoting peace and harmony. The Universal Peace Federation has once again displayed great initiative in convening a dialogue on an issue that is not only the most important and urgent at present but also an issue that can transform our world in profound ways in the future.

This can be a critical point in history and how we respond to the threat of the global pandemic, Covid-19, and the lessons we learn from this experience are of critical importance. I speak as a survivor of Covid-19. The experience humbles me for the care that I received, but it also makes me acutely aware of the plight of those who have been less fortunate. I hope and pray that a vaccination is available soon and we collectively defeat this virus. The challenge of Covid-19 is a challenge for all humanity. Any effective response can be based on coordination,

universal values and a spirit of working together. We have an opportunity to realize our common bonds of humanity. The pandemic threatens us all and we can only overcome this together. Over years and decades, we have overcome famines, plagues and wars and we have done it together.

The aftermath of the First World War saw the formation of the League of Nations. The destruction wreaked by the Second World War led to the creation of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Today, we need to again pool our resources, expertise, energies and compassion to work toward a world which is safe, kind and just. My country, Pakistan, faces enormous challenges and has been one of the countries worst affected by Covid-19. However, the people of Pakistan have displayed exceptional courage and resilience in the face of a struggling economy, a deadly pandemic, possible food insecurity caused by locust attacks and regional conflicts. Our Doctors, nurses and paramedical staff have sacrificed their lives to protect ours.

The Covid-19 crisis is an opportunity to reflect upon on priorities as leaders and as countries. We have a choice. The choice is between polarization, division, hatred—and unity, love and kindness. With unprecedented challenges come unprecedented opportunities. Today, there is an opportunity for the world, particularly the wealthy countries, to stand with countries that do not have the resources to fight this on their own. The debts of low-income countries should be restructured to give them an opportunity to save the lives and livelihoods of their people. The vaccine should belong to humanity, to everyone. We need to do more than just survive this pandemic. We must emerge from it stronger, better, and kinder than before. Other common challenges to humanity such as climate change, extreme poverty, and lack of access to education need to be fought successfully before it is too late. We have the opportunity to start the journey of founding a world based on brotherhood and empathy. We should seize this opportunity. I am hopeful that we will. Thank you. 

The writer was the prime minister of Pakistan from 2008 to 2012.

Appointment of Cheon Il Guk Leaders for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World

LET US MOVE AHEAD IN UNITY

By Wonju Jeong McDevitt

Greetings leaders who have honored True Parents' wishes and have worked hard for the victorious completion of the first seven-year cosmic Canaan course and for the declaration of the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. I am Wonju McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat.

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have manifested to realize Heavenly Parent's ideal of "one human family under Heavenly Parent," which was the ideal world intended at the time of the Creation. True Parents have lived their entire lives following the course of restoration through indemnity and have overcome numerous trials. In particular, after the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, during the seven-year course for the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk, the way to a heavenly, unified world opened through the victory of restoring more than seven nations and seven religious groups.

On the foundation of victory in the events celebrating True Parents' centenary and their sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary being dedicated to Heaven, True Parents proclaimed the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk and a new seven-year course to establish a heavenly, unified Korea and a heavenly, unified world began as True Mother proclaimed Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and dedicated the eighth anniversary of True Father's Cosmic Seonghwa. Let us please give a loud round of applause to True Mother, expressing her glory and our gratitude for her having invested everything with her entire strength as if her life were on the line to keep her promise to Heavenly Parent and to True Father. [Applause] Thank you.

Beloved Cheon Il Guk Leaders, during the special gathering celebrating the their sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary, True Mother announced the beginning of a new seven-year course for the realization of a heavenly, unified Korea and the establishment of a heavenly, unified world as she gave us the precious name "Heavenly Parent's Holy Community." Then, during the celebrations, True Mother promoted Young-ho Yun as director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters (also known as the Cheon Jeong Gung Headquarters) and declared that all should become one with him so all organizations can move smoothly ahead. Director-General Yun has attended True Mother for years and has striven for the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk. True Mother values this aspect of Dr. Yun and gave him the mission as director-general. Dr. Yun has honored True Mother's teachings, and with an unchanging heart has ceaselessly sought to fulfill Heaven's will. True





Dr. Young-ho Yun, who has been striving with our True Parents to achieve the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk, receiving the plaque of appointment awarded to him as the director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

Mother will bestow a letter of appointment on Director-General Yun here today, so he can continue to march forward for Heaven's will. He always first thinks of the difficult situation within and without the church and has worked silently, even declining an appointment ceremony. Let us give a warm round of applause to Director-General Yun who has honored True Mother's blessing in his precious position and has given his entire heart and soul for the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

Respected Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families! We are standing at the starting point of a new providential goal. True Mother has begun a new seven-year course and urged all Cheon Il Guk leaders, Cheonbo families and other blessed families to unite with True Parents and march forward to convey Heavenly Parent's will and the truth of True Parents' manifestation to restore at least one-third of humankind by the time we greet the sixtieth Heavenly Parent's Day in 2027. To do this, during the victory celebration on October 11, True Mother gave directives for the restructuring of Cheon Il Guk and the reassignment of personnel for the realization of a heavenly, unified Korea and the establishment of a heavenly, unified world through the victory in the second seven-year cosmic Canaan course.

In particular, True Mother wishes to dedicate Cheonwon Gung by 2023, to build a foundation for the Cheoneuiwon, beginning with the Cheon Jeong Won based on the foundation of the Cheon Il Guk Cheonbeob [heavenly law]. True Mother wishes for the realization of the original world in which the ideals of freedom, peace, unity and happiness live and breathe, in which all the citizens of Cheon Il Guk unite centered on True Parents by building a solid foundation for the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and the Cheoneuiwon, the legislative body of Cheon Il Guk. Through the great love and blessings of True Parents, we are making a new beginning. I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the co-chairs of Cheoneuiwon:

Rev. Gi-seong Lee, Rev. Eiji Tokuno, Rev. Ki-hoon Kim, Rev. Bakary Camara, Rev. Kathy Rigney, Rev. Katsumi Otsuka, Rev. Chang-shik Yang and Rev. Robert Kittel.

I sincerely hope the newly appointed regional chairs of Cheoneuiwon, who have received True Parents order, will understand True Parents' deep will and with the cooperation of the first-, second-, and third-generation leaders, will give their entire hearts and souls for regional restoration and the cultivation of future Cheon Il Guk leaders.

Please do your utmost in your crucial mission to build a solid foundation for Cheon Il Guk by creating the customs, rules and standards so all citizens of Cheon Il Guk can inherit the substantial word that True Parents have shown us throughout their entire lives. Your devotions and hard work will become the light and salt, so Cheon Il Guk can become an ideal world of eternal boundless prosperity through the word, principles and true love.

