

Rally of the Global Membership to Proclaim and Uphold the Declaration of True Parents



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Beloved Blessed Families and fellow Unification Church members throughout the world!

I am very happy to see you all today! From 1960 to 1990, I was working together with you, here in America. I love America as if it were my own country. For the past 21 years I have missed you all very much!

Today, September 18th is a very memorable day in our church history. On September 18, 1974, True Father held his first major rally in the U.S.A., speaking at Madison Square Garden here in New York City. On September 18, 1976, True Father held one of the largest religious rallies in the history of the U.S.A., speaking at Washington Monument, in Washington, DC.

However today, on this very special occasion, it is you and I, Unification Church members, who have gathered together to commit ourselves to the 'True Parent's Declaration' given on May 25, 2011.

My dear brothers and sisters!

The Unification Church began with the birth of True Father on January 6, 1920, based on the Heavenly calendar. On May 1, 1954, Father officially named our church the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

In less than half a century, the teachings of our True Parents spread to 194 nations across the world. Never before, in the history of religion, has such a miracle been achieved within the lifetime of its founder. By the hand of God, the Unification church has prospered by leaps and bounds. However, our church is presently facing the greatest crisis in its history: that of internal disunity.

I joined the Unification church 54 years ago, in February, 1957 while I was a major in the ROK army. It was at that time that I first heard the Divine Principle. When I met Rev. Sun Myung Moon, I was shocked to learn that he had been sent as our Savior and Messiah.

How fortunate I was! Out of the billions of people in the world, even though I was not worthy of it, I was given the chance to meet the Messiah! Although there were millions and millions of Christians who desperately prayed to meet the Messiah during their lifetime; they were not that fortunate. Yet I had met the Messiah! I met the Messiah!

For me, this was the greatest heavenly blessing of all blessings, and the greatest glory of all glories. This reality, which has moved me since that momentous day, still makes my heart burn with passion even at this moment, 54 years after our first encounter.

During the past 54 years, I gave up everything in order to follow the Messiah. I do not know where the time went; it passed by so quickly. And now, all of a sudden, I find myself to be an old man, at the age of 81.

My dear brothers and sisters!

For the past 54 years, the words of True Parents have been Law to me! The fundamental principles governing my life have been those of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. I do not know how many more years I have left on this earth, but I will adhere to these principles until my last breath. And even after that, I shall continue to follow True Parents for eternity, in the spirit world. That is my greatest desire and highest dream.

In 1950, I offered my life to fight for my country in the Korean War, and many times I narrowly escaped death. I was 19 years old. I oftentimes wondered why God spared my life. But that question was answered when I met True Father. God spared my life so that I could meet the Messiah.

I will dedicate the rest of my life to True Parents. What could be more important than this? Is there anything greater than this? I am sure you feel the same way that I do. This is our privilege as Unificationists!

Yes, Father's words are our Law, and it is the duty and responsibility of all Unification Church members to absolutely obey the law. This is the Unification Church faith, because our life, our eternal life, comes from True Parents.

In John 14:6, Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Today, who does 'me' refer to? 'Me' refers to the Lord of the Second Advent; our True Parents. Without True Parents, there is no other way to go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our True Parents showed us the Way. Our True Parents brought us the Truth. Our True Parents gave us Life. No one can go to the Heavenly Father except through the Messiah, our dear True Parents!

Some of you may know that I was once kidnapped in the past. While going through that torturous ordeal, the thought came to me that, 'I have met the Lord; I am following True Parents!' That thought made me proud, and gave me explosive energy even when they threatened to kill me. At the moment my kidnappers were preparing to execute me and stuff my body into a barrel, I shouted out: "True Parents, MANSEI!" three times. I was not afraid of dying!

My dear brothers and sisters,

In recent years however, like a bolt of lightning from out of the blue, we were shocked to realize that there were some members who were blatantly being disobedient to our True Parents. Previously, such a thing happening within our movement could not even be imagined.

That group of people violated the tradition of the Unification Church, which we value as much as our own lives. They set a precedent of disobedience before True Parents. This was the first wrongdoing - the sin of disobedience; the sin of breaking the tradition.

Who committed this sin? The people who committed this wrongdoing are the former reverend, Kwak, Chung Hwan, his family, and those acting in concert with them. They not only disobeyed True Parents, but they also committed a second serious wrongdoing.

