

First Anniversary of Peace Starts With Me Clergy Rally and launch of WCLC

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A year ago today, on December 28, 2019, cheers erupted from a [packed stadium](#) at Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. Six-hundred clergy from around the world had joined thousands of live participants and another 25,000 satellite guests for a special Peace Starts With Me Clergy Rally and the launch of the World Christian Leadership Conference ([WCLC](#)) by [Mother of Peace](#), Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

A year later, the global reach of Dr. Moon's peace rallies in 2020 skyrocketed like never before.

An estimated one million people joined the virtual Peace Starts With Me rallies streamed live around the world on [August 1](#) and [September 21](#). A new monthly [Rally of Hope](#) series also launched in late summer, drawing an equally staggering audience size. Then, most recently, hundreds of thousands of people globally celebrated the WCLC's one year [anniversary](#) during the virtual WCLC Rally of Hope Conference on December 4 and 5.



Throughout the year, the COVID-19 pandemic became an instrument of immeasurable growth for spreading messages of peace and unity to all regions of the world. And Dr. Moon, keynote speaker of the rallies and co-founder of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), connected with untold masses through each online broadcast -- continuing the peacebuilding legacy of her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

At Prudential Center in 2019, Dr. Moon declared, "God did not bless America just for its own sake; He

blessed America for the sake of the world." And through the WCLC, she called on all Christian clergy to unite, which would lay the foundation for restoring America and the rest of the world. Her anniversary message earlier this month echoed the same urgency for "[one united heart](#)" among clergy and all people.



Today, let us remember the guiding wisdom of the Mother of Peace as we venture into a new year and era.

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The global [Peace Starts With Me](#) movement was initiated by Dr. Moon in July 2017 and has brought together countless people of different backgrounds to transcend all barriers and affiliations as one family under God.

You can read Dr. Moon's full 2019 speech from the Peace Starts With Me rally and WCLC inauguration at Prudential Center [here](#), and read her recent anniversary message in full [here](#).



True Mother's Message at the Peace Starts With Me Clergy Rally: A New Hope for a Heavenly Unified World



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Mother, gave the keynote address titled "Cheon Il Guk Is the Completion of Heaven's Providence" at the Peace Starts With Me Clergy Rally: A New Hope for a Heavenly Unified World, which was held at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, on December 28, 2019.

Dear members of the clergy, dear leaders! Cheon Il Guk is the completion of Heaven's providence. One world! One family under God! This is the wish of all 7.7 billion people of humankind. However, when we look at the world today, we can see that this is not easy to achieve.

God, the original Creator, made all of creation in His image. Finally, He created a man and a woman who were to become the first human ancestors. He gave them a growth period and waited for them to grow and mature beautifully. However, they did not do so, and this resulted in today's fallen humankind.

Until now, human history has been a series of wars and conflicts. Even though the conscience has sought goodness, the environment could not support that desire for goodness, resulting in the many difficulties in history. However, God is eternal. His beginning and end are the same. Ultimately, God will bring that which He has begun to its conclusion.

God gave human beings the character to take dominion. He therefore led a historical providence so that a person from the fallen world might rise to the position of having no relation with the Fall. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah happened around 2000 bc within humankind's 6,000-year history. God planned to annihilate the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah. However, Abraham pleaded with God, "If there are fifty righteous people or even just ten righteous people, can this catastrophe be avoided?" God said He would permit that. However, there were not even ten righteous people. Only Lot's family escaped. The Bible tells us that Lot's wife still had a lingering attachment, so she looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. That's right. God's providence is advancing. It is going forward. This means we should not look back.

For 2,000 years after that, God chose the Israelites as the chosen people and finally sent Jesus Christ after 4,000 years. The long-awaited Messiah, God's Only Begotten Son, with whom God could relate, finally came. Nevertheless, the people, the Jewish leaders and even Mary who gave birth to Jesus did not grasp Jesus' true essence. God toiled for an exceptionally long time, 4,000 years, to send His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was to govern in the position of the True Parent, the True Father. How could people drive such a person as Jesus to the cross? On the cross, Jesus said that he would come again. We all know about the indemnity that the Israelites, who drove Jesus to the cross, had to pay for 2,000 years.

