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Let Us Return to the Spirit of the Early Days

How can we build a church that is truly alive—united in spirit and in truth? How can we create an environment where [Divine Principle] presentations are given continuously each day, and where new people rejoice in hearing the Word and complete their journey to the Blessing? What must we do to transform our church into a living, breathing community filled with vitality?

Can we become a church that welcomes and raises many new members without becoming fixated on numbers? Beyond that, True Father's works are vast and far-reaching, and I have also been thinking deeply about how we can preserve

and develop them in accordance with Heaven's Will—while moving forward together as one.

The image of Rev. Eu Hyo-won in the early days of our church—lecturing from morning till night, barely eating, and pressing on despite physical hardship, driven by a fervent desire to save even one more soul—remains vivid in my memory. The fruits of his devotion became the 36 Blessed Couples, the 72 Blessed Couples—the very roots of the Unification Church.

The church must be a place where God's Word is shared ceaselessly. A congregation that only gathers for Sunday worship cannot truly be called a church. We must become a community that is



alive—breathing and active twenty-four hours a day. Every member should witness to at least one person each day and guide them to listen to the Word. Only then can we fulfill our goal.

To continually testify to True Father, to explain his accomplishments, and to reveal who he is—that is the very essence of witnessing. Into this work, I want to breathe love, heart, and the presence of the Holy Spirit and God's spirit.

Please continue to offer your guidance and support on how we can grow, doing our utmost even in the areas where we have fallen short until now. The church president will also step forward to take action, and I hope all of you will join in that effort. Let us work diligently together. We will provide strong support to the Witnessing Department, the Second-Generation Department, and CARP, with the goal of raising capable leaders and helping the second-generation members walk the right path.

In the early days of our church, when Father was still young, he personally led workshops—gathering young people during the summer tuna season in Boston to train them. In that same spirit, we will now place greater emphasis on second-generation and CARP activities. If we are to play a role in helping the world, we must raise many capable individuals and send them out into the world. This means we should witness, doesn't it? We cannot remain where we are.

Numbers are no longer the important thing; what truly matters now is witnessing to new people.

Within the next two to three years, we must accomplish something miraculous—something we can present to the world and offer before Heaven.



Just last night, I lay down at 11:00 PM, only to wake at 1:00 AM, unable to sleep. This happens every night. It is incredible how urgent each day feels. Now that I'm 70, can I remain healthy for another 20 years? Life doesn't always go as you plan. Unexpected events can make things difficult—and that only heightens one's anxiousness. There are still so many things that must be put in order.

Do you remember the two things I resolved to accomplish when I met Father at the age of 17? I have fulfilled them both. Even in circumstances beyond what you can imagine, I overcame every obstacle and accomplished everything.

Don't just talk about a life-or-death resolution—live by it. You often speak of putting faith into practice, don't you? Please show this now through real results. 

This message is an edited excerpt from True Mother's message during a special gathering in celebration of the Chuseok holiday, hosted by True Parents at Cheon Jeong Gung on September 30, 2012 (8.15 by the heavenly calendar).

2025 Autumn Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works

A Global Festival of Grace with 120,000 Participants from 143 Countries

The “2025 Autumn Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works” was held in grand style at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center from October 24 to 26, 2025. A total of over 120,000 participants from 143 countries around the world registered for this precious occasion of sharing filial love and grace. The main programs were simultaneously interpreted on site and broadcast in eight languages—Korean, Japanese, English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Portuguese, and Thai—enabling members from across the globe to participate together.

Day Two — Ancestor Blessing Ceremony and the Grace of Chanyang

On the second day, the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony was held at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace (the training center's main building), with FFWPU Heavenly Japan President Tomihiro Tanaka and his wife and Heavenly Japan Cheonshim Won Branch President Lee Beom-seok and his wife attending in person. Participants offered prayers for the liberation and Blessing of their ancestors. Along with the nine

chanyang sessions conducted over the three days of the Great Works, a relay of unison prayers was held in the special prayer room for eight hours each day. Attendees devoted their hearts in prayer for their nations, churches, families, and the younger generations, offering their devotions to Heavenly Parent. Meanwhile, counseling and ansu services were provided at the Family Counseling Center and the Cheonshim Won Ansu Center. A total of 551 participants received counseling, and 1,520 received ansu. In addition, 970 participants were assessed for central spirits, and 31 follow-up counseling





① The Great Works Opening Ceremony ② The Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing lead praise songs with the spirituality trainees ③ Cheonshim Won President Lee Giseong and his wife cut the cake at the Ancestor Blessing Ceremony ④ Members releasing the tension in their bodies at the meditation prayer session

sessions were conducted, allowing many members to experience healing and grace.

The Joy of Hyojeong: Cultural and Experiential Programs

During the Great Works, a variety of cultural and experiential programs complemented the devotional aspect of the event. In the lead-up, interest was sparked through a Webtoon event and a dedicated webpage. On-site, more than 800 participants enjoyed the Caricature (portrait) event and the Life Photo Booth, which both created joyful and lasting memories.

The 10th Tree of Love Busking was held in front of a digital backdrop of the Cheongpa-dong Original Headquarters Church, and featured performances prepared by the HJ CheonBo Training Center, Cheonshim Won and workshop participants, offering messages of true love through music.

The Meditation Prayer program took place in the 5th-floor auditorium of the Chinhwa Education Center, drawing around 150 participants. After relaxing their bodies and minds, members shared heartfelt messages of love with the heart of Heavenly Parent, exchanging deep inspiration and connection.

A special "Prayer Meeting for College Entrance Examinees and Job Seekers" was also held, with

simultaneous interpretation in eight languages. It was a meaningful moment where members offered the hopes and aspirations of our younger generation members before Heaven.

The Cheonshim Spiritual Academy offered family-oriented programs at the Cheonshim Craft Room, the Hyojeong Kids Café, the Cheonshim Glamping Site, and through its fundraising booths, providing participants many ways to experience the love of True Parents and the culture of Hyojeong. Around Buheung Plaza, multicultural food booths were hosted by youth groups, churches, and providential organizations, including the Sun Moon University International Student Association, Ansan Church, Cheonseungdae Church, the Thai Mission Society, Cheonshim Spiritual Academy, and Hyojeong Traditional Farm. The various types of international cuisine they shared created a joyful occasion for harmony and fellowship.

Additional programs included a Holy Ground Stamp Tour and a VR family game booth, allowing families to enjoy special moments together amid the natural beauty of Hyojeong Cheonwon. Ilhwa and the Hanju Group provided promotional booths and discounts for members' convenience, while HJ Magnolia International Hospital operated a health check-up station to support the well-being of the participants. Exploration programs also connected key attractions across

the Cheonwon complex—including the Gapyeong Cruise, Begonia Bird Garden, Heaven G Burger, the Magnolia Plaza's Seen-B Zoo and Aqua Garden—offering participants memorable experiences of joy and healing.

In the Footsteps of True Parents: A Journey to Embody Heaven's Will

During the Great Works, numerous members made pilgrimages to Cheon Jeong Gung and Cheon Won Gung, a chance to reflect deeply on the life and achievements of True Parents. As they toured these sacred sites, participants viewed exhibitions and video presentations highlighting True Parents' lives and accomplishments.

At Cheon Jeong Gung, they paid their respects at Bonhyang Won and explored exhibitions and videos presenting True Parents' providential history and peace initiatives. They then continued to the Cheon Won Gung Video Education Center to study True Parents' providential work and ministry further, followed by prayers at the Cheonil Sanctum. While viewing the Cheonil Seonghwa artworks exhibited in the Sanctum, members once again reflected on and felt the depth of True Parents' sacrifice and love.

Keiko Kawamura, a member of Adachi Church in the Northeast Tokyo District, said: "Through this pilgrimage,



① Members praying in the Cheonil Sanctum ② FFWPU-Heavenly Korea President Song Yong-cheon delivering his message ③ Members listening to Rev. Song's message

I was able to deeply reflect once again on the mission and responsibility entrusted to Japan. I am determined to follow the path True Parents have walked and respond through my own actions."

Worldwide Members Gather for the Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Global Joint Worship

On the final day of the Great Works, October 26, the "2025 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Global Joint Worship" was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center and broadcast online, bringing together more than 100,000 participants worldwide. True Family members, heads of providential organizations, Cheon Il Guk leaders, and members from around the globe joined the service, which began with a Hyojeong Cheonbo chanyang session. The Cheonshim Choir offered the preparatory song, "Song of the Young People," uplifting the spiritual atmosphere. FFWPU Heavenly Korea Vice President Kim Dong-yeon shared his heartfelt reflection, saying, "The sincere devotions of members worldwide have surely reached True Mother," and expressed his hope that this worship would become a

ceremonial marker for a new beginning.

In his prayer, World Mission Headquarters Director-General Doo Seung-yeon entreated that we all may walk the path of harmony and peace within Heavenly Parent's love, saying, "May our every word and deed become an instrument to realize Heaven's Will, as we model the life of love, sacrifice, and devotion shown by True Parents."

After a powerful hyojeong praise performance of "I Will Praise with My Life," Heavenly Japan CARP President Kenryu Kageyama presented a report on the activities of the second-generation outreach team, N.A.B.I. He noted, "Many second-generation youth are discovering joy and happiness through their life of faith, and N.A.B.I.'s mission is to bring their voices to the world. The courage and passion they show on the streets are sending waves of positivity throughout society."

FFWPU Heavenly Korea President Dr. Song Yong-cheon delivered a message titled "Opening This Era with Our Absolute Heartfelt Obedience." He offered gratitude and glory to Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, emphasizing that this joint worship served as a meaningful moment that united the faith of members around the world.

Reading from John 14:27 and sharing True Mother's words, President

Song spoke about her life of absolute heartfelt obedience to Heavenly Parent. He noted, "Absolute heartfelt obedience is not simply a rule to follow—it is the essence of faith to be lived out in our daily lives, the life-giving path through which Heaven's Will is fulfilled." He urged all members to become the people who open a new era by rising above every trial.

As practical steps of faith, he emphasized: 1) Prayer and devotions that move Heaven; 2) A life that bears witness to the Word; and 3) Love and unity within the community. He concluded, "When members around the world unite in heart and purpose, we can hasten Heaven's victory."

In the final part of the service, the Cheonshim Choir offered the hymn "We Will Achieve It," expressing their resolve to testify to True Mother before the world with one heart and one will.

In his benediction, President Song prayed, "True Mother always feels the love of her children before anything else, and her tears become earnest prayers that move the heart of Heaven." He prayed that all members would rebuild bonds of true love as brothers and sisters, and then concluded by offering this blessing: "Let us stand firm as a community of pure true love and boldly testify to Heaven's truth as true sons and daughters." 

Experiencing the Love of Heavenly Parent —A Pilgrimage with our Five Children

The Family of Jung Min-kyu & Kim Eun-mi

Jung Min-kyu and Kim Eun-mi, members of Gwangju Grand Church in the Gwangju–Jeonnam–Jeju District, received the Blessing in 2013 and are now raising five second-generation children and guiding them in their life of faith. During the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon Jeong Gung Holy Ground Pilgrimage, their entire family participated together, and their hearts were deeply moved as they directly experienced the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

During the Special Cheon Jeong Gung and Cheon Won Gung Holy Ground Pilgrimages, held as part of the 2025 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works, our editorial team met with this blessed couple to hear about their journey of faith and their family's experiences.

First Holy Ground Pilgrimage as a Family

“This was our first time making a pilgrimage as a family. For a long time we have been hoping to visit both Cheon Jeong Gung and Cheon Won Gung, but for various reasons we had never been able to. This morning we visited Cheon Jeong Gung, and in the afternoon, Cheon Won Gung. While paying our respects and offering prayer at Bonhyang Won, True Father’s resting place, the sunlight suddenly broke through the clouds and shone brightly. At that moment, it felt as though Heavenly Parent was welcoming our family and delighted to see us visiting there.”

