

## Chang Shik Yang: FFWPU Celebrates Foundation Day and Sets Future Goals

February 26, 2013

Translated by Lymhwa Kim

Edited by Krista Moon

*Translated from an article in the Culture and Religion section of Segye Ilbo Daily Newspaper on Feb. 26, 2013*



After Foundation Day, on February 24, 2013 at the Cheong Jeong Gung, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), hosted Chuk Seung Hwe, which translates as “congratulatory victory feast,” to celebrate the successful Foundation Day and to focus her sights on expanding membership and re-organizing FFWPU as part of the “Vision 2020” project.

Throughout the Foundation Day (Giwongjeol) event, the ideal of Cheon Il Guk, which is “One Family Under Heavenly Parent (God),” was spread out and the gates of Cheon Il Guk are now opened wide. During the Chuk Seung Hwe Dr. Moon announced the special Jeong Seong period for three weeks from February 25 to March 17, 2013.

The year 2020 is a very meaningful year for FFWPU. It is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the FFWPU, and also the 60th wedding anniversary of the founder’s couple. The first Blessing was when Rev and Mrs. Moon were Blessed in marriage in 1960 and they then blessed 36 couples.

The Blessing has been held more than 53 times, including the recent Blessing of 12,000 couples in February 2013. Through the Blessing, the ideal of creating one big family on Earth is realized.

The core of “Vision 2020” is the need for FFWPU to have a role for world peace and the unification of North and South Korea. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, recently inaugurated as president of FFWPU-Korea expressed, “We (FFWPU) will work with other religions for the unification of Korea and social integration... We will not look for only our benefits. We will become a life religion through close communication with the country and society.”

The key to reach this goal is expanding the congregation. “Vision 2020” includes a new support system that will concentrate its support on developing 20 countries, just as it had with “Group 1” nations of Korea, Japan and United States. Then, FFWPU will choose 23 nations as “Group 2” nations and systematically manage and support them.

FFWPU plans to build 600,000 “Hoon Dok Churches” before 2020. A Hoon Dok church is a small group of church members who grow their belief through reading Rev. Moon’s words. If the two plans of building Hoon Dok Churches and intensively managing 43 countries succeed, FFWPU predicts the current membership of three million will increase to 10 million by 2020.

The “National Leaders World Assembly 2013” was also held on February 22-28, 2013 to address FFWPU’s future. Every nation shared its exemplary peace movements and missionary results and discussed concrete steps for “Vision 2020”. As a result of the conclusion of the meeting, FFWPU plans to launch a “Vision 2020 Task Force” and office.

FFWPU discussed internal affairs such as the ethical renewal of its leaders, cultivation of professional teachers, educating the talented youth, establishing the laws of the church and establishing governance systems, etc. There were discussions of the lessons learned by other churches that had criticism because of its clergy molesting female members. An FFWPU committee is studying these lessons learned in order to prevent these types of situations within its organization. The establishment of a support system to include education of church theory by professional church teachers and giving scholarships to the members was an important point of discussion. It was pointed out that FFWPU is not strict in comparison to other religions. Several of the assembly members vigorously argued that the church should use this opportunity to reorganize the prizes and penalties and also make strict laws for the church.