I would like to offer gratitude and glory to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for allowing this precious time. I pray Heavenly Parent's great blessings and love will always be with the Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families who always offer devotions and hard work united with True Parents. Thank you. ㄹ

TRUE MOTHER IS FULFILLING HER PROMISE

By Yeon-ah Moon,

regional chair of UPF heavenly Korea

Greetings respected Cheon Il Guk Leaders, beloved Blessed Families, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am Yeon-ah Moon, chair of UPF heavenly Korea.

I am so happy we could meet again for this meaningful occasion which has been blessed by True Parents, especially after the success of the events celebrating True Parents' centenary and sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary and the Cheonbo Festival celebrating the eighth anniversary of the Cosmic Seonghwa.

True Mother has been victorious over the seven-year cosmic Canaan course that followed the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk. In order to keep her promise to True Father, she raised us when we were stuck in grief and unease and said, Let's go together! She blazed a trail to a future we had been unable to see. She was ultimately victorious and declared the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. Much adversity and hardships arose until we could greet this glorious day. Whenever True Mother met with dire situations that she could not speak of or consult anyone about, she would just remember her promise to Heavenly Parent and True Father. With this, she would renew her determination and comfort and encourage us. We know it was True Mother that led us to be victorious. Let us express our gratitude to our beloved True Mother with a victorious and glorious round of applause. [Applause] Thank you.

Beloved Cheon Il Guk Leaders,

On the foundation of the victorious firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother has given us the new goals for the firm establishment of a heavenly unified Korea and of a heavenly, unified world. True Mother has put the glorious victory of the past seven years behind her. She has prepared herself to begin the second seven-year cosmic Canaan course to realize a heavenly, unified Korea and the firm establishment of a heavenly, unified world. The first step in this new start was the restructuring and reorganization an-





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nounced during the victory celebration. We must now honor True Mother's proclamations at the victory celebration and be determined to unite with unwavering decisiveness as we head toward the day of victory. We must march forward without ceasing until the glorious day when a heavenly, unified Korea and a heavenly, unified world is established and when one-third of humankind is guided to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind's embrace.

For this crucial mission and role, True Mother raised the leaders she loves the most as regional group presidents during the last victory celebration. You, the regional group presidents, newly appointed through the ceremony today, are the ones who know True Mother's situation better than anyone else does. Therefore, please comprehend True Mother's deep intentions and absolutely give her news of the victory of the establishment of a heavenly, unified Korea and heavenly, unified world.

The establishment of a heavenly unified Korea and the establishment of a heavenly unified world, entreated by True Mother, are connected. Without the establishment of a heavenly, unified Korea, a heavenly, unified world is a long way off. Likewise, a heavenly, unified world cannot be established without the establishment of a heavenly, unified Korea. Thus, I hope you, the regional group presidents who are making a new start at this event today, can unite and stand together to become representatives of True Parents who will spread Heavenly Parent's ideal and True Parents' hopes to the far corners of the world.

True Mother has said, "If you unite with True Mother and march forward, nothing is impossible for us to accomplish." Please engrave this message in your hearts. I pray that each of us—in the positions and missions given to us by True Parents—especially the newly appointed regional group presidents—can use this event as a time to promise to complete the seven-year course with a victorious and glorious 2027, through which the entire world is reborn as a heavenly, unified world that attends Heavenly Parent and Heavenly Parent's homeland, the Republic of Korea, transforms into a heavenly, unified Korea.

I would like to express my gratitude to all Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families who are always doing their best and offering devotions for Heaven. I pray the great blessings and love of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will always be with you. Thank you. 

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AN ETERNAL, IMPECCABLE REALM



By Gi-seong Lee

chair of heavenly Korea's Cheoneuiwon

Hello, I am the newly appointed chair of heavenly Korea's Cheoneuiwon. On October 11, True Mother restructured our organization with revolutionary determination for the completion of Vision 2027, the firm establishment of a heavenly Korea and a heavenly, unified world.

With absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, I will do my utmost to attend the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, to unite completely with the international headquarters, become a protective fence based on the realm of three generations and ensure the completion of national and continental restoration in all five regional groups of heavenly Korea.

Moreover, I will work on building an unflappable Cheon Il Guk above a foundation that will last for eternity, by firmly establishing the Cheoneuiwon system in accordance with the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and by playing the role of a strong, protective fence for the True Family's three-generation realm.

I will fulfill my responsibilities in guiding and educating everyone—from our elder members to our Cheon Il Guk leaders, blessed family members and the young children, our future generation, to live as flawless Cheon Il Guk citizens with purity, pure sexuality and pure lineage.

As the director of Cheon Shim Won, I will raise pure, chaste leaders and other members who can resonate with True Parents' hearts, and thereby raise the status of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, "the true, holy, and virtuous emperor of Cheon Il Guk, reigning over myriad peoples and triumphant on all levels."

I will always offer all my devotion to ensure that no spiritual chaos or confusion arises among our Cheon Il Guk citizens and that an eternal reign on earth centering only on our True Parents is built by serving and always remaining vigilant to the heart of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who are absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal.

Our beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I will devote my heart and soul in return for your enormous grace. Although I am unworthy, I offer my resolve to do my best with an attitude of offering my body to God with a loyal heart. Thank you. 7



WE ARE ONE

By Eiji Tokuno

chair of heavenly Japan's Cheoneuiwon

Blessed families and other members from around the world, I am Eiji Tokuno, chair of the Cheoneuiwon of heavenly Japan. I look forward to serving you. First, I would like to humbly express my sincere gratitude toward Heavenly Parent and True Parents for giving me the responsibilities of the Cheoneuiwon chair and branch president of the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center, heavenly Japan branch—both honorable and significant positions. Within the next two years, until the Cheonwon Gung is completed in 2023, I will succeed in building a basic structure for Cheoneuiwon in heavenly Japan. I will also create an explosive expansion of Cheonbo works in heavenly Japan. In addition, as one joint community, I will proactively support the new structure centering on heavenly Japan's new regional group president, Sang-il Bang and the new national chair, Tomihiro Tanaka.

During the new seven-year course until 2027, we will fully unite with True Mother, Heaven's only begotten daughter. FFWPU, UPF and the foundation in heavenly Japan will unite under our Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, and with the spirit that "we are one," we will absolutely fulfill national restoration in heavenly Japan. We will be victorious. I look forward to serving you. Thank you very much. *TP*



ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT

By Ki-hoon Kim

chair of the heavenly United States' Cheoneuiwon

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have appointed me as chair of Cheoneuiwon-USA and chair of the World Clergy Leadership Conference Inauguration Promotion Committee. I will advance centered on True Mother and will do my utmost, with a life-or-death resolution and with a heart of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to fulfill my given responsibility in bringing about a heavenly, unified Korea and a heavenly, unified world. Thank you, True Parents. *TP*



UPON YOUR FOUNDATION IN AFRICA

By Bakary Camara

co-chair of heavenly Africa's Cheoneuiwon

Iwould like to congratulate our beloved True Mother from the bottom of my heart for the successful 2020 celebration of True Parents' centenary, the sixtieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding and the commemoration of the eighth anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. True Mother, you have been offering yourself unconditionally and have opened many realms, alongside our beloved True Father. During the last

seven year-course, you visited heavenly Africa on many occasions. You have been gloriously welcomed as a queen and as the Mother of Peace by tens of heads of state and former ones, hundreds of presidents and former presidents of national assemblies, hundreds of traditional rulers, thousands of religious leaders, millions of families and young people.

