On the occasion of the 100th birthday of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) co-founder Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and the 77th birthday of FFWPU co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, affectionately known as True Parents, Unificationists and Christian clergy worldwide honored and recognized this momentous milestone.

Over the years, Unificationists have observed True Parents' birthday with a week full of peace conferences and festivities in Korea, commemorating and celebrating True Parents' life-long mission and the Unificationist culture with thousands of people of different religious backgrounds, nationalities, and ethnicities, establishing the occasion as more than just a Unificationist holiday. Those who couldn't attend the events in Korea were encouraged to participate in the local or regional-level celebrations across America. Many clergy testified to how True Parents' work has led them to a deeper understanding of God. Participants who attended the celebrations were moved to see the hardships endured by True Parents on the journey of their life-long mission, as portrayed in the film "Chosen." They persevered for the sake of a peaceful world, with True Mother continuing to advance the work she and True Father started together, after his ascension.

True Parents have built a legacy of peace and reconciliation centering on a family movement. As True Father once said, "The solution to world peace is to rebind the relationship between the Creator and each family." Over the decades, world leaders have sent congratulatory remarks to True Parents for their contributions to a more peaceful global society.

Many parliamentarians, heads of state and representatives were in attendance at the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) World Summit 2020 Assembly in Korea, formulated to initiate dialogue on achieving peace between delegates, governments, religious organizations and civil societies. One guest speaker talked about the necessity of this dialogue in light of current world issues such as the wildfires in Australia and the corona virus outbreak in China. "There is no better demonstration for how connected we all are than our willingness to assemble for peace here in Korea [amid the corona virus outbreak]." The speaker continued by applauding True Parents' courage and life-long dedication for peace, saying, "We should all share this vision, the vision that people across the planet can be brought together by working together."

Other recognition include The Associated Press who featured a press release titled "Reverend Moon: A 100-Year Legacy of Peace," remarking the festivities in Korea, as well as New York City's Times Square, who wished True Parents a "Happy Birthday."
NEW YORK, Jan. 24, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (colloquially known as the “Unification Church”) are commemorating the 100th birthday of their late founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and his wife’s, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, 77th birthday. Celebrations will be held in all 50 states of America, as well as five large regional gatherings, on January 25, as well as a week of international events and celebrations February 2-8 in Rev. Moon’s native Korea. Faith leaders and former and current heads of state will be attending the Universal Peace Federation’s World Summit 2020, Rev. Moon’s Centenary Celebration, and a Marriage Blessing Ceremony at the Kintex International Exhibition Center in Seoul. You can find more information about the events in the U.S. at aclc.info/revmoon100.

Born in what is now North Korea, and having experienced war firsthand, Reverend Moon and his wife built a legacy of peace and reconciliation centering on a family movement. They
founded hundreds of organizations, institutions, and projects for world peace; more than any other notable public figure. Through the Marriage Blessing Ceremony, Rev. and Dr. Moon were the trendsetters of intercultural and international marriage, bringing couples together across national and racial borders. Called to a public life of ministry at just 15 years old, he was truly remarkable for establishing a global movement that stands for unification and world peace, all within his own lifetime.

“Our ultimate responsibility is to build world peace, but global peace begins in the family. Harmony, peace and happiness within the family begin with a relationship to the Creator, as our Heavenly Parent. Thus, the solution to world peace is to rebind the relationship between the Creator and each family,” said Rev. Moon.

Rev. Moon was a man who embraced his enemies, most notably Kim Il Sung, who imprisoned him in a concentration camp for nearly three years. For 40 years, he combatted the spread of communism, predicting the fall of the Soviet Union publicly before anyone else. World leaders have sent congratulatory remarks over many decades to Rev. Moon and his contributions to making a more peaceful global society, including Mickhail Gorbachev, Yasuhiro Nakasone, Carlos Menem, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagon, George H.W. Bush, and Barack Obama.

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Times Square Wishes True Parents ‘Happy Birthday’

True Parents smiled upon Times Square last week with the message “Celebrating Reverend Sun Myung Moon’s Legacy of Peace on His 100th birthday”.

I wish I knew about it. I could have taken a picture with it.
I go to Bryant park all the time which is 5 mins away from Times Square.
I met a gentleman from Afghanistan last night at the park. I introduced True Mother and show him a video. He was so impressed by Mother’s effort for world peace.
He told me about Dr. Nakamura who served for Afghan people and loved by them. But he got killed by terrorist reentry. He said people in Afghanistan are mourning over him.
I did not know about this Japanese hero of Afghanistan Dr. Nakamura. But this story made me think deeply about my mission. How serious I have been to save people more than making a living in this country. I need to repent.

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