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Boston Family Church (District 4) October 19, 2008

Families from throughout Northern New England were pleased to spend the day together with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim and their family at 46 Beacon Street in Boston on Sunday, October 19.

Based upon our experience from God's Day, our initial plan was for about 325 participants. As it turned out, about 415 people came to be with In Jin Nim and her family. During the service, about 215 people were seated in the sanctuary and rear hallway. An additional 200 people were seated in the Function Room, French Room, and Dining Room, all of which were set up with audiovisual feed.

In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their family arrived at 10:00 AM and received warm applause as they came into the sanctuary. The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Band, led by Sarah Groenendyk and Tadamichi Hosokawa, provided powerful music for congregational singing, including a YAM-Band original titled "Jubilee". State Director James Edgerly was the Master of Ceremonies, and District Director Rev. Richard Buessing introduced In Jin Nim. She spoke for one hour and twenty minutes, giving a gracious, honest, confident and encouraging message that was enthusiastically received by everyone. Her message stressed that the quality of our movement and the love of God and True Parents are most directly expressed in the quality of our children. We need to become the movement that raises incredible children. Our children should be raised to attain excellence both internally and externally.

This is an age when we see individuals accomplish things that were previously unimaginable. The stories of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barak Obama all illustrate that an unimaginable breakthrough can be achieved by just one person. These stories and particularly that of Barak Obama should be considered as preludes to what can be accomplished by our blessed children, who have the potential to become people of power and influence. The world has never seen the combination of true competence and humility that our children are capable of.

Blessed children must understand that they have

been "hand-crafted" by True Parents. Therefore, they are uniquely talented and uniquely gifted. They should be raised to be the "future Barak Obamas." Through our families and our children, we need to manifest the beauty of our movement to the world. People will come to understand the parents by observing the children. In America, our blessed children are a beautiful blend of many races, like a tapestry representing all of humanity.

In Jin Nim expressed that, in her role as Chairman, she feels like a mother and that we are now her children. In that role, naturally she wants to make us better. She feels that the best way to do that is to bring us closer to True Parents. She wants the 2nd generation to have personal experiences with True Parents just like their parents had. This way, they can understand just how incredible True Parents are and how incredible their own parents are for following True Parents all of these years.

She described the family as being like a sports team, with each person playing a different role but all focused on a common purpose and goal. There are defensive players, offensive players, kickers, and catchers. However, they work together to create a single family that represents our True Parents.

In describing the roles played in the True Family,



she also used the analogy of the hand. She explained that there is not one mission that is more important than the others, any more than we can say that the ring finger is more important than the thumb. Each finger looks different and has a different role, but they function together to create a hand. In her family, siblings are working on various assignments with the Universal Peace Federation in the United States, Korea, Japan, and around the world. Each is playing a different role, but all in support of the victory in the mission of the True Parents.

In Jin Nim said that even in the True Family there have been obstacles and problems to work though. She knows that some marriage blessings have been easy and some have been nightmares. When we started our families, we expected our children to be angelic. But we found that our marriages and our children are something that had to be worked out over time. As the Principle teaches us, the most precious things in life are those that have to be worked out over an extended period.

We shared a laugh when In Jin Nim expressed her interpretation of the meaning of "ideal family": that is – "I deal", as in "I deal with this spouse" and "I deal with this family." Creating an ideal family means choosing to make a total commitment to deal with the challenges of raising a family. This is the mission that True Parents came to complete – the creation of the ideal family. This is an immense challenge that Jesus did not have a chance to accomplish. The mission of True Parents is to complete the mission of Jesus.

There are lots of training and testing requirements before one can be licensed to drive a car. The holy blessing of marriage is far more precious than a driver's license. Unfortunately, we have not been adequately trained and prepared to receive the blessing of marriage, and we hardly understand what creating an ideal family really requires. We still do not have a cohesive educational track preparing individuals for marriage, preparing them to be spouses, preparing them to be parents, and an educational curriculum that is age-appropriate for developing blessed children.

She told us the story of how she and her sisters used to cringe when they heard Father chastising American women during his talks in earlier days. Her sisters would look at each other, saying "Here he goes again!" Her brothers used to chide their sisters after hearing these words from Father. Several years ago, Father announced the Pacific Rim Era and the age of women leadership. Now, her brothers are her strongest supporters in her public mission.