They all enthusiastically embraced your peace and blessing movement. Millions of families have been healed, reconciled by your blessing. Millions of our ancestors have been liberated from hell, rehabilitated and blessed. You have liberated and blessed the whole continent of Africa. As you victoriously conclude the first seven-year course, you have offered to Heavenly Parent the induction of more than three thousand Cheonbo couples. By so doing, you have been modeling the environment for the firm establishment of a heavenly, unified Korea—the chosen nation—and the heavenly, unified world.

With my new appointment by you as Shin Africa Cheoneuiwon chair, I am truly humbled. Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt gratitude for such an extraordinary grace. True Mother be assured that I will do all what it takes, at the risk of my life, to maintain and expand your victorious foundation in heavenly Africa and secure the foundation to pass on Heaven's legacy and traditions to future generations. We look forward to welcoming you, True Mother, here very soon! All glory and honor go to you my beloved True Mother, the Mother of Peace, our Heavenly Mother. Long live True Mother! We love you! 



WE WILL AWAKEN THE WORLD

By Kathy Rigney

co-chair of heavenly Africa's Cheoneuiwon

Our most beloved Mother, True Mother, I'm so grateful to be able to come in front of you this morning.

Dearest Mother, we love you so much, and as we watched you over the last few weeks during all this activity for True Father's Seonghwa anniversary ceremonies, we saw how you have the depth of heart that no other human being on the face of the earth has expressed before.

Dearest Mother, as you then led us, through your speech, restructuring our movement and giving new missions to all of us, we felt from the depth of our hearts, heavenly Mother, that now is the time when we must wake the world up. We have to wake up humanity. You have given a warning to all mankind that now is the time when we can no longer procrastinate and we can no longer stand by and do nothing, but rather we have to work passionately in order to bring the 7.7 billion people of the world into the knowledge of our Heavenly Parent, glorifying our Heavenly Parent, attending our Heavenly Parent and attending our True Parents.

God's only begotten daughter is on the earth today—this is an amazing moment, Mother. And I can only offer you today gratitude, from deep in the bottom of my heart, to you Mother; and determination also, to do more than what I can do, to offer even my life if need be, and also I offer you my heart full of love.

Truest Mother, I love you so much. I want you to know you can fully trust me; you can fully guide me; you can put me in any situation and I will always follow you, every day, every moment, every second. Thank you so much, and I truly hope and pray that your health will be strong and that we can receive you once again in that shining, heavenly Africa that you blessed, that heavenly Africa that you gave new birth to, that heavenly Africa that you gave so much love to. We love you True Mother with all our heart. Thank you very much. 



WISHING TO EASE YOUR BURDEN

By Katsumi Otsuka

chair of the Cheoneuiwon and
co-chair of UPF for Europe and the Middle East

My dearest True Mother, the begotten daughter of Heaven, world leaders, brothers and sisters.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for bestowing on me the missions of the chair of Cheoneuiwon and co-chair of UPF-Europe and the Middle East. I am also deeply appreciative to True Mother with a humble heart for allowing us to re-start for the victory of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

Our most beloved True Mother has passed through an extremely difficult course for the victory of the vision 2020 in the last seven years. How difficult it was for True Mother to travel around the world tirelessly without taking rest. Since I experienced severe jet lag many times in the world, I know how difficult it is to control physical conditions on a trans-continental trip. True Mother, your secretariat and the international headquarters beautifully overcame all of the challenges and achieved the goal of vision 2020.

As a person who witnessed True Mother's glorious victories, it is my greatest honor to testify that many nations and many people in the world have been coming back to True Mother's side beyond ethnic, cultural and religious differences. True Mother's seven-year course was the way to find people or governments Heavenly Parent had prepared. True Mother, as you mentioned, you found a needle in a desert sandstorm.

Based upon your worldwide foundation, I want to say that the national restoration will surely be completed in next seven years. It is also my greatest pleasure that we can work for the re-unification on the Korean Peninsula.

As one of the representatives of Europe and the Middle East, I promise to True Mother, the only begotten daughter, to keep working day and night without stopping together with Dr. and Mrs. Michael Balcomb and members in our region. The members in Europe and the Middle East will be the most filial sons and daughters to you with the heart of hyojeong. We will surely offer a greater victory not only from Europe but also from the Balkans. 



YOU HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT

By Robert Kittel

chair of heavenly Asia-Pacific 1 and 2's Cheoneuiwon

Beloved, victorious True Mother: There is no doubt in our minds that you are leading Heaven's providence here on earth. Following True Father's ascension eight years ago, we have seen miracle after miracle unfold before our eyes since you took sole responsibility for providential history. Victories that we could not have even imagined became reality as Heaven worked through you, God's only begotten daughter. Because of this, hope wells up in our very being.

The word "retirement" does not exist in your vocabulary, because it is not in your heart. We know you will not, but... please rest and please don't worry. Please. Our determination is to absolutely bring victory for Heaven. This means bringing at least one-third of humankind back to our Heavenly Parent before 2027. Together, united in one heart and with a single-focus vision, we will do it. We will do it. Seungri, Seungri, Seungri! 



TO REALIZE VISION 2027

By Chang-shik Yang

chair of Central America and South America's Cheoneuiwon

It is a great honor to accept the position of representing the leaders and members of the thirty-three nations in Central America and South America as the chair of Cheoneuiwon, the legislative body of Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, I would like to first express my gratitude toward Heavenly Parent and our precious True Parents. After True Mother declared Foundation Day in 2013, she has led the world providence with her utmost investment on the seven-year course toward 2020 by traveling across all continents and oceans. Now, centering on True Parents, a new regional group structure and Cheoneuiwon structure have been launched on this first year of Vision 2027 for a heavenly, unified world, and they engender hope.

True Parents personally led the movement in Central America and South America and even visited the small Caribbean islands several times. Along with North America, the Christian culture was at the core of Latin American civilization. However, Christianity is becoming secularized, being unaware of the direction of the history of the providence of restoration through indemnity. Therefore, Christians must come on board with the providential direction of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

In preparation for the completion of Cheonwon Gung's construction in 2023, True Parents have launched the Cheoneuiwon structure and are establishing a system based on the ruling principles stated in the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. In accordance with their work, I will do my utmost. The Cheon Il Guk Constitution, which True Parents established long ago, is massive, comprising eleven chapters and eighty-seven articles. In the future, as detail by-laws and rules become more diversified based on the constitution, this will become a system for the first establishment of an eternal Cheon Il Guk.

