

## Heavenly Parent's Day, True Parents' Day and True Parents' 61st Anniversary

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### The Youth Blessing Festival

As if to prepare the spiritual atmosphere for this significant occasion, True Mother called on young people in our first, second and third generations to participate in a Youth Blessing Festival (at which some matchings took place) on March 27, Korea time.

How much joy our Heavenly Parent must have experienced when (after having maintained their purity and overcome struggles) these young people experienced those tender first moments of getting acquainted with each other and later participated in the April 25 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Celebrating the Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding The Blessing was conveyed in a two-way interactive platform to more than six thousand matched couples from sixty-four countries.

What a joyous way to welcome in this year's special period of events and celebrations! Naturally, in the time of a worldwide pandemic, the Blessing Festival took place mainly online with those taking part in the Cheongshim World Peace Center following strict protective protocols.

### Pledge Service

Pledge Service to celebrate the fifty-fourth Heavenly Parent's Day and the sixty-second True Parents' Day took place on April 27 at the Cheongshim World Peace Center. True Family members, Sun Jin Moon and her husband In-sup Park, and Kwon Jin Moon and his wife Hwa-yeon Chun, participated virtually from abroad. Many members from various regions also took part in the holy day Pledge Service from a distance.

Dr. Young-ho Yoon, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, led the audience through the Pledge. Before beginning, he explained, "We are now in the era when Heavenly Parent, as the vertical True Parent of humanity, is dwelling with and leading the providence. That is why, last year on May 8, True Mother proclaimed Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. In accordance with this new era, True Mother mentioned that we needed to change the rituals associated with this important joint holy day.... True Mother said the Pledge Service should introduce a new tradition. The bowing ceremony is one that all of humanity needs to follow. When all of humanity is restored to our Heavenly Parent's bosom, this will be the fundamental hyojeong ceremony that should be offered to Heavenly Parent by all of humankind. That is why Mother changed the name from "Pledge Service" this year to "Commemorative Cheon Il Guk Pledge Service."

"Second, True Mother gave some guidance about couples. Before the Cheon Il Guk era began, the husband would stand in front and the wife in the back. Now, the couple should stand side by side with the husband on the right and the wife on his left. All of the couples offering bows should be representative leaders, especially CheonBo families. The attire should be the CheonBo attire, so I am wearing the gold bow tie and handkerchief [in his breast pocket], which we received during the CheonBo Entrance Ceremony; for the women, it should be a white or a cream-colored dress.... Third, regarding the offering table and the lighting of the holy candles, Mother gave some important guidance, earlier, on True Parents' holy birthday, and we've been carrying it out. The meaning is in regards to Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother -- in other words, you and Heavenly Parent are achieving a trinity. In the past, there was the Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The trinity is the heavenly Father, the heavenly Mother and Heavenly Parent. So it's Heavenly Parent and True Father and True Mother together -- that is the Trinity. That is why, in the past, True Parents would light the candles, but now, in the era of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, representatives that True Parents have raised light the candles. So, today, for example, members of Hyo Jin nim's and Heung Jin nim's families will light the candles....

"Regarding the offering table, in Hawaii, True Mother had instructed those that prepare offering tables that there should be seasonal fruits on the offering table but also always jujubes, chestnuts, pears and persimmons. Persimmons symbolize unity and the transmission of the lineage from the first to the second generation. Pears symbolize the citizens of heaven as well as firmly establishing traditions among humanity. There can be a garden of fruit, but in the front there should always be those four fruits. Together, they symbolize the absolute unity among Heavenly Parent, True Father and True Mother."

After Dr. Yoon's introductory message, Yeon-ah Moon, wife of Hyo Jin Moon and Hoon Sook Moon, wife of Heung Jin Moon came onstage and reverently lit the holy candles. Many blessed families attended the Pledge Service.

### **The Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony**

Later the same day, April 27, the Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony took place. A Korean tradition calls for a ceremony when a building gets to the advanced point of its construction that the ridge beam can be lifted into place. The ridge beam bears the weight of the roof, transferring that weight to the outer walls and posts. What follows is from Dr. Yoon's MC script that day.

The place where Heavenly Parent's dream begins, the place where the ideal of one cosmic family of humankind that attends God as their Heavenly Parent unfolds, is none other than HJ Cheonwon. The Cheonwon Garden at the foot of Mt. Jangrak facing the beautiful sky and clear Chung Pyung lakeshore, is the base for the HJ Cheonwon Project, which seeks to realize the dream and hope of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and thereby presents to humanity the ideal model of a world of peace. Cheonwon Gung is the most important HJ Cheonwon project that is being undertaken with the goal of dedicating its completion in May 2023.

The completed Cheonwon Gung is to be a holy temple where Heavenly Parent will reside, and as the central office of Cheon Il Guk, it will become the center wherein True Parents will be attended and Heavenly Parent's sovereignty of goodness will unfold. Furthermore, as the central place of education for humanity, it will become a place wherein True Parents' cosmic victories will be remembered and passed on, and a place wherein all people will converse and share with one another based on the Cheon Il Guk culture of heart.

The construction site of Cheonwon Gung is located on a site of about 49,589 square meters, with a total area of 81,652 square meters. It consists of four stories below ground and three stories above ground. It is a modern reinterpretation of the architectural style of the Renaissance period. The exterior of the building is decorated with Omani marble and granite. The interior is a beautiful stone building with marble finish based on the Doric style of Greek architecture. The main building is decorated with five domes, and on the opposite side is an obelisk-shaped tower that symbolizes Heavenly Parent's victory. On the left and the right is an outdoor park symbolizing the original garden of Eden, and an azalea park as an expression of True Parents' essence.