She reported that recently she became a naturalized U.S. citizen. When she visited True Parents in Hawaii earlier this month, In Jin Nim surprised Father by reporting: "You know, Father, now I am an American woman." This gave Father a good laugh. She gave True Mother credit for being an incredible fighter for sisters. Through her constant dedication to the mission of True Parents, she has restored the original position of mother and sister. On that foundation, women are now able to play a leadership role in the life of faith, as she is now demonstrating. One needs to have studied the long and bloody history of the world's religions in order to appreciate the significance of women taking on roles of spiritual leadership.

In Jin Nim explained that on one hand, we don't have much time. Some people favor only a traditional witnessing process, which is great. However, now we need to move faster. This means that that we need to use the Internet and the media, with the understanding that kids



in this generation want to choose their own religion on their own time.

However, on the other hand, we may not appreciate how close we are to success. The foundation for our success is much larger and stronger than we may think. This is largely due to the accomplishments of Christianity. We are approaching a tipping point.

In Jin Nim shared that she was quite surprised to be asked by some families if we should teach our children about Jesus. She reminded us that Father received his commission directly from Jesus and that we can't fully understand and value and love Father unless we understand the foundation that preceded him, established by Jesus and Christianity. In that context, she was very pleased to see that a passage from the Holy Bible (Ephesians 4:14-16) was included in the Scripture reading earlier in the program.

In Jin Nim recalled how exciting it was in the earlier days of our U.S. movement, when hundreds of people would attend workshops each weekend. She explained that the backpacker types that we witnessed to in years past have relocated their search from the street to the Internet. Therefore, we need to revamp our presence



on the Internet, which is the "homework" that she has been working on. The audience loudly applauded the announcement of this initiative.

In Jin Nim referred to the fact that only about one third of the approximately 17,000 blessed children are actively connected to our movement. One of the most effective means of outreach will be to reconnect to those precious young people. She explained the importance of the "Witnessing Summit" coming up in Los Angeles in two weeks. While the title includes the "W word," the summit is really a wonderful opportunity to get our children inspired about our movement. It is a place where everyone is treated equally, where everyone's voice is listened to and everyone's words are written down and analyzed. Her opinion is that the "witnessing summit" initiative is a good use of our movement's resources.

In Jin Nim spoke most passionately when she explained, "Anybody can do drugs; anybody can have sex; but not everybody can be faithful and live a life dedicated to God and the world." She went on to explain, My society is telling me to do whatever I want – to get drunk, to have relationships, to only worry about my own happiness. You should be a rebel. A rebel WITH a cause. Rebel against this society. This is exactly what Jesus and True Parents have done. They are rebels, reacting against society, saying that we need to make it better.

Toward the end of her talk, In Jin stressed that all of our blessed children and blessed families are headed in the same direction, though the path for each may vary. We are all one single family. When she meets with parents who have children involved with unblessed relationships, she encourages the parents to take a positive view of this situation, explaining that the relationship presents an opportunity to witness to someone whom we may not reach otherwise; it is an opportunity to reach their parents, their in-laws, and their relatives.

In Jin Nim's talk inspired a big ovation. It was very special for us to have a daughter of our True Parents speaking to us openly, eloquently, and honestly, in our own sanctuary.

Following the Sunday Service, we enjoyed a one-hour talent show, emceed by Dan and Tamara Perry. The first song performed by the New England YAM Band was "Brand New Feeling," written by In Jin Nim and recorded on her Cerulean Sketches CD. Soonia Loom and Patrick Yamane performed a beautiful duet of John Denver's "What One Man Can Do." Letisha Ferabolli sang "Memory" from the A.L. Webber musical "Cats." Sarah Groenedyk performed an original song titled "Challenge & Victory", and Iris Queseda read two original poems. The show concluded with an enchanting dance performance by Josh and Keishu Perry, plus a high-energy performance by the Worcester WAIT Team, which is composed of 19 brothers and 18 sisters.

At the close of entertainment, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim were presented with flowers, and their entire family came to the stage to cut the celebration cake. Then we orchestrated a photo session that involved trying to



fit every single person in the building into the secondfloor sanctuary. After much coaxing, we got just about everyone in the room for the photo by Ken Owens. Undoubtedly, this was largest number of people to ever fit into that space!

Dinner tables with tablecloths and centerpieces were set up in three different rooms and in the first floor hallways, providing seating for more than 300. In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their family were escorted to the head table. However, rather than sit at the head table, their children quickly disbursed and spent lunchtime and the rest of the day among our blessed children.

A delicious pesto noodle dinner was prepared and served by Hiromi and Catherine Ono's Family Fellowship team. They did an excellent job, serving a wonderful meal. We also enjoyed sushi from Sakurabana Restaurant, Ginseng Up from Worcester, and LOTS of ice cream.