They usurped the assets of the Unification Church without the permission of True Parents. These assets were accumulated through the blood, sweat, and tears of all Blessed families and Church members from around the world. It is actually YOUR blood, YOUR sweat, and YOUR tears. Even as we speak, they are squandering these assets away.

They have also committed a third wrongdoing. They are blinding some Church leaders and members, thereby fostering disunity within the Church. Where are they trying to take the Church members? Are they trying to take the members away from True Parents and lead them to hell?

It grieves me to no end to see that my past comrade, and one of the most loyal of all followers, Kwak, Chung Hwan, has broken

away from the Providence and refuses to follow the True Parents. To justify and conceal their separation from the Providence, they have established the third son of True Parents, Hyun Jin Moon, as their leader.

You may ask, “What about you, Bo Hi Pak? Are you perfect?” The answer is: ‘NO, I am not’. There are few people in the Unification Church who have been scolded as harshly and as many times as I have, by True Father. I am also a sinner; I have made many mistakes and have committed many unfilial acts. However, I will never, ever leave True Parents as long as I live.

Definitely, the time will come when I am finally called by God. At that moment, like at the time of my kidnapping, before my last breath is taken, I will cry out: “True Parents, Eok Manseil!” three times. That is my dream and prayer.

Brothers and sisters,

There is one thing that you must clearly understand and always keep in mind. True Parents’ mission is to save the world; to save ALL of humanity. God sent them for this special mission.

In 1971, True Father moved the World Mission Headquarters to the United States, as he felt that his headquarters must be centrally located in the world. I served under Father in the United States from the very first day of his arrival.

During the next five years, until 1976, True Parents completely conquered all 50 states of America. They were warmly welcomed, and received the keys to the city and proclamations from Governors wherever they spoke.

On September 18, 1976, the year that marked the 200th anniversary of American

independence, True Parents brought together 300,000 people at the Washington Monument, and held one of the greatest religious rallies in the history of the USA. At that rally, True Father declared ‘Godism’. The name of Rev. Moon rocked the entire nation of America. It took only 5 years for Father to come to this level of accomplishment.

In 1977, I incorporated UCI according to the instructions of True Father, and I served as the founding Chairman of UCI. At the time, True Father clearly explained the purpose for the founding of UCI when he said:

“Within the next three and a half years, I will bring about a tremendous change in the hearts of the American people through the Divine Principle. I will stand at the forefront of the world mission work. The world will yield before the Divine Principle, like snow melting after a frigid winter. To achieve this, we will need a large sum of money and many assets. UCI will be the place where we accumulate the funds and assets necessary for our world mission work.”

During the next 14 years, Father’s ministry spread like a wildfire to all corners of the world. The Washington Times, the flagship newspaper begun by True Father in 1982, became one of the three major newspapers in America within the first two years of its publication. The Washington Times was the wake-up call that signaled the ‘dawn of a New Age’ in America. President Reagan in the White House, started each day by reading the Washington Times.

Then, in 1990, the unimaginable happened. True Parents, the supreme leader of the ‘Victory over Communism’ movement, entered the Kremlin in the Soviet Union. He held a historic meeting with the then supreme boss of the Communist world, President Mikhail Gorbachev. It was

beyond belief! How was this possible? It was absolutely a miracle! This meeting marked a turning point in world history. True Parents told President Gorbachev in a resolute manner:

“Communism will never take over the world with a godless ideology. Without God, there can be no peace in the world either.”

Only one year later, after that fateful meeting, the Soviet Union, which had striven to conquer the entire world, collapsed. After only 74 years of rule, it was relegated to the dustbins of history. This marked the victory of ‘Godism’. True Parents had won the ideological war between ‘God’ vs ‘No God’, and liberated the communist Soviet Union. True Parents carried out all this work, with UCI standing on one side, and the Washington Times, which had made even the Soviet Union tremble in fear, standing on the other.

My dear brothers and sisters!

Where is that UCI today? UCI is gone! It has disappeared from the hands of True Parents. The Kwak family and their collaborators, together with Hyun Jin nim as their leader, have stolen UCI away from our True Parents!

But who is the true owner of that money? Of course, all the money actually belongs to True Parents and the Unification Church. They have absolutely no right to touch this money; not even one penny of it! They are disregarding the fact that UCI belongs to True Parents and that it was created through your blood, your sweat and your tears.

