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Dear EUME Families,

Fumiko and I wish you every blessing for the two upcoming Holy Days, the **60<sup>th</sup> Day of All True Things** and the **68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of HSAUWC** which will both be celebrated this coming Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Most communities in the EUME region are planning to hold in-person pledge services, while other families will celebrate from home. In all cases, we are encouraged to keep our traditions by creating a Holy Table, making a holy day offering donation and investing all our devotion just as if we were hosting Heavenly Parent and True Parents in our own homes.

Additionally, we are all being invited to join the Peace Link livestream broadcast from Korea with True Parents and with our brothers and sisters from around the world. As is often the case, this most Godly celebration takes place at what for us is an ungodly hour – 0130am for a 0200am start in the Central European Time Zone, and even earlier here in London. Looking on the bright side though, it doesn't clash with anyone's working schedule! Moreover, True Mother knows well that her loyal sons and daughters of EUME will be with her 24 hours of this special day. So, please let's be together!

The very first Holy Day that I joined was the **14<sup>th</sup> Day of All Things** (no "True" in those days!) It was the Spring of 1976 in San Francisco and we had a great picnic and music festival in a city park, inviting passers-by to join in our fun, games and feasting. And it *was* fun. In that spirit of witnessing, let's invite as many people as we can from our neighbours in the holy community to join us in this festival of thanksgiving. Together, we show our gratitude to God for the good things in life given freely to all of us: "He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust," as Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:45) In return, God expects that we too should love everyone, even our enemies. Timeless guidance for us all at this time when our continent is being torn apart by war.

Father talks about the **founding Day of HSAUWC** in his autobiography, *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen*. He did not want to create a new church, but the time came to make a new beginning, so:

We hung out a sign that read "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." We chose this name to signify that we belonged to no denomination, and we certainly had no plans to create a new one ... our name is meant to say, "The spiritual world, centering on God, is with us."

What a thought! Heaven and Earth, and God himself, are with us! True Mother is always urging us to inherit the spirit and faith of those early days.

Once again, every good wish for this special day. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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