At about 2:30 PM, as lunch wound down, families who had to depart for home came over to the head table to greet and thank In Jin Nim. We then set up a greeting line. Over the next two and a half hours, In Jin Nim met each family and member one at a time, asking their names and sharing brief but intimate conversation. No matter how we tried to expedite the process, In Jin Nim seemed to insist on taking lots of time with each and every family. Despite having a cold, she stood for two and a half hours and met every single person in the building! No one complained about the long wait, as each one of us was so proud and grateful to meet her.

We gave In Jin Nim a big cheer as she completed her meeting with the last family. We could imagine that she must have been exhausted, never taking a break or sitting down even for a moment.

At about 5 PM, the schedule was complete. Jin Sung Nim gathered his kids, who were scattered around the building, and a large crowd lined the entry area to wish the family good-bye. It was a wonderful day. We were happy that so many families and members could come to Boston to share the experience of receiving God's Words and sharing in fellowship with In Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and their beautiful family.



San Francisco Bay Area Church (District 11) October 26, 2008

n the weekend of October 25-26, In Jin Nim and her family made their first visit to the Bay Area since her appointment as Chairperson of the American movement and brought tremendous blessing and love to the families of Northern California and Nevada. She flew from New York to San Francisco with her husband, JinSung Nim (and their two sons ShinYul Nim and ShinPyung Nim), on Saturday morning, and spent a day and a half with us, investing her whole heart, soul, and body into our young people and families, with very little rest. It was an unprecedented and awesome experience for everyone.

In preparation for In Jin Nim's visit, our families came together to do yardwork and housecleaning at True Parents' house (Shimjung Gardens), which is situated atop a hill in the heart of Berkeley and has a magnificent view of San Francisco. This is where In Jin Nim stayed and where meetings took place throughout the weekend. In addition, we had our "Annual Spruce-Up Day" at the Bay Area Family Church on Saturday. The Principled Academy and Bay Area Family Church turned out in the morning to transform the church inside and out for In Jin Nim's Sunday Service. It was wonderful to see our families investing so much love (and sweat!) into creating a beautiful environment to welcome In Jin Nim.

In Jin Nim arrived at the Gardens at 3 PM on Saturday, where she was welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Durst and many of our church members. Flowers were presented to In Jin Nim and JinSung Nim by Daniel LeRoy and Chaiah Durst. Then we had a wonderful Korean lunch (prepared by our KEA sisters), hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Durst, Nick Buscovich, Kristina Seher, and some of our church elders. In Jin Nim embraced each person, expressing her gratitude to them for their many years of serving True Parents, and listened intently to Dr. Durst's heartfelt testimony.



Our Youth Ministry leaders, Dave DuFour, Kwanchai Moriya, Mrs. Annie Steinbronn, and Mrs. Brenna Iredale, organized a sightseeing tour of San Francisco for ShinYul Nim and ShinPyung Nim, together with several blessed children of their age. They spent the entire afternoon and evening together.

The plan for that evening was that In Jin Nim could meet with our young adults and high school students at the Gardens and get to know them personally. This was organized by Ritz Yamamoto (our young adult pastor) and Mrs. Myrna Lapres (our youth minister). At 6:30 PM young people began to flock to the Gardens in anticipation of meeting In Jin Nim. We were pleasantly surprised that over 200 showed up, but we were not sure where to put them all! At 7 PM, when In Jin Nim came to the room, it was totally packed, with people spilling out into the hallway.

Ritz MCed the program. After a beautiful song by Leighton Lim and Shimmy Cotter, he invited JinSung Nim to introduce In Jin Nim. JinSung Nim was very warm and personable and testified to his wife's course and mission with so much love and respect. Because this was a gathering of highly creative young people, he showed the Manhattan Center promotional video that In Jin Nim has created to promote "the best kept secret in New York" (which is the Manhattan Center). The video is a very powerful testimony to True Parents and to Hyo Jin Nim. Everyone was blown away by In Jin Nim's creative ability and by the awesome vision behind and substantial reality of the Manhattan Center.