As one who served as the joint chair of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution Establishment Committee, this new development is heart-warming indeed. I once more sincerely express my gratitude for True Mother's directives to restructure our international organization, a system that connects all leaders of the first, second and third-generation realms centered on our international headquarters, and to legislate all operational rules and thereby establish Cheon Il Guk's eternal grand design.

Furthermore, to achieve one family under God centered on True Parents in a world where cultures, languages, and traditions are all different, and values all so varied and mixed, I believe that the work of having the Cheoneuiwon system, which is the most fundamental among constitutional organizations, is well established as the most important. Hence, the invigoration of the Cheoneuiwon system is a truly desirable and right step to take. I once more offer glory and gratitude to our True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. Thank you. *☞*





REGIONAL GROUP LEADERS

ONE UNITED ARMY FOR GOD AND TRUE PARENTS



By Jin-tae Joo

co-president, FFWPU heavenly Korea, leader of subregion one

I have been appointed co-regional president of the heavenly Gyeong-in nation, which is Sub-Region One of heavenly Korea, as well as being a special regional group. I pledge to absolutely bring victory by realizing national restoration, our solemn heavenly mission, during the second seven-year course to realize a heavenly, unified Korea and a heavenly, unified world.

Though I know how difficult this will be, I still pledge to do so even if it means I must burn bridges, as I know that our time has come. As long as we are one with True Mother, who is the substantial Holy Spirit and Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter, all absolute good spirits will come to earth to aid us and miracles will happen.

Heaven has placed an army of thousands by my side as I must restore the heavenly Gyeong-in nation, the capital area of South Korea. First, Heaven has placed 460 Cheonbo families by my side. They are all indomitable warriors of our unification family who put their lives on the line when it comes to True Parents' directives. I will provide them with full material and moral support so that they can fully establish Cheonbo family churches within their living area.

Second, our second-generation youth and students, who have promising futures, are all nurturing their dreams and growing in alignment thanks to the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Center, which True Mother founded. To raise future talented leaders and begin the era of the third-generation realm, I will let our young people take the lead in creating future-oriented dynamic churches.

Third, the six pillars of UPF are like the weft, while the people-in-charge of liaison in each church are like the warp that work together to find young peace ambassadors and righteous people that can fulfill the national restoration mission. We will arm them with the True Parents' ideology. Heaven has raised such heavenly warriors through the truth and Holy Spirit here in Subregion One. As such, we will become one with True Parents and absolutely achieve their will. Thank you. 



SERVING IN A PRECIOUS AREA

By Po-guk Hwang

co-regional president, FFWPU heavenly Korea

I would like to offer my congratulations to True Parents, who have prevailed in the turbulent seven-year course following the proclamation of Foundation Day. True Parents have blessed us as heavenly tribal messiahs even though we are unworthy, and they have bestowed on us the grace of becoming Cheonbo families through inheriting their victorious realm. I offer my heart-felt gratitude for this tremendous grace.

You have also appointed me as a joint regional group president of heavenly Korea, even though I'm not worthy of the post. This unimagined and undeserved grace from Heaven indeed honors my family. At the same time, I cannot help feeling what a heavy responsibility it is. I know there has never been an insignificant moment in the course of providential history, but you have given

me a chance to personally serve and work for you, True Mother, while you remain on earth.

Since now is a moment in time when we need to fulfill Heaven's will on earth, I am confident that miracles will be wrought when we become one with True Mother, the only begotten daughter and the Holy Spirit in substantial form on earth. By establishing the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, I will carry out my duties as the regional group president with firm determination.

Heavenly Gyeongwon Province is home to fourteen and a half million people, and it encompasses many large cities. Moreover, the capital city of Cheon Il Guk is there. Therefore, heavenly fortune is in constant convulsion in the area. I will guide its people toward True Parents' embrace by connecting them to this heavenly fortune and uniting FFWPU and other providential organizations. I will create a model of a national religion in which everyone is brought together as one in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

Heavenly Gyeongwon Province is also the borderland, in which the 155-mile- (250 km)-long DMZ is located—an area fraught with the anguish of our division. The monument honoring the veterans of the sixteen UN member nations that took part in the Korean War is there. We will serve as the driving force, leading the way to a heavenly, unified Korea. With life-or-death resolve. We will devote all our energies to living up to our principles in order to realize Heavenly Parent's dream and True Parents' wish at all costs. Dear True Parents, thank you. We will prevail. Aju! 



OUR FIRM RESOLVE

By Gyeong-deuk Yu

co-regional president, FFWPU heavenly Korea

My greetings to all leaders of the heavenly, unified world and blessed families!

I would like to first extend my deepest congratulations to Heavenly Parent and True Parents and heartfelt gratitude to True Mother, who is the substantial Holy Spirit and Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter, imbued with true love. I would also like to say thank you for victoriously completing the last seven-year course, for passing on everything to all humanity through induction into Cheonbowon and for embracing us all through Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

All FFWPU and UPF leaders of the heavenly Chungcheong nation will invest their all with a life-or-death resolution to absolutely restore regional group three of heavenly Korea. Instead of my inaugural address, I will therefore read out the resolutions of the heavenly Chungcheong nation.

First, all blessed families of the heavenly Chungcheong nation will absolutely attend True Parents, and in connection with the Cheonshimwon, we become one with and mobilize all absolute good spirits and ancestors. By 2022, all blessed families will accomplish hoondok family churches and will focus on witnessing to all the people through the Holy Spirit and with the truth. It is our resolve to have all blessed families become Cheonbo families and nurture all citizens of the heavenly Chungcheong nation into blessed families.

Second, under the slogan, "A heavenly, unified Korea! True families are our hope," the heavenly Chungcheong nation will form the six pillars of UPF [ISCP, IAPP, IAPD, IAAP, IMAP and IAED] to find the righteous people Heaven has prepared. We resolve to guide leaders of metropolitan cities to Heaven, expand the True Family Movement by hosting true family festivals and Blessing Ceremonies, and thereby open wide the era of a heavenly, unified Korea.

Third, the heavenly Chungcheong nation will become a training cradle of the hoyeong task force. Presently, scholarship recipients from across the world are studying in and living at Sun Moon University, Cheon Il Guk's national univer-

sity, together with CARP members, with those in Sun Moon UP Academy at the center. Students trained there will become catalysts in restoring all of heavenly Korea. Furthermore, we resolve to take the lead in raising leaders that can lead the work of realizing a heavenly, unified world.

I offer my sincerest gratitude and glory to True Mother for allowing today's precious appointment ceremony, and offer these resolutions instead of my inaugural address. Thank you. *TP*



WE MUST ACT OUT OF LOVE

By Sang-jae Lee

co-regional president, FFWPU heavenly Korea

I am Sang-jae Lee, blessed among the 30,000-couple group, who received an appointment as the president of Korea's sub-region 4 during the Cheonbo Festival victory celebration.

First of all, I would like to return glory, honor and gratitude to True Mother for entrusting me with such an important position, even though I am lacking in many ways. I was quite astounded at the sudden appointment, but after carefully reading and studying, ten times, the speech she gave at the victory celebration, I have come to understand, deep in my heart, Heavenly Parent's and True Mother's situation and heart.

