

Below is an open letter to the UC Community written by an elder American brother Howard Self in response to District Director, Rev. Randall Francis' letter to DC area members. An unsolicited response to Howard's letter was written by Robert Spitz, another elder American brother. Both have been widely circulated and parts have been posted as comments on the Family Fed website. I am sending all three complete letters for the sake of all of our members being informed.

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Personal Reflection from Rev. Francis

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing today to give you a personal update on the recent directions from True Parents, especially in light of the activities that took place in Sao Paolo, Brazil on May 30th and 31st. Please be sure to read all the memos and testimonies and watch the videos for yourselves.

As you know, after the way Hyun Jin Nim and his staff aggressively removed the South American Continental Director Rev. Shin, True Parents released a written proclamation to clearly state, once again, that "God is the One King of Kings. There is only one set of True Parents. All families are the people who share a single lineage, and are children of one Heavenly Kingdom. Moreover, the command center of cosmic peace and unity is the absolute and unique command center. Its representative and heir is Hyung Jin Moon. Anybody else who claims to be in this position is a heretic and one who brings destruction." In light of True Parents proclamation, I feel the need to stand strong in support of those whom withstood this brazen attack on the official positions as leaders in Brazil. This is the first of many updates to come. Please try to read and educate yourselves as much as possible on these matters.

Here is some of the background information that I have personally experienced. In January 2009 True Father declared Hyung Jin Nim's appointment as His representative and heir, all totaled on 3 occasions, twice in Korea and finally in NY at the USA celebration of TP 90th birthday January 31st. Then, in March 2009, the leadership of many of our affiliated organizations were brought to NY for a meeting where Hyun Jin Nim stated quite strongly to all of us that he was in control of the church in America. This was months after In Jin Nim's inauguration and was clearly not True Parents directions, and In Jin Nim Stated that she was going to Korea to speak directly to True Father. During that time period Hyun Jin Nim tried to takeover HSA-UWC through manipulating the voting of the board of directors. Even trying to have the vote while In Jin Nim was in flight to Korea. While they were in Korea, True Parents requested that Hyun Jin Nim stop the activities of UPF and the Global Peace Festivals and to come and be close to them in

Korea and follow them in their travels. There was an original DP workshop where many of the True Family attended. The HSA takeover was unsuccessful due to the voting which eventually took place and consequently Hyun Jin Nim did not follow True Fathers guidance to take a year sabbatical with them. In fact, as I understand it, that year never began, even unto now.

Since that time, UPF has been restructured, under the direction of the founders, to be lead by the guidance of Hyung Jin Nim as Chairman. In December 2009, many of the former UPF International and USA leaders decided to resign and follow Hyun Jin Nim's course, which is running contrary to True Parents' directions. They held the GPC in the Philippines in December 2009 and subsequent other GPF activities around the nation and world.

Also, in our community many have been affected by the actions of the UCI board including the firings at TWT, News World and others that seem to go against the ideals of the founders, our True Parents. As I see it these actions in no way are the directions of True Parents, and as stated in the June 5th proclamations, seem to be destroying the foundation True Parents and the members of our world wide movement have worked hard to establish for the sake of the world and real sustainable peace..

Brothers and sisters, I state these things not as an attack, only for information. Each time I have sat at Hoon Dok Hwe or at public events listening to True Father and True Mother over the last year I have reflected on their demeanor and attitude toward Hyun Jin Nim. I feel they desperately want him to come back to them. They do not feel he is listening or even willing to listen to them. I remember in May 2008 in Kona, HI. at Hyo Jin Nim's memorial, True Mother stood holding Hyun Jin Nim's hand on her right and Kook Jin Nim's hand on her left and pledged to True Father and God to be the central unifying point for these elder and younger, spiritual and physical world positions. She has been standing strong in her commitment to doing this. As True Father has made this June 5th proclamation to clarify His directions, True Mother was firmly by His side.

In my opinion this is not simply about; is GPF good or bad. It is much broader and deeper. The ideals and actions of service and peace conferences can and are being done by anyone. Hyun Jin Nim's vision of working together, serving, sharing and creating a culture of heart is the model True Father himself has implemented. I think True Parents would greatly support it if it was offered properly to them and Hyun Jin Nim fulfilled his parent's requests, perhaps, even just a little bit more then what is happening now. Have we not heard of the principle of lesser indemnity?