Christianity began with the resurrection given by the Holy Spirit, and with the Apostles' writing of the Bible. However, Christianity and the Christians of today have not grasped Jesus' true essence. They do not know what kind of being God, the Creator, is. Jesus clearly said that he would come again and hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. Hence, Christianity should not have formed many denominations. Instead, they should have watched closely for where the only begotten daughter, Jesus' partner in marriage for the marriage supper of the Lamb, would appear. God could not send His only begotten daughter through the people of Israel, who did not fulfill their responsibilities. Therefore, He had to select a new chosen people and carry on the providence. Two thousand years have passed since Jesus' death on the cross. To this day, Christians believe that they can receive salvation through the blood of Jesus on the cross. How mistaken and incomplete a view this is! Jesus came as the True Father of humankind. He came as the True Father, so he was to meet the True Mother. God chose the Korean people, and in 1943 He sent the Only Begotten Daughter. Words cannot describe the effort God had to make to send the Only Begotten Daughter.

Korea was liberated in 1945. Due to the actions of the world's most powerful nations, Korea was divided into north and south. It was divided into democracy and communism. According to God's Principle of Creation, human beings receive a period of growth. The Only Begotten Daughter, who was born in 1943, also had to go through a growth period. However, the situation in Korea was very tense. Democratic South Korea was not prepared for a fight with North Korea. In this situation, the Korean War broke out in 1950. Heaven carried out His responsibility. How is it that soldiers from sixteen UN nations came to shed their blood in a war in Korea, a nation that was largely unknown at the time? How earnestly our Heavenly Parent longed to find and embrace fallen people that He had spent 6,000 long years searching for through His providence!

Jesus Christ said he would come again. As I knew Heaven's providence, I received the Marriage Blessing to Dr. Sun Myung Moon, who had come to continue the mission of Jesus, in our 1960 Holy Wedding.

The Christian foundation should have become a supportive environment for the True Parents. Heaven stood by the Puritans, who came to America for religious freedom in their determination to attend God, giving rise to the United States. For two hundred years, God worked with the Puritans. There were native peoples here in this nation. Yet God had to create a foundation for the Messiah who was to return through Christianity. Therefore, He raised this nation to be a representative democratic nation. However, America did not know God's Will.

God did not bless America just for its own sake. He blessed America for the sake of the world. In the 1970s, however, the United States faced family breakdown, youth problems, drug problems and was unaware that the communist ideology was infiltrating its shores right under its nose. America, which Heaven had blessed, was creating an environment that could only bring about its own collapse. So, as the True Parents, we set off on a tour of all fifty states to awaken America's people. We preached that America was on fire and that we had come as its firefighters; that America was sick and that we had come as its doctors. However, the politicians of this nation were unaware of God's providence. True Parents knew that God's Will was to save the world by raising this nation blessed by Heaven, and that is why we invested more than 40 of the golden years of our lives for this country. The youth who came to know of God's Will went out as missionaries to the world in 1975. For more than forty years, they invested in their mission countries. Thanks to their sincere devotion, God could work through righteous, prepared people in Africa to hold the Blessing with the potential for the restoration of the African continent.

I want to believe in you. Members of the clergy who have gathered here from all over the world! You are the righteous people prepared by Heaven in this age. What is the mission of righteous people? You should be able to embrace the nation and the world with true love, living for the sake of others, instead of living only for yourselves. This is what the True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, is doing. I am guiding fallen people to become Heavenly Parent's children through the Blessing. You must know that this has been the long-awaited hope and dream of humankind for 6,000 years; and it is also Heavenly Parent's desire.

True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, is guiding a new era and a new providence. This is the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk. Now you must take the lead. When we think of the 7.7 billion people of the world, we cannot turn a blind eye to the children whom the Heavenly Parent wants to embrace. I sincerely hope that you will become the righteous people, clergymen, clergywomen and other leaders, who can guide people to become Heavenly Parent's children in the shortest possible time. In so doing, please remember that the founding of the World Clergy Leadership Conference, which will bring your individual foundations into unity, is the way to realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humankind's hope in the shortest time. I pray that you will all become the righteous people and religious leaders standing in the vanguard and that you will not look back, but run forward.

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Mother's Message at the 1st Anniversary of the WCLC



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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Mother, virtually delivered this message on December 5, 2020, at the Rally of Hope to Celebrate the 1-Year Anniversary of the World Clergy Leadership Conference and Support the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World.

Members of the clergy from around the world and members of the American clergy with ACLC, I give you my warmest greetings as we celebrate this first anniversary of WCLC.

Today, we are at a point in time when we must welcome the truth of God's dispensation and a new era. Just as the Bible says, new wine must be put into new wineskins.

Throughout the world today, serious problems that words cannot describe are arising. Most notably, as the coronavirus continues to spread, we face a situation where face-to-face communication is all but stopped. Even in such a situation, both God's desire and the desire of all people is to see a unified world.