I will value the advice that Cheonbo families and blessed families should unite with the FFWPU International Headquarters to restore many citizens of Cheon Il Guk as if their lives were my own. The church leaders and blessed families of heavenly Jeolla Province will take the lead in putting those words into practice and we will achieve success.

The purpose of knowing something lies in putting it into action, and the purpose of action lies in love. Therefore, if we testify to True Parents' true love and practice it, heavenly Jeolla Province will become a place filled with happy families. The gates of witnessing will open wide to usher in the settlement of a heavenly, unified world.

Additionally, Korea's twentieth presidential election will take place on March 9, 2022, after which the eighth local elections will take place on June 1. We will do our utmost to uphold our dignity as the leading nation by creating an environment for national restoration, so that the politicians who are thus elected to represent the nation will come to True Mother wishing for her to anoint them.

Beloved True Mother, I pray for your health and longevity. In return for the grace and love you have given me, I will work with a heart of hyojeong and be successful in my task. *TP*



MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

By Young-bae Park

co-regional president, FFWPU heavenly Korea

Most respected and precious Heavenly Parent, beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I offer you my sincere congratulations on the successful hosting of the Grand Cheonbo Festival and express my deepest gratitude for receiving this appointment as a joint regional group president of heavenly Korea.

For the past eight years, the providential course conducted by True Mother, who has been investing everything into it with life-or-death determination, has touched the hearts of many people worldwide. The induction of the 3,205

Cheonbo families into Heaven's genealogical record—families who are like flowers representing the victorious firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk—presented the way for humanity to take. Now, through these families inducted into the Cheonbowon, the Blessing Ceremony on the national level has come substantially closer.

True Parents' wish is to bring together all of humanity as one massive family that attends Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I will invest myself completely until all heavenly tribal messiahs (on the foundation of having inherited heavenly fortune and blessings) can help achieve national restoration and ultimately usher in such a day.

In complete alignment with the providential advance to bring about the firm establishment of a heavenly world and open the doors to a heavenly cosmos by 2027, I will do everything in my power to push and lead the heavenly Gyeongsang nation to achieve national restoration by 2022.

True Parents are the only hope for humanity, which is struggling in a swamp of despair amid Covid-19, while this nation is going through confusion from the breakdown of values. We will carry high the torch of hope. We will attend and serve Heavenly Parent within our families and with our lives, testify about True Parents, and create a heavenly Gyeongsang community.

The message of hope in the victory slogan of heavenly Gyeongsang citizens is echoing within our hearts: "When a person meets another person, the work of heaven will take place. When a person meets God, miracles will take place. When a person meets the substantial Holy Spirit, dreams will come true."

All citizens of the heavenly Gyeongsang nation offer their gratitude to True Mother for entrusting them with hope-engendering seven-year course, and we are confident that the heavenly Gyeongsang slogan for victory will be realized within True Mother's lifetime on earth. The heavenly Gyeongsang nation is completely united with the substantial Holy Spirit. We will absolutely become a church of influence and restore the heavenly Gyeongsang nation. *✧*



TO THE FRONT LINES!

By Sang-Il Bang

regional president, FFWPU heavenly Japan

Beloved True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! Respected leaders around the world! How are you? I am Sang-il Bang, newly appointed as the regional group president of heavenly Japan. I have been entrusted with the heavenly Japan regional group, which includes the mother nation, heavenly Japan, and the eldest-sister nation, heavenly Taiwan.

With motherly love and the filial piety of an eldest sister, the heavenly Japan regional group will become completely united, and we will create an environment for our second- and third-generation members to go forward with hope, as they are the foundation of a new era, new hope and a new future.

Just as True Mother shed blood, sweat and tears and succeeded in a great victory in her first seven-year course in this pitch-black-like world, the heavenly Japan regional group will follow her example, and with a life-or-death resolve, we will take the lead in the second seven-year course, shed our blood, sweat, and tears to absolutely bring about national restoration.

Despite bone-searing pain, True Mother opened the gates to heaven. To repay this tremendous grace we have received, I will do my utmost to help all our blessed families fulfill their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs and become registered in the Cheonbowon.

Witnessing is our destined task, which we must all fight to fulfill and absolutely be victorious in. Witnessing possesses the greatest value of giving new life. With this new realization, and based on True Mother's special directives, we will work to lay a foundation of ten thousand people through witnessing in each district, and witnessing to prominent figures that can move the nation.

Moreover, to support True Mother's wish to establish a heavenly Korea by 2022, heavenly Japan will not hold back any of its capabilities. The mother nation and the eldest-sister nation will stand on the front lines. We are resolved to be victorious in establishing a heavenly, unified world by 2027. Thank you, True Mother; I love you very much. Heavenly Japan will be victorious. 



A GATEWAY TO WORLD SALVATION

By Chung-sik Yong

regional president, North America

Our most beloved True Mother! Dear Cheon Il Guk Leaders! Greetings! First, with all my heart and sincerity, I offer deep gratitude of endless appreciation to our beloved Heavenly Parent and our victorious True Parents for entrusting me with the responsibility as regional president of North America. I am overwhelmed by the trust you bestowed on me, even though I am unworthy. My family and I are deeply grateful to our beloved True Mother for giving us this opportunity to serve and sacrifice in order to advance God's providence in America.

In the 1970's, our beloved True Parents left Korea and came to America as firefighters and doctors in order to solve the problems America was facing. Our True Parents went through unimaginable persecution, made untold sacrifices and offered their blood, sweat and tears to save America; through America they wanted to save the world.

True Parents' have emphasized repeatedly that America's blessings are not only for the sake of America but also for the sake of God's global providence. With the advent of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, initiated by our True Mother, that responsibility is just as significant today!

True Mother has set the goal of VISION 2027 to firmly establish a heavenly, unified world. True Mother shared her heart saying, "While I am alive on earth... at least one-third of the 7.7 billion people should know and attend Heavenly Parent in their daily lives." True Father is helping us from the spirit world and God's only begotten daughter is still living with us on earth. This is heaven's greatest treasure.

Beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders! Only by uniting with our beloved True Mother and working together can we firmly establish a heavenly, unified world! We will absolutely unite and bring victory for God and True Parents! Thank you very much! 



I WILL STRIVE TO SUCCEED

By Jean Pierre Kadima Mundadi

regional president, FFWPU heavenly Africa

Iwould like to give honor to our Heavenly Parent, honor and gratitude to our True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. I would like to thank, from the depths of my heart, True Mother, the only begotten daughter of our Heavenly Parent, for the choice she made in assigning me as regional group president of heavenly Africa.

I would like to recognize the great work and sacrifice of my elders, the special emissaries and special envoys. My particular gratitude goes to Rev. Bakary Camara for his hard work in heavenly Africa, and all brothers and sisters in heavenly Africa.