In Jin Nim sat in a chair and spoke to the young people seated on the floor before her. It was a very intimate setting, and everyone could feel the heart of True Mother coming through her. Though she must have been exhausted from her travel and her impossible schedule, she spoke so deeply from her heart about the importance of the foundation that each of their parents had laid (the 1st Generation) in giving up everything to follow True Parents and accomplish miracles. She explained that all of that was so that these young people could now pursue and fulfill their dreams and passions and create beautiful families:

What I want to share with the young people of our movement is that many of us saw our parents throwing pebbles into a lake every morning, doing Hoon Dok Hae. Maybe some of us wondered what they were doing,



whether they were crazy or not. It's not just your parents. My parents did the same thing, too. I strongly feel that we are quickly approaching the "tipping point". That is, every pebble your parents threw into that lake didn't show anything for years, but then, one day, one pebble broke through the surface of the lake. It did so because countless other pebbles were thrown there by our parents. This is what is taking place right now.

She seemed to be able to understand each person's heart: that there were some who were very involved in our church and others who were searching to find themselves in other ways. She was not trying to force everyone into the same mold, but she respected who everyone was while acknowledging that each one of them was "handpicked and handcrafted by God" for greatness.

Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins arrived at around 8:00 PM, fresh from the Global Peace Festival event in Chicago. We were blessed to have them both with us throughout the weekend.

By the time In Jin Nim concluded, it was about 8:45 PM. To everyone's surprise, In Jin Nim said, "Now I would like to meet all of you. Please tell me who you are, what are your dreams and goals, and how you think we should change our church!" It was hard to believe that she was going to take the time to listen to each of the over 200 people in that room, but that is exactly what she did!

We formed a line around the room and, one by one, all who were there had a chance to introduce themselves to In Jin Nim and express their heart. It was absolutely unprecedented and incredible to see! There were young people there from all backgrounds and interests, some of whom I had rarely or never seen before, pouring out their hearts and aspirations to someone who was genuinely interested in who they were and what they wanted to become. The amount of creativity and genius in that room was staggering; it felt as if we had been transported to some magical place. One young sister said, "Here on the West Coast we never see True Parents or True Family. This is just so unbelievable that you would take the time to get to know each one of us!"

In Jin Nim, throughout the night, treated all the Blessed Children (and everyone there) as members of her own family and never lost interest in their sharing. She had a true motherly heart the whole time, loving each person for who they are, not what she wants them to be. When one single mother expressed her difficulties in her situation, In Jin Nim encouraged her to focus on being a good mother rather than worrying about "external church work." Likely, this night will remain in the memories



of many for a long time because of In Jin Nim's sincere investment.

It went on until 11:00 PM, with In Jin Nim having give and take with each person on a personal level; she seemed to be getting more energy and inspiration as the night wore on. Finally, the last person (Wade Hampton, the cameraman) had his turn. We concluded with a prayer and then everyone stayed to greet and meet In Jin Nim. She did not disappear into her room, although no one would have blamed her if she had. Instead, she stayed on, talking with them all and pouring out her love. When things gradually quieted down, In Jin Nim had a bowl of noodles and then retired to their room, some time after midnight.

Sunday morning at 5 AM, In Jin Nim came to the living room for Hoon Dok Hae with 2nd Generation couples and their children and 1st Generation families under age 40. After reading Peace Message 13 together, JinSung Nim introduced In Jin Nim to the families. He shared about the incredible recent developments at the Manhattan Center since In Jin Nim has taken charge there, and then he showed the Manhattan Center video.

In Jin Nim started speaking to the couples. She said,

Father calls America the Elder Son Nation. I hope that if I work with members and do my job at Manhattan Center

and at HSA, that we can make the world realize how great True Parents are. When I see our True Parents, of course I love them deeply. True Parents have always talked about true love, and I have been thinking about what is true love. We define true love as living for the sake of others. But I am a firm believer that living for the sake of others starts with living. You have to live yourself first in order to really take care of somebody else. The first generation died for the sake of others, for the sake of their leader and their spouses. What I would like to do is to let everybody know that it's OK to breathe, to live, to get great jobs. We need to understand the phrase "living for the sake of others."

Then she gave the couples guidance for their marriage. Actually, she shared with them the advice that Father had given her about maintaining a close relationship between husband and wife.

The first point was about the importance of bowing (kyung bae) to one another in gratitude to God and to each other. Husband and wife should bow to each other, and children should bow to their parents every day. This is a daily reminder not to scream at, fight with or hurt one's spouse or children but to honor them as a vessel of God. She explained that she counsels her friends (who are not church members) to try this simple practice and that it helps their marriages.



Father's second point is never to go to bed angry with each other. Try to finish everything before going to bed and before God. And never fight in front of your children!