Inside Cheonwon Gung, at its center point, is the Cheon Il Sanctum, the central temple of Cheon Il Guk, where Heavenly Parent is present. In the space surrounding the Cheon Il Sanctum will be different administrative organizations of Cheon Il Guk where various external affairs will take place to lay the foundation for the firm establishment of a heavenly unified world. On the floor beneath the sanctum will be an exhibition hall on True Parents' life courses, their cosmic victories and achievements.

In addition, Cheonwon Gung will also have a grand ballroom and convention facilities where we can host various international conferences, cultural performances and special exhibitions. It will also have facilities that provide guests with an experience of cultural diversity. In addition, the grass square in front of the main building is a space where guests can rest or where we can hold various events, including commemorations or performances. In an art museum located next to the plaza, works by world-renowned contemporary artists will be installed both in the outdoor park as well as inside the gallery. Around eighty national treasure-level Korean traditional artworks representing Korea will be carefully selected and displayed as well. This will enable visitors to enjoy diverse artwork from both the East and the West.

As such, Cheonwon Gung is Heavenly Parent's temple and the center of Cheon Il Guk, which will be built on the foundation of True Parents' devotion and hard work to realize Heavenly Parent's dream of bringing about an ideal world of peace for humanity. It will be a wellspring of hope, in which visitors can deeply experience Heavenly Parent's love, establish proper values and find the proper direction to take in life. The HJ Cheonwon Project will provide the infrastructure that will allow visitors to experience, through nature and culture, the model of the ideal world of peace that True Parents have sought to realize. Cheonwon Gung will be at the center of it all.

### **UPF's International Leadership Conferences**

Hundreds of people the world over are accustomed to coming from their home country to Korea to attend a UPF International Leadership Conference at this time of year. This year, from April 28 to May 1, UPF held virtual ILCs, which collectively gave access to the knowledge of four hundred experts to various audiences in six different regions, all focused on the theme, "Toward Peaceful Reunification on the

Korean Peninsula: Creating the Foundation for a Unified World." Participants in the hundreds of thousands virtually attended ten sessions per conference, each with its own theme. UPF chapters regionally and UPF International worked hard to make the ILCs a great success. They succeeded in attracting audiences that fit into their primary associations (these are explained in the article beginning on page 18), which cover a wide swath of societal leaders -- current or former heads of state, First Ladies, legislators, religious leaders, media figures, academicians, businesspeople and prominent figures in the arts and culture.

### **International Association of Youth and Students for Peace**

IAYSP's World Assembly 2021 took place on April 17 in the World Peace Center. The first part, "The Dreams of Youth" was a Youth Rally of Hope, a concert that combined music with professional MCs who appealed to the young people and encouraged them to dream. The second part featured the top IAYSP presenters from S!NERGY competitions held at local YSP chapters. This brought together thirty thousand young people from around the world who participated online and in person at the venue.

### **The Online International Conference on Science and God (ICSG II) and ICUS Conference**

April 22–25, the Hyojeong Academy organized both the second International Conference on Science and God as well as the twenty-seventh International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences in four time zones. Overall the events were a successful online gathering of a hundred and thirty renowned scientists who shared their views on important topics. The conference featured twelve focused presentations, twenty-four lectures, six debates and in-depth discussions, with leading scientists and environmental experts, including Nobel Prize winners. Together they delved into concepts in both new and conventional sciences to find solutions to the environmental challenges humankind faces.

### **The International Association of Academicians for Peace**

The Hyojeong Academy, the International Association of Academicians for Peace and the Russian Academy of nature jointly held an International Conference April 22–25 under the theme, the Quest for Universality and Paradigms for the Science of the Future.

### **The Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works April 30 and May 1**

2021 is a meaningful year marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Chung Pyung providence! We held the 2021 Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Sixty-First Holy Wedding Anniversary as two one-day events in strict compliance with coronavirus prevention measures. Online nearly two hundred thousand people worldwide attended.

The six thousand years of the providence of restoration through indemnity have concluded with True Parents' sixty-year course. From now on, humanity is under the direct rule of the Creator at the beginning of the era of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. The CheonBo families, symbolizing Heavenly Parent's temple, appeared after six thousand years, and for the first time ever, thousands were able to enjoy the grace of the CheonBo Great works.

Before the event began, members from around the world participated in the ancestor liberation session. Prophet Radebe, with other African religious leaders, led a spiritual offering for peace. Afterward, Dr. Young-ho Yoon expressed his gratitude to True Parents for overcoming adversity and making everyone their children. He also thanked them for giving everyone the opportunity to become CheonBo families that possess divine value for having fulfilled the three great blessings. He then explained the deep significance of the Great Spiritual Works in this new era. "While in the past, the HJ CheonBo Great Works were mainly focused on spiritual healing, clearly, in this new era, they are aimed at performing spiritual deeds and receiving God's blessing through the fulfillment of the three great blessings, the ideal of creation. Therefore, I am convinced that this will be a great festival, which will guarantee our registration in the Cheonbowon and enable people around the world, beyond nationality, religion and background, to gather under the umbrella of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and inherit the heart of filial piety toward Heaven."

The event was held simultaneously in Hokkaido, Japan, as has been the custom in recent years. In addition, nearly two hundred thousand of Prophet Radebe's followers registered for the seminar and participated in seventy-seven locations. In total, nearly four million people attended the Hyo Jeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune.