

## **Encouragement Regarding the "National Tithe"**

Ki Hoon Kim, Michael Balcomb and Michael Jenkins November 27, 2013

Dear Families,

We would like to remind you of an important and beautiful American church tradition, the "National Tithe (donation)," a condition that True Parents requested of all members and families many, many years ago. Early in 1961 he said, "You should offer three-tenths of your income: one-tenth for the nation, one-tenth for the world and one-tenth for the church." (10-218, 1961.4.18).

It was in that spirit in 2003 that we began the National Tithe of \$40 per month. So many of you have continued that tradition until today and we sincerely thank you. However, it has not been emphasized for years, and we would like now to re-introduce the opportunity to make a National Tithe to all members. We would like to encourage you now to tithe \$40, \$70, \$120, \$210 or more per month – to fulfill True Father's guidance to us.

The National Tithe is very important. True Mother has asked America to play a leading role in the 2020 project, and to set an example as a true "elder son" nation to the rest of the world. This means that we need to be successful at home and generous abroad. The National Tithe provides an opportunity for all families to make a direct contribution to our national and international evangelical, educational and ministry projects.

Let's make a new determination together to support this national-level offering. We now have a new online National Tithe form at nationaltithe.familyfed.org. If you are already making automatic monthly contributions but would like to increase the monthly amount, please also make use of this system to make the change. We've also asked all pastors to speak on this matter during the services on Sunday, December 1.

Once again, thank you for your generous and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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