

Remembering Victorious History, Let us make New Determination for the Mission of Cheon Il Guk

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Congratulatory Remarks for Designation of Austria as New Providential Nation
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Beloved all Blessed Families, Dear Brothers and Sisters Especially beloved young 2nd generation members,

Good morning! How are you in this wonderful Sunday morning? Dr. Moon and I really hope that all of you receive abundant Blessings from Heavenly Parent and our Beloved True Parents in this wonderful Sunday Service. It is already the first Sunday in February, year of 2015. It looks like for us just a few days ago we celebrated the New Year of 2015 with strong hope and determination. But already one month passed. Today we gathered here to dedicate this Sunday Service as 'Commemorating the Designation of Austria as a Providential Nation and Pledging our new Determination to fulfill the goal of 'Vision 2020'.

Dear brothers and sisters, as you already know on December 4th we received the official Memorandum from Headquarters informing that True Mother designated this country, Austria as a New Providential Nation. It means that all elder members' dedications and achievements within the history of Unification Movement in last 50 years were recognized once again. I am sure you deserve to have this blessing and Austria deserves to be honored as one of the Providential Nations. Because in early pioneering stage of Unification Movement, Austria took important role to develop the mission, especially to develop our movement in Eastern European countries. And many Austrian members were mobilized in many important missions all over the world.

Beloved brothers and sisters, As Dr. Moon and I have toured across Eastern Europe during the last year and have learned about the history of our Churches in this region, we came to know that many missionaries, especially many Austrian members came to behind the iron curtain and taught the Divine Principle, the Heavenly Truth in such difficult situation, and pioneered churches in many countries.

In the 1970s-80s it was the time when those countries were suffering under communist rule. Naturally our missionaries had to pioneer at the risk of their lives. This history of pioneering recorded under the beautiful name of 'Mission Butterfly,' will become one of the most important pages in the Acts of the Apostles, written in the history of the Unification Movement.

I can still remember that, in the 1980s, True Father spoke several times at Sunday early morning service as he shed tears, "We should remember the missionaries in Eastern Europe who are even now carrying out underground mission work in communist nations at the risk of their lives. You have to pray for them" I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and esteem, for the pioneering missionaries of that time for their incredible work and sacrifices. I am sure here we have many of them today. Let us give a big applause to them.

Later in Korea I heard that when True Mother designated Austria as an additional Providential Nation she has expressed a great confidence that Austrian members can make another great victory in coming Vision 2020 goal. And True Mother also asked to convey her wishes that all of Austrian members make strong determinations once again and become 'victors' and 'winners' in Providential Cheon Il Guk History. I don't think True mother, while designating Austria as new Providential Nation, only praised the Austrian history established by elders in early time. But she saw the bright future of Austria which could be made by many young 2nd Generation leaders growing now in many different way.

Dear brothers and sisters, What is the meaning of the word, 'Providence'? Providence means 'Will of God'. In the history of restoration of God's Providence, God has chosen a person, a tribe, or a nation as central positions that carry out the God's Will. As we all learned through Divine Principle, Jacob was chosen as a central figure for Providence as a personal level, Jewish people was chosen as a tribal level and Israelites was chosen as a national level.

In this time, Cheon Il Guk era, what is the meaning of becoming a Providential Nation? It means that those nations which were designated as Providential Nations were chosen as pillars to support the Cheon Il Guk, an ideal of Heavenly Kingdom. Because in this Cheon Il Guk era the foundation of Providence is expanded in the global level, more providential nations than one nation are necessary. That is why True Parents designated 20 nations initially. Now True Parents added one more. That is Austria. As Austria was chosen as a Providential Nation, all blessed families, and all brothers and sisters in Austria, you were also chosen as champions for establishing Cheon Il Guk on earth at this time.

Dear brothers and sisters, As last time I mentioned, in history Europe has been a main stage of human civilization and in particular the hub of the history of Christian civilization. This is why I believe that Europe has the providential mission to play more central role than anywhere else, in the Providential Mission of the Second Coming. In this regard, we should believe that Europe has to fulfill its role in carrying out more important Providential Mission. In Europe so far, there are 5 Providential Nations, England, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. Now Austria was added as the 6th Providential Nation. These 6 Providential Nations have to unite to change the direction of modern history.

For the providential Nation and its members I think they have to take two major responsibilities. The first, internally every blessed family has to win in the Tribal Messiahship Mission. This is our eternal mission. So far Dr. Moon and I have visited 5 local church centers in Austria. Recently we visited Innsbruck Church Center. Everywhere we found that present leaderships and most of the blessed families are getting old, but the other side next possible leaderships are not ready and are not educated properly for their leadership. Our motto is the "Restoration of our Nation as God Sovereignty and Establishing Cheon Il Guk." But I think at this moment we have to worry more about our movement to make the "Sustainable Development Plan" at first. To make the sustainable development foundation we, all blessed families and member, have to change their mind and focus all our concern how to increase the membership and how to make our 2nd generation members to be connected with church as members of 'One Simchung Community' centering on Divine Principle value and True Parents.

Providentially True Parents now try to change leaderships in our movement to young generation if possible, because we have to prepare the future. The situations surrounding our movement in last 30-40 years were completely changed. We older generation leadership cannot follow the change of the social trend. That is why True Parent asks to all 2nd Generations to unite and make networking in 'One Great Shim Jung Community' centering on Divine Principle value and True Parents teaching. At this moment in Austria all leaders and elder members discussed this matter seriously and find out some solution soon.

Second, externally our movement has to solve most important social problems too. What is the most urgent matter in Europe socially? I think one of the most dangerous problems in Europe is the breakdown of family value due to the homosexual movement spreading by taking advantage of the concept of 'Human Right', especially by the 'Right of Equality' focusing on the legislation of same sex marriage in each country.

Now homosexual movement is a strong worldwide social movement, and it is a political movement too similar to communist movement. But the homosexual movement use the peaceful and democratic way of legislation to reach the goal of overthrow the ethical structure of democratic society instead of the violent method of communist movement to overthrow the economic structure of democratic society.

Their strategy to promote homosexual movement is through legislation, education system, media, lobbying, and becoming government officials. All these strategies are the typical methods used in democratic society for the interest group. It is normal and legal.

That is why in the beginning not so many people pay attention to the efforts of homosexual movement. But after the serious results come out due to the legislation of same-sex marriage law, people become serious about and try to block it. Then it is too late.

In 1980s True Parents achieved the great victory over communism through strong VOC movement and CAUSA movement all over the world. Now I think we have to make another campaign to resist the new trend of 'Homosexualism and Free Sex' which was become the most Satanic Ideology. It will be the responsibility of Providential Nations, especially in Europe.

Hoping that the life-giving word will spring forth like clear water from Austria and blessed families' love like clear water will overflow to every corner of the this country, I close with prayers that the Austria as an Providential Nation will set at the frontline in bringing about the victory of Vision 2020. May Heaven's Blessings be upon every one of you and your family! Thank you very much.