

Final presentations of the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly

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The Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly closed with presentations by representatives of True Mother's Secretariat and of the International Headquarters of FFWPU (FFWPU IHQ). Won Ju McDevitt, True Mother's Secretary General, spoke first, explaining that the purpose of the Secretariat is "to clearly convey the words and intentions of True Parents to Unificationist organizations in order to support True Parents' vision." Referencing True Mother's New Year's speech, Mrs. McDevitt asked the audience if they were ready to sacrifice their lives for national restoration, driving home the degree of dedication required to fulfill our worldwide Vision 2020 goals.

Young Ho Yun, Deputy Chief of Staff for FFWPU IHQ and True Mother's Secretariat, followed, with a presentation titled, "The International Mission Peace Strategy for the Firm Establishment of Cheon Il Guk." Mr. Yun explained that the three primary mission areas for the next three years will be grassroots witnessing or Tribal Messiahship outreach, the "creation of an environment for witnessing" through collaboration with like-minded world leaders and organizations, and raising future leaders through the development of educational opportunities and support for young Unificationists. He also announced the imminent founding of a "Student Federation for World Peace" or SFWP; and stressed the importance of teaching about Hyo Jeong, or the virtue of filial heart, through culture and the arts, which will be the main mission of the developing Hyo Jeong Cultural Center.

As a testament to True Parents' vision to educate the world about God through the arts, the youth of the Hyo Jeong Global Culture and Arts Workshop came to perform songs from this year's celebratory musical, The Dream of Hyo Jeong, at the assembly, filling the room with a radiant and inspired energy. In his introduction to these young champions of art, Mr. Yun was almost moved to tears when he shared how one of the workshop participants was determined to come and sing for True Mother despite having

cancer, the surgery for which will impair her ability to sing in the future: a sorrowful, beautiful testament to the quality of filial heart likely shared by all of the young artists participating in the ongoing workshop.



The final presentation and concluding remarks of the Leaders' Assembly were given by Sung Il Cho, Director General of the FFWPU IHQ. Director Cho clearly described the international strategy for the achievement of national restoration, synthesizing the central themes from True Mother's recent speeches on our current responsibilities as a movement with the information reported by regional and organizational leaders over the course of the past few days.

The most striking point of Director Cho's presentation was his clear delineation of the connections between the three mission areas of witnessing, creating environments for witnessing, and raising future leaders. He explained that investment into any one of these areas will naturally yield positive results and progress in the others. For instance, Unificationists' successful work through Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in the Dominican Republic has created an avenue for the civic leaders of that nation to implement a curriculum for youth character development and pure love education there.

Reflecting on the last four years and the significance of the three ahead, Director Cho commented, "We can now feel and see that the objectives of True Parents are achievable....the essential point is to be vertically aligned [united in heart and mind] with True Parents, whatever we may be working on."

"If you think in terms of 'enemy lines,' and that you must regain the most important high ground to be victorious, what is the high ground you are facing right now? It is the high ground of national restoration. In order to regain the high ground, we all need to unite as one."

-True Mother