Let’s look at Washington DC... Washington DC was virtually the spiritual capital of True Parents. True Parents’ buildings could be seen here and there throughout the capital. The first building

was that of the Washington Times, on New York Avenue. Also, the world famous news agency, UPI, belonged to True Parents. The strategically located building that stood high, between the Congress and the White House, the Atlantic Video Center, also belonged to True Parents, as did the Sheraton National Hotel. The achievements of True Parents had become prominent features throughout Washington DC, and a source of worldwide pride for our members.

However, the usurpers of UCI have completely annihilated and dismantled all historical traces of True Parents. What have they done with the millions of dollars they obtained after selling off all these assets? With the exception of The Washington Times, which was regained after a year of difficult struggle, we can’t find even one trace of the footprints of Rev. Moon in the spiritual capital of True Parents, Washington, DC. What could be sadder than this?

But this is not all! In commemoration of True Father’s 80th birthday, the Japanese Blessed families and members had collected offerings and presented True Parents with a new private jet. In short, they had given True Parents wings with which to fly. With this private jet, True Parents carried out two 120-nation world speaking tours. How could they have achieved this without a private plane with which to maintain their intense non-stop schedules?

The people in the Kwak group however, have confiscated this private plane! At this very moment, it is up for sale on the used plane market. Can you imagine this? Through their actions, they made it necessary for True Parents to stand in long lines, waiting for each of their commercial flights. What are they trying to accomplish by selling the plane? It would seem that money is more important to them than True

Parents' safety and security.

On July 15th, True Parents visited Africa as honored dignitaries, personally invited there by the new president of Nigeria. They however, did not have a private plane. Why is the Kwak group making True Parents look so miserable in the eyes of the world? Are they not afraid of God's judgment? Why did they take away the wings of the King of Kings? What are they trying to do? Isn't this one of the most unfilial and disloyal acts they can perform? Do you not feel rage at this treasonous arrogance taking place right before our eyes?

My heart is crying out: "True Parents, I am sorry! True Parents, I am sorry! It is MY fault that things have come to this. I am so ashamed that I cannot even ask for forgiveness!"

UCI, which was usurped from the hands of True Father, is now nothing more than an empty shell. Virtually everything that belonged to True Parents in Washington DC has been sold off. Even the Washington DC residence of True Parents, Jefferson House, is gone. The UPI building is gone. The Atlantic Video Center is gone. The Sheraton National Hotel is gone. The Washington Times was also seized for a year, but was eventually recovered at the last moment by True Father. However, its reputation has been badly damaged.

Wouldn't those who visit Washington DC be pointing here and there and making a mockery of the dignity of True Parents, saying "There is hardly a trace of Rev. Moon left here!"? Previously, hundreds of thousands of people came to Washington DC and praised the achievements of True Parents. We brought a great number of people from Korea and other parts of the world to show them those very things; didn't we? Now however, we have very

little to show them.

It breaks my heart to see this. I participated in the construction of each and every one of those buildings, under the guidance of True Parents. I was so mortified that I bowed down before God and wept countless tears. I called out the name of Heavenly Father hundreds of times, asking Him, "WHY?"

Finally, the first light of dawn appeared. With the heart of a parent, True Parents patiently waited. When things became no longer tolerable; they finally broke their silence and proclaimed the 'Declaration' on May 25, 2011 (April 23rd by the Heavenly Calendar). The first part of the Declaration states:

"All members are not to forget that they must obey absolutely all directions and commands of the True Parents, who are the only True Parents in the world for all perpetuity and eternity. This is the eternal tradition and faith of the Unification Church."

If all the Blessed Families and members throughout the world, and even those who have gone against the Providence, obey this one teaching of True Parents, then all our problems can be resolved at once. However, there seems to be little possibility of that happening. So what are we to do?

On December 18, 1971, upon his arrival in the United States, True Father shouted out: "I have come as a fireman to put out the fire in America." I was there, at that very moment.

It is now our turn. We, Unification Church members throughout the world, need to become the firefighters who can put out the fire of disobedience and extinguish the flames of betrayal. Our True Parents are suffering.

Isn't it our responsibility as Blessed families and Unification Church members to resolve this crisis, even if it means that we must stake our very lives on it?

Brothers and Sisters!