I hope you are all trying to understand the heart of all the True Children, as we see these circumstances coming forth. There is great pain in all of them. But it seems that Hyun Jin Nim has been planning this for some time now. Even though, as he says in Brazil, now that he is over the age of 41 years old he has completed the course of filial piety, it seems obvious though, through his shouting and rage, he is very distant from the heart of his parent's will for him. Also, the attitude of attacking and rumor creating seems to be generated by those around Hyun Jin Nim. They are even stating false personal marital issues. This makes me think that those issues are actually prevalent in their lives and they are transposing them as cover up. Finally, until Hyun Jin Nim and those following and supporting him come to receive True

Parents blessing for what he is doing, I can not allow him or any of them to speak in any of our churches in District One. Also, I strongly implore those who are following Hyun Jin Nim to reconsider the course they are taking which is not in line with True Parents direction and will. (see TP Proclamation and official memos).

Please read and study all the information available to get an overview for yourselves. As one BC said "something like this doesn't surprise me, it's all throughout restoration history". It will be how it's resolved that is important. A great example is in Joshua: 24 in verse 15: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

In Jin Nim's visit to the Brazilian Church and meeting the South American members, really brought comfort and hope to all. They could feel True Parents love through her and the message she brought on behalf of True Parents and Hyung Jin Nim.

I pray that Hyun Jin Nim and all that are following him, will quickly discover the original will of God and True Parents, and return to their wide open arms of true love.

Sincerely,

Rev. Randall Francis

Note: Please send me any comments or questions. I will do my best to answer them or get an answer.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MY CHURCH COMMUNITY by Howard Self
June 17, 2010**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I love my UC District Director, Rev. Randall Francis. We have known each other for quite a number of years and have worked together on many campaigns, True Parents' events, etc. He is caring, conscientious, completely dependable, has a wonderful wife, and is totally loyal to True Parents. During my 35+ years in the movement, I have lived in the DC area a number of times. Over 8 years ago, I moved back to this district and for all that time, Rev. Francis has been in some level of leadership in the church. As far as I know, we have held mutual feelings of love and respect for one another.

Imagine my surprise when I read my emails on the morning of the Day of All True Things, to find a message from Rev. Francis to the entire district family, which among other things, declared that I and all the members in my office and anyone else who dares to associate with Hyun Jin Nim, could no longer speak "in any of our churches in District One".

I was completely flabbergasted. Among my earliest thoughts were, "35 years ago, I was branded a heretic in my Baptist church for supporting True Parents, and now I am branded as a heretic in their

church for associating with their son." In a land where so many died for Freedom of Speech in more than one war, I could now speak practically everywhere, except in my own church! I, too, served in the U.S. Army ...being one of the last of the draftees, and from my experience, no one holds our freedoms with greater value than those who have been in the military, and who have seen their friends make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve them.

If I literally can't speak in my church, I wondered, will I and my family be given a special muzzle to wear when I go there? Or perhaps we should wear some equivalent of the yellow star so that others will know my status in life and will know not to speak to me?

As the pogrom against Hyun Jin Nim continues, to what lengths will it go? Already, an official message went out to the entire world movement declaring that no internet messages could be sent to our church community without permission from the international headquarters. Also, another stated that no meetings can be held anywhere in the world without prior permission from the international headquarters. Not only are these directions ludicrous, they are impossible to enforce. Yet, that doesn't seem to matter in the frenzy to denounce, ghettoize, condemn and ultimately excommunicate Hyun Jin Nim and anyone who dares to associate with him.

I knew when I first read it, that Rev. Francis' edict of silence only partially originated from him. Sure enough, other district directors are sending similar messages...why? Because they are being directed by their national headquarters to do so, which in turn, is directed by the International Headquarters. So, by edict, such incredible precious members as are supporting GPF, are to be now treated a little less than human"" that is, they don't have the same rights as everyone else. Personal and human relationships that have lasted, in many cases, for decades no longer matter. Because the DECREE has gone out that they are bad and no longer worthy of full human rights.

I and my colleagues received no trial, no hearing, not even a notice before the Decree. We could not face our accusers, or offer any defense. By District (and actually, National and International) Decree, we are branded as guilty and must therefore be silenced. This is how the worst persecutions in history were instigated- by Decree. Herod and Hitler did everything by decree. That may sound extreme, but when it is happening to you and your family it IS extreme.

I have to ask, is this the legacy of our True Parents' movement? When you watch the video of Father writing the June 5th Proclamation, you can see how difficult it was for him to do. When I watch and read the transcript of that video, it certainly seems to me that Father did not originate the idea of the Proclamation. A few times, he thrusts it back at Mother and tells her, "Here, you write it". He also makes the point, "I did not write Hyun Jin Nim's name here". I doubt that he would have said that unless someone had specifically asked him to do so. For whatever reason(s) True Father made the Proclamation, Church leaders are now using it as a decree with which to hammer Hyun Jin Nim and his associates into submission.

What happened to "loving even your enemies"? What happened to "natural subjugation by true love"? These are True Father's real methods, and they are the methods I believe through which Father and Hyun Jin Nim, and the entire Family will eventually be reunited.

