

Forty-three Tongil Group of Korea leaders tour Holy Sites in New York

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Forty-three leaders of the Tongil Group of Korea, including Tongil Foundation staff, came to New York on April 25 to experience the legacy and foundation that True Parents laid down in America. The Tongil leaders are employees and executives of several companies under FFWPU Korea such as Segye Times, Yong Pyeong Resort, and Il Hwa. Tongil Group visits to America are part of an ongoing project and take place twice each a year. The wives of Tongil Group leaders actually came to New York and Washington, D.C. in May and September of 2016.

On April 25, the Tongil Group leaders gathered together in the Crystal Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel, where FFWPU USA President, Dr. Michael Balcomb, greeted them on behalf of FFWPU North America Continental Chairman, Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, and gave a presentation regarding True Parents' activities in the United States and business activities under FFWPU USA. Since more than half of the guests were not Unificationists, they were able to learn about the legacy and the history of the True Parents' work, including businesses in the USA. After the presentation, everybody enjoyed dinner together.

On April 26, they toured the New Yorker Hotel and the Manhattan Center, and on April 27, they visited Hyo Jeong East Garden Museum. Dr. Thomas Walsh, Presidents of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) International gave a presentation about True Parents' United Nations initiatives. Then Mike McDevitt, director of Hyo Jeong East Garden Museum, greeted the group, showed an introduction video about the museum, and then gave a museum tour. The group was inspired by the content and by being able to trace the footsteps of True Parents here in the USA.

Dr. Kim greeted the group at East Garden, and expressed his hope that they would feel the love and grace of True Parents during their stay in the USA.

The kitchen staff at the Hyo Jeong East Garden Museum also prepared delicious Korean food for the group, in order to offer them a comforting taste of their homeland despite being abroad.

After the tour of the Hyo Jeong East Garden Museum, they went to Washington, D.C., where they visited the Washington Times and learned more about True Parents' vision for America and world peace.