

WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Greetings! Is it hot enough for you? If you spend time outside, be sure to drink plenty of liquids.

I am happy to announce that the new WestRock council held its first meeting. Chris Perkins was chosen to be the chairperson, Dominic Barber the vice-chair, and Ten-Seng Guh the secretary/treasurer.

As for the committees – Teng Seng will focus on the Finance Committee, Jim Stinard and Genie Kagawa on the Small Groups Committee, Tokiko Stewart will continue with the Outreach Committee, Grace Selover with the Care Team Committee, and Dominic Barber will continue his work with the Sunday Service Committee, and he will be on the Pastors Evaluation and Search Committee.

I don't know if you have heard, but Dr. Tom and Grace Selover are going to be moving to Korea. In addition Toby Gullery is going to be moving to Indiana where he will serve as pastor (congratulations Toby!). The Selovers and Toby have played a huge role in our community – and they will be much missed. They will be going sometime in August. Grace and Toby are both members of our council – and so we have begun a process to pick 2 additional council members. Following the direction within our charter – at least 4 names (we have 5 – they were taken from the last election – those who had the highest number of votes) will be offered by the council as candidates. From those 5 we will choose 2 by lottery.

Last week I sent out a survey – which is like a mini introduction. Myself and 3 Japanese sisters went out with it to meet people for a few hours and had a good experience. 11 people took it, were positive, and gave their contact information.

Based on the actual experience in the field I made a few improvements (the new version is attached to this email). I believe that by far the best way to meet people is through natural witnessing. But if you have a tough time talking to people and sharing with them about our faith, please take a look at the survey and give it a try. Actually not one person I spoke to today had heard of Rev Moon. In WestRock, if someone takes the survey and says that they would like to learn more and they give their contact information – we count them as having heard the introduction. Our goal in this 40 days of “Sharing the Blessing” is for 120 people to hear an introduction to our movement. Just 15 days left and we have 98 to go!

Finally – please take note that this week there will be a Parents Day program/banquet in NJ on July 20 (see announcements). And, in regards to the one year anniversary of True Father's ascension, we are planning to have a memorial lunch program on Saturday August 24 at 43rd Street. I encourage everyone to also work with your local church leaders in planning a special Sunday Service on August 25.

Let's make this a great week!

God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

You can hear this week's Sermon given at Belvedere by Andrew Compton "If you want to meet God, you have to meet Satan first." by going to this link:

soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/130714-compton-sermon

Light Thought for the Day:

Shirt Size?

While I was working in the men's section of a department store, a woman asked me to help her choose a white dress shirt for her husband.

When I asked about his size, the woman looked stumped at first, then her face brightened. She held up her hands, forming a circle with her forefingers and thumbs.

"I don't know his size," she said, "but my hands fit perfectly around his neck."

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Providential News

- True Mother has returned to Korea.

The 20-20 Providence has begun! We are now in a 100 day **period of devotion leading up the anniversary of True Father's ascension**, to share the DP with others – and to inspire them to **work with us to build God's Kingdom!**

15 Days left in our special 40-Day of **Sharing the Blessing!** Everyone is invited to make special effort during this time to reach out to others with an invitation to learn more about our movement and the Divine Principle

Quote for the Week

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials. - Chinese proverb

Announcements

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Outreach

National HQ has put together a new website just for guests. The site is: www.dplife.info Please check it out.

Seiko Lee will be performing a concert to benefit Syria: July 28th (Sun.) at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel. No fee, but an offering will be taken

"Play soccer make peace": Robin Graham is heading this up. Please check it out at: (watch your emails for this) www.indiegogo.com/projects/peace-club-play-soccer-make-peace/x/3638361

Parents Day: On Saturday, July 20th at 2:30 pm we will be hosting the National Parents Day Banquet Awards Banquet at the Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ.

This wonderful celebration will bring together parents from throughout the East Coast of the US and will feature:

Elegant dinner - Fillet Mignon/Salmon/amazing dessert

Featured Speaker: Steve Lonigan

Guest speaker: Dr. Michael Balcomb

Ballroom Dancing

Line Dance

Surprises

Register today:

\$70 per person

\$35 for children under 12

RSVP

Community

Opportunity for Youth to Study in Korea:

Summer 21-Day and 40-Day workshops at Cheongpyeong. Financial help is available for transportation. See the email that was sent to you for details (or call Rev Compton)

Sun Myung Moon University: Scholarships are available. See email that was sent to you for details, (or call Rev Compton)

NY/NJ Ocean Challenge Program: Meaning & History of the Ocean Providence, Captain Training, Fishing, BBQ. Saturdays, July 13-August 31 10:00 am-4:00 pm
20 Riverside Avenue Little Ferry, NJ 07643 fee: \$250

Camp Sunrise Summer Camps Are Back! That's right, Camp Sunrise will re-open this summer with a complete program of sleep-over summer camps for elementary, junior high, and high school age children as well as weekly Day Camps. To register and/or obtain more information about these camps, go to the BFA website found at www.blessedfamilies.org and click on "sponsored programs." Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15th!

Other

Family of 4 is looking for TEMPORARY Lodging from July 15th Until September 15th in the WestRock Community. 1-2 Rooms are needed
Please Contact **Chaplain Daryl Clarke** with any information or for questions

Prayer

- Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am.

Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays

Next Ahn Shi II: Thursday July 25, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!