

My Testimony about Corruption in HSA-UWC in Washington, DC

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I urge all Unificationists to watch these three recent videos by Pastor Hyung Jin Moon and Yeon Ah Moon:

Breaking the Silence: youtu.be/76-WFGUx_cA

God Save the Queen: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygBV61QHMqI&feature=share

Declaration of Heaven: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YOt-TPZiGs&feature=em-subscription-upload

I also want to thank my brothers and sisters from Japan for their sacrifice and commitment to funding God's Providence. Per the Declaration of Heaven, "the Japanese Church is liberated from this heresy and should not donate a cent to this heretical movement that is desecrating your King. If you do so it is your curse that is on you, of the ancestors."

Also: "Citizens of Cheon Il Guk are ordered to legally take control of the Boards and liquidate all assets to pay back the Japanese members who have suffered for over 40 years subsidizing the world church and paying for the purchase of all main assets. Do not steal assets for yourselves, free the Japanese families who suffered for you and your nation."

There is much more, please watch the "Declaration of Heaven" video.

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My Personal Testimony about how HSA-UWC has dealt with issues of corruption and transparency here in Washington, DC

Full Disclosure: My wife and I and members of our family do not receive monetary or in kind compensation from HSA-UWC or any organization related to any of the True Children. We do not hold any position, other than Tribal Messiah and Blessed Central Family, 2075 couple in the Unification Movement.

Background

Both Stacey and I joined the Unification Movement in 1975, and have been continuously active members for the past 40 years. We co-founded and currently are active in two organizations: Urban Grocery, a home delivery service patterned after the Happy Mind Shop at Home Service founded by True Father (www.urbangrocery.com) Urban Life training, an education organization and nonprofit that raises youth to be leaders who model and teach about the benefits of sexual abstinence before marriage, with the goal of successful family formation. (www.urbanlifetraining.org).

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Imagine this situation. True Father has just died. You, along with your wife, are the successors for True Parents. Church leaders, some of whom have received half a million dollars compensation on the backs of church members, tell you to just go along with fundamental changes to scripture and other changes that True Mother has "agreed" to based on "advice" from these "trusted advisors". So you do what all (in)decent men and women would do, just go along with it. NOT! You tell them no, you will not desecrate your Father's tradition, and you will not go along with their evil hegemony.

Why is the above scenario, laid out by Hyung Jin Moon in his January 18th and 25th 2015 sermons (youtu.be/76-WFGUx_cA) (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygBV61QHMqI&feature=share) so hard for many to understand? Ask yourself, "is my decision influenced by the fact that I receive compensation from HSA-UWC or another organization related to our movement, or have some kind of position in the organization (other than Tribal Messiah and Blessed Central Family)?" For me, it is very clear. I am glad to follow my conscience, centered on God, and centered on True Father. I respect True Mother, but cannot go along with what has happened.

First of all, I feel compelled to say this. While it is very true that without True Mother True Father is not True Parents, also without True Father, True Mother is not True Parents. My guess is that True Father never imagined that True Mother would deviate from the path they had laid together. I remember here in DC when Father launched the Universal Peace Federation in 2005, that he told a widower in the audience that she would wither away without her husband there. It seems very natural to me that the successor of True Parents would be a couple with True Mother in a position similar to the Queen of England.

In 2010 I brought serious issues in the Washington DC Family Church to the then Regional Director, Randy Francis. Randy never specifically responded to my criticisms, which involved lack of proper oversight, serious questions about abuse of leadership position and authority, lack of any financial reports, breakdown of relationships with both Christian ministers and me over inept and irresponsible actions of the church pastor, and more. I will be glad to send the documentation to anyone who is interested. Eventually, after no resolution of these problems, which had begun in earnest in 2008, I brought them before our newly elected Board of Elders in March 2013. Previously, I had reported these issues to the national headquarters. I was surprised when none of the twelve representatives, or the regional director, gave any response to my serious concerns. In fact, some of the board questioned my motivation for bringing up these issues, as if my reporting them was the problem. None of the issues were ever addressed. These issues were also reported to the new church leadership, including Michael Balcomb and Rev. Michael Jenkins. I also sent the same documentation and a cover letter asking for review to the national council. They declined to initiate an investigation, and I have to this day never received any response or been asked to answer any questions about the issues that I brought forward.

This tells me loads about our organizational culture: here are some takeaways:

If you bring up issues, you may be seen as the problem.

Don't count on having your issues answered, or in fact, even addressed

Why can't we all just get along? Why are you making so much trouble? Maybe if you had done more, there wouldn't be so many problems. I appreciate very much that upon his "demotion", Hyung Jin Nim was working to set up an accountable, democratic system of governance for the Unification movement. I felt that many did not take it seriously, and the elected District Council was allowed to cease to exist without any public discussion that I am aware of. I realize that there are local church councils, and I hope that they will listen to and take to heart what Hyung Jin Nim is saying.

Our movement has very serious issues of corruption. I did not realize how deeply it runs, but in retrospect, I am not surprised by the present situation. Through the above, I have found, personally, that our movement is very "political". i.e. not operating necessarily based on conscience, but rather on a feel good system of keeping the status quo, keeping position and appearances, etc. How else could one explain my serious concerns never even getting a hearing or resulting in any kind of investigation? Are we not supposed to be united with God, our Consciences and then naturally aligning with True Father and true Mother? Father even said that if you feel he is not following God, you should leave the Church. Unity must always be with your conscience, centered on God and united with and reporting to True father and Mother. Yet, even if Father or Mother leaves the Church, I will continue. This is the spirit of Hyung Jin Nim, and I agree and support what he is doing, not to destroy the work of True Parents, but rather to save it.

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