I would like to speak about the truth of God's providence, therefore. I have called upon you to become the righteous people of this time.

Our Creator wanted to realize His dream on earth together with humankind.

For this reason, He gave human beings a responsibility to accomplish in life. His desire was for us to grow our hearts well and perfect our love, then live together with Him, our Creator. Yet, Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, were unable to do this, and they made a world that in the present time has no relationship with God.

The Creator is eternal. Everything He created is also eternal. Looking from this perspective, God had no other recourse than to carry out the providence of salvation—which He wished he did not have to do. We know how difficult that history has been, one example being the 4,000-year history of the people of Israel.

In keeping with those times, God sent His central figures and prophets, and promised to send the Messiah. But how difficult this process must have been that it took God 4,000 years! There was a time when the Israelites were held in slavery in Egypt and gained their freedom through Moses. Heaven guided the Israelites with the miracles of the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire.

The Israelites had to travel to Canaan. Why, then, did they have to waste 40 years in the wilderness? This was the result of their being unable to unite with the central figure—with whom unity was an absolute necessity.

In other words, they lacked a sense of ownership of their position as the people of Israel. Even so, after 4,000 years, God sent the Savior, the Messiah, through these people. He said, "This is my son, my Only Begotten Son." Why would God send His Son to us?

At that time, as central people in God's providence, Mother Mary and the religious leaders had key responsibilities. Yet they were unable to complete those responsibilities. As a result, Jesus had no footing on which to stand. He had no option but to go the way of the cross; yet he promised to return.

Jesus said he would come again to conduct the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The early followers waited for Jesus based on his promise to return, and that was the beginning of Christianity. However, they did not know the true essence of Jesus, nor the Creator's ideal for humankind.

Christianity began through the apostles, but during a long period of practicing the faith, the emphasis on a more human-centered system of faith led to many problems. As Christ had said he would return based on Christianity, God allowed the Reformation to occur.

Martin Luther began the Reformation and John Calvin brought it to fruition. At the same time as Luther published his 95 theses, and they were sent to Rome, he was speaking about the oppression of people's faith. The Protestant Church began from this point.

In those days, the Puritans in Europe were longing for the freedom of faith by which they could freely worship God. This led them to set out for the new world where they could express their faith freely.

In 1620 they journeyed to America, and the very first thing they did was build a chapel where they could worship God. Then for the education of future generations they built a school. Only after this did they build their own homes.

This is to say, the starting point of the United States was people's resolve to build a nation that served God. That is why we see the statement "In God We Trust" even on American money today. The United States, however, has encountered a lot of storms during the 400 years of its history.

With the formation of the Northern Presbyterian movement in connection with Canada, pastors, elders, deacons and believers of the Presbyterian Church movement were able to attend God more freely than they could under the Catholic Church in earlier times. On that basis, many pastors began going out to the world.

During that time, in Korea, the Presbyterian Church in Pyongyang saw explosive growth under God's providence. It was then that Christianity stood in the position to see God's promised fulfillment of the providence. Jesus Christ, whom all humanity was waiting for, had said he would come again and conduct the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The birth of the counterpart of the returning Lord was to happen 400 years after Calvin's exhortation for reformation in 1543: God's Only Begotten Daughter was born in 1943.

God's providence is mysterious. Korean Christianity, and Korea itself, became divided between north and south at the beginning of the Cold War, right after World War II. It was a division between communism and democracy. Democracy in South Korea was still

developing. North Korea, however, was fully ready, preparing to invade the South. Korea was liberated in 1945 and the Korean War broke out in 1950. Yet there is evidence that God was with us.

The Korean War was indeed a holy war in which God was present. After that, in 1960, True Parents' advent took place. Many countries that had been under colonial rule, particularly those in Africa, became independent and were liberated.

Through the advent of the True Parents on earth that made possible the realization of humanity's hopes and Heavenly Parent's dream, all people have become brothers and sisters under these True Parents. Because of this, nations must no longer rule over others.

In the situation where God's providence did not have the support of the Christian foundation, True Parents' path over the past 60 years has been like a course through the wilderness. Even so, as we are the Parents, we have done our best, and thus we have nurtured many blessed families around the world.

Only through the True Parents can humanity return to God, our Creator. By this I mean that people need to be born again through True Parents; that is, through the process of the Marriage Blessing, under God our Creator. God is the Heavenly Parent of humankind. And for 60 years True Parents have been widening the road so that people can become the children of Heavenly Parent.