And third, blessed children should get the best education; but the best education begins at home. Discipline your children and teach them the heavenly way. Don't be their friend; be their parent. And find their passion; the mother has to be like a "casting director" to find out which way each of their children should go.

After this great advice, In Jin Nim met with the families over a buffet, scrambled-eggsbreakfast, prepared by Mary Larson and Audrey Dishman. Fantastic!

Our whole district (Northern California and Nevada) was invited to attend the Sunday Service at the Bay Area Family Church, where In Jin Nim was scheduled to give the sermon. It was a beautiful, sunny morning and at 9:30 AM people started arriving at the church from Las Vegas, Reno, Sacramento, Fresno, and the Bay Area. An art exhibit was set up in the church lobby, displaying various works of art from our members. The church parking lot and play area were converted into a picnic area for the after-service lunch.

By 10:00 AM, the main sanctuary was overflowing with 400 people, and the upstairs dining area was jammed with over 200 more, who could view the service by video. The Bay Area Family Church worship band started playing at 10:15 and brought down the Holy Spirit as everyone on both floors was singing and clapping. At 10:30 In Jin Nim and her family and Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins came in, and the congregation erupted in applause. The spirit was so high as we sang, "Love the Lord Your God" and then "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone". District Director Rev. Cotter read the scripture (Ephesians 4:11-16) and then introduced In Jin Nim to give the sermon.

In Jin Nim spoke so beautifully from her heart for more than an hour. We felt as if the heart of True Mother was washing over us in that place. There were many tears throughout her sermon. She began by saying how much True Parents loved the 1st Generation and the nation of America, which they named the Elder Son Nation. She acknowledged the great foundation of Dr. and Mrs. Durst, who were seated in the front pew, and other great elders in the American movement.

She said,

Just as I made the kind of branding promo for Manhattan Center, which was a process of dusting off the diamond in the rough, I want to rebrand our movement to show the world the best-kept secret. Dr. Durst's hair loss does not matter. His heart of true love is incredible. When I see Dr. Durst, I see what we could have been. We need to take care of one another. We need to lessen the walls between the 1st and 2nd Generations. We need to invite people into our community. We are preaching "One Family Under God," but we need to live it. I say to the Blessed Children who might be struggling, "Regardless of whether you go the rebellious route or the obedient route, you will never stop being a Blessed Child."

Throughout her sermon In Jin Nim expressed many profound points about True Parents, True Family, and God's providence; but she always brought the focus back to our primary responsibility of raising beautiful children and creating ideal families that can be a natural witness to others. She concluded in this way: "I feel like this is an incredible time. It's truly an honor to work with you. As I try my best to work with leaders at Headquarters, I'm going to dream big. The lasting changes are the ones that we make a step at a time. Raising kids may not be exciting, but if you do it well, then your kids will be successful. We should thank God for giving us to each other. Our children are the most precious assets that we have to take care of."

Rev. Cotter, together with his wife, offered a tearful prayer of gratitude and repentance. The congregation sang, "You Raise Me Up" for the offering song, which seemed like the perfect choice. Rev. and Mrs. Michael Jenkins came



to the stage for the benediction and Rev. Jenkins offered a determined prayer of resolution.

After a brief intermission, we gathered back together for an hour of great entertainment, hosted by Jared Howard and Hannah Van Loon. The San Francisco Sun Hak Choir performed first, an all-girl choir directed by Lionel Chapital and Kinuyo Denni. Then Wendy Fiala, Jeanina Hardman and Hannah Van Loom performed Sons and Daughters, followed by Mark Denni's classical guitar. Our Japanese Women's Choir sang A Thousand Winds, accompanied by Jenny Hughes on piano. Jenny then played a solo piano piece, You Belong to Me, followed by the Herradura children singing Celine Dion's That's the Way it is. Shimmy Cotter played piano and sang her original song, Drivin', accompanied by her father on guitar. Finally, a 2nd Gen band consisting of Leighton and Chunee Lim, Shimmy Cotter, Josh Frumin and Soki Hagiwara performed Existentialism on Prom Night and Reptilia to wrap it up in a powerful way.

When In Jin Nim's family came to the stage, Liam Carmody and Emma Iredale presented flowers to them and they were joined on stage by Reverend and Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. and Mrs. Durst for the celebration cake cutting. Ken Owens helped everyone organize in front of the church for a group picture with In Jin Nim's family.

All of the families had a picnic lunch outside in the beautiful California sunshine. A tent was set up where In Jin Nim had lunch together with the youth ministry team and young adult leaders, as well as Reverend and Mrs. Jenkins, the Dursts, and Rev. Bill Starr, state leader of Nevada. After lunch, the youth ministry leaders and Second Generation kids took ShinYul Nim and ShinPyung Nim on a second outing.