With a trembling voice, Jung Min-kyu recalled the moment. “Our children are still young, so it was difficult for them to stay fully focused. As I bowed at Bonhyang Won for the first time, the thought came naturally, ‘It has taken 13 years for me to offer my respects. True Father, I am truly sorry.’ At Cheon Jeong Gung, I was grateful to explain True Parents’ efforts and devotion to my children, and to talk to them about the Will that True Parents are seeking to pass on to the ensuing generations through this majestic and beautiful palace.”

With a warm, gentle smile—much like the clear weather that day—he continued,

“Seeing the grandeur of Cheon Jeong Gung and Cheon Won Gung, I believe our children also felt Heavenly Parent’s love. This day has become a new starting point in faith for our whole family.”

Our Heart for True Mother

Standing before Cheon Won Gung, Jung Min-kyu was overcome with deep emotion and longing for True Parents.



The family of Jung Min-kyu and Kim Eun-mi sharing reflections after their family pilgrimage to Cheon Won Gung

“For the 13 years since True Father’s Seonghwa, True Mother has poured out her entire heart and strength to offer this magnificent and beautiful Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum to Heaven. As I took it in, the question naturally arose within me: ‘What have we been doing during this time?’ It became a moment of sincere self-reflection.”

He described Cheon Won Gung as “the culmination of human history and the realization of Heavenly Parent’s dream.”

“While praying in this sacred place, I felt deeply that Heavenly Parent longs to embrace each son or daughter with a love that is utterly pure and spotless. True Mother, upholding Heaven’s Will, poured her whole heart and devotion into building this temple, which she dedicated, and then finally completed the Entrance Ceremony. Reflecting on that entire course, we were moved to contemplate how we should carry forward the Will that True Mother wishes to see fulfilled.”

He continued, “Heavenly Parent’s dream that True Mother seeks to realize—the establishment of substantial Cheon Il Guk families—is the very path we must follow. We will treasure this era we share with True Mother, gratefully inherit her heart and vision, and pass them on to our second-generation children.”

“I earnestly pray that our children will grow into proud Pure Waters, flowing into the world during True Mother’s time on earth, contributing to the fulfillment of Heavenly Parent’s dream and the unfolding of a new era in history. This pilgrimage has reaffirmed that commitment, and we sincerely pray for True Mother’s continuing good health and strength.” 

2025 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Global Joint Worship Sermon

Opening This Era with Our Absolute Heartfelt Obedience with 120,000 Participants from 143 Countries

Beloved and respected blessed families and members around the world. I am Song Yong-cheon, President of the Heavenly Korea Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

First, I would like to offer my deepest gratitude and glory to Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and

Humankind for granting us this precious opportunity to unite our hearts, transcending time and space. Today, from our respective locations on opposite sides of the globe, across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, we are gathered together through a single screen. Although our languages, cultures, and backgrounds may differ, we all have the same fervent love for True

Parents and our absolute faith in Heavenly Parent. Therefore, at this moment, we are firmly connected in a single realm of heart, transcending all barriers of time and space.

We are standing here at a crucial point where Heaven is pouring down tremendous grace. The "2025 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works," which opened with the first powerful morning chanyang session on Friday, November 24, is a crucible of grace that has been touching our hearts all the way through to the final day today. On Friday night we offered our earnest desires to Heaven through a tearful Cheonshim Won Special Night Vigil at the Peace World Center. We invested in strengthening our spiritual foundation through the ancestor liberation ceremony, hyojeong offering ceremony, and ancestor Blessing ceremony. Now we stand before Heaven on the foundation of this morning's chanyang session and ancestor liberation ceremony, united in one heart, transcending national borders, for this global joint worship service. It is my earnest hope that with our participation in the Autumn Great Works, we can all inherit heavenly fortune and share in the infinite blessings prepared for us by Heavenly Parent and Holy Mother Han, True Mother.

At this precious time, when our hearts are burning with passion, I would like to first read a passage from the Bible that can offer our hearts true comfort and solace. It is John 14:27,





① FFWPU-Heavenly Korea President Song Yong-cheon speaks to the members ② FFWPU-Heavenly Korea Vice President Kim Dong-yeon as the MC for the Joint Worship ③ World Mission Headquarters Director-General Doo Seung-yeon offers a prayer of gratitude ④ Heavenly Japan CARP President Kenryu Kageyama offering a hyojeong report ⑤ A hyojeong praise song by the Cheonshim Choir ⑥ Members offering prayers during the joint worship

which promises true peace amidst all the worries and fears of the world.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

Beloved and respected blessed families and members around the world,

Today, keeping in mind the message of this Bible passage and True Mother’s words, I would like to spend some precious time together contemplating the question of how to “Open This Era with Our Absolute Heartfelt Obedience” as posed in my sermon title.

Beloved brothers and sisters around the world,

The answer to this question can be found in a truly astonishing and profound place. The strength that sustains our Mother day by day does not come from worldly power or material abundance. Even in the

deepest, darkest depths of suffering, what brings a radiant smile to her face is the pure and innocent love sent by her young great-grandchildren. When she heard that one of the great-grandchildren, who was longing to see Wang Omma, had composed a song for her in the energetic Korean “trot” style, Mother’s face lit up as if all her pain had melted away. During her first phone call with the family since she entered the Seoul Detention Center, upon hearing the voices of her great-grandchildren, she beamed with child-like joy and exclaimed, “I am so happy today because I finally had a chance to talk to you on the phone!” Isn’t this the power of true love that the world can never take away? What better evidence could there be of hope that blossoms in the most despairing moments?

True Mother has always lived a life of absolute heartfelt obedience before Heaven. This is the very root

of our providence—the reason we are able to stand firm and unshaken today. Throughout the thorny path of her providential course, never once did True Mother utter the words, “I need to take a rest,” or “This is too difficult,” for her own sake. Her entire life has been devoted to a single purpose: to see the Will of our Heavenly Parent fulfilled on this earth. Truly, hers has been a great and noble life.

Brothers and sisters, now it is time for us to respond. We must respond to True Mother’s faith, which is based on absolute heartfelt obedience before Heavenly Parent and the pursuit of God’s Will by showing concrete action in our own lives. There is no longer any time to remain in sorrow or anger. Our tears must now become tears of determination, and that determination must lead to holy deeds and practices that will hasten Heaven’s victory. Let us once

again engrave deep within our hearts the words, "The greatest form of *jeongseong* is action." With renewed courage, let us open wide the hearts that once shrank before the eyes of the world, and step forward boldly to fulfill Heaven's calling.

As the first step in that journey of practical heartfelt obedience, in response to the earnest direction True Mother personally conveyed to me on October 4 from within her confinement with the words, "The Korean Headquarters must share the essence of the Family Federation with the entire nation," I embarked on a grand pilgrimage on October 19 across Korea, starting in Busan.

On this path, I am moving forward step by step with the conviction that "one person's faith can revive a church, and one church can save a nation." In every district I visit I meet each and every pastor one-on-one, without exception, either in person or online. This is the expression of my sincere belief that true renewal can be accomplished only on the frontlines of the providence, not from behind a desk. I listen deeply, with my heart, to the joys and sorrows of each pastor

and the challenges they face in their ministry.

This sacred 50-day course is not one for Korea alone. To our proud members who are here with us today from Japan and the US and everywhere else around the world, I want to say that we here in Korea are truly grateful for the strength we receive through your fervent prayers and heartfelt devotion.

Now is the time for the entire world to respond to True Mother's example of absolute sincere obedience to Heaven's Will. Our Heavenly Parent values a single step taken together by a hundred people far more than a hundred steps taken by just one. When each of us takes even one step of absolute heartfelt obedience from our own positions, these steps will come together to form a mighty forward march—transforming the world and hastening Heaven's victory.

Proud blessed families around the world,

Now we must ask ourselves: When we consider the immense weight of suffering that True Mother bears alone, have we truly been

faithful children—standing by her and sharing in that burden? At this moment, we must face the mirror that reflects the truth of our faith and our lives. We must deeply repent for our complacency and unresponsive hearts. We must move beyond the stage of self-reproach and undergo a sacred process of purification, uniting fully with True Mother's heart. True Mother's cross is our responsibility. Only when we engrave the meaning of her suffering in our hearts can we truly stand as one united community before Heaven.

However, dear brothers and sisters, these tears of repentance will not by any means be tears that drag us into despair. Instead, just as True Mother has declared, "Through this ordeal members around the world have united as one," our pain must serve as a crucible for greater unity than ever before. Yes, our tears must no longer be marks of defeat, but the dew of resolution that assures victory. And this resolution must be proven through the following three concrete actions.

The first is prayer and devotion that moves Heaven. When our ten





① The Cheonshim Choir offering a resolution praise song ② The members gathered for the joint worship

minutes of daily prayer offered at a set time becomes more than a repetition of words—when it becomes a time of devotion filled with our whole heart and soul—that prayer becomes a force that moves Heaven. This kind of earnest devotion becomes the power that mobilizes heavenly armies for True Mother, and for us, it becomes the courage to overcome the world. When our earnest hearts unite as one, the work of Heaven will truly begin.

The second is to testify to the Word through our lives. The “Principle of Creation and the Word” that True Mother has given us with such grace must now go beyond our lips and become the very fabric of our daily living. Practicing this even just ten minutes a day is a good start. Let us consciously live out the Word, even in that short time. As those ten minutes of daily practice accumulate, our families will begin to radiate the fragrance of peace, our neighbors will find comfort through us, and our workplaces will brighten through our presence—creating miracles. This is the living Word, and true witnessing that moves the hearts of the world. When the Word of truth spreads like a fragrance through our lives, the misunderstandings and

prejudices of the world will melt away like spring snow.

The third and final point is to become one through passionate love for our community. Let us reach out and take the hands of brothers and sisters when they are weary, and put our arms around the shoulders of our young people who are the hope of the future. When we embrace one another and stand firmly together upon a single solid rock, the world will no longer be able to disregard us. Beloved members! Let us now cast aside our sorrow and put on the armor of resolution. Our repentance is the torch that signals a new beginning, and our prayers are the trumpet sound of a march toward victory. Are you ready? Shall we boldly advance toward the new era of hope that True Mother is opening for us with one heart and one goal?

Beloved members! Each one of us must become an unwavering light that can illuminate this world. When all of these small and sacred lights come together, they will become a mighty torch that can dispel all the darkness of this age. That torch will not only illuminate our path, but will also be a beacon of salvation that can guide countless young souls who

are lost, who are wandering without direction back to the embrace of Heavenly Parent.

Brothers and sisters! The providence of True Parents is still alive, breathing, and advancing—and our Heavenly Parent is opening wide the gates of a new era through us!

Beloved family members! I believe your passionate voices have already brought Heaven’s victory to this earth. Today, we have stepped beyond our sorrow and have been gloriously reborn as victorious true children of Heaven.

May the great blessings of our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind be with you always as you pursue your sacred missions. I offer my deepest gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and our Holy Mother, True Mother, who have granted us all this grace.

Thank you. 

This is a summary of the speech given by Song Yong-cheon, President of the Heavenly Korea Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, on October 25, 2025 (9.6 HC, Cheon Il Guk year 13) at the Global Joint Worship held at the Hyojeong Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center during the 2025 Autumn Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works.

Interview with Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, Former President of FFWPU Korea

60 Years of Answering Heaven's Call

A 60-year journey walking alongside True Parents: Since joining the Unification Church in 1965, Dr. Joon-ho Seuk has stood on providential

frontlines, pioneering mission areas around the world—from the Vietnam War mission field to the United States, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, and China. Through this testimony of this

elder brother, True Peace Magazine traces the footsteps of former FFWPU president Dr. Seuk, who has served True Parents closely on the world stage for more than half a century.

