

Mr. Dong Moon "Douglas" Joo and Dr. Hyo Yul "Peter" Kim Acquitted

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Beloved Leaders of the Unification Family Worldwide, Brothers and Sisters:

Just recently, on 7.17 by the heavenly calendar in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (August 23, 2013), we offered the Commemorative Events for the first Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa that was held centering on True Mother on the earth to the Heavenly Parent. As True Mother stated during the Commemorative Service that day, ("Respected guests from home and abroad, dignitaries that shared their precious words which touched our hearts and allowed us to become one through this day's ceremony, and beloved members of the Unification Family worldwide. Today we have become one.") all the events carried out during this period of honoring True Father, who was called by Heaven last year, were not simply held for their own sake. These events served as an important opportunity to bring together the entire Unification Family around the world. Our hearts were immersed and overflowing with love and longing for True Father. The first anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa was an important time for the entire Unification Family and also the people of this world to reflect upon True Father's life and accomplishments and ponder living a life that is rooted in the original ideal that the Heavenly Parent envisioned at the time of the Creation. On the occasion of this first anniversary, let us all continue to march forward without interruption towards the providential goal of Vision 2020 that the Heavenly Parent has revealed to us. I believe that it is our mission and destiny to carry on and advance True Father's legacy.

At this providentially important time, we are reminded of the painful issues that have yet to be resolved within our movement. I am referring to those issues surrounding UCI. As you may remember, these issues arose when True Father was still on earth and persist to this day even though a year has already passed since True Father's Seonghwa. The people who caused these issues have instead continued to create more problems that run counter to God's providence. It is in this climate that a trial was held involving Mr. Dong Moon "Douglas" Joo, the former president of Washington Times Aviation (WTA) and Dr. Hyo Yul "Peter" Kim, the special assistant to True Parents.

The court session for delivering the final verdict was held today, August 30, from 11:20 am at Room 425 on the West Wing of the Seoul High Court. At this session the court acquitted both Mr. Joo and Dr. Kim of all charges. The court noted that Mr. Joo was charged by the prosecution with occupational breach of trust and Dr. Kim with collusion related to that breach, and found that although Mr. Joo's actions may constitute a violation of a portion of his duties as president, (The prosecution had charged Mr. Joo for ① being in violation of his duty to have WTA strictly maintain and retain funds to support Times Aerospace Korea [TAK]; ② being in violation of TAK's operational regulations; and ③ being in violation of WTA's operational regulations. The court, however, found that charges ① and ② could not be sustained and only partially recognized charge ③) they did not satisfy the conditions for giving rise to the charges. Thus, the court ruled that the accusations itself could not be acknowledged. (In particular, in regard to WTA's damage claims, the court recognized that according to precedents by the Supreme Court charges for occupational breach of trust and damage claims must be viewed as separate requirements, and that the Mission Foundation had taken out a loan not so that it would be used for a different purpose but for the purpose of reconsidering its cash reserves according to True Father's directions. The court also recognized that after WTA provisionally seized the funds for repayment purposes of the funds it lent to Mission Foundation, the Mission Foundation deposited not only the principal amount but also the accrued interest on the principal at a rate [6% annual interest] higher than the market rate. Since, WTA had not sustained any damages, the court made it clear that this too could not be grounds for the charges.) Furthermore, Dr. Kim was charged on the premise that Mr. Joo would be found guilty. Since Mr. Joo was not found guilty, there was no need for the charges against Dr. Kim to be considered and the final verdict acquitted him of the charges.

Respected leaders of the world, brothers and sisters, as some of you have been aware, this incident was triggered in relation to a dispute that arose when the board of the Washington Times Aviation (WTA), a subsidiary of the Unification Church International (UCI), was replaced after several people who broke away from the Family Federation arbitrarily took over UCI which was personally named and launched in the United States by True Parent in the 1970s for the purpose of supporting the worldwide providence of the Unification Family. This case was simply an administrative incident that occurred because of ignorance of law in regard to the duty and procedures of reporting a foreign exchange transaction. Although the principal and interest that was incurred because of this administrative mistake stemming from such operational negligence was returned (deposited in escrow), this incident was aggravated further by those who with impure motives and malicious intent attempted to make political use of this within our movement. That these two leaders were found not guilty is a fair and just conclusion reached by the court which saw through such malicious intent. I also believe that this is a result of the ardent wishes of our leaders and members throughout the world who were gravely concerned about the circumstances surrounding these two leaders who are partners in providence. Once again I thank all the leaders and members for their prayers for these two leaders. I will share with you the details of the ruling once it is released.

May the love of the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind be with you all.