I'd never expected to receive such a great blessing from our beloved True Mother. This is the blessing of all Africa. I will work and try my best to fulfill my responsibilities, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, to bring victory, and substantiate the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk in heavenly Africa; to make 2027 the year of heavenly Africa, bringing one-third of Africa's population and uniting absolutely with our True Mother, and giving all of Africa to our True Mother, to our True Parents. Thank you very much. Cham Eomo nim, saranghamnida! 



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO CONTINUE ON

By Michael Balcomb

regional president, FFWPU heavenly Europe

Good morning everybody; many warm greetings from London. Not a green screen—the real thing! [He spoke in front of London's Tower Bridge]

Fumiko and I just want to say thank you: Thank you Heavenly Parent and thank you True Parents for the opportunity to serve another term in regional leadership here in Europe and the Middle East. We have a fantastic team of brothers and sisters, so dedicated and loyal, and we are committed to bringing this continent—these continents actually [EUME includes parts of Asia and Africa]—back to God and restoring at least one-third of the people to our Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Already we welcomed True Mother to Vienna in 2018 for the Peace Starts with Me Rally, and last year she came to Tirana, Albania, and declared it a heavenly nation. True Mother, please come back to Europe and liberate and free all the nations.

We will be ready! Kamsahamnida! 



SPREADING CHEON IL GUK

By Sang-seok Kim

regional president, FFWPU heavenly Central America

Thank you True Mother for enabling national restoration and going beyond that by opening the door to continental restoration and the firm realization of a heavenly, unified world. No one can be reborn and resurrected without going through True Parents.

After Foundation Day, True Mother open-heartedly traveled the world to embrace all humankind with her love. In that course, she gave new life to humanity through True Parents' lives and love.

Central America is the land where an early human civilization, the Mayan civilization, blossomed. The Catholic Church arrived there and spread throughout Central America and South America after the arrival of Columbus five hundred years ago. In the same manner, I am certain that Cheon Il Guk, the civilization of a heavenly, unified world centered on True Parents, will spread from Central America as the center of this revolution.

True Mother has dedicated everything to revealing the truth about Heaven's providence since Foundation Day in order to restore Heavenly Parent's original status. Through this victory, True Mother could widely open the gates to embark on achieving a heavenly, unified world.

Within Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, we will unite with absolute determination; and we will advance toward completing our missions of heavenly tribal messiahship and national restoration. Moreover, we will expand the

foundation of substantial home churches for Cheonbo families. Blessed families of the Central American region will become completely one with True Mother, and we will advance without stopping. We will fulfill our mission of national restoration and achieve a victorious Vision 2027 without fail. 



NEW CHALLENGES

By Dong-woo Kim

regional group president of South America

Cheon Il Guk leaders, how are you? I have been appointed to a new position.

First, I would like to offer my infinite gratitude and glory to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for allowing this inaugural ceremony with you, our Cheon Il Guk leaders around the globe, in attendance to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in spirit and body.

After True Father's holy ascension, True Mother embarked on a seven-year providential course, removing the curtain over our eyes and guiding us to possess the right mindset toward Heaven's providence. In a way, she was showing us that we could achieve the providence by uniting with her completely. Right now, our daily lives have completely collapsed due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, we are witnesses to Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' providence which has never paused or even missed a step.

The Bible says that you can move a mountain if you have the faith the size of a mustard seed (Matt. 17:20). In the era of Cheon Il Guk, the impossible becomes possible, and we can create something from nothing, when we unite with the only begotten daughter True Mother, the embodiment of Heavenly Parent's holy spirit, with absolute faith.

South America is the land where True Parents offered endless devotion, subjugated Satan, and declared the establishment of hoondokhae. It is also the place where they educated the world's blessed family members to build ideal families.

With a desperate heart, True Mother has reorganized [the leadership] in South America for a successful 2027 providence. At this new beginning, I will trust Heavenly Parent and True Father to work on this continent, and we will build a foundation for the settlement of a heavenly, unified world.

I promise absolutely to achieve national and continental restoration by restoring one-third of the continent's nations by the sixtieth anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Day. Under the joint efforts of all three generations, heavenly Latin America will lay a foundation upon which to build an eternal Cheon Il Guk, and I will invest everything I have and my life for the sake of a South America that fulfills Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' dream. Thank you. 



I AM HONORED BY YOUR TRUST

By Demian Dunkley

regional group president, heavenly Asia Pacific One

Dear True Mother,
We feel your desperate heart to liberate all of humanity and bring everyone home to our Heavenly Parent's bosom. It has been an honor to serve here in America with our precious blessed families under the great leadership of Dr. Ki-hoon Kim. Thank you for blessing us with that experience.

Our family is now deeply humbled that our precious True Mother would

trust us with such a great mission in Asia. We are inspired by all of the incredible victories that have occurred there under the leadership of Dr. Chung-sik Yong centering on our True Parents. We are excited to learn and to help build upon those great foundations.

We are in a hurry to meet the precious blessed families and work hard to advance God's providence. We will work also with Rev. Masaichi Hori so as to help connect the world even more closely to True Parents' victories in all of Asia with the hope that we can welcome our beloved True Mother back to the Asia region very soon!

We also want to congratulate all the newly appointed leaders in your new mission areas. This is an exciting time!

True Mother, you are raising us all and guiding us all with such a clear vision, determination and a deep heart to reach all of God's children. We are totally united with you True Mother. And we will work hard in the field to cultivate all of True Parents' victorious fruits and bring those fruits back to you.

True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, you are the most precious gift from Heaven to all humankind. You led us to victory with vision 2020, we will now run forward enthusiastically to 2027 and beyond. Thank you, True Mother; we are with you! 



SO ALL ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

By Hori Masaichi

regional group president of heavenly Asia Pacific Two

Most honorable True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, esteemed Cheon Il Guk leaders and beloved brothers and sisters, my fellow members, greetings.

I am Hori Masaichi, who has been appointed by the heavenly command of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the regional group president of Asia-Pacific Two.

I came to study in Korea when I was twelve years old. Whenever True Parents saw children like me, they encouraged us with the words, "You are not the citizens of Japan but the citizens of heaven," and rightly ingrained in us our identity as second and third generations.

I now firmly resolve to nurture my brothers and sisters, the second- or third-generation members from Asia, to become a new people who follow the traditions of True Parents with Heavenly Parent at their center, in order to establish them as hyojeongrang, the leading figures for the cosmic restoration of Canaan.

There is much hidden potential in the Asia Pacific region. What Heaven expects of us in carrying out witnessing is to create citizens of heaven. I will steer the culture of our church toward the direction of carrying out individual witnessing, making the family happy, and furthermore, organizing a community that illuminates the local society, thereby creating many new Cheonbo registered families, that is, citizens of the heavenly kingdom.

The Asia Pacific Two region includes most of the ocean and islands in the Pacific, including the Philippines, Indonesia and Oceania.

