## Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival - Enduring Truths in a Time of Change

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Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon are Buddhas. In Buddhism, they say that the heart is Buddha. Hence, Buddha is the true 'I'. The true 'I' however reaches perfection and maturity on the basis of having received grace from one's true parents. Hence, both Rev. and Mrs. Moon can be said to be budhas.

First of all, I sincerely pray that Buddha's grace be with Rev. and Mrs. Moon and all of you here today.

I am truly grateful for being invited to such an important occasion. Today, more than talk about inter-religious dialogue or initiatives, I would like to use this opportunity to give a frank talk about my sincere feelings and heart as a religious person on Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who have dedicated their entire lives for the

realization of a world of peace, continuously devoting and investing themselves to this cause. In particular, I couldn't help but feel deeply moved and grateful as a religious person when I saw the recent activities carried out by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace.

## **Mother of Peace Publication Celebration**

The World Summit event, the Sunhak Peace Prize, the Publication of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Memoir, and other events held in Ilsan KINTEX last year in 2020 helped me better understand the great path Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is undertaking for peace in the world.

I attended those events at the invitation of the Korea Religions Association. I was quite surprised at the size of the event, and the diverse people attending from across the world. Even if you had the money, you cannot hold such an event. It wasn't an event that the government could even hold. This was an event that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon could host because she and her late husband had dedicated their lives toward this cause. This was an event that people participated because of their trust in Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I came to learn the tremendous trust she is receiving worldwide. And I was more touched by the fact that all her efforts were being directed toward the realization of peace on the Korean Peninsula.

I was also truly grateful for the chance to go on stage to cut the celebration cake as a representative of my religion during the publication of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Memoir as the Mother of Peace. It was indeed an honor to be able to do so in the presence of Dr. Hak Ja Han moon, the Mother of Peace who has dedicated her life for world peace, a moment that I will never be able to forget. Following the events, I avidly read Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's memoir and became more involved with inter-religious activities

together with the Korea Religions Association.

Beloved FFWPU members! You are truly happy people. Now that you have also established a heavenly parent-child relationship in addition to the existing human parent-child relationship, I sincerely hope that you can offer even more devotion on this path with True Parents. You can only be dutiful children to your parents when they are still alive. Hence, the principle that filial duty is the basis of all actions has always been regarded as a fundamental principle of all people training in Confucianism and Buddhism. I will also do my utmost best to participate in the heavenly unification movement that is being carried out by True Parents.

For more than one year, we underwent a period of tremendous pain and change due to the COVID pandemic. This big change humanity faces today may be forecasting the arrival of a new age. However, no matter how much the world changes, the one thing that will not change ultimately is humanity's search and ardent hope for the ideal world, which in Buddhism we call the pure land of the west, or the Buddhaland.

I am actively participating in the peace movement, heavenly unification movement, the inter-religious movement centered on God that is being carried out by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The God within all religions, whether it is the Christian God, Buddha in Buddhism, Allah in Islam, etc. are all like parents. Therefore, I am confident that the Heavenly Unified Korea Movement that she is currently carrying out will play a decisive role in achieving world peace and stability.

Just as the sun rising in the east and setting in the west is an unchanging principle, I believe that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is seeking for such unchanging principles. Who would dare speak of, and reveal the truth without knowing the way or history Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is a parent who is already walking the true path on the foundation of the historical truth.

## There is one truth

Anyone who seeks the truth, whether it is a religious person or just anyone, need to work together with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea. If the way the True Parents are taking is the path to a heavenly unified Korea, then, a heavenly unified Korea is the Buddha land. This is because the heart of True Parents is the true heart, and the true heart is the truth.

In this 21st century, the new millennium age, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon who is leading the great flow of this age, is now the True Parents of humanity, and as the Mother of Peace, I sincerely pray that Buddha's grace is eternally with you in bringing about peace to humanity, and peace in the world.