Q. Can you say something about the family you grew up in?

“My father was the first person in Korea to receive a 10th-degree black belt in judo, and people called him the 'sage of judo.' He was a person of such intellect and character that he majored in law at a university in Japan during the Japanese colonial period. Even now, disciples from around the world visit my father's grave and shed tears—he was truly a respected teacher. Though he was strict as a martial artist, he was an infinitely affectionate husband and warm father to his family.

My mother served as a professor of English literature at Ewha Womans University. When I was about five years old, she went to the United States as an exchange professor, but soon after, the Korean War broke out and she couldn't return, so we were separated for four years. After the war ended we were finally able to reunite, and despite various difficulties, our family was peaceful and harmonious to the degree that we were envied by everyone in those days.

Then in 1954, my mother joined the Unification Church. She spent time at the church until late every night, and because of curfews that the Korean





True Mother and President Seuk Joon-ho at the rally held at the Great Hall of the People in China (29 May 1999)

government imposed during that time, there were many days she could not come home. My father couldn't understand this. Since the media at that time labeled the Unification Church as a 'heresy,' my father's opposition became even more fierce. The family conflict deepened, and eventually, one day my mother left home without saying a word."

Q. I would like to know about the circumstances under which you joined the church.

At that time, I was one of the top judo athletes in the nation, and my academic performance was also in the top tier. But one day, after a sudden injury, I came down with pleurisy. As a result, I ended up having to give up both sports and going to university. It was a time of despair when everything seemed to collapse in one moment.

I agonized over what life is and why we are alive, searching in books on philosophy and religion, but no matter how much

I searched, I couldn't find the answers. Then one day, a voice arose unexpectedly in my heart: 'Try just once to find out about the Unification Church.' Though I could not have given a reason, I felt a strong sense of conviction to do this.

The first teaching on the Principle that I heard there deeply moved me. I was amazed that the purpose of life and the Will of Heaven could be explained so clearly. After that, I devoted myself to studying the Word for three months, and eventually, even amid the severe opposition of my family and friends, I decided to join the Unification Church."

After joining, there were several opportunities to see True Parents up close.

"One day there was a witnessing team meeting. I wasn't a witnessing team member, but I sat quietly in the back to hear True Father's words. Then True Father looked in my direction and said, 'Joon-ho! Don't chew gum!' At that moment I was startled as I had never told True Father my name."

That day was the first time Father called him by name and spoke to him directly.

"Those words weren't simply a reprimand. It was a moment of deep and affectionate awakening, as if a loving father were quietly admonishing his son. The realization washed over me: 'Oh, Heavenly Parent has truly called me.'"

It seems True Father knew exactly when I would come.

"At that time, when True Father returned to Korea after completing the holy ground dedication tour around the world, I heard that he asked my mother for news of her sons. When my mother told him, 'It has been more than ten years since I left home, and I have not had any contact,' True Father said, 'The time has come for one of your sons to join.' When I later calculated the date, I found that those words coincided exactly with the time when I began listening to the Principle teachings."

Q. It seems you encountered many difficulties as you began your public mission.

After joining, my father began to oppose me. When I tried to go to church, Father would block the doorway, raising his voice. Even after I returned from three years of military service in the Vietnam War, he did not soften his stance. One day my stepmother said, 'When you're here, your father's blood pressure rises, so you should go.' So I told my father I would leave home. Then he asked to have lunch together. At the meal, my father wept. 'Your mother, whom I loved the most, left me, and now my beloved son is leaving me too.' Then, wiping away his tears, he said, 'Succeed!'"

That one word became my determination for my lifelong path of faith that lay ahead.

"In the eyes of the world, I may well have been an unfilial son, but I resolved to be victorious in the work for Heaven's Will, to help my father realize the value of True Parents, and



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to bring him to shed tears of joy. With that resolution, I left my home and began the path of my public mission."

In 1970, Dr. Seuk received the Blessing as part of the 777 Couples and embarked fully on the path of the public mission.

"Those were truly days when we had nothing. The Dongducheon Church where I was first assigned was a small house with a dirt floor. There was no wooden flooring, and the ceiling was stained with water marks spreading like a map from rain leaks."

Then one day, there was an unexpected visit.

"Just as I was about to go out witnessing, I heard the sound of footsteps outside. When I opened the door I found that True Father, who was touring Korea, had arrived in his jeep. Astonished, I invited him into the narrow room. Father looked up at the ceiling and asked, 'What's this?'

When I said, 'It's because the roof leaks when it rains,' he took money from his pocket and said, 'Please repair it.' I realized that True Parents are people who keep in mind even the smallest details, even the living conditions of one of their children. It was a small and poor church, but it was where I took my first steps on the path of true pastoral ministry."

Q. I understand that in the 1970s you went to America at True Parents' call. What was the American social atmosphere like at that time?

February 1972: The road to the United States in response to True Parents' call.

"In those days, American society mocked us by

calling us 'Moonies.' True Parents shook America through the 1974 Madison Square Garden rally, the 1976 Yankee Stadium rally, and the Washington Monument rally, but at the same time, fierce criticism poured out from the secular media, leftist forces, and some of the established churches."

Day after day, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* ran articles attacking the Unification Church. The impact affected not only local members but also the True Children.

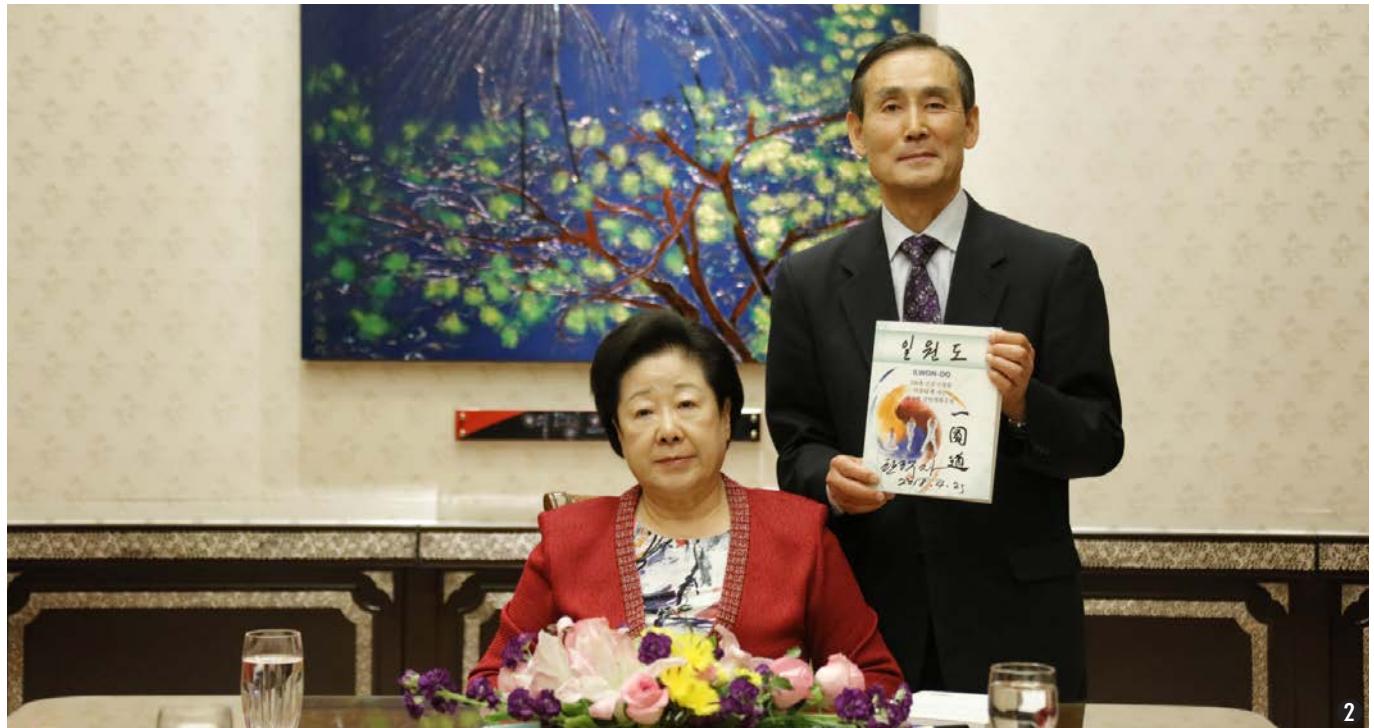
"I heard that Hyo-jin nim was also teased at school: 'Aren't you the Moonie son?' Hyo-jin nim could endure insults against himself, but he couldn't tolerate insults aimed at True Parents, so he ended up in a fight with that person. Yet only Hyo-jin nim was punished for the incident. When I heard that he cried all day in a corner of the schoolyard, my heart broke."

The heavy emotions of that time were difficult to bear.

"My eldest child was also spat upon by friends at school, and was called a 'Moonie.' As a parent, it pained me to think how hard it must have been to be so attacked and wounded like that at such a young age. When I was young, I had experienced pain due to my mother's connection to the Unification Church, and now my own children's hearts were being wounded in a similar way."

In those days, the moniker 'Moonie' wasn't simply a nickname but a social stigma.

"But we could endure because we believed in True Parents. What we heard more loudly than the voices of criticism were the tears True Parents shed for humanity. When I thought of those tears, I could receive with gratitude all the stones that the world threw at us."



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① Dr. Seuk with True Father in the US at East Garden (30 Dec 1999)

② Dr. Seuk with True Mother after dedicating the newly published Tong-II Moo-Do and Il-Won-Do guides (14 Apr 2018)

Q. You served for a long time as the Continental Messiah for the Northeast Continent. Could you explain the situation at that time?

True Parents named the vast region including Russia, China, and Mongolia the Northeast Continent. It was an enormous territory encompassing the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union, plus Mongolia, China, and North Korea.

"At that time, True Parents said to me, 'You are a Continental Messiah. The era of Continental Messiahs is coming.' That's how I was appointed as the last Continental Messiah."

In April 1990, True Parents visited the Soviet Union, held talks with President Mikhail Gorbachev, led the Moscow event to victory, and then traveled via Korea to the United States. From that time on, the US-Soviet student exchange project took shape.

"At first there were 300 students, but within a year it grew to 3,000. In those days, exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union were almost impossible. However, we were able to build 'bridges of peace.' This was because it was the heavenly path that True Parents had pioneered."

After that, Dr. Seuk's active mission work continued for a further 18 years, traveling back and forth between Russia, China, and Mongolia.

"In those days, you could go to prison just for possessing

a *Divine Principle* book. However, we knew about the spirit world. I was convinced that my hardships would certainly be recorded in the spirit world. So I didn't think of them as trials. Rather, those trials were rewards, joys that God bestowed on me."

There was one incident in 1999 that Dr. Seuk always remembers:

"I will always remember what happened in 1999, on the day before True Mother was scheduled to give a speech at the Great Hall of the People in China. True Mother, who had arrived in Beijing via Mongolia, was resting at the state guesthouse when an urgent message came at 9:00 PM: 'Tomorrow's speaking engagement by Dr. Han Hak-ja has been canceled.'"

The atmosphere became gloomy, and many members were discouraged, saying "the event has fallen through." Even so, they couldn't give up.

"I went to find the managing official in charge and knocked on his door late at night. At 11:00 PM, he opened the door in his pajamas. Until 3:00 AM I worked to persuade him. It wasn't just logic—I appealed while holding onto Heaven's heart. In the end, the next day True Mother took the stage at the Great Hall of the People as scheduled."

Mother's speech that day went into the record as a historic moment.