Much of the efforts made in the mission field by my predecessor, Dr. Yong, as well as Rev. Song, who served as the chair of the Japanese church, among others, have already been brought to fruition. Solidarity already exists between the foundation of prominent citizens and providential leaders.

We will not only contribute toward the creation of the heavenly Pacific Rim civilization in 2027, but we will also play a significant role in whatever way we can in launching a heavenly, unified Korea in 2022. I will guide Asia to stand in line with True Parents and lead the way in fulfilling the mission of the restoration of Canaan. Dear True Parents, we will live up to your expectations. I love you. Thank you. 

A Home as the Center of Ministry

The writers have made interfaith interaction a defining aspect of their personal lifestyle. In the testimony below, they have indicated the sections that each wrote.

By David and Patricia Earle

David: We were living in New Jersey, where David was working for Il Hwa. The work was not interesting, but there was the opportunity to hear Father speak at Belvedere on many weekends, which was wonderful. Patricia looked after our three small daughters and did a lot of Home Church activity, continuously. Patricia's father came to visit us twice and was very inspired to meet all our friends in the local community, resulting from this Home Church activity. Through this, he changed his perception of our movement, which was the foundation for him to buy a house for us when we moved back to Europe.

We were planning to stay in America and were granted a Green Card [a Lawful Permanent Resident Card] in early 1991, after receiving Labor Certification and Immigration Status. However, on hearing Father speak at Belvedere in July 1991, asking everyone to go to their hometown, we felt a deep calling from God, and gave up the Green Card to begin a new phase of our life. We arrived back in Birmingham, United Kingdom, with three small children, our dreams and not much else!

Why Interfaith?

This is not easy to answer, as a number of factors were involved. One is David's experience when joining; he was so inspired by the universal aspect of salvation, based on God's heart and the desire to have all people return to God's embrace. Another is that we both have a natural curiosity; we want to get to know people who are different from us. Another is the unique nature of Birmingham, where that curiosity can find its full expression in a city that is probably one of the most diverse in the world, considering its small size of just over one million people.

Another is the unique institution where David's parents worked in Birmingham for twenty years, the Selly Oak Colleges. Initially a federation of Christian colleges, Quaker, Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, etc, in the 1970s it added on a Black and White Christian Partnership, then a Jewish-Christian Study Centre and then a Muslim-Christian Department. Students came there from the four corners of the earth to study and then go back home with a qualification. We were able to stay in one of the International Student Houses when we first arrived back from America in November 1991 and

made friends from all over the world very quickly.

Patricia: Two people in the Selly Oak Colleges pioneered Interfaith work, an Anglican priest and a Catholic sister. The Catholic sister persuaded the Birmingham City Council to fund a new Multi-faith Center, where people could go to learn about world religions. David attended their course, and then Patricia after him. Through this, we got to know people and faith leaders from all the major religious traditions.

In addition, Patricia was able to work in one of the colleges, helping to arrange a Women of Faith Day on a regular basis. This exposure gave us great confidence and was a foundation for all the interfaith work that we have been involved in during the last thirty years. In particular, Patricia's Women's Peace Meeting played a major role, beginning with three women, and being ecumenical—Christian and then developing into an interfaith group as women brought their friends, and women of different faiths found a safe-space in which to learn, and to share openly—particularly Asian women and Muslim women. The meetings are now roughly one-third Christian, one-

third Muslim, and one-third other faiths and no faith.

Many difficulties arose

We can list a few of the main ones. To be accepted, or to relate normally, to many Christian people, particularly in mainstream Christianity, especially middle-aged and older Christians, who had a lot of negative feelings toward our movement was difficult. This impacted on our Interfaith work, because it was often Christians who initiated and directed Interfaith activities and organizations.

The Women's Peace Meeting helped many Christian women to change their concepts about us. Also, Patricia was asked to help organize Women of Faith events at one of the Selly Oak Colleges, the College of the Ascension. Women from non-Christian faiths, who helped to organize these events, testified to the Christian woman organizers, who then changed!

David: Many of our own FFWPU members thought what we were doing was "strange," and that it was "not witnessing." We could not offer the results of our efforts vertically and often felt lonely and isolated. Fortunately, we always had the backing and support of the UK national leaders, who were more enlightened. We kept each other going as a couple; we had experiences with God all along the way to help us, and we were genuinely inspired by the many good people we met in different faith communities.

A constant, daily challenge was trying to find a balance between raising a family of four young children, and our public life. When our children were small, they would happily join in with many of our public activities, but in their teenage years they needed their own space, time for studies, etc., and this was not always available, as many of the public meetings took place in our home.

For many years, the Birmingham City Council had regarded us as an extremist organization, so we were not allowed to use Council property or facilities. Through appointing over four hundred ambassadors for peace, and with the support of several prominent people in the



The Blessing Ceremony is for all of God's children; displaying the symbols of other faiths is a way of expressing that and warmly welcoming personal friends of other faiths.

Asian community, we were able to turn this situation around in 2006. We invited Bishop Riah, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East Diocese, to speak in Birmingham. He was hosted by the city's Lord Mayor [the title for the mayor of major UK cities] and the rest is history. We also invited a number of other people from the Holy Land to visit and speak in Birmingham, and this significantly enhanced our reputation. All of this came on the foundation of taking many Interfaith groups of people from Birmingham to the Holy Land to join the Middle East Peace Initiatives, between 2003 and 2008.

Anxiety within the group

Patricia: Although the Women's Peace Group developed rapidly from 1993 onward, there were often tensions within the group's meetings, particularly when we discussed controversial topics. After the September 11, 2001 attacks in the US, strong forces were trying to separate us, but the depth of the friendships we had developed and our commitment to peace enabled us to overcome these. We continued on together even more strongly united.

One further problem was the

ever-increasing number of friends and contacts, particularly in the Women's Peace Group, and how to be consistent in keeping in touch with everyone. The recent developments in social media and technology, particularly WhatsApp, have made this much easier. We have had to reduce the number of Women's Peace Meetings in the last few years, to five or six per year, as the average number of women attending became more than a hundred to a hundred and twenty.

During the Bosnian War of the early 1990s, WFWP Europe held a forty-day prayer condition, praying for women and children caught up in the conflict. Those from a different European nation would host the prayer every day. When it was the UK's turn, Patricia gathered several woman friends together to pray. It was felt that the prayer improved the prospects for peace, so three women agreed to continue to meet on a regular basis, on the 21st of each month. They were Sister Phyllis from a local convent, Julia McHugh from the Catholic Church and Lola Kundhakar from Bangladesh. Other women began to join the meeting, and the Women's Peace Group, and Women's Peace Meeting, were born.



A view of the Al Mahdi Institute in Birmingham, belonging to a Shia community. We had an interfaith service there to remember those who died in the New Zealand and Sri Lanka bombings.

The main format and blessing activities

All those attending very briefly introduced themselves. The guest speaker presented for twenty to thirty minutes. We then had questions and answers, an open discussion or sharing. We then allowed time for donations towards the speakers' work. A quiet time of prayer and reflection followed. We then had a musical offering. We ended with refreshments and networking.

