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Featured image above: Bishop Nancy Rosario delivering her message in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea on May 2, 2026

In tribute to Mother Han, American bishop congratulates the newly blessed couples as an expression of the Kingdom of Heaven advancing



From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on May 2, 2026

A congratulatory message by Bishop Nancy Rosario, Senior Pastor of Church of God's Children in New York, USA, and US Co-Vice Chair of the ACLC Women's Ministry, delivered May 2, 2026 in Cheongshim Peace World Center, [Gapyeong](#), South Korea on the occasion of celebrating the 66th Anniversary of the [Holy Wedding](#) of the [True Parents](#) of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and the First Anniversary of the [Entrance into the Cheonil Sanctum](#) in the Cheonwon Temple, and the [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for [2,100 couples](#).

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Good morning, everyone. It's a beautiful day. You all look beautiful.

So I say, distinguished guests, honored clergy, beloved brothers and sisters from all around the world, Grace, peace and blessings be unto you.

Congratulations on each bride, each groom, soon to be husband and wife. I have been married 40 years, and we have eight daughters and two sons. I don't know if I'll throw that blessing onto you, but take it if you want it. So, I know the joys of having your children be married. And today, each and every one of you have truly brought joy and uplifted [True Mother](#)'s heart by celebrating and participating and being part of this holy [marriage blessing](#).

So I want to applaud all of you and our [True Mother](#).

I know at this moment, her heart must be filled with joy, knowing that her mission is going on.

And remember this day forever. Today we gather on a profound day of historic significance. We celebrate the 66th [Holy Wedding](#) anniversary of the [True Parents](#) - so you have that to follow - and the first anniversary of the [entrance into the Cheonil Sanctum](#) in the Cheonwon Temple. So you know you're going to remember this day forever.

This is not merely a commemoration. It is a divine milestone in the unfolding [providence](#) of our Heavenly Parent. From the beginning, Heavenly Parent has longed to dwell with his children.

And though history has been marked by separation and struggle, the [providence](#) continued patiently until fulfillment.

Throughout the history, [God](#) has always moved through chosen vessels, men and women set apart for sacred purpose. And you are part of that.



Some of the couples at the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on May 2, 2026

We recognize that heaven has entrusted missions across many generations. And we honor one who has been called as a [begotten daughter](#), entrusted with a divine assignment for her time.

That fulfillment began to take visible form in 1960 through the [Holy Wedding](#) of the [True Parents](#). Their union was not simply a [marriage](#). It was a [providential](#) covenant restoring humanity. Restoring humanity back to the heart of [God](#) and opening the way for families, nations and generations to walk in what? In [true love](#).

And from that foundation, the holy [marriage blessing](#) has gone forth to many, many, many nations, including our previous speaker who performed it in his beautiful country of Africa with over 200,000 people present, while [True Mother](#) gave the blessing. Amen.

And this holy [marriage blessing](#) is calling families into covenant with [God](#), restoring the sacred purpose of your love, and establishing the building blocks of peace for generations to come. And that generation is

your children that will come after to receive your blessing.

So today we honor [True Mother, Hak Ja Han](#), the entrusted one whose life stands at the center of this continuing [providence](#). She has walked a path marked by faith, by endurance, and an unwavering devotion to [God's](#) will.

She has advanced the [providence](#) with bold clarity, proclaiming the [Cheonil-guk \[Kingdom of Heaven\]](#), establishing the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, and calling humanity beyond the boundaries of religion, nation and culture into unity.

Even now, as we are all here, in the face of misunderstanding and opposition through all her life, her call has remained concise. She has never wavered from her mission. She says not division, but alignment with the covenant - alignment with the covenant of [God's](#) kingdom on earth.

And we recognize this as a moment to observe. It is a history. It's not just a moment to observe. This is a history for each and every one of you to understand.

And now, just as we, some of us, study Abraham and the twelve tribes of Israel, you now have a new commitment. So we too must study the history of the Han family, not casually, but with spiritual discernment. That is your duty from this moment on.

And the reason for you all to study the history of the Han family is so that we may recognize the movement of [God](#) in our time, in your time, in your children's time, and align ourselves, align yourselves with that history.



Sacred site: the [Cheonwon Temple](#). Here, prayer vigil at night

And now we stand in a new era. The [entrance into the Cheonil Sanctum](#) of the Cheonwon Temple doesn't mark just a place, but a reality, that our Heavenly Parent is dwelling among his people.

You see, the [Kingdom](#) is not distant. It is here. And it is advancing.

So today we stand not only as witnesses, but as participants. And so we align ourselves. We align ourselves with heaven's purpose. We align ourselves with the call to unity. We align with the covenant that invites all humanity into one, one family under [God](#). Praise the Lord!

On this historical occasion, we especially honor [True Mother](#). As it is written in the book of Esther, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14)

Well, we now know that she has come to the [Kingdom](#) for such a time as this. Yes, we recognize our [True Mother, Hak Ja Han](#), as the entrusted one in this generation - a chosen vessel carrying a [providential](#) mandate to advance heaven's work on earth.

And now that continues to be your responsibility today. And through this work, a call, her call, has gone forth across the nations. And do you know what that call is?

That call from her heart to yours is - she says -

"Come, all who are divided, be made one! Come, all who are scattered, be gathered!"

She says,

"Come, all who are searching, be restored as sons and daughters of the Most High!"

And I thank [God](#) for being one of them.



Standing in for [Mother Han](#): Reverend Lee Gi-seong and his wife Jang Yun-jeong sprinkling holy water on couples at the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on May 2, 2026

So today, I tell you, we're not merely celebrating. We are recommitting our lives. We recommit ourselves to the work of peace. We recommit ourselves to lives of [true love](#).