"After the rally concluded, all the dignitaries in attendance gave a thumbs up, saying, 'There has never been a more moving speech than this.' That day I realized: a desperate

heart moves the spirit world. And miracles always accompany devotion to fulfill Heaven's Will. If the Great Hall of the People speech had fallen through that day, the flow of providence afterward might have been different. That night I became certain: Absolute faith and devotion toward True Parents become the power to change an era."

Q. What has the 60-year journey of public mission meant to you?

In 2008, after returning to Korea at True Parents' call, Dr. Seuk served at the center of the providence as Vice President of the World Mission Headquarters and President of the Korean Church.

"In 2016, True Mother entrusted me with two chairmanship positions that she had been personally holding, saying, 'I'm entrusting this to you, Seuk Joon-ho.' I will never forget those words."

After that, Dr. Seuk served as Chair of the Global Foundation and Chair of the Sunmoon Educational Foundation, and took on central providential roles as Director of the Cheon Jae Won and as a Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council member.

"Then, in 2018, True Mother said, 'Seuk Joon-ho should now put down everything else and devote himself to the martial arts providence.' From that time, I have been walking the path of witnessing to the world through martial arts, which True Parents loved."

In his younger days, True Father had enjoyed wrestling and judo, and emphasized the harmony of mind and body through martial arts.

"I too believe that martial arts can become a tool for witnessing. Up to the present time, I have been traveling



Dr. Seuk during the interview

to various countries, devoting myself to the martial arts providence."

Before Dr. Seuk knew it, he had achieved 60 years of public life.

"I wanted to live without shame before Heaven. With that one heart, I have walked until now. So I have not a single regret."

Behind that was always the love of family who believed in him and understood.

"Living my whole life attending True Parents, there were many times when I was home less than 20 days a year. I was always sorry to my family, but even now, I am grateful to my family members who silently understood and stayed with me."

If I were to summarize my life in a single sentence, it has been a succession of gratitude and happiness.

"Looking back, nothing happened according to my will. Joining the Unification Church, working in America, Russia, China, and Mongolia—none of these were things I did because I wanted to. There was simply a call, and I only answered that. The fact that I lived in an era when I could directly attend the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, the Savior and Messiah of humanity—that alone has made my life an ongoing series of moments of gratitude and happiness."

Q. Finally, is there a message you would like to convey to blessed families?

Above all, what we need to have now is hope. I would like to express that hope in four ways."

The first is inheriting heart.

"The root of our church is heart—the heart of Heavenly Parent, the heart of True Parents. We must inherit that heart and practice the way of loyalty and filial piety."

The second is the realization of a respected religious order and ideal families through the Blessing.

"We must change first. We must become individuals, families, and a church that is respected by society."

The third is building a community of the culture of heart centered on harmony and unity.

"We must not separate but become one. We must establish a community overflowing with love and affection centered on True Parents."

The fourth is completion of the mission and responsibility of the Heavenly Tribal Messiah mission.

"If we fulfill our responsibility, Cheon Il Guk can be hastened. We must hold onto that hope and continue one-on-one witnessing. Witnessing is what gives us hope."

His voice was calm, but within it could be felt the still-burning passion of faith.

"The mission that Heavenly Parent and True Parents have given us is by no means small. However, if we do not let go of hope, the new era of Cheon Il Guk will certainly be accomplished by our hands." 

Interview with N.A.B.I Representative Kageyama Kenryu, Heavenly Japan CARP President

Tiny Flutter Can Change the World

On March 25, 2025, the Tokyo District Court issued a decision to petition for the dissolution order of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Japan. As Japanese members faced distressing difficulties due to this situation, activities centered on second-generation members emerged to protect religious freedom

and permit them to freely practice their faith. The second-generation members, called N.A.B.I (Next-generation Alliance of Belief and Intercession), began street campaigns throughout Tokyo from early May 2025, appealing for freedom of faith with sincere voices. TP Magazine met with N.A.B.I representative Kageyama Kenryu, Heavenly Japan CARP President, who

is standing at the center and leading these activities, to hear about his work and his vision.

The catalyst for this activity

My name is Kenryu Kageyama, and I serve as the representative of the second generation youth campaign N.A.B.I. I am a second generation member, and my parents were blessed in the 6,000 Couples Blessing in 1982. I received the Blessing in 2009, and now I live with my wife and three sons.

The catalyst for starting this activity was the decision issued by the Tokyo District Court on March 25 this year to petition for the dissolution order of the Family Federation. After hearing of that decision, the realistic problem of “the church really could be dissolved” loomed large before us.

Until then, we had prayed with a vague sense of relief thinking “surely it won’t actually be dissolved, Heavenly Parent will protect us,” but when we confirmed the court’s ruling, the fear washed over us that it really could be dissolved. If the church is dissolved, we cannot use church buildings, staff members will lose their jobs, and the foundation of families’ livelihoods will collapse. That damage will extend not only to our brothers and sisters but also to our children in the future.

When I thought about this reality, I simply could not remain still. We started with a desperate heart thinking “we must stop this somehow.”





Personally, the existence of my three sons weighed most heavily on me. I have children in the first and third grades of elementary school, and one who is barely one year old. If the church were dissolved, I thought that even the future of the third generation could be taken away.

When I look around now, there are still many second and third generation members who cannot make it to church. I want to create a church to which these sons and daughters can return. I want to be a source of hope for second generation members who share the same pain I experienced. I want them to feel that "this church has a future; there is hope." That is why I'm working so hard with N.A.B.I activities.

Second generation, raising their voices in the streets

We second-generation members are going out into the streets and conducting campaign activities to protect religious freedom. And it doesn't end just on the streets. We post these videos on social media – X, YouTube, Instagram – with the purpose of "spreading the voices of our second generation to the world."

One day while at the bathhouse with my son, he asked me, "Dad, what did you want to be when you were small?" So I said, "I wanted to be an astronaut or a soccer player."

And then my son said this: "There's something even more amazing than an astronaut or soccer player. Do you know what it is?" I said, "I'm not sure. What is it?"

My son said, "It's telling people about God." His eyes sparkled as he said, "Sharing God with someone is the coolest thing."

Hearing those words, I wept, right there in the bathhouse. My son had been watching me serving as a church leader

and now campaigning with N.A.B.I activities. Because he's proud of his hardworking dad, he says at school, "My dad is the best in the world." I want to always be respected by my son and be a dad he can be proud of. Also, I want him to not regret being born as a Family Federation third generation member. Rather, I want him to be able to say, "I'm happy to have been born as a third generation blessed child."

Of course, there were challenging moments at first. No matter how passionately we called out our message, no one on the street listened; everyone just passed by. Seeing that was disheartening. I thought, "Is there meaning in doing this? Isn't it just meaningless?" And when I looked at the internet, I encountered malicious comments and negative voices.

"It's just self-satisfaction." "It's meaningless." "Nobody listens anyway." Hearing these words was the most painful part.

Lost connections and miraculous reunions

Not long ago, I conducted campaign activities in front of Shibuya Station. We also conducted signature-gathering activities to prevent dissolution, and since Shibuya Station is such a crowded place, it takes great courage to campaign there. That day we continued campaigning with university student members until 7:00 PM, and everyone was very exhausted. Then a young man approached me and asked, "Do you remember me?" I thought he was a strange person, so at first I answered that I didn't know him, but it turned out that the young man was my closest friend from middle school.

That friend had taught me how to study and helped me get into high school and university - literally like a benefactor in my life. However, when I entered university and became

busy with CARP activities, we naturally lost contact, and we hadn't met for 20 years. But that friend had seen my activity videos on YouTube and came to Shibuya Station wanting to meet me again. By chance, I was campaigning that day, and my friend ran over saying "It's me, it's me!" I realized at that moment: "Because I've been working hard on N.A.B.I activities, Heavenly Parent has returned even this precious connection that I had lost." And we embraced each other in front of Shibuya Station.

Like butterflies, freely changing the world

The name "N.A.B.I" is written with the English alphabet, but actually comes from the Korean word "nabi" (butterfly). Butterflies are creatures that fly freely through the sky. So we chose this name with the meaning of creating a future where we can freely have faith and spread our beliefs. Also, in the process of victoriously completing the Cheon Won Gung providence, True Mother gave special meaning to monarch butterflies and we were inspired by that too. Like monarch butterflies that fulfill their purpose across generations, we want to do the same.

Another thing N.A.B.I considers important is the term "butterfly effect." This is the belief that no matter how delicate the fluttering of a butterfly's wings, their continuous and accumulated power can effect great change. Even though it seems now that no one is listening to our voices, we continue our activities believing that small ripples will gather and someday become a force that moves the world.

Waves of hope spreading to the world

The voices of N.A.B.I, which no one listened to at first, are gradually generating resonance. Finally, even global leaders began to pay attention to that voice. One notable example was that our voices reached Pastor Paula

White, the US White House Faith Advisor.

I want to say this, "Even when it's difficult and desperate, there is definitely a way. At the end of that path, the light of hope is waiting. Korea's situation can definitely be overcome too. Let us protect True Mother and create a new future together with True Mother."

Currently in Japan, some 340 second-generation members are active. But in the future, 400, 500, 600 and more second-generation members will raise their voices. I want to establish the perception that "Family Federation second generation are impressive, they shine, they're an excellent religious organization." I hope this change spreads not only throughout Japan but also throughout the entire world. Furthermore, I want to create a society where second generation members of not only the Family Federation but those of all religions can proudly say "I'm proud to have faith."

Gratitude and encouragement to members

Finally, I truly want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the N.A.B.I members. You have no idea how many people were moved by your voices. Also, I'm deeply grateful for the support of first-generation elder brothers and sisters who wept together with us and came to encourage us on site. It is because there were N.A.B.I members and many people supporting us, that we were able to create this kind of impact and change up until now.

Revealing your face and raising your voice in the streets is never easy. It can be frightening and dangerous, and it is difficult to predict what might happen in the future. Nevertheless, the day will surely come when all your courageous efforts will bear great fruit. Let us continue to encourage each other and move forward together with strength. 



① Interview with N.A.B.I Representative Kageyama Kenryu, Heavenly Japan CARP President ② CARP President Kenryu Kageyama during his interview

One-Heart Peace Rally for Religious Freedom and Peace

Pure Water Youth Speak Out with One Voice for Peace

Hosted by the Incheon-Northern Gyeonggi District of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, a “One-Heart Peace Rally for Religious Freedom and Peace” was held on November 2 in front of Daehanmun Gate at Deoksugung Palace in downtown Seoul, with more than 2,000 participants including Pure Water youth. Rather than being a simple demonstration, the rally was organized to sincerely communicate

the identity of the Family Federation and True Parents’ vision for peace. Under the theme “Unificationist Youth Speak Out!” the event featured speeches and testimonies from youth members, the reading of a peace declaration for religious freedom, peace performances, a peace march, and a “plogging” activity—walking or jogging while picking up litter.