Those who know me, know that I have been mostly in public missions for most of my time in the movement. I have worked directly with 36 couples...Tiger Park, Rev.Won Pil Kim, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Dr. Seuk, Reverend Kwak, etc and for years directly with members of the True Family...Hyo Jin Nim, Jin Hun Nim

and now Hyun Jin Nim. I have been at East Garden and other sites with True Parents, hundreds of times for leaders' meetings, etc. I have witnessed countless intrigues, jealousies, competitions, etc that have swirled around our True Parents, and yes, within the True Family. Yet, I have never seen such extremes as those that are now being instituted.

UPF represented the fruition of True Father's 40 years of effort to establish a genuine world peace movement; a movement that incorporated genuine interfaith relationships. Ambassadors for Peace were appointed around the world, with the understanding that UPF was open for all faiths and that as an Ambassador for Peace, you would not be pressured to change your faith.

In 2009, I resigned from UPF because simply, UPF left that type of effort and became a project dedicated to promoting the Unification Church. If you read the new UPF-USA National Director's latest report, it shows that building up and promoting Lovin Life Ministry is really the most important agenda for UPF-USA. The new International Chairman of UPF made it crystal clear in his sermon from Taiwan, where he stated flatly, "The mission of all these projects, including UPF, is simple.....to proclaim True Parents as the Messiah and Lord of the 2nd Advent". Now, this is fine for our church, and is what has been expected from church members for decades.

However, it is not the appropriate effort for an organization that is purporting to be a genuine interfaith enterprise. UPF proclaims True Parents' messiahship in more and more public meetings now. When UPF brings VIPs to the Palace, they are greeted with a speech that pronounces that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are the 2nd Coming, Messiah, etc. Again, there is nothing wrong for our Church to do this.

But True Father and our movement worked so hard for decades to create the "big net" foundation for a genuine world peace movement based on true interfaith. Now, more and more Ambassadors for Peace are feeling that they were the victims of a "bait and switch", that is, they accepted an appointment which was based on real interfaith and are now being forced to accept the conclusions and tenets of the Unification Church.

Even the Blessing was given by True Parents universally, to peoples of all faiths. How can such a dichotomy and contradiction be good for the Providence and our movement's mission?

In contrast, GPF has not changed. It follows exactly the thread of True Father's Peace Messages. And contrary to all of the accusations that Hyun Jin Nim is doing everything for himself, Hyun Jin Nim, in EVERY public speech and important meeting with VIPs, TESTIFIES to True Father's role in the founding and guiding philosophy of GPF. Our movement's scope of responsibility is of course global, ie. Universal. Everyone can relate to "One Family under God", but it is a totally different story if you hear "One Church under God" for large segments of the world's population.

My brothers and sisters, I am neither ignorant nor naïve about what is going on now in our movement. I and my family have been praying desperately for healing and ultimate unity within the True Family and within the movement. I am convinced that organized public attacks on any member of the True Family are harmful to our movement and to our mission. I am deeply concerned about the future of our efforts and the legacy that our collective movement is establishing. Yet, bottom line, all of us must follow our

consciences in our decisions. For me, it is clear that we need both the Church and the global peace movement. We need both the "Sphere of Life" and the "Public Sphere".

Whether I can now say it in church or not, I love every member of our movement. No one is here easily. I am confident that we will come through the current crisis successfully, because, among other factors, we are all stubborn Moonies who just don't give up easily.

In True Parents' Love,
Howard C. Self

Response by Mr. Robert Spitz:

The open letter from Howard again demonstrates the facile PR of Preston's followers to change the topic to move away from central issue, find fault with UC leaders, vilify the victim, glorify the perpetrator, create straw man arguments, and turn a blind eye to the moral ramifications of their actions.

Howard's letter and all of the other attempts to justify and defend Preston's position (by attacking) seek to start at the end, rather than the beginning of the story. Why? Well, it is a little inconvenient to start at the beginning, because they don't have any good reasons for what Preston has done. Preston's camp has read all of the rebuttals to their possible arguments and they have realized that their only possible justification that Preston had to steal all the money so the evil Korean elders could not steal the money, is a bird without wings.

First of all Howard, if you want anyone to take you seriously, you need to start at the beginning and not the end. Your letter is a parody of the situation. When I called you several months back to find out what was going on and get some explanation, you refused to even discuss your position or attempt to explain the justifications for what Preston had done. When I asked you for some explanation of why you were supporting him, you adamantly and absolutely refused to discuss any aspect of the situation with me. Your response to me was something along the lines of "I am just following orders from my central figure, Preston" and "Bob, you know how stubborn the True Children are, I couldn't reason with him if I wanted to."

Mark Anderson promised us, after speaking with you, that you would be coming out with an explanation shortly. That was months ago.

