

## **Reflections on the Pilgrimage in DC and upcoming events**

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**Dear beloved ladies, sisters and leaders,**

**The spiritual tsunami just came through the nation's capital area from Richmond, Virginia to Baltimore, Maryland, with a major stop in Washington, DC.**

**The God's Hope for America Pilgrimage team, with Dr. Balcomb as the captain, visited not only the two major Holy Grounds here in Washington, DC, one being at the U.S. Capitol Building and the other in front of the White House across the street from the Washington Monument, but also stopped by our national Wonjeon (at Lincoln Cemetery) where many of our ascended brothers and sisters are resting.**

**We could feel their strong presence and gratitude for the bus stopping by there and including them in this revival tour. We gathered in a circle and Dr. Balcomb played a recording of the well known "Military Taps," which brought tears to our eyes.**

**Then Tom McDevitt, Chairman of the Washington Times offered a stirring, passionate representative prayer of repentance. He prayed, "Over the last few decades, we Blessed families have often forgotten who we are and have wasted so much time with peripheral activities, being distracted, worrying and not focused on what is the most important to Your heart. Let us determine here and now to work together and build our tribes and strengthen our families, step by step." He re-determined that "from this day forward we will not leave any gap between our minds and bodies and what we need to do... and that we need the help of a "spiritual army." He prayed that we all recommit to doing the work ahead to save America, and to not leave any gaps between what we know we should do and**

actually doing it. During his prayer I personally felt that also those in the spirit world joined in the repentance and re-determined themselves.

Bill Selig shared about the deep significance of this holy resting place of our Unification Movement. "We are the most happy people on the face of the earth and in the spirit world," said Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, our Continental Director, in his very uplifting brief address. "It doesn't matter whether we lie down here or if we stand or sit. We are the most happy people because we have met, been touched by and been raised by our True Parents." We could feel that our True Parents, our Founders and Messiahs, truly are cosmic people, having paved the way for both worlds to come together..

After stopping at our National Cathedral at Columbia Road in DC for a delicious lunch with entertainment, the bus also stopped at another "holy ground" and landmark of True Father's great investment in Washington, DC, the Washington Times building, where a celebratory banquet ended the day.

The spirit of it felt almost like a reunion, as about 300 of our esteemed blessed central families and next generation filled the elegantly prepared ballroom. WFWP was represented with two tables and 12 guests in attendance, including one of the speakers of the program, our dear Dottie Chicquelo, who had been instrumental in assisting WFWP in last year's national assembly at the University of Maryland.

We were very glad that among the keynote speakers -- Dr. Balcomb, Tom McDevitt, Dr. Jenkins and Bishop Kim -- there were 2 women, representing the other half of humanity and the heart of mothers: Dottie (who is of Native American and African American descent) and a young second generation mom, Lan Tsubata, who each shed a different light on the occasion as they were able to share their hearts about the significance of the tour and what it meant for them. Dottie began by saying, "When I look at the theme of 'God's Hope for America: Remember - Revive - Reimagine,' I feel that this is going to take a lot of work!"

Throughout her speech she quoted from True Father's speech "God's Hope for America," expressing that after the rather painful beginnings of this nation, where her people the Native Americans were slaughtered , ....she has real hope because of this tour, in which "spiritual warriors retrace the footsteps of Father Moon, who had come to revive America with the true vision given by God, to rebuild America including ALL people. (We will make her speech available in a separate email.)

That night I joined the bus team to go on to the next city and Holy Ground in Baltimore. There is nothing like

**being on the bus, even if it is for one or two days!**

**As Mr. Dong Moon Joo said at the Maryland holy ground the next day: "When we speak of God's Hope for America, there is one thing missing, which True Father mentioned many times while he was in America. That is, True Father did not come only for America, or for Korea, his own country, or any specific country. He came for the world. Father said that once America is saved the world will automatically be saved. Therefore we should think: 'God's Hope for America - to Save the World!'"**

**Dearest sisters and leaders, this is the time when all our focus, our prayers, hearts and action are needed for America, where ALL nations are represented. Especially we women and mothers of this nation are called to be "special partners" with God, our Heavenly Parent, to create the atmosphere for God's will to be done here in America.**

**I would like to encourage our sisters and chapters - especially those who are still waiting for the bus to come through - to support and participate in all preparational activities, which can already be a revival in and of itself, as it was for me, and to welcome wholeheartedly our True Father, who surely can be felt being on the bus in spirit and on the tour.**

**Let us follow the tour with our prayers, participate actively in the preparations, and thus receive new hope, personal healing, and renewal and then go forward with renewed and intensified actions coming from our hearts as we continue and fulfill the legacy of True Parents. God is on the move, and anything is possible.**

**May God bless our families once again, and may God bless America through all of us!**

**With love,  
Angelika**

**PS -- I will be going to Chicago this coming weekend to speak at the ALC, co-sponsored by UPF and WFWP, and also to share a sermon with the Chicago Church community in preparation for the arrival of the tour bus there.**

**Upcoming dates:**

**July 26 - "Women of Spirituality and Principle," seminar in Maryland - Dawn Bacchus and Angelika Selle  
August 9-12 - World Summit in Korea - (Father's Second Seungwha Anniversary on August 12)  
September 20 - (to be confirmed) - commemorative event of TF's Seungwha in New York City  
October 23 - Leadership through Service - for high-**

**schoolers in Washington, DC  
October 25 - WFWP National Assembly, Washington  
DC, Washington Times Ballroom**



**True Mother**

***"The ultimate foundation for a world of peace  
is God, our Heavenly Parent. No matter what  
obstacles stand in our way, those who secure  
their foundation in God, our Heavenly Parent,  
will develop the capacity to open the way  
to a world of peace"***