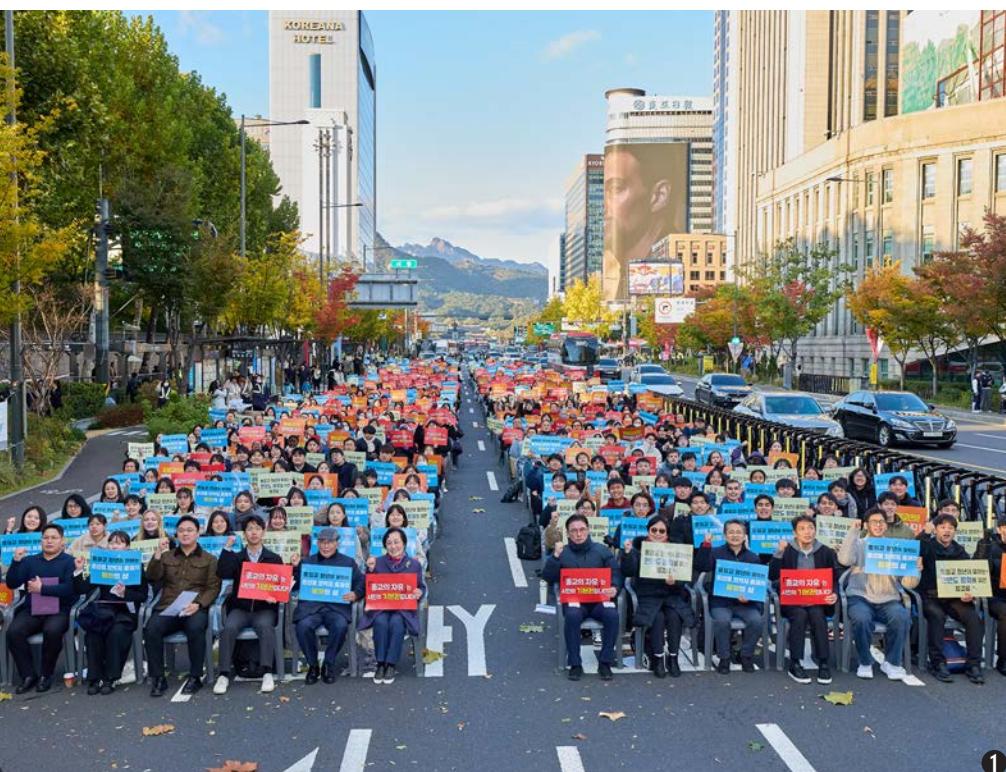
The opening ceremony, hosted by youth evangelist Kim Bo-min, beginning with a video highlighting

True Parents’ life course and their legacy of peace, set an inspiring tone for the gathering. In her peace address, Moon Lan-young, President Emeritus of the Women’s Federation for World Peace, introduced a range of peace initiatives—including the founding of WFWP, the Korea-Japan sisterhood movement, UN NGO activities, and reconciliation efforts among women in the Middle East. She stressed that “peace is possible only through the practice of true love,” adding, “True love is to give, give again, and forget that you have even given.”

Moving Youth Speeches Reaching Beyond Generations and Cultures

Following the Pure Water praise team’s peace performances of “Take Me Home, Country Roads” and “Top of the World,” Pure Water young people took the stage to deliver heartfelt speeches that expressed a vision transcending differences of generation and culture.

Kim Yu-mi, a second-generation young adult from a multicultural family, spoke candidly about her childhood struggles and how her life journey had shaped her. She emphasized that “understanding differences is the first step toward peace,” and highlighted the values of love and respect she gained through cultural exchange and





① Participants in the One-Heart Peace Rally for Religious Freedom and Peace ② Peace speech by Moon Nan-young, President Emeritus of the Women's Federation for World Peace International ③ Youth speech by Kim Yu-mi ④ Youth speech by Gimpo Church Pastor Lee Tae-in ⑤ Youth speech by Bucheon Church Pastor Oh Chung-wan ⑥ Youth delegation reading the peace declaration ⑦ Peace march for religious freedom ⑧ Panoramic view of the One Heart Peace Rally

volunteer activities. She added that, through learning about True Parents' peace initiatives, she came to realize that "peace is not something to speak about, but something to be practiced in daily life."

Lee Tae-in, pastor of the Gimpo Church and a second-generation member from a Korean-Japanese family, spoke openly about the discrimination he had faced during his school years. He shared that through True Parents' teachings, he came to dream of "a world where our differences become the starting point of peace, not sources of hurt." He is now actively engaged in community service and NGO activities, committing himself to his calling as a young leader preparing the way for peace.

Next, Bucheon Church pastor Rev. Oh Chung-wan expressed his resolve to carry forward the four-generation legacy of faith in his family and be a living testimony to Heavenly Parent's dream and vision of peace. He emphasized that it is precisely a life of faith that offers the true path toward healing the divisions of our world.

Peace Is Built by Action, Not by Words Alone

After viewing the video "Messages from Unificationist Youth"—planned and produced by young members of the Incheon–Northern Gyeonggi District—four youth representatives (Song Jin-ho, Hong Jung-min, Seo Dong-gyun, and Noh Eun-ha) took the stage to read a peace declaration. In their statement, they affirmed, "We will transform hatred and division into forgiveness and love, and realize the ideal of one human family through the spirit of truth and justice." They pledged to live as a peace-centered generation that puts True Parents' vision into action. As participants chanted slogans such as "Unite through love," "We create true peace," and "One family of humankind under God," they set out from Daehanmun Gate at Deoksugung Palace, marching toward the Seoul City Hall Plaza and Seoul Station.

During the peace march, participants also cleaned and picked up litter along the route—demonstrating the message

that "peace is fulfilled through action." The youth participants shared their hope that such confident expressions of their faith and vision for peace will continue, and they pledged to practice true love in their daily lives, following the example of True Parents, who have devoted their lives to peace.

Meanwhile, Oh In-chul, Incheon–Northern Gyeonggi district leader and chair of the One-Heart Youth Rally, explained, "The 'one heart' in the name of this rally signifies uniting our hearts with the heart of Holy Mother Han." He expressed his determination to hold further One-Heart Rallies throughout the Incheon–Northern Gyeonggi region and to proclaim to the world Heavenly Parent's dream—centered on True Parents' lives and achievements, and on the principles of creation they have taught. 

This article provides an overview of the "One-Heart Peace Rally for Religious Freedom and Peace," held on November 2, 2025, in front of Daehanmun Gate at Deoksugung Palace in Seoul.

Walking Devotions by Four Japanese UPA Students

82 Kilometers and 82 Years: Meeting True Mother on the Road

In late September 2025, when the trees were still holding onto their summer green, the landscape before the Seoul Detention Center had already begun to glow with shades of crimson and gold. A chill wind swept in and drove away the lingering heat, making everyone draw their collars close, and it seemed an early frost had settled on the hearts of the gathered members. Amid the barricade of buses and the impassive responses of police officers, a small stirring began—quiet

and peaceful. And with each passing day, that quiet stirring swelled. Songs of praise, prayers, tears of resonance and repentance, and earnest supplications began to rise above the world's criticism, causing passersby to stop in their tracks, their hearts touched.

It was then that four young cadets made an earnest decision: "Let's walk to meet True Mother."

And so they walked—82 kilometers, a distance matching True Mother's age.

Okano Kenshin (28), Soejima Yoshifumi (23), Aizawa Masahiro (24), and Horii Michiyo (23)—four Japanese cadets from UPA (Universal Peace Academy)—chose the open road over family celebrations during Korea's festive Chuseok holiday. True Peace Magazine asked them to retrace their steps to illuminate what moved them to embark on this "walk of devotion," what they experienced along the way, and how the journey changed them upon reaching their destination.

Could you give us a brief overview of your walking devotions schedule?

On October 5, 2025, at 8:00 AM, the four cadets set out from the Sun Moon University campus in Asan. Around 6:00 PM on the first day, having walked roughly 27 kilometers, they arrived in Pyeongtaek where they spent the night at a nearby *jjimjil-bang* (Korean sauna).

The second day began at 7:00 AM. Walking through steady rain, they covered 39 kilometers over the course of the day. By the time they reached Suwon around 11:00 PM, they had been on their feet for 16 straight hours. That night, they stayed at the Suwon CARP center to rest and recover.

On the final day, October 7, they set out from Suwon in the morning and walked the remaining 16 kilometers,



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arriving at the Seoul Detention Center around 6:00 PM.

Over the span of three days, they walked a total of 82 kilometers—matching True Mother's age—each step offered with heartfelt devotion.

What inspired you to plan this walking devotion?

Originally, I had planned to travel to the United States during the Chuseok holiday with a group of fellow UPA students to take part in fundraising activities. The plan was born out of a sincere desire to support True Mother in any way possible and to offer our wholehearted devotion. However, just before our departure, someone shared the thought, "While True Mother is in the detention center, let us offer our devotion quietly for the time being." After hearing those words, I ultimately decided to cancel the trip.

It was a difficult decision, especially since we had spent such a long time preparing for it. Returning to Japan wasn't an option at that point, as airfares had surged during the Chuseok holiday. So I began asking myself, "What kind of devotion can I offer here in Korea during this period?" While attending a prayer vigil, Yeonah-nim mentioned that "visits to True Mother will not be possible during Chuseok." The moment I heard those words, my heart sank. Chuseok in Korea is a time when families gather and share warm meals, yet True Mother would be spending that time alone. The thought was truly heartbreakingly.

Although I knew I wouldn't be able to meet her in person, I resolved to walk to the Seoul Detention Center with a heart full of longing. What began as a lighthearted phrase—"Searching for True Mother throughout Korea"—carried within it a deep and earnest yearning. I also remembered a message I had heard at Cheonshim Won: "Even the smallest acts of devotion are especially needed at this time." That reminder only strengthened my determination. And so, my plan for walking devotion began.

A walking devotion—surely it wasn't an easy decision. How did the people around you react?

Some people around me asked, "Why walk when you could just drive?" or "Wouldn't it be better to offer devotion in another way?" And honestly, they weren't entirely wrong. But my heart was already set. Of all the ways I could express devotion, I felt that walking there myself—as an act of devotion—was the truest and most genuine offering I could make.

Of course, prayer can express the heart—but at that time, I didn't want to offer just a prayer on my knees. I wanted to offer devotion with my whole being. Especially as so many brothers and sisters were feeling weary under the difficult circumstances, I hoped that even if this challenge seemed a



① Four UPA cadets begin their walking journey from Sun Moon University (from left: Kenshin Okano, Michiyo Horii, Masahiro Ajiwa, Yoshifumi Soejima)

② Enjoying a meal break

bit reckless to some, it might still spark a little courage and hope in their hearts.

I focused on the idea that faith expressed through action is the most sincere form of love we can offer to True Mother. That's why we didn't hesitate. Then, as we calculated the distance from our starting point at Sun Moon University in Asan to the Seoul Detention Center, we were stunned to discover it was exactly 82 kilometers—the same as True Mother's age. The moment we realized that, a shiver ran through my entire body. It didn't feel like a coincidence; it felt like Heaven was walking with us. With every step we took, I could sense Heavenly Parent's presence beside us. And I earnestly hoped that this walking devotion would become a small offering of comfort and hope to our beloved True Mother and the spirit world—and above all, a path of filial piety dedicated to Holy Mother Han.

What thoughts came to you along the way?

As we walked, I found myself thinking of True Mother countless times. Whenever my legs grew numb or the rain came pouring down, her image naturally filled my mind. I wondered, "How much physical and emotional pain has True Mother endured up until now?" "How many tears has she shed for the sake of humanity?" And whenever those questions arose, my own discomfort felt insignificant.

I kept wondering—Is she still in pain? Is she eating well? My heart was filled with the simple desire to understand, even in the smallest way, what True Mother might be going through. That single thought was what kept me walking, and it was that very heart that carried me all the way to the end. But there was something more. This walking devotion wasn't just a personal resolution—it was also a path of faith I hoped to show the second generation members who would follow after us. I wanted them to see, through my actions, that love for True Mother is not merely an emotion, but a lifestyle expressed through practice.



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What was the most difficult moment?

Honestly, all three days were incredibly difficult. But the hardest moment came on the second day. From morning until night, the rain poured without a single break. With every step, water sloshed inside my shoes, and during the final 10 kilometers, I had to push forward through cold winds, completely soaked from head to toe. My body trembled, and my legs no longer obeyed me. And yet, strangely enough, it was in that moment that True Mother came to mind even more clearly. I found myself thinking, “If this pain can resemble even the smallest part of the path True Mother has walked . . .” That one thought gave me the strength to rise again. The cold was still there, and the rain did not relent, but something warm began to well up inside me. It was longing—and at the same time, gratitude. It was that feeling that allowed me to endure even those most difficult moments, all the way to the end.

