

USA Delegation's Reflections on True Parents' New Year 2017 Special Gathering

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True Parents' Special Gathering to Celebrate the Start of the 2017 New Year

Cheon Jeong Gung



Dr. Michael Balcomb:

Dear True Mother

It was a very great privilege to be invited to celebrate the New Year with you. Your speech was absolutely clear and very serious. I particularly remember you telling us that we have to change 180° or else we will simply continue having mediocre results. We pledge we will do that.

You also told us that when our churches multiply by five or 10 times then you will come and visit. It is a big challenge but a worthy task, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in America very soon. Even before Japan!

Dr. Kim and I and all our American team will indeed do our very best right away to share true parents' New Year message with all our churches as soon as possible.

As this is the year of the fire rooster, and I am a fire rooster, I feel particularly called and responsible to speak out more boldly and to testify to True Parents. When I wear the beautiful tie you gave to me, I feel it will give me added power and confidence!

Finally, it was a very special blessing to be invited into your car and have a guided tour of Hyojeon Cheonwon and to hear from you directly about your exciting vision and plans for the future. I will not forget it in a long time.

All our American team, and all blessed families in America, join together to pledge that 2017 will be a year of dramatic development and victory!

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Millhan Stephens:

It was such an honor to be able to join such a wondrous occasion. I thought that perhaps this would be a simple celebration but to my joyful surprise True Mother gave us a powerful new spirit and direction to begin the New Year!

The things that stuck out to me the most was national restoration and our responsibility. We need to be clear that the world needs us to step up. If we don't do something it will continue to decline. Not just politically, economically, but environmentally too.

I'm also inspired by True Mother's emphasis on using systems that successful companies like Amazon have used to get ahead of giants like Wal-Mart. I know we can do this too. In fact, we're already applying these new innovative practices.

Very excited for this New Year! Thank you True Mother!

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Thomas Walsh:

Dear Beloved True Mother,

Happy New Year 2017. Happy Providential New Year 2017.

True Mother it is so wonderful to be here in Korea with you to start this New Year. Looking back on the past year, and witnessing the many victories that were achieved, and especially your magnificent victory in America, we feel the mighty hand of God working through you. You are leading us forward without any hesitation, and with absolute clarity of vision and purpose. As a result, our confidence is building, and our determination is on the rise.....and our productivity is increasing.

As we welcome the New Year 2017, we see a year of opportunity to advance the providence. True Parents Birthday 2017, along with the World Summit, the Sunhak Peace Prize, the Global Assembly of the IIAPP, and the re-start of ICUS, will only take us higher and closer to the ideal that heaven has longed for throughout the ages.

True Mother we are proud to stand with you at this time, to learn from you and to support you.....to be part of your team....to be part of your family.

Thank you True Mother.

Tom Walsh



Thomas McDevitt:

Dear beloved True Mother,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to have been invited to Korea and begin the New Year with you at Cheon Jeong Gung. There is no place on earth we would rather be, than with you in the realm of True Love.

During the flight from Washington, I reviewed notes taken from the various experiences with you during 2016. Your guidance, wisdom, love and clarity are a cosmic treasure, precious True Mother.

From True Parents Birthday and Foundation Day in February, you launched a new global network of Parliamentarians for Peace; in April we were honored to be with you to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the Holy Blessing of True Parents, and you bequeathed the four Holy Items and pathway of total forgiveness for your children; you visited New York for the 40th Anniversary of Yankee Stadium and shared so much True Love and Life Elements with the American movement; then we were profoundly blessed to welcome you to Washington and New York for the ILC, Sunhak Peace Prize announcement, Little Angels, ACLC True Family Values banquet, Manhattan Center, and East Garden experiences.

I know those are only a partial listing of your 24-7 heart of devotion to fulfill Cheon Il Guk, but they were life-changing for us in America.

Because of your embodiment of our Heavenly Parent's heart and mind as the Only Begotten Daughter, and because of your wisdom, courage, strategic sensibility, clarity, beauty and, most of all, your daily example of principled leadership, America and the global family of nations can have substantial hope for 2017 and beyond.

We are with you with absolute hearts of oneness, faith, love and obedience as you are with True Father and True Parents are the living manifestation of Heavenly Parent the Creator.

We pledge to fulfill our responsibility in the Elder Son nation to move America in the right direction centering on True Love and True Parents.

With all my heart,

Tom McDevitt

William Lay:

Dear True Mother,

Thank you so much for inviting us to Korea with Dr. Ki Hoon Kim to pay our respects to True Parents at the Cheon Jeong Gung, to draw close to True Father's spirit at the Bon Hyang Won, and to receive True Mother's love and words. We could not ask for a greater blessing to begin the new year of 2017.

The spirit of True Parents was strongly with us in 2016 - making it a great turning point for America. True Mother made two most meaningful visits to America last year - to commemorate the 40-year anniversary of Yankee Stadium, and to deliver the Heavenly Parent's Words to the United States Congress. True Mother also sent Sun Jin Nim to speak at the National Mall in Washington at the 40year anniversary of the Washington Monument Rally - at the place where True Father brought heaven to earth with his historical proclamation of 1976. These events have dramatically altered the path of America, and all of America can feel it.

At the close of 2016, God's only begotten daughter visited the great cities of America - the nation's capital, Washington, DC, the cultural and financial center, New York, and the new center of the

American West, Las Vegas - to bring the blessing of God, the word of God, and God's encouragement that we should move forward in 2017 to love, teach, and bless the world with the truth and love of True Parents.

Thank you True Mother for your great courage and deep heart of love. God's daughter is with us, and we go forth to heal the world.

Bill Lay