

The 2022 Hoyjeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

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On April 16, brides and grooms congregated in their local church buildings in nations all over the globe to participate in the 2022 Hoyjeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in Celebration of the 62nd Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding. Globally, 2,100 couples received the Blessing.

Though all those outside of Korea would participate virtually, the brides and the grooms were encouraged to be together in same location during the ceremony. Couples in Korea sat on chairs on the main floor of the Cheongshim World Peace Center, while their family members watched from the seating area.



Dr. Young-ho Yoon was the master of ceremonies. He addressed the audience from a stage decorated as a garden of daffodils. Among his opening remarks, he said the following:

In 1960, sixty-two years ago, on this day -- the sixteenth day of the third month according to the lunar calendar -- Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon held the historic marriage of the Lamb and became the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. On this historic day, True Parents became True Parents and centering on the True Olive Tree, they have been leading the providence to engraft false olive trees through the Blessing, which is a process

of rebirth, of changing one's lineage to Heaven's lineage. True Parents have given the Blessing as Heaven's greatest gift, the greatest grace for all of humanity.

At one point the couples were asked to rise from their seats so that the grooms could present a rose the brides, when they had seated themselves again, the arena went dark, and after a two and half minute light show, a pre-ceremony three-part musical began that depicted the time of Creation, the time of the Fall and the time of Restoration.

As the musical actors were leaving the stage, attendants, women in pink robes and men in blue robes, took their positions on either side of a raised walkway that led from the seating area to the stage. Dr. Yoon then announced, "Beloved blessed families, the officiators, our beloved True Parents will now come onstage. Everyone, please rise and welcome our beloved True Parents with a warm round of applause."

As True Mother appeared, Dr. Yoon continued, "True Father in the spiritual world and True Mother on earth in complete unity with Heavenly Parent, are now coming onstage to bequeath hyojeong toward Heavenly Parent to all of the couples that are here today. This is indeed a momentous occasion."



As he spoke, True Mother, escorted by Yeon-ah Choi Moon, was coming down the walkway between the two rows of attendants. Dr. Yoon continued, "In 1960 heaven and earth came together at our True Parents' cosmic Holy Wedding. On this special day, our True Parents, who trod a path of dedication and of complete sacrifice are here to host the 2022 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony."

Thirteen representative couples came onstage and bowed to True Mother, after which attendants bearing holy water stood by Mother's side as she sprinkled the holy water on the couples. Dr. Yoon announced that the holy water would cleanse the

sins of one's past life in preparation to receive the Blessing. In seventy other nations, couples were simultaneously going through the holy water rite within the Blessing Ceremony.

Mother then led all the couples through the affirmation of the Blessing vows. "Do you pledge as a couple that is to realize Heavenly Parent's ideal of creation, to become an eternal husband and wife that will inherit the traditions established by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and perfect an ideal family that will strive to realize Cheon Il Guk? [Yea!] True Mother then gave the benediction prayer, which you can read on page eleven.

Thirteen representative couples then ascended to the stage and bowed to True Mother and from True Mother received their blessing rings, which represent eternal love between husband and wife, centered on true love, true life and true lineage. Meanwhile, True Mother's daughters-in-law, Yeon-ah Moon and Hoon-sook Moon were distributing blessing rings to the couples on the main floor. The representative couples then bowed to True Mother and descended from the stage. True Mother then proclaimed, "Through the officiating of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, we proclaim before all of heaven and earth that the virtuous men and women participating in this Cosmic Blessing Ceremony, officiated by True Parents have officially received the Holy Blessing through True Parents' grace.