Could you say something about the companions who walked with you?

In every difficult moment, I had companions walking beside me. We encouraged one another and even created a little game to turn our hardships into gratitude—something we called the “Gratitude Competition.” We gave thanks for having legs to walk with, for having umbrellas, and above all, for the fact that we were not walking alone but together. We were grateful, too, that with every step, we were drawing a little closer to our beloved True Mother.

Though the rain poured down, words of gratitude never stopped flowing from our lips. Even with our shoes soaked through, our path was punctuated with laughter. We played a “penalty game” where whoever lost at rock-paper-scissors had to carry the bags to the next traffic light—another small joy woven into our journey.

As we learned to find gratitude in everything, both great and small, we came to feel Heavenly Parent’s warm love

surrounding us even amid the harsh conditions. Perhaps that is why, despite the wind and the rain, our hearts remained endlessly warm.

Did you meet anyone during your walking devotion?

We didn’t meet many people along the way, but a few who heard about our walking devotion sent us digital convenience-store or café coupons. Messages like “Cheering you on” and “I’ll be praying with you” gave us tremendous strength even though they were short. In lonely and difficult moments on the road, those heartfelt gestures lightened my steps again. Through the kindness of strangers, I felt a warm reassurance that Heavenly Parent was watching over our journey. I would like to take this moment to offer my sincere gratitude to everyone who was thinking of us. Their heartfelt support shone alongside our footsteps of devotion—like Heaven’s own smile lighting our path.

What was the most memorable moment?

Two moments remain vividly etched in my memory. The first was when we passed the 40-kilometer mark, and the second was when we finally reached the Seoul Detention Center. When we crossed the 40-kilometer point, a wave of despair washed over me. “We still have half the journey left,” I thought. Realizing that I had to walk the same long distance all over again pressed heavily on both my body and my heart. I had to push past my physical and spiritual limits. Yet strangely, in those very moments, True Mother came to mind. As I reflected on her life—walking solely in alignment with Heavenly Parent’s Will, enduring hardships far beyond physical pain—the thought of giving up never once entered my mind.

Instead, a quiet resolve took root in my heart, “At the end of this road, I will offer my hyojeong (filial heart) to True Mother.” When we finally arrived in front of the detention center, all

the exhaustion and emotion I had been holding back surged at once. More than a sense of accomplishment, I was overwhelmed with sorrow at the reality that True Mother—the Mother of all humanity—was here, within those walls.

As I pictured her beyond the fence, my longing turned into tears. “Mother... are you alright? Are you warm enough?” With that single thought, I brought my hands together in prayer. And in that moment, I realized something: True Mother, too, is enduring each day with love, longing for her children. And I understood that what we call hyojeong is the love born within us from the longing hearts of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. That parental longing brings forth our hyojeong—a filial heart to embrace the world.

How did you feel upon finally arriving at your destination?

Since it was during the Chuseok holiday, I honestly thought no one would be at the detention center. But when we arrived, many members were already offering their devotions in front of the detention center. The moment I saw them, all the fatigue of the long journey melted away. I felt, “The path we walked for True Mother was not in vain.” In the warm smiles of the members who welcomed us, I could deeply feel the love of family and the solidarity of faith. Of course, there were also people there who weren’t members, and at times some even hurled harsh words at us. But quietly, in my heart, I prayed for them, “May these people one day recognize True Mother’s value and return to Heavenly Parent’s embrace.” That day, despite the cold air outside the detention center I felt the warmth of Heaven’s embrace. Encouraging one another and praying with one heart, the people gathered that day truly shared a sacred moment as part of Heaven’s family.

How did people respond after you completed the trip?

After we completed the walking devotion, I received messages from so many people. “Hearing your story gave me great strength.” “I feel inspired to take on a challenge too.” Each and every message felt like a blessing—like encouragement from Heaven. What moved me most was not simply that we walked 82 kilometers, but that the heart behind it reached others, gave them hope, and inspired new acts of devotion. In that moment, I realized something: devotion is never offered alone—it is carried forward and multiplied through love.

What transformation did this journey bring?

If there’s one thing I realized through this journey, it’s that while prayer is important, true transformation begins when devotion is put into action. With every step I took, a new hope emerged—and that hope was passed on to others.

Devotion doesn’t remain only in the heart; when it moves, it warms the world. That is why I sincerely hope that this small walking devotion will continue to spread, becoming a spark of love and faith in the lives of many brothers and sisters.

Do you have any upcoming plans?

Right now, we are studying theology—learning the Word and cultivating our hearts. When this semester ends, we will be dispatched as Heavenly Top Gun missionaries. Wherever we are sent, we want to live our lives in a way that strengthens our brothers and sisters and becomes a beacon of faith for my family. Above all, I want to boldly testify before the world about our beloved True Mother. Through Heavenly Top Gun missionary work—as well as through YouTube, street outreach, and various other initiatives—I will share Heaven’s Will and True Parents’ teachings far and wide. Wherever we go, I want to walk a path of faith and practice so that True Mother can say, “That is my son of whom I am very proud.”

What message would you like to share with True Mother?

True Mother, though I am lacking in many ways, I am your filial son who would gladly do anything for you. Even in a world filled with confusion and in the midst of challenging circumstances, I will stand as a true Cheon Il Guk leader who boldly testifies to you before all people, together with the Inheritors of Heaven’s Love and Blessing, Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung. True Mother, I offer you my heartfelt gratitude. And I love you. With all my heart, I sincerely pray that you will always remain healthy within Heaven’s protection and blessings.

—Okano Kenshin



❶ Starting again after enjoying a snack ❷ A photo record of their arrival at Pyeongtaek ❸ Offering devotions with other members at the detention center

Opening of the “Unification Preparatory Academy with Foreign Residents in Korea”

Reframing Unification Discourse in a Multicultural Era and Defining the Substantive Tasks

National Unification Federation opened the “Unification Preparatory Academy with Foreign Residents in Korea” at the Unification Center in Cheongpado, Seoul, on September 25, 2025. Supported by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Korea, the academy was inaugurated with the goal of “restructuring unification discourse within a multicultural context and clarifying substantive tasks.” More than 40 participants, including foreigners, young adults and experts on unification attended the opening session. During her presentation, YSP team leader Ko Yu-mi emphasized the role of the younger generation, stating “Securing youth-driven momentum is essential through sustainable practices such as campaigns and plogging

(environmental clean-up activities).”

Additionally, Korea Multicultural Policy Research Institute Director Lee Ho-seok expressed that “experiences in conflict management within a multicultural society can serve as a practical model for mitigating cultural shock after unification.” Participants engaged in lectures and discussions, expressing the need to establish a multi-layered governance system in which the government and civil society—both Koreans and foreign residents—collaborate. The dialogue focused on identifying practical measures to build a sustainable foundation for unification. A Federation representative noted that “this academy aims to go beyond simply delivering knowledge, it seeks to foster empathy for

unification and promote global civic solidarity.” The representative also stated that the organization plans to strengthen a citizen-led unification movement making use of the abilities of multicultural supporters and the younger generation, thereby expanding the foundation for peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula. 



All the participants in the Academy

UPF Korea Commemorates 20th Anniversary with Academic Seminar

Strengthening Community-Based Grassroots Networks

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of its founding on September 26, 2025, Universal Peace Federation Korea (UPF) held an academic seminar at its Korean headquarters. The seminar, themed “Strengthening Community-Based Grassroots Networks,” was co-hosted with the Korean Peace NGO Association and brought together scholars, NGO leaders, and civil society representatives to explore UPF’s future direction in peace initiatives. In his opening remarks, UPF Korea President Kim Seok-jin highlighted the organization’s achievements and vision, stating that “for the past 20 years, UPF has advanced global peace governance in more than 150 countries under the vision of One Family under God.”

Delivering his keynote address, Seowon University Professor Dr. Ra Mi-kyung emphasized the growing importance of grassroots cooperation among NGOs centered on local communities, especially in the face of a rapidly aging demographic, social polarization, and the global climate crisis. Participants discussed new

models of community-led peacebuilding and strategies to encourage voluntary engagement from young people and the broader civil society. UPF Korea and the Korean Peace NGO Association announced plans to continue their collaborative efforts, linking academic research with on-site initiatives and promoting peace activities that can be practiced in everyday life. 



All the participants in the Academic Seminar

Bonhyang Won and Paju Wonjeon Chuseok Memorial Ceremonies for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth for the 13th year of Cheon Il Gukn

A New Beginning for Harmony and Peace

In celebration of the Chuseok Holy Day for Heaven's liberation, a memorial service was held on October 6, 2025 at Bonhyang Won (True Father's resting place), with the attendance of True Family members, senior clan representatives, and Cheon Il Guk leaders. Offering the opening prayer, Lee Gi-seong, president of Cheonshim Won, expressed gratitude and earnestly prayed for the manifestation of Heaven's spirit and truth in this era. Following the floral tribute by the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, representative bows were offered by True Family representatives, providential leaders, senior clans, and national leaders. Held under the theme of "A New Beginning for Harmony and Peace," the ceremony served as a solemn moment

for everyone to honor True Father and to renew their commitment to a life of hyojeong.

On the same morning at 10 AM, a memorial service was also conducted at the Paju Wonjeon. True Family members and blessed families paid respects at the resting places of Heung-jin nim, Hyo-jin nim, Hae-jin nim, and other meritorious figures. After the floral tribute at Heung-jin nim's Wonjeon, World Mission Headquarters Director-General Rev. Doo Seung-yeon prayed for the realization of Heavenly Parent's Will on earth as the Cheon Il Guk era unfolds. At Hyo-jin nim's Wonjeon, following the Inheritors' floral tribute, FFWPU Korea President Dr. Song Yong-cheon offered a prayer expressing hope that through steadfast faith and consistent

practice, Heaven's righteousness may be established and victorious offerings made. The memorial ceremonies concluded with the expression of renewed determination to honor the lives and devotion of True Family members and pioneers, reaffirming a new beginning for Cheon Il Guk rooted in harmony and peace. 



Chuseok Ceremony for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth at the Paju Wonjeon

KCLC, The 2nd Prayer Meeting to Announce a Statement on Religious Freedom

Reaffirming the Values of Religious Freedom and Human Rights

The Korean Clergy Leadership Conference (KCLC) and the Korea Religions Association co-hosted the "2nd Prayer Meeting to Announce a Statement on Religious Freedom" on October 13 in front of the Seoul Detention Center. The gathering brought together more than 300 participants, including leaders from major religious orders in Korea and members of the Family Federation, to reaffirm the importance of religious freedom, human rights, mutual understanding and harmony. Korea Religions Association Chair Hong Yun-jong called upon religious leaders to become righteous figures of the era, guiding lights for the nation and society. Affirming their solidarity with the statement, participants expressed their shared commitment to fostering a society where religion is respected and where freedom of faith serves as a foundation for building healthy and harmonious communities. They also pledged to continue their efforts to promote interreligious solidarity and dialogue, enhance social trust, and contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula and around the world. The gathering concluded with prayers for peace, unity, and deeper cooperation among religions toward the betterment of humanity. 



① Faith leaders reading the Declaration on Religious Freedom

② Hong Yun-jong, chair of the Korea Religions Association, delivering his message

2025 Heavenly Korea Youth Pastors and Public Leaders Workshop and Roundtable

Apostles of Heaven Standing on the Front Line

The 2025 Korea Youth Pastors and Public Leaders Workshop was held from October 14 to 16 at the Korean Church Headquarters. In his opening remarks, Leadership Development Department Director Yang Kwon-il stated, "True Mother is setting the example before us through absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience toward Heaven.... No situation should shake our filial devotion, and we must move forward with a heart of absolute unity." During the roundtable, FFWPU Korea President Dr. Song Yong-cheon emphasized that

"youth pastors are not merely candidates for future positions, they are apostles of Heaven standing on the front line right now." He further urged participants that "We must transform tears into prayer, and sorrow into our mission through five core leadership attributes: Principle-centered, goodness of character, providence-focused, heart-oriented, and three-dimensional." Participants also shared their pastoral vision and experiences from their mission areas, creating a meaningful time of interaction. 