And yet, the 7.8 billion people of the world still do not know about these Parents, for whose coming Heavenly Parent had longed and whom all people need to meet and discover. It is all of you, particularly religious leaders in America and throughout the world, that must let people know about True Parents, and lead everyone to become Heavenly Parent's children. You have the responsibility to embrace and guide all people with one united heart.

When you fulfill that responsibility it will create a new history. As I have mentioned, new wine should be put into new wineskins. I am saying that God will be with us only when we let go of everything of the past that has human-centered origins and advance to a position that focuses on True Parents and our Heavenly Parent.

I would like to say this: We have come to know the urgent heart with which God has been waiting. Notably, everything that has happened this year is a warning from God that there is no more time. In particular, in celebrating this 400-year milestone in its history, America must regain its original founding spirit.

The United States must not become a nation wherein our Heavenly Parent can no longer dwell. God blessed the United States and made it a powerful nation in front of the world so that He could embrace all of its 7.8 billion people.

We must no longer allow God and True Parents' hard work to be in vain. Right after World War II, the United States' victory brought tremendous hope to the free world. The United States must uphold God; yet this nation has forgotten God, and when it acted with pride so many problems arose.

Family breakdown, juvenile delinquency, drug problems and sexual immorality were signs of the impending collapse of the Roman Empire, whose roads once stretched out to the world. When these same signs of breakdown arose in America, because we are the True Parents we moved to the United States and, for almost forty years, continuously invested our effort there.

We clung on to God, who was at the point of leaving America, and implored Him to give that nation another chance to fulfill its responsibility. In those days, as we walked the streets of Manhattan, our tears did not stop falling. At that time, a lot of young people in the United States—even hippies—followed True Parents, and we began to write a new history.

They matured in their love, and in 1975 many went out as missionaries to the world. Among these, many are still continuing to take responsibility in their mission countries. As people who deeply understand Heavenly Parent's heart and understand True Parents, they continue to labor until this day with the resolve to become sons and daughters who fulfill Heavenly Parent's dream, even until their very last breath.

America today, which God has blessed, must, through fulfilling its responsibility and bearing results, be able to write a new history. Hence, I would like to say the following: Please forgive the American politicians and create unity. The United States can maintain its existence only through harmony and unity. God has been waiting for the United States, the nation He blessed, to stand in a position wherein it can fulfill its responsibility.

Therefore, speaking to all pastors, members of the clergy in America and throughout the world: There are many religions in our world today. And all these faiths have one purpose; they all share the same will to serve and attend the Absolute Being, our Creator.

Hence, I sincerely hope that you will let people know properly about our Creator, and work to realize a world of peace wherein all people live in unity as one family of humankind, One Great Family under our Heavenly Parent. Please raise your voices and work together. I give you my blessing for this.

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DALE GARRATT

December 10, 2020 at 4:11 pm | #

참 어머니 대단히 감사하 업나이디! As an American, I pledge to forgive the politicians, especially from the election last month. Then go on to serve and love the whole planet, as a true elder nation.

참어머니, 사랑합니다!

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CLARK EBERLY

December 8, 2020 at 6:25 pm | #

The Mother of Peace has amazing love for God and for the human family. She should receive the Nobel Prize for Peace!

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IRMA

December 8, 2020 at 2:41 am | #

Thank you for your hard work. God bless you !

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WAYNE HANKINS

December 8, 2020 at 1:40 am | #

Sitting quietly I read and reread Mothers words. In the background police sirens are heard. A day does not go by without hearing that sorrowful sound. It is like the wail of a dying person. America is dying, because God has been pushed out by so many Americans. So many wring their hands and cry out, "what is going on in this country". Such people refuse to see the obvious. The comments True Father made 50 years ago and repeated on a daily basis fell on closed minds and broken hearts. Mother truly is following Fathers path. How many ways must the truth be expressed before it is heard by those who can and will make a difference. God does not even know the answer to that question!

On my mothers side, my lineage goes thru John Rodgers, Priscilla Mullins and John Alden who came from Holland to North America on the Mayflower in 1620. Thru my fathers side my ancestors stood by and fought with George Washington during those difficult and dark days of the American Revolution. Mothers words hit hard. I am an American and with this ancestry something moved within. You moved me Mother, my heart not my mind strongly reminds me that I must quickly find the voice and the stage to act. My ancestors never knew God's history, never knew His sorrowful heart nor the fall but even in their ignorance they moved God's providence forward. I am reminded by Mother's words, how much more I must now do. Thank you, thank you thank you Aju

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