In Korea's past, we can find some of the most passionate acts of loyalty and filial piety recorded in history. At the time of the Koryo Dynasty, a famous patriot by the name of Jeong, Mong Joo was called upon by the would-be king, Lee, Seong Gye. He was asked by the followers of Lee, Seong Gye, who were trying to establish him as the new king, to join forces with them. Patriot Jeong, Mong Joo revealed his heart to them in the form of a poem:

"Even if I die over and over again; a hundred times over again, until my bones become the dust of the earth and my spirit is neither here nor there, my single-hearted devotion to my Lord will never fade away."

When he learned about the resolute heart of patriot Jeong, Mong Joo, Lee, Seong Gye instructed his servants to attack him on the Seon Jook Bridge on his way back home. Jeong, Mong Joo was killed, however the blood that the loyal patriot spilt on that bridge could not be washed away, and it remains there even today.

This story teaches us a very important lesson. The king that patriot Jeong, Mong Joo served under, was just an ordinary secular king. He was not the Messiah. He was not the Savior. He was not someone sent from God. He was simply the king of a small nation. And yet, the loyal patriots pledged their allegiance to him, and were even willing to give their very lives for him.

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today, who are we serving? The person we are serving and attending is not just another king of a small country. Not at all! He is the Messiah! He is the Lord of the Second Advent! He is the one who God has sent to save humanity! And he is the one who revealed the aching heart of God and liberated Him from His sorrows! He is our King of Kings! He is our eternal True Parent!

The loyalty we show before True Parents should be on a completely different level from that of patriot Jeong, Mong Joo! The word 'eternal' follows us wherever we go. We are in a position to show eternal and unchanging loyalty! That is the mission and awesome duty of the Blessed families. That is the privilege of the Blessed families and Unification Church members around the world. We Unificationists, are a different kind of breed! We are Compassionate, Dedicated, Uncompromising, Steadfast, and never afraid, even in the face of death!

Brothers and Sisters!

The Unification Church must never be divided. We must never, ever allow this kind of thing to happen. We must defend our church with our heart and our soul! What should we do? Yes, we must become a modern day Jeong, Mong Joo! Let us pledge before our beloved True Parents:

'Even if I die over and over again; a hundred times over again, until my bones become like the dust of the earth, and my spirit is neither here nor there, my single-hearted devotion to our beloved True Parents will never fade away! Aju!'

This is the path that we Blessed families and Unification Church members need to follow.

On the positive side, we have the World President, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, the heir established directly by our True Parents. He is the one who has been clearly entrusted by our True Parents with the responsibility of the worldwide Unification Movement. He is the filial son and loyal patriot who sets an example before us.

Here in America, we are blessed to have the daughter of our True Parents, Rev. In Jin Moon, leading our Church. She is completely united with our World President, and our True Parents.

We Blessed families need to unite as one, centering on our loyal and obedient World President, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, and our American president, Rev. In Jin Moon, who are faithfully attending our True Parents. They are the ones who will guide us through these difficult times.

We need to encourage the Kwak group and their families to repent for their actions and ask for forgiveness from our True Parents. They are now treading down a dead-end street that leads to death and destruction. We need to save our brothers and sisters!

True Parents are the True Parents of mercy, and they will offer forgiveness and welcome them back, just as the Father welcomed back his son in the biblical parable of the Prodigal son. There will be great rejoicing from our True Parents and all Blessed families and members on the day they return home to True Parents. Doesn't the 'Declaration' imply that if those people repent, then True Parents will erase everything and forgive them? But before they can be forgiven, they first need to repent. There can be no forgiveness without repentance.

Dear Rev. Kwak, won't you and your family repent with tears?

My dear elder brother Hyun Jin nim, from when you were young, I saw what a filial son you were. Won't you repent before True Parents and ask for forgiveness, with tears? You are our elder brother and we love you! No one will stop you from coming to True Parents. Even recently, in Alaska, Father asked: "Why are Hyun Jin and Jeon Sook not here to welcome me?". Please go to True Parents as quickly as possible!

Our dear members who are caught in the trap of the Kwak group, please return to True Parents. How did you lose your way? Come back while the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven remain open. Do not put this resolution off until tomorrow, as tomorrow may never come.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

Won't you pray for those who strayed away? United we stand; divided we fall. Yes, united we stand; divided we fall! However, we will never fail, because our True Parents are already victorious!

Long live our True Parents! Aju!

Thank you very much.