❶ FFWPU-Heavenly Korea President Song Yong-cheon speaking during the Roundtable ❷ Heavenly Korea's Pure Water leaders engaging in the Q and A session



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25th Ceremony to Honor Korea's Patriotic Martyrs and Korea-Japan Joint Memorial Service**True Peace is Born from Repentance, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation**

The 25th Ceremony to Honor Korea's Patriotic Martyrs and Korea-Japan Joint Memorial Service was held on October 18 at the Independence Hall in Seoul's Independence Park, with more than 400 participants in attendance. The event, held under the theme "True peace is achieved through repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation with regard to the past," was jointly organized by the Myunghak Multicultural Patriotic Association, the Korea Religions Association, and the Japanese People's Association for Korean Reunification. In his invocation, Korea Religions Association Chairman Hong Yoon-jong offered a heartfelt prayer, saying, "May the descendants of Korea and Japan gathered here become one in the spirit of reconciliation, forgiveness,

and harmony. May the spirits of the fallen patriots in the heavenly realm and the peoples of Korea and Japan on earth unite in true friendship." As the ceremony coincided with the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 60th anniversary of Korea-Japan diplomatic relations, numerous prominent figures from the media, political circles, and religious communities of both nations delivered congratulatory remarks. Now in its 25th year, the event was first initiated in 2001 by more than 7,000 Japanese residents of Korea and Japanese citizens with a strong sense of historical awareness, acting based on their conscience. Over the years, more than 2,000 Japanese youth have taken part at the civilian level. The sincerity of the event—aimed at addressing and rectifying historical misunderstandings

between Korea and Japan—was recognized by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, which awarded an official plaque of appreciation in 2013. Since 2017, it has been recognized as an official ceremony, with the designation "Supported by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs." 



Key leaders who attended the ceremony

Special Speaking Tour by Rev. Song Yong-cheon Reaches Busan and Ulsan District True Mother, the Light of Peace

Dr. Song Yong-cheon, President of the FFWPU Korea gave a special talk as part of his national speaking tour at the Busan-Ulsan District Headquarters Church. Under the theme "True Mother, the Light of Peace," the event drew more than 600 participants, including local residents, witnessing guests, new members, and Peace Ambassadors. In his address, President Song stated, "The path True Mother has walked as the Mother of humanity has been a path of love, forgiveness, and peace. Each of us must become living embodiments of that light of love and shine it upon the world." East Busan local pastor Rev. Koji Shimada offered a prayer expressing hope that "the truth of the providence may be widely proclaimed amid a wave of revival." Busan and Ulsan District Leader Rev. Kang Kyung-woo shared his aspiration that "the light of peace will spread beyond Busan and Ulsan, creating a world where Heavenly Parent's will is realized." Chairman of the Peace Ambassador Council Joo Jong-ki emphasized, "With

absolute faith as our foundation, let us fulfill our mission as Peace Ambassadors and testify to the spirit of genuine peacebuilding." Through the President Song's talk, participants reflected on True Mother's life, her footsteps of peace, and reaffirmed their determination to practice the path of love and peace in their daily lives. 



Participants in the service in the Busan-Ulsan District

Peace Prayers for Religious Freedom

Prayers for Peace Beyond Borders and Religions

The Peace Prayers for Religious Freedom have continued in front of the Seoul Detention Center, with the North Chungcheong District members hosting the gathering on October 21, 2025. Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing Moon Shin-hung and Moon Yu-me visited the site to encourage the members who have been offering continuous devotion. In his message, North Chungcheong District Leader Byun Jung-ho emphasized the significance of the peace prayer rally. Yeongdong

Church Youth Leader Kim Heon-su read a letter in which he pledged to live with devotion and love toward True Mother. At 5:00 PM, members of the Japan Unification Federation's Mother Nation Training Group also held a peace prayer gathering. Prayers offered for world peace, human rights, and for True Mother, the Mother of Peace, transcended national and religious boundaries, and such peace prayer rallies are expected to continue. 



① Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, Moon Shin-hung and Moon Yu-me offering encouragement to the members

② All the participants in the Peace Prayer



Sisterhood Event between UPF Daegu-Gyeongbuk Brunch and North Hiroshima of Heavenly Japan Reflecting on the Importance of Korea-Japan Peace in the 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and Japan, the UPF Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter established a sisterhood partnership with the North Hiroshima region of Heavenly Japan. The event took place from October 19 to 22. A beautiful piece of woodwork, inscribed with the words "Korea-Japan Peace Ambassador Sister Exchange



① Presentation of a "Korea-Japan Peace Ambassador Sisterhood Exchange Friendship" plaque

Friendship" was presented by the artist Dr. Ahn Young-shik. Japan UPF added meaning to the event by offering a commemorative gift engraved with "Korea-Japan Peace Federation Sister City Friendship." Participants reaffirmed the significance of peace between Korea and Japan and vowed to deepen the sisterhood partnership going forward. 



② All the participants in the event

San Francisco - 'A Glimpse of a Blessed Life' 3-Day Workshop

Reflecting on the Meaning of the Blessing through the Lives and Lessons of Blessed Families

A three-day workshop entitled "A Glimpse of a Blessed Life" was held in San Francisco from October 3 to 5, 2025. The event drew 60 participants, including both unmarried singles and

married blessed families. Through learning about the experiences and lessons of blessed families, as well as hearing testimonies from senior couples, participants reflected deeply on the meaning and value of the Blessing. 



① A session during the 'A Glimpse of a Blessed Life' 3-Day Workshop



② Youth participants during a team meeting

Los Angeles, USA, Song of Freedom National Worship Service

Praying for True Parent's Well-Being Centered on Faith, Freedom, and Peace

A'Song of Freedom' national worship service was held at Los Angeles Family Church in the United States on October 5, 2025, attended by 2,400 members both in person and online.



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① America's Pure Waters offer a praise song to get things started ② Heavenly North America Regional Leader Demian Dunkley addresses the participants

Detroit, USA, Interfaith Religious Joint Worship Service

Promoting Harmony Among Religious Under the Theme of God's Heart

An Interfaith United Worship Service was held at the Michigan Family Church in Detroit, USA on October 12, attended by more than 80 people. These included eight leaders of varying denominations



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① The Interfaith Joint Worship Service ② Faith leaders participating in a water of harmony ceremony

who promoted interreligious harmony through a water combining ceremony and delivered messages on the theme of "God's Heart." 

Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA, the 30th Anniversary of Founding of Hope School

A Community-Based Educational Institution Spreading Hope

Bridgeport Hope School, established in 1996, is celebrating 30 years in education. Established in 1996, the school currently serves students from kindergarten through eighth grade and operates with a core focus on the education of heart and character. Recently, a "Giving Tree" donation plan for scholarships

was introduced for families in need of financial assistance.

The school, where students of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds are educated, has established itself as one that gives hope both to its students and to the local community. 



① Students of Bridgeport Hope School bringing hope to the community ② Students from diverse cultural backgrounds

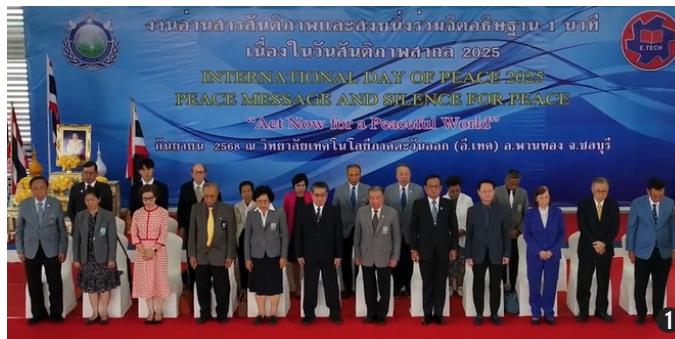


UPF Thailand commemorates the International Day of Peace

Large-Scale Campaign Expands Culture of Peace

The International Day of Peace commemorative events organized by UPF Thailand were held from September 10 to 25, 2025, with the support of the Thai Ministry of Education and the national government. Events were carried out in thousands of educational institutions throughout the country. At the Eastern College of Technology, one of the main venues, the program drew more than 8,800 participants including students, teachers, and government officials. During the ceremony, Chief of Police Ankul, the Chairperson of the E-Tech Board, the University President and the Dean

were appointed Ambassadors for Peace. Participants joined in a one-minute silent prayer for peace in their families, communities, nation, and the world. With more than 1 million students, educators, and citizens participating across some 2,000 schools and educational institutions nationwide, the event successfully advocated a culture of peace. Through close cooperation between the government and educational organizations, the initiative has established itself as one of Thailand's major peace-promoting campaigns. 



① Thailand UPF leaders at the Day of Peace celebration ② All the participants in the celebration



UPF New Zealand commemorates the International Day of Peace United for Peace, Celebrating Our Shared Harmony

UPF New Zealand hosted a UN International Day of Peace event at the Parnell Peace Embassy and the War Memorial Museum on September 20. Held under the theme "United for Peace, Celebrating Our Shared Harmony," the event was attended by about 40 religious leaders, and peace ambassadors. Hindu leaders

Arsh Maharaj and Pundit Direndra Nath emphasized the significant role of faith in promoting peace. UPF New Zealand Secretary-General Geoffrey Fyers introduced True Parents' peace vision and stated that in order to overcome obstacles to peace, the UN should expand the participation of religious leaders in its work. 



① Group photo of the Day of Peace participants



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World Tong-il Moo-do Federation Events in Pakistan and Thailand, Asia

First Steps Toward Expanding Tong-il Moo-do Leadership

The World Tong-il Moo-do Federation hosted a one-day seminar in Lahore, Pakistan on September 17, which was attended by over 120 youth leaders and religious figures. Chairman of the World Tong-il Moo-do Federation Dr. Yong Chung-shik officially announced the establishment of an international martial arts school in Pakistan and emphasized that youth should become peace ambassadors. The following weekend, on September

20-21, a martial arts leadership conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand. At the conference, the first steps of plans were discussed for dispatching 30,000 martial arts instructors worldwide. The World Tong-il Moo-do Federation stated that together with young people around the world, it will unite with True Parents to advance the vision of global peace. 



① Participants in the one-day seminar in Pakistan



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② Leaders attending the Tong-il Moo-do leadership meeting

Philippines, International Youth and Students Assembly 2025

A Resolution to Spread the Values of Peace and Purity into Community

In the Philippines, the 2025 International Youth and Students Assembly took place at the UPF Peace Embassy in Quezon City, on September 26-27. The program of lectures addressed various topics such as education, technology, youth leadership, and social entrepreneurship with more than 300 participants including youth leaders, educators, missionaries, and peace activists in attendance. Family Federation Asia-Pacific Continental Director Masaichi Hori urged the youth



① All the participants in the assembly

to embrace big dreams aligned with Heaven's vision and True Parents' will. Women's Federation for World Peace International President Moriko Hori delivered a special message offering encouragement to the young people to move forward with hope and vision. Participants pledged to share throughout their communities what they had learned during the Assembly about the values of peace, purity, and unity. *TP*



② Joining activities together builds sisterly bonds

FFWPU Philippines, National Worship Service for Harmony and Peace

In Unity with True Parents, Upholding the Ideals of Harmony and Peace

The Philippines Family Federation gathered for a national worship service to pray for harmony and peace at the Philippines Headquarters on September 28. With a total of more than 1,000 members gathered both on-site and online, the event began with songs offered by the young members. Heavenly Asia-Pacific Continental Director Masaichi Hori conveyed that we should put ourselves aside and lead lives centered on True Parents.



