



## Letter re. True Father's Seonghwa Anniversary

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Although three years have already passed, it sometimes seems like only yesterday we received the stunning news that our beloved True Father had ascended to Heaven, leaving to True Mother and to us the task of completing the providential work he began back in Korea on that fateful Easter in 1935.

We all have our own unique and treasured memories of our walk of faith together with True Parents, and everyone is precious and different. In recent weeks, we've been inviting all brothers and sisters around the world to share a brief reflection of life and love with True Parents, which you can still do [here](#).

I've also been thinking a lot about some of the special times I spent together with Father and Mother --

- The first time I ever heard Father speak, an electrifying sermon at Belvedere in mid-June 1976, just a few days after the Yankee Stadium rally.
- The thrill of being among hundreds of thousands at the Washington Monument the same year.
- The sermons at Belvedere and the Hoon Dok Hae at East Garden, which still live on in bright memory, as does one of the last, an all-night long session at Yeosu in February 2011.
- Fishing in Alaska and on the Hudson, Chuseok feasts in Korea and the USA, New Year's celebrations, Holy Days, and long, long leaders' meetings.

Inspiring, scolding, cajoling and encouraging, Father and Mother's smiling faces are never far away. Let us always treasure and share these times we spent together.

I'm writing today simply to encourage every member and every family to make a special effort to join the upcoming Seonghwa anniversary in person, whether you come to church every Sunday or even if this is the only time you will attend this year. This will likely be the final memorial ceremony on the global scale. Our doors are open and we really, really want you to come and join us.

Many churches will be broadcasting the ceremony from Korea live on the evening of Saturday, August 29, while others plan to hold a special Sunday Service on August 30; your local pastor will have full details. If you need contact information, you can find it at <http://familyfed.org/directory>.

Finally, for those who would like to do so, we invite you to bring your donation (\$130 individual, \$210 family) to <https://familyfed.org/thirdanniversaryseonghwa/donate> or to church at Sunday Service. To everyone who has already given generously, thank you once again!

Aju! God bless you and your families!

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