How the Providence has changed in the Era after Foundation Day

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In this era after Foundation Day and the victorious conclusion of the providence of restoration, to think about how the providence has changed may be worthwhile. Of course, the most obvious change is that True Mother has begun putting her stamp on the movement. Also, we are coming to know God not just as Heavenly Father but as Heavenly Parent, and some of us are exploring what it means to relate to God not only as Father but also as Mother. Reading *Chambumo Gyeong*, we see the movement has passed through different eras, from the days of pioneer missionary work to the decades when we confronted communism to the period for developing an inter-religious and international family movement for peace. As missions changed, we changed our mindsets to adapt to new realities. So what is new about the reality of this era, the era of True Mother?

First, it is the era of women. We have come to value True Mother as the embodiment of Mother God on earth. She always had that value, but formerly when True Father was carrying the burden of the providence on his broad shoulders, her value was largely hidden. Now that True Mother has stepped up and come into her own, we can discover new facets of Heavenly Parent -- the feminine ones -- to treasure and incorporate into our own lives.



This crowd witnessed a turning point in history through the founding of WFWP at Seoul's Olympic Stadium

For a man like me, this begins with listening to my wife and not moving forward without her agreement. It means valuing women's opinions and listening more. Women should be rising up to lead, but first men, who have been culturally conditioned to believe that leadership is primarily a man's job, need to restrain themselves and give women space in which they can develop and manifest their light. Then True Mother will be able to see her daughters, her second selves, rising up throughout the world.

Second, we need to emphasize the Principle of Creation more in how we lead our lives. The

providence of restoration through indemnity, which True Father led, aimed at defeating Satan. What, then, are the implications of Satan having surrendered? Making indemnity conditions had become a way of life, but Father declared, toward the end of his life, that the world is no longer ensnared in anything having to do with the Fall, including indemnity. The rigors of the indemnity course required a masculine approach to defeat an archangel. But with the archangel having been defeated, what now? We can always identify more archangels to subjugate, but should we stay on that level? Casting judgment on sin and treating the world as an ideological battlefield can only take us so far.

Living by the Principle of Creation is about creating godly families and uniting the world as one great family. The ideal of the Principle of Creation is the world of spherical harmony. True Mother has lifted up the word "*hyo jeong*," "filial heart," because it is the original core virtue of the family, around which spherical motion occurs. Children who are filial to their parents, families filial to their nation, and everyone filial to Heavenly Parent -- such is the world of the Principle of Creation.

As True Mother strives to realize the Principle of Creation, we can emulate many points of her leadership. Let me point out a few. First, it goes without saying that she, more than anyone else, honors True Father, treasures his words, and seeks to complete what he began.

Second, when True Mother speaks, there's deep heart in every word, expressing hyo jeong. That is the center that we connect to when we go out to face our missions. We can succeed if we keep that heart at the center and work together, balancing the masculine virtue of individual initiative with the feminine virtue of collaboration that values each person's input. Thereby we can manifest spherical harmony.

Third, True Mother is a builder. At Chung Pyung she is building a beautiful complex of buildings to showcase True Parents' teachings and accomplishments. It is where the Kingdom of God can be seen and felt as real. It doesn't matter that the Hyo Jeong Cheonwon is only a small place in the wide land of Korea; at least there, people will touch something substantial and get a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom. Beyond conditions and foundations, that is a substantial result. Likewise, she wants us to bring substantial

results so that God's model of creation can become manifest.



On April 10, 1992, On April 10, 1992, True Parents proclaimed the "Advent of the Global Era of Women" while launching WFWP. Beforehand True Parents blessed 1,267 couples, among them were ones from nine Middle Eastern countries; that day a barrier came down in the spiritual realm allowing blessings to flow more abundantly

Fourth, True Mother is creative and expresses her own uniqueness. She operates from the divine center within her own self. She has her own style, different from Father's. For one thing, she doesn't preach for hours on end or give numerous detailed directions to follow. Her message to us is always short: take responsibility for your tribe and your nation. In this, she also gives us room to be creative and express our own uniqueness in tackling the challenges before us.

True Mother wants to be surprised and delighted with the results we bring. Have you ever thought that even God might like to be an object partner who takes delight in responding to us? The deepest desire of God as Heavenly Mother is to be our Object Partner who delights to behold the fruits of her children's lives -- their love, dignity, and righteous activities for the Will. When our Heavenly Parent rejoices in this way, we complete the circle of giving and receiving that is the Principle of Creation.