

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,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I missed you this past Sunday. I pray that you made it through the storm all right. Luckily, so far I have slipped on the ice only once. (I must be getting ready for our ice-skating event this coming January 1)

I hope you were able to watch the broadcast, Saturday night, of the Sunday program in Korea. It was helpful to hear the reports from the different branches of our movement. And I was happy to hear the former ambassador, representing the USA, repent for the incarceration of True Father. That must have touched True Mother's heart. The most inspiring segment of the program was to hear True Mother speak – and to hear and feel her sincere heart. It stimulated me to renew my determination to bring substantial results for God's providence.

Let's all take a moment this Christmas season to consider those around us who are less fortunate than ourselves, who are in difficult situations and may not have loved ones with them. A heart-felt gesture can make all the difference in the world.

Don't forget – this coming Sunday we will have a special Christmas service at Belvedere. Everyone is encouraged to wear something very Christmasee – ideally an outlandish Christmas sweater!

If you have teenage kids – check your emails for the upcoming Winter Workshop at UTS

And let's make this a great Christmas!

God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

Sorry, no sermon this week

Light Thought for the Day:

The Purse

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

Testimonies/reports

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

Providential News

The 20-20 Providence has begun! WestRock and Upstate have been paired with the Solomon Islands and Italy. Metro NY and Long Is have been paired with Nepal and Israel.

Quote for the Week:

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

Benjamin Franklin

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Outreach

Dec. Open Door Event: Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 pm, “Christmas Around the World” party at the White House. There will be no fee, but everyone is asked to bring a Christmas snack or dessert. There will be singing, games, and an introduction to TP’s vision.

Ice skating January 1: Everyone is invited to come ice skating at the Westchester Skating Academy, 91 Fairview Park Drive, Elmsford (just north of Sam’s club off of 9A)

DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Monday Dec 16, 7 PM, Nov 25. Topic: Life Beyond Death

Bible Study for the 21st Century: at the White House, Friday 7PM, Dec. 20 Topic: “Understanding the Responsibility God Placed in Our Hands”

Community

Farewell to Robert & Hee Hun Standard & family! They are moving to Rhinebeck, NY. We are grateful for all that they invested in our community – including a piano at the White House! We pray for their success and happiness in their new home.

Special Christmas Service, Dec 22. Music, songs, video, readings, decorations, games, prizes, and more! Invite your friends and neighbors.

Barrytown College Open House, Dec 21

Looking for Homes to Welcome Students for Overnight Stay, Christmas Eve: (Still need 4 more). Can you volunteer to welcome 2 students into your home (can be male or female) for Christmas Eve and part of Christmas Day. If you can be such a family, please contact Rev Compton. THANK YOU!

Scholarships for UPA: True Mother is offering scholarships for graduate students, under the age of 30 – to attend the Universal Peace Academy: 1 year Korean Study, 2 years graduate school study, and 2 years of ministry. Please contact Rev Compton

Share Your Testimony: If you would like to share your testimony at Sunday service please visit our website at www.westrockfamily.com/sermons to find out more. If you are interested contact Rev Compton.

Prayer

Angela Shimizaki was in a work accident and is now at home recovering. Please pray for her recovery (and if you can – give her a visit!)

Laura Nabetani – she continues to fight pneumonia and other health challenges.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein – she is fighting lung cancer

Next Ahn Shi II: Tuesday, December 24, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!