

FFWPU USA's National Ministry Team celebrates the birthdays of True Parents

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The National Ministry Team of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) celebrated the 100th birthday of FFWPU co-founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Parents, at the Hammerstein Ballroom of the Manhattan Center on January 25, 2019. A concurrent celebration of the 53rd True Heavenly Parent's Day, observed in the Lunar New Year, was held as well.



"This is a very historical day for us," said Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, regional chairman of Family Federation North America. "We are so blessed for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate True Father's 100th birthday along with True Mother." Throughout the years, Unificationists have celebrated True Parents' birthday with a blowout celebration in Korea, inviting people of different religious backgrounds, nationalities, and ethnicities to show their love and support for this couple who have dedicated their entire lives toward world peace.



FFWPU-USA President Rev. Demian Dunkley has encouraged the five American regions to celebrate the two holy days as a regional-level event to bring family, friends, and Christian clergy together and share the Unification culture. "We want to use this festivity as a launch to renew the tradition of celebrating our holy days, and to come together with a spirit of honoring our culture and our roots. That's the kind of spirit that inspires others," said Rev. Dunkley.

More 1100 Unificationists, Christian clergy, and guests joined the 7:00 a.m. prayer service and enjoyed the holiday-themed festivities, which began with reciting the Family Pledge (core pledge of Unificationists) and reading a letter True Mother wrote on the occasion of True Father's Holy Ascension anniversary, titled "[Father, I Love You.](#)"

After breakfast, there was musical entertainment and testimonies from clergy about True Mother's commitment to peace and the responsibility we have to reciprocate that commitment. A video was also presented sharing how True Parents have been chosen to bless humanity, unite the world, and understand God's creation. "Today, we are truly celebrating the chosen ones, the True Parents of humankind," said one clergy member.

“창조주 하늘부모님을 닮은
참사랑을 실천하는 천일국의 참주인이 되자!”

Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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Father, I Love You



August 17, 2019

Beloved Father! How we miss you! Father, you are always with us! Seven years have already passed since your Holy Ascension to the heavenly realms. There is no place in Heaven or on Earth untouched by your sweat and tears. On this day, we particularly long for you.

Father, one year before your ascension, even though you were more than ninety years of age, you visited the United States eight times. Refusing to care for your health, you invested yourself completely for the sake of the world and for humanity. What you had said, “Once we finish this task and there is little else to do, let us take a short break,” never came true on earth in the end. Father, you worked day and night, and since I lived my life in attendance to you, I did not sleep more than three hours a night throughout my life.

During the sweltering summer of 2012, you entered the hospital for the final time, but even then, you rebuked those who recommended you stay in there, saying, “There is still so much to do. Why are we spending so much time at the hospital!” You then hastened to return home. You gave the instruction,

“Today, set the table for two, with Mother facing me.” Hearing you say this puzzled the members because whenever we sat together for meals, I always sat by your side.

Although the lunch table had been set, Father, you did not once lift your spoon. Instead, all you did was gaze into my face. Father, I think that you were most likely engraving my face in your heart. I smiled, placed a spoon in your hand and some food on your rice. Then, I continued to gaze at you as you ate. Father, I also engraved your face in my heart.

The next day, a day when the rays of the sun were particularly strong, you carried an oxygen tank the size of a full-grown person and toured the Cheongpyeong Lake area, beginning with the Cheongshim International Middle and High School. Then, after returning to Cheon Jeong Gung, you prayed, “Heaven, please give your blessing. I beseech you to allow me to conclude things.” Then, you asked someone to bring a voice recorder. You offered your last prayer with me, saying, “I have completed the mission of the providence of restoration.”

Then you said, “Mother, thank you! Mother, take good care of everything.”

Father, despite the difficulty of your condition, you kept saying, “I am so sorry and so grateful.” I held your hand more firmly, looked at you gently and spoke with a soothing voice, putting you at ease. “Do not worry about anything.”

Father, you then returned to Heavenly Parent’s bosom and you are resting in Bonhyangwon, at the foot of Mt. Cheon Seong.

Father, following your Holy Ascension, I came to Bonhyangwon at dawn every day.

There were countless justifications or reasons why I might have rested and not visited you; but whether it snowed abundantly in the winter or rained torrentially in the fall, I came to Bonhyangwon each day in those early morning hours. For forty days after you ascended, I prepared breakfast and dinner for you. When I missed you, on numerous occasions, I came to Bonhyangwon and talked with you. Through those conversations, your thoughts became my thoughts and my thoughts became yours.

Whether the sun beat down, the wind blew, or thunder and lightning suddenly struck and torrential rain poured down, or whether snow blanketed the land, for 1,095 days following your ascension I carried on offering my devotions in remembrance of you. I also retraced the 5,600 kilometers you had traveled from Las Vegas to New York in the United States in the 1970s. I climbed the twelve mountains we had climbed together in the Alps. Then, I resolved to fulfill the promise I made you to “return to the spirit of the early days of the church and revive the church in spirit and truth.”

Then, on the third anniversary of your Holy Ascension, I beseeched you to freely ascend to the eternal Bonhyangwon, to attend and comfort Heavenly Parent who had been lonely until then and to be free from all burdens. Then, for you, Father, and for Heavenly Parent, I resolved to succeed in the restoration of seven nations by 2020.

East to west, south to north, I ran with all my might, seeking to embrace the world. My mouth was sore, my legs were swollen.... I could barely stand, yet I could not rest. This was because however difficult realizing the will may be, I had to keep the promise I had made to you that I would conclude everything within my lifetime. I lived each day reaffirming my resolve that I would “fulfill this without fail” and that “to do so, I shall not change.” Every time I desperately missed you, I looked to the moon for companionship and spoke with it, reminding myself of the promise I had made to you as I stood before your holy body, “I will firmly establish Cheon Il Guk by the time I ascend.”

Living this way, seven years have already passed since your Holy Ascension.

Father, you know, don’t you? Following your Ascension, I felt lost for words, in a position in which I was the only one remaining. My heart felt as if I were in a vast desert amidst a sandstorm, having to find a needle yet unable to open my eyes. Nonetheless, I found it. I had to find it.

My resolve to absolutely restore seven nations by 2020, my resolve to register all blessed families in Cheonbowon as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs, these are my gifts to you, Father. I pray that your gift, your life of Hyojeong for Heavenly Parent, will radiate rays of hope throughout the world.

Father, I love you.

Korean Version

Read Sun Jin Moon’s speech from the 2019 Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly [here](#).