Now you write this letter attacking the response of the UC leaders to what you have done and you expect anyone to take you seriously? Your letter, your actions, your attack on the UC leadership and indirectly Father's own position on the matter, your support for this theft of UCI and the UC physical foundation in America and the World, without any explanation is an expression of your moral depravity on what can only be characterized as the worst disaster in UC history.

People are justifiably disturbed by the moral depravity of the management of BP who committed gross negligence in the construction of the Deep Horizon oil rig in the heart of the Gulf of Mexico. However, you and all of the other Preston supporters and worker bees continue to intentionally and willfully provide cover and aid to him in his ongoing devastation of the Unification Movement.

Your letter bemoans the fact that you cannot speak at Sunday service in Washington. Where is your concern about the fact that Preston has silenced Father's voice in Washington by destroying the Washington Times? It was the flagship of our UC Movement. Why would God even care if you could speak at a Sunday Service, regardless of the fact that you have not attended in years? Where is your perspective on this situation?

YOU and PRESTON and all of his followers are so wrapped up in the four fallen natures that you cannot see any light to lead you out of the darkness. You say that you are still following Father. Are you following the Divine Principle? Can you read Chapter 2 tonight and help me understand how you explain the following:

1. Failure to take God's standpoint. Father and Mother have stated their position. The Lord of the Second Advent has appointed his youngest son as the successor. How do you come to the conclusion that Preston's self proclaimed ministry has inherited God's Providence of Restoration?
2. Leaving one's proper position. Again, you give lip service to your devotion to True Parents. If so, then Preston has left the position assigned to him by True Parents and is trying to assume the position of leadership over the movement.
3. Reversal of Dominion. Clearly, Preston has demonstrated in Brazil his intention to take dominion over the Church centers and dominate Church elders and displace his younger brother and the movement established by True Parents.
4. Multiplication of the criminal act. The criminal act in this case is Preston's surreptitious and duplicitous actions in removing members of the UCI board using deception and replacing them with his loyalists to immorally dominate UCI and then hide behind American laws, rather than standing on God's laws.

Howard, as I asked you on the phone several months ago, give me some explanation for what you are doing. Explain your position in light of God's Providence of Restoration. If you were to try to write it down on paper, I know you would come to the only possible conclusion. There is absolutely no way on

earth or in Heaven to explain or justify what Preston has done.

Instead, you have turned to crying about the punishment for your crime. Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden of Eden and could no longer speak with God. Cain became an outcast with a MARK on his forehead. Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt. Moses never saw the Promised Land. John the Baptist was beheaded. Judas hung himself.

Please tell me what you think is the appropriate punishment for destroying God's Providence?

Do you not see that our movement has been torn apart by this? What is your solution? Father should bow down to Preston and turn the movement over to him?

Howard. There is no grey in God's Providence. Switzerland did not win WWII.

You think you are dead right. So did Cain, so did Ham, so did Esau, so did John the Baptist, so did Judas.

You believe the punishment does not fit the crime. Ditto for every criminal.

I will say it, if nobody else will. What you are doing is a crime. You are a co-conspirator to the destruction of the Unification Movement and the destruction of God's Providence of Restoration. God divides into two sides for the purpose of Restoration. You are on the wrong side of the History of the Providence of Restoration.

Of course, you and Preston have your explanations and justifications, based upon your beliefs in the corruption and the arrogance of the Korean elders in leadership positions. Judas had his own financial justifications as well. If these justifications did not exist, there could be no basis for the division. This conflict had to be set up by God. You can hang your hat on these petty reasonings and keep your tunnel vision. I am asking you to step back and look at the big picture.

The one and only key question is: "What does God want?" Do you think your prayers are being answered by God and telling you that you are on the right path? So did the South in the Civil War. There is an incredibly powerful Spiritual World that supports each side in such a historical division. Are you trusting in that Spiritual World to tell you what is right? I have already made a post in which I have explained the powerful spiritual world of indemnity that must be overcome due to the failures of Jesus' Family. Just as Mary, Joseph, Zechariah and John were all the best of the Israelites and the most blessed and chosen people, they all made the wrong decisions and caused Jesus to fail his mission.

Do you want to go down in history as part of the cause of the failure of God's Providence?

You have been an outstanding and tremendous and blessed leader of this movement. You know the Divine Principle. If you can't explain your position and your actions in light of the Divine Principle, then you must concede that YOUR POSITION is Wrong. Complaining about the inaccurate characterizations of

the motivations behind Preston's actions or complaining about the over reaction of UC to what he has done, does not bootstrap you into a horse that will cross this stream.

I am praying that you will end your participation and support for the continuing division of the Unification Movement. I am praying that you will come to understand that the anger being expressed toward you and all of Preston's supporters is an expression of God's displeasure. Somebody is right and somebody is wrong. You have not and cannot explain why you are right. You can only complain.

Think about it. Pray about it. We are praying for you too.

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