With time, we felt that some of the women from a Christian background might like to study aspects of the Divine Principle, together with other people we were witnessing to. We invited people individually for an evening program and made clear that this was under FFWPU, not WFWP, in order that people didn't feel that we were using WFWP as a means to proselytize.

We called the evening program our Family Evening. We presented the Principle fairly systematically, but in such a way that new guests could join in as necessary. We have tried to make the evening interactive, up-to-date in terms of bringing current affairs into the presentations, and relevant to the circumstances and

needs of the individuals in the audience.

David: When we began holding a public Blessing Ceremonies on a regular basis, around 2009, we called it the Interfaith Peace Blessing and held it under the banner of UPF and FFWPU. We tried to give as much education as possible before the Blessing, either to individual couples or to invited guests at a Family Evening that was focused on the Blessing rather than straight Divine Principle.

At the Interfaith Peace Blessing, couples would be asked for a donation and most couples were happy to offer this. Although many individuals and couples came to the Blessing via the WFWP Women's Peace Meeting, again they were very clear that the Blessing was a UPF--FFWPU event. We have always held the Interfaith Peace Blessing in a public venue, apart from 2019 when we began to hold the event in our home, in a simpler way, as part of an evening program. We began around 2009, holding the Blessing in an independent, black-led Christian Church where Patricia and I had been Trustees for several years.

The then European president, Yeon-cheon Song, obtained permission from True Parents for us to

officiate at the Blessing Ceremony. In subsequent years, we held it in a Christian-run conference center, a Hindu Temple, a Unitarian Church and an Anglican Church. We also gave the Blessing to specific religious or cultural communities, in a Mosque to a Shia Muslim community, in a Hindu Temple to a Gujarati community and in an Anglican Church to an Eritrean Orthodox community.

Character education

We have not been presenting Character Education consistently, rather we have been looking for opportunities to introduce it into specific situations, to communities in which we have a connection with a person in a position of responsibility, a teacher, religious leader or community leader. David gave a presentation to around a hundred high school students, during a seminar at the University of Birmingham, where the Lord Mayor and the Police Crime Commissioner also spoke. A leader from the Rwandan community organized an afternoon seminar for their teenagers and parents. David gave a presentation, together with two Rwandan Christian ministers. The Rwandan High Commissioner came from London to support the event. Currently, we are partnering with two other organizations to present a series of five one-hour online seminars for teenagers, every Saturday afternoon for the next five weeks. David will give two presentations, one called "My Place in Society, My Place in the World" and the other, "Becoming a Peace-Maker: How to Resolve Conflict."

Blessing education

We have presented Blessing education since 2009, always in the one or two months leading up to a public Interfaith Peace Blessing, which we have held at least once a year between 2009 and 2019. We have used a basic PowerPoint presentation, developed here in the UK, and have adapted it for an interfaith audience, particularly an audience including Muslim couples, since Birmingham is fast approaching twenty-five percent of the population being Muslim. We mention a possible forty-day period, and a holy honeymoon, but do not go into details publicly, because in our



David Earle wrote about his family's outreach efforts in our September 2018 issue, which is available on the PeaceTV website.

experience, we have to do this with individual couples after the Blessing Ceremony.

Divine Principle education

Patricia: Since 2009 or 2010, we have tried to give consistent Principle Education at our Family Evenings, every week or every second week. We try to go systematically through the Divine Principle. Patricia has kept a record of who attends each program and what they have studied. Obviously, it is not always possible for everyone to attend consistently, as people have busy lives and often children to take care of. However, sometimes mothers are inspired by the teaching, and then start to bring their children with them.

The style of teaching we have developed has certain elements. We try to make it as inclusive as possible, as often a variety of people are attending. We try to make it relevant to people's day-to-day lives, to show that the Principle can help us with everyday problems and relationships. We try to make it relevant to what is happening in our world, to current affairs. We try to emphasize that by becoming a good person individually and by developing a good family, we are already making a significant

contribution to peace. We try to make it relevant to the specific people attending, which means getting to know them well, their character, their jobs, their family, etc. We try to make it interactive, within reason, sometimes asking questions during the presentations, to keep the evening dynamic. In this way, although the essential content of the Principle is always the same, it is always different, even if people have heard it before. When people qualify as new members, we encourage them to continue to attend the evenings programs, to support others who are hearing the Principle for first time and to gain a deeper understanding for themselves.

Regarding new people, we consider on a case-by-case basis if they can join an existing program based on how far we are into the program, etc. If an existing program is not appropriate for new people to join, we try to find enough people to begin a new series of presentations. Generally speaking, anywhere from ten to thirty people might be studying at any one time.

Teaching materials

David: We use the standard two-day and seven-day workshop PowerPoint slides for sharing the Principle (we call them Principles of Peace) but we will add in additional material from time to time to keep them up to date. We use a standard Blessing Preparation PowerPoint slide presentation for blessing preparation, which European members developed, again adding in extra material, for example, for a Muslim audience or to show the Interfaith Peace Blessing.

In other parts of the world, we sometimes show videos, which illustrate specific aspects of the Principle, followed by discussions.

- a) "The Imam and the Pastor" (on overcoming enmity between Muslims and Christians in Nigeria)
- b) "Beyond Forgiving" (on forgiveness between black and white people in post-Apartheid South Africa)
- c) Various Religious Youth Service videos (Interfaith Cooperation and Living for the Sake of Others)
- d) The Middle East Peace Initiative

video (Interfaith Cooperation in the Holy Land, Israeli-Palestinian, Muslim-Jewish reconciliation)

- e) Ambassadors for Peace video
- f) Assembly of the World Religions 1990 video (Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony)

Worship

- a) We have our own local FFWPU Family Church where our Birmingham/Midlands community worships
- b) We have been trying to pioneer an interfaith worship service for the last three or four years. This has been either in our home, when we have around fifty to seventy people, or in a bigger public venue when we have more. We have been given the use of the Prayer Hall in a Muslim Academic Institute, the Al Mahdi Institute, which can hold a hundred and eighty people. The last time we used this, in June 2019, Dr. Balcomb and Mrs. Balcomb came. We had around a hundred and fifty people from all faiths, and we focused on remembering all the Muslims and Christians who had died in the terrible shooting massacre in New Zealand and the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka earlier in the year. Dr. Balcomb spoke, as did a member of the European Parliament, the secretary of the Birmingham Council of Faiths and the institute's imam, among others.

Our gift

Patricia: In conclusion, we feel that all the things we have described are a beautiful gift which we have to offer to people, in particular the Blessing. However, they all need to be wrapped in love, unconditional love, to be the most effective. This requires service, taking care of people through consistent, small acts of kindness. We can all do this, but it needs time, effort and investment, which is not easy with the busy lives we all lead. For us, this is the essence of tribal messiahship, which brings all the other things alive, and allows people to discover the heart of God, our Heavenly Parent, and the heart of our True Parents. ☩

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