



New Lunar Year Letter and CIG Holy Days

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Dear Family,

Greetings from Las Vegas! This is the last weekend of 2016 by the lunar/heavenly calendar, and we are here at IPEC for the Ocean Summit and a special international reunion of the 43 Japanese Missionary sisters. These extraordinary women worked with True Parents in Kodiak for six long years from 1983 to 1989, building the foundations of our fishing industries and more importantly, setting great conditions of love and faith that helped protect True Parents and America. This the first time for most of this group to meet together in almost 30 years, and tears of joy, sorrow, sadness and gratitude are flowing freely. It is really humbling to hear the testimonies of these remarkable women -- and their families -- who loved True Parents so much that they were willing to work in the most difficult of places, transforming what could have been hell into heaven on earth.

Yesterday, we concluded the first Japanese 7-days workshop at IPEC with almost 150 participants. Another one will start this coming Monday. Again we were reminded of the faith and dedication of our Japanese family members in America who have made great contributions to God's providence over so many years. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the last hours of that seminar coincided with the Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC. As True Parents taught us, this country belongs to those who love it the most.

All this reminds us of the debt of honor we owe to our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and to all brothers and sisters from around the world who left their relatives and their hometowns to come and work here, the nation called to be God's "Elder Son Nation."

As we now prepare ourselves for the lunar New Year and Heavenly Parent's Day next Saturday, and True Parents' Birthday and Foundation Day after that, I want to urge and invite all of us to get personally involved in these celebrations and offer our love and appreciation to heaven.

This year, we have a chance to send video greetings (in Korean, of course!) from all our American communities to Korea, to be presented at True Parents' birthday. Please don't miss this [opportunity!](#)

And, of course, this is the time to bring our offerings and donations before God and True Parents. As in previous years, we are suggesting \$130 from individuals, and \$210 or \$300 from families. Some of you always give much more, and for that we are very grateful indeed. It would be wonderful if we could make an extra effort to bring all our offerings before Heavenly Parent's Day as our way of showing that 2017 will be a great year of victory. Let's pour out our love and gratitude for the many blessings that God continues to give America!

Thank you!

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Special Greeting Videos for True Parents' Birthday

Dear Pastors and Community Leaders,

Apple Heaven USA that performed at the Manhattan Center for True Mother back in December, was invited to represent our USA movement and perform at the Hyo Jeong Peace Festival to take place after True Parents' birthday celebration on February 2, 2017 in Korea.

They would like to start their performance for True Parents by bringing all of America to the stage through a beautiful video of our communities greeting True Parents.

Please see below for the instructions on how to participate:

Instructions for True Parents Greeting



This is a view of the main stadium with the expected size of stage and screen

- 1) Choose a Greeting from the following link:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzXVKnjLDt5bMEVMT0xUV29WQVk>
You might need to download the videos to watch.
- 2) Film your congregation or group saying any one of the above greetings followed by waving and cheering. Iphone is good enough.
You might want to practice together for a bit to get a unified greeting.

Dr. Balcomb suggests filming outdoors with nice background if possible, to add color and freshness to your video.

- 3) Please send the video using [WeTransfer](#) to Peter Lewis at plewis@unification.org
- 4) We recommend filming your greetings this Sunday as much as possible, and send your video on Monday, Jan. 23, or Tuesday, Jan. 24, to allow our video editing team enough time to edit these greetings to once inspiring and impressive video.

If you have any technical questions about the recordings or transferring the files, please contact Peter Lewis directly at his email above.

For all other questions, please contact me at tzorer@unification.org

We hope your community can participate and join our national greeting.

Thank you all!

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