① Philippine Pure Waters offer a praise song

Continental Vice Director Julius Malicdem highlighted the members of the providential mission that the nation had been entrusted with by True Parents, urging them to strengthen their resolve as a people chosen by Heaven. Through this worship service, participants of FFWPU Philippines reaffirmed their determination to unite with True Parents and to embody the true life of hyojeong, praying together for harmony and peace. *TP*



② All the participants in the national worship

Philippines, Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Meeting and 2-Day Attendance (Moshim) Workshop

A New Beginning for Attendance, a Model for Heavenly Asia-Pacific

The Philippines Family Federation held a Cheon Il Guk Leaders Meeting for church leaders nationwide from September 29 to October 1. Asia Pacific Continental Director Masaichi Hori emphasized the Philippines' providential role as the "heart of Asia-Pacific" and urged self-reliance, innovation, and ownership consciousness. The three-day gathering concluded with renewed determination and a clear roadmap for growth, with leaders resolving to double membership, raise new youth leaders, and solidify the nation as a beacon of hope



① Leaders attending the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Meeting ② The participants in the 2-Day Attendance (Moshim) Workshop

in Asia-Pacific.

A 2-day workshop on "attendance" was held at the Visayas Peace Embassy in Cebu, the Philippines. Held on the theme "Reviving the Heart of Attendance: Strengthening Families, Faith, and the Foundation of Cheon Il Guk," the workshop featured the opening of a new witnessing and education center, lectures, and a Sunday service. The participants reaffirmed the purpose of their faith in attending True Parents and resolved to make a new beginning. 



UPF Benin, Zambia Commemoration of the UN International Day of Peace and the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of UPF

A New Beginning for Harmony and Peace

On September 20, 2025, the Universal Peace Federation in Benin held a commemorative event celebrating the UN International Day of Peace and the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation. The more than 500 participants, both onsite and online, expressed their deep respect and gratitude to True Parents for their lifelong devotion to the cause of peace. They also reflected on the two decades of UPF's global peacebuilding efforts and contributions to interfaith

harmony. UPF Africa President Adama Doumbia presented the strategic vision and future direction of UPF activities across the continent, emphasizing the importance of solidarity and concrete action for peace on the continental level. The ceremony saw the appointment of eight new Ambassadors for Peace and five individuals received certificates of recognition for their outstanding contributions to peace. 



① Celebration for the 20th Anniversary of UPF Benin ② All the participants in the celebration



Democratic Republic of the Congo, UPF 20th Anniversary Commemorative Conference and Peace Festival and Youth Worship Service

Efforts for the Values of Living for the Sake of Others and Peace

The Democratic Republic of the Congo UPF 20th Anniversary Commemorative Event was held in Matadi from September 20 to 21, 2025. This commemorative conference was attended by some 70 youth leaders who reflected on the value of "living for the sake of others." Ten youth leaders including the Mayor of Matadi were appointed as Ambassadors for Peace. A Peace Festival was also held in co-sponsorship with the Youth Council to commemorate the International Day of Peace, reaffirming the value of peace.



① Youth leaders appointed as peace ambassadors

In Kinshasa, a young people's worship service commemorating the International Day of Peace was held with approximately 700 people in attendance. Continental Director Rev. Jean-Pierre Kadima encouraged the young people to develop their talents and live their lives practicing true love. Youth Leader Merveil Saassita spoke about the difficulties and concerns they face and presented values to be pursued in life and practical methods to achieve this. The participants prayed for peace and pledged to make a new start in life together with Heavenly Parent. 



② The participants at the Peace Festival

Cameroon, Yaounde Youth Assembly

A Resolution of Responsibility and Dedication for Providential Development

During a two-day Youth and Students for Peace assembly in the city of Yaounde, young participants discussed the direction of the providence and the role of young people. They also offered a special Cheonshim Won night vigil prayer devotion for True Mother. Next morning, the young people conducted



① Pure Water youth joining in volunteer services

Heavenly Green Movement activities by cleaning around a public high school, thus creating a cleaner and purer environment for the students. At the concluding national youth worship service led by the National YSD President, the young people pledged to work with greater devotion for the development of the providence. 



② All the participants in the Youth Assembly

Côte d'Ivoire, Inauguration of the 2nd Class of the Cheon Il Guk Academy

Affirming a Pure and Sincere Faith through the Pure water Pledge

The Family Federation of North Africa Region launched the 2nd Cheon Il Guk Academy on October 5, 2025, in Yopougon, Côte d'Ivoire, with approximately 400 participants attending both in-person and online. This launch ceremony heralded a new era of faith education and the cultivation of youth leaders who will realize the vision of the Family Federation through unity, purity, and dedication. North Africa Regional Director Adon Marie, in a special worship service message, emphasized the responsibility and attitude of

youth who must advance in oneness with True Parents. Youth delegations from Burkina Faso, Mali, and Côte d'Ivoire resolved to maintain pure faith through the "Pure Water Pledge" and pledged to become youth leaders who will realize the vision of the Family Federation. Through this launch ceremony, the Cheon Il Guk Academy has established itself as a place of education, training, and practice that will develop youth into leaders who practice the Cheon Il Guk ideal. 



① Cheon Il Guk Academy launch ceremony ② The Pure Waters at the Academy



Zambia, Lusaka, Three-Day National Devotion

Reflecting on the teaching and love of True Parents

At the HJ Cheonbo Training Center in Lusaka, Zambia, headquarters of the Southern Africa Regional Group, a 3-day National Jeongseong Event was held from October 3 to 5. This event, aimed at strengthening faith determination in oneness with True Parents, was attended by approximately 90 people. It commenced with a special night vigil at Cheonshim Won, which was followed from the next day by lectures, testimonies, and a special worship service. The time together featured interactive group reflections and deep

spiritual experiences. Through lectures and Q&A sessions on the True Parent Principle, True Parents' life course, and the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People, participants empathized with True Parents' will and vision and strengthened their faith and resolve. In her closing remarks, Regional Director Rev. Mica Camara expressed gratitude for the participants' dedication and sacrifice, encouraging them to "firmly maintain faith and become members who proudly witness to True Parents." 



① Joining a Cheonshim Won Night Vigil ② Participants praying with renewed commitment



UPF Dominican Republic; International Day of Peace Commemoration

Uplifting the Role of Peace Ambassadors and the Importance of Global Peace

The Universal Peace Federation in the Dominican Republic held a commemorative event for the International Day of Peace on September 21 at the Santo Domingo headquarters, with the participation of 100 Ambassadors for Peace. During the program, three new Ambassadors for Peace were officially commissioned and pledged to faithfully carry out their assigned roles. UPF President Leonidas Belliard reflected on the founding purpose of seeking to realize a world of peace and mutual prosperity



① Peace ambassadors attending the Day of Peace event

through the Abel UN, reminding participants of their mission. UPF Secretary General Cesar Regalado then introduced UPF's universal principles and major achievements accomplished over a relatively short period, particularly emphasizing accomplishments in the field of interreligious cooperation. The event reaffirmed the importance of peace activities in the Atlantic region and inspired a sense of mission among the Peace Ambassadors. 



② All of the Day of Peace participants

UPF Peru, Signing Ceremony for Strategic Institutional Working Alliance with Lima Rotary Club

Establishing a Common Goal through Educational Projects

UPF Peru and the Lima Rotary Club signed a Strategic Institutional Work Alliance Agreement on September 25 at the UPF Peru Peace Embassy. This agreement was conducted with the purpose of promoting harmony and development in the local

community through spreading a culture of peace, social solidarity, and joint service activities. The signing ceremony was graced by approximately 20 dignitaries including the founding president of the Lima Rotary Club. 



① Signing ceremony participants



② The key leaders in the signing ceremony

Heavenly South America, Seminar for Christian Clergy

Dialogue on Faith and Leadership, The Path of Global Christianity Toward Peace

A three-day seminar for Christian clergy was held at Uruguay's National Garden in Montevideo on the theme, "Dialogue on Faith and Leadership: A Global Christian Path to Peace," from October 3 to 5. Organized by the Family Federation with the support of UPF and the Youth Federation and others, the event aimed to strengthen cooperation among Christian

clergy, promote harmony between denominations and build solidarity within faith communities centered on peace. Pastors reported that they had gained new insights into the Bible, and recognized the importance of interdenominational solidarity and exchange to build stronger communities. 



① Seminar participants at the Montevideo National Garden



② All of the seminar participants

Dominican Republic Family Federation and CARP Youth Camp

Redefining Life's Purpose through the Peace Values

A youth camp was held at the Central Training Center in the Dominican Republic from October 12 to 13. Co-hosted by the Dominican Republic Family Federation and CARP, and in cooperation with the San Francisco de Macorís Fire Department, the camp included young volunteer firefighters. Participants heard lectures on the Divine Principle and the mission of the

True Parents, shared in a pilgrimage to the Holy ground, and challenged their limitations through climbing a nearby mountain together. Participants in the camp set new life goals, submitted membership applications after pledging to keep their purity, and are even participating in witnessing activities. 



① Pure Water youth during a mountain hike



② Pilgrimage participants at the holy ground

UPF Peru, UN International Day of Older Persons

Senior Citizens Leading Local and Global Initiatives

Some 150 people including community leaders and Ambassadors for Peace participated in an event at the Lima Peace Embassy marking the 2025 UN International Day of Older Persons, highlighting the transformative role older people play in building resilient

and equitable societies. UPF presenters introduced True Parents' lives and works and encouraged Ambassadors for Peace to be agents of change in promoting the values of justice, respect, and peaceful coexistence. 



① Leaders attending the celebration ② Opening address by Congressman Dr. Raul Huaman Coronado

UPF Albania 20th Anniversary Celebration**Pledging to Promote Peace-Building Activities for Peace and Cooperation**

UPF Albania hosted an event marking the 20th Anniversary of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in that nation. Co-hosted with the Tirana Peace Council with the participation of more than 160 dignitaries including Ambassadors for Peace, the event was a great success. Former President of Albania Alfred Moisiu expressed his gratitude and pride for having worked together with UPF since its founding, and fondly recalled his memories of his encounters with True Parents.

Twelve newly appointed Ambassadors for Peace made a public commitment to continue advancing UPF's peace initiatives. The celebration was further enriched by the presence of prominent international guests from nearby North Macedonia and Kosovo, and the presence of international dignitaries underscored the significance of the event as representing participants' collective resolve to cooperate for the realization of peace. 



① Twelve newly appointed peace ambassadors ② The Albania UPF 20th Anniversary Celebration



France, Worship Service for a New Beginning Centered on Peace and Harmony

Reaffirming the importance of Nurturing the Ensuing Generations

Marking the start of a new school year, a New Beginning Worship Service was held in France. Focusing on the theme of Peace and Harmony, the service featured remarks from former Southwestern Regional Leader Seo In-guk and French National Leader

Rafael Guignard. Participants shared powerful testimonies from the Pure Water Assembly and recent family and HARP workshops, and expressed their determination to nurture the young generation and to practice the principles of peace and harmony in their communities. 



① Participants share their workshop experiences ② All the participants in the worship service

Lebanon, Healing and Growth for Youth and Families

The Key to Sustaining Long-Term Relationship

The Family Federation in Lebanon held an Inner Healing Program from October 9 to 12 under the theme "Keys to Lasting Relationships." This program was conducted with invited guest Oh Gyu-young, President of the Korean Family Constellation Association, and included an Inner Child Healing

Program, Communication Education Program, and Marriage Preparation Course. Through the program, participants could heal the wounds in their hearts, and receive tools for improving their married life and guidance on raising children. 



① The participants in the youth and family program ② Participants get to know each other through sharing



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“In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!”

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