Each one of you have been brought here with the objectivity of [true love](#). And pass that on to your children, your children's children, to build a legacy, the legacy of [Mother Han](#)'s calling. We recommit ourselves to unity in a divided world.

And in this sacred moment, we will lift up with all of you a prophetic intercession, a prayer of a prophetic intercession, we say,

"Heavenly Parent, Sovereign Lord of all creation, we acknowledge this appointed time of fulfillment. Let every nation align with your divine order. Let every heart be awakened to the reality that the gates of heaven are open. We declare that what has been spoken in accordance with your will, it shall be established. We speak restoration over families. We speak healing over all the nations. And we speak unity where there has been division."

And today, all of us will boldly declare that the era of [Cheonil-guk](#) [[Kingdom of Heaven](#)] is not coming. It is here. The [Kingdom of Heaven](#) is not distant. It is unfolding right before our very eyes.

And to [True Mother](#), we say - praying that she will see this - "Thank you, thank you for your unwavering faith. Thank you for your victorious love. Thank you for leading humanity into a new dawn. You have carried Heaven's burden. You have walked Heaven's earth. And you have opened a new season for humanity."

Let the earth hear it. Let the heavens bear witness that the gates are open. The [Kingdom](#) is advancing. Heavenly Parent is dwelling among his people.

So congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations on this occasional, beautiful day of remembrance because it is the day of their 66th [Holy Wedding](#) anniversary and the first anniversary of the [entrance into the Cheonil Sanctum](#), [God](#) dwelling among us.

May Heaven continue to guide and strengthen this [providential](#) mission to all through all of you! Thank you for making [Mother](#)'s heart uplifted and joyful today.

Blessings to all. [God](#) bless you.

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From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on 2nd May 2026. Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

The first [large international wedding](#) ceremony where [Hak Ja Han](#) ((한학자 – 83), also known as “[Holy Mother Han](#)” and “[True Mother](#)”, could not officiate in person was held on 2nd May 2026. According to the organizers – the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) – 2,100 couples took part. The spectacular event was organized in [Cheongshim Peace World Center](#), a large indoor arena, in [Gapyeong](#), northeast of the South Korean capital Seoul.

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The event took place on [Hak Ja Han](#)’s own 66th [wedding](#) anniversary – according to the Oriental lunar calendar (eumnyeok / 음력), which is still used for anniversaries and milestone birthdays. And adding to the significance of the day, the grand ceremony also commemorated the first anniversary of the [entrance into the Cheonwon Temple](#), which serves as the central temple of [Unificationism](#) and represents the “culmination of 6,000 years of [providential](#) history”.



13 representative couples on stage in front of large portrait of the [True Parents](#). From the large international [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on 2nd May 2026. Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

Even though the [True Parents](#) were not physically present at the [marriage blessing](#) ceremony on 2nd May, the event still officially had them in the officiating role. At all such large events since 2013, except one, [Mother Han](#) has read out the so-called Blessing Vows, to which the couples shout a resounding “Yes!” This time, a voice

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recording of her reciting the vows, was played. The same for the “**Blessing** Proclamation” and the “Benediction Prayer” for all the couples.

The only part where someone stood in for the **True Parents**, was the “Holy Water ceremony”, where Reverend Lee Gi-seong (이기성) and his wife Jang Yun-jeong (장윤정) *sprinkled water on the 13 representative couples up on the stage, while attendants sprinkled it on all the other couples in the large arena.* Lee and Jang had also served as officiating couple on behalf of the **True Parents** at a smaller **marriage blessing** ceremony at the height of the Corona epidemic in October 2020, when strict regulations for the size of gatherings applied in South Korea.

This sprinkling of holy water symbolized the cleansing of past mistakes and the restoration of participants to the “**original ideal of creation**” upon the victorious foundation established by the **True Parents**.

The **Blessing** Vows signify affirming a historic vow to become an “eternal couple”, inherit the tradition established by the **True Parents**, and strive to perfect the “family ideal” regarded as the basic social unit in a **Kingdom of Heaven of true love** here on the Earth and in the eternal world.



*The exchange of rings. From the large international **Marriage Blessing** ceremony for 2,100 couples in Gapyeong, South Korea on 2nd May 2026. Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.*

Couples exchanged “sacred symbols” – rings – representing their “eternal love” and an “unchanging bond” centered on the “Heavenly Parent”. The groom placed the ring on the bride’s right hand, followed by the bride placing it on the groom’s right hand.

Through the recorded voice of **Mother Han** reading the “**Blessing** Proclamation”, the marital unions were declared as established “before Heaven and Earth” based on the grace of our Heavenly Parent and the **True Parents**. This proclamation officially **blessed** the “virtuous men and women” participating in the 2026 ceremony.

To close the ceremony, a representative couple – the son of Moon Heung-jin (문흥진) and Moon Hoon-sook (문훈숙), together with his wife – offered flowers to the officiators. Another couple offered a symbolic gift to the officiators as an expression of gratitude.

At the end, there were celebratory performances, featuring songs and a “cute dance” by the newly **blessed** couples, offering gratitude and marking a joyful end to the day.

The reason **Mother Han** could not attend the large **Marriage Blessing** ceremony is that she is currently receiving urgent **medical treatment** in a South Korean hospital. It looks like she will remain there until 30th May, when she is due to return to *Seoul Detention Center* where she has been held in a **tiny cell** since 22nd September 2025 while special prosecutors appointed by the current left-leaning Lee Jae-myung (이재명) administration investigate whether **Mother Han** has been

involved in alleged unlawful donations to leading political figures. Critics view the investigation as a crackdown and revenge on religious organizations perceived to have supported the former conservative Yoon Suk-yeol (윤석열) administration. He has already been given a life sentence.

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