After lunch, Dr. Durst, Kristina Seher, Annie Steinbronn, Poppy Richie, Myrna Lapres, Brenna Iredale, and Mrs. Cotter took In Jin Nim on a tour of Principled Academy, visiting many classrooms. In Jin Nim was very inspired to see the development of this model school, which is known throughout the Bay Area (and the world!) for its character education and excellent standards.

Finally, In Jin Nim went back into the sanctuary to greet each family and take pictures with them. By now, it was almost 3:00 PM. The families made a line that stretched out the door into the lobby and beyond. In Jin Nim met each husband and wife and child, asking all their names and taking time to get to know them and take pictures together. The families were so inspired by her loving example and grateful to have the chance to personally meet In Jin Nim. The entire Sacramento Valley Family Church, pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Charles DeWatteville, posed together with In Jin Nim. In Jin Nim stayed until the last person went through the line.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Aoki took everyone to Eon Café in Hayward, our famous coffee shop featuring coffee that beats Starbucks! In Jin Nim loved it.

We returned to the Gardens for a final dinner, where 25 of our ministry and department leaders gathered to share with In Jin Nim. Reverend Starr from Nevada and Reverend and Mrs. DeWatteville also attended. Once again, In Jin Nim poured out her heart, giving love and guidance and listening to brothers and sisters. Even though she should have been allowed to rest before her overnight flight, we were all so grateful that In Jin Nim chose to share these final few moments with us.

At 8:00 PM, they rushed to their room to pack, gathered

up their two sons, and we drove them off to the San Francisco airport. We didn't want to let them go, so we stayed together until they disappeared in the security line.

All of our families in District 11 want to express our deepest love and gratitude for the chance to spend this weekend with In Jin Nim and her family. We look forward to their returning soon!



InJin Nim's Visit Blesses Los Angeles with Wisdom and Love from True Family

November 1 \sim 2, 2008



he weekend of November 1-2 witnessed a tremendous revival with the conjunction of the Seventh Witnessing Summit and the visit of InJin Nim to Los Angeles with her family. The Los Angeles family was so blessed and fortunate to receive InJin Nim's sermon -- not only because she is a True Daughter and the National Chairwoman of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification but because of her profound wisdom that reveals the true meaning and significance of True Parents' teaching. She told stories about her own matching and blessing, revealing the creative effort it takes to be a true couple. With much love and humor, she related how she could make a harmonious relationship with her spouse, despite so

many initial differences. The point behind her message was stated clearly. "Marriage is not something you try out—you can't 'go shopping," she warned the Second Generation. Her compassion for the young adults was evident as she explained the reason for the strong moral guidance from the True Parents echoed by their own parents. "It's not that they are trying to keep you from having fun: they want you to have the full package."

InJin Nim shared some sound advice for married couples as well. She explained that creating an ideal family and ideal relationships starts with "raw materials." There's no one out there who will be "perfect" in an ideal sense; the process of true love shapes the facets of a diamondlike relationship over time. I especially remember one comment she made about the meaning of "ideal relationships". To have an "ideal spouse" means "I deal with my spouse." Whatever happens, deal with it.

Her sound advice, expounded with wisdom and a caring heart for all present, demonstrated what she calls "natural witnessing." In her role as CEO of the Manhattan Center, she meets with many world-famous people and musicians who are universally recognized as superstars. Yet, she finds that very often the conversation comes to the point of her identity as the daughter of the True Parents and their admiration for her own sons and daughter. This allows her to explain the Principle taught and lived by the True Family as a guideline for success — a success that means lasting happiness and true family love. Often, even the very rich and famous realize that wealth, fame, and power without true family relationships of love cannot satisfy the inner desire of the original mind. Naturally, they seek the joy of true family. Our families should be so healthy as to naturally witness just by the act of

being. This happens by "living for the sake of others," as True Parents have taught, to pursue the dream of God. Extreme views of self-denial with a hopeless and servile perspective are more like "dying for the sake of others." Our blessed families should inherit a blessed way of life that draws admiration and imitation. That's natural witnessing.

InJin Nim brought the heart of the True Parents to that Sunday worship service. Members were enraptured with her clarity, grace, and compassion. She emphasized one very important and lifesaving point for many of our youth. "Once a blessed child, always a blessed child!" she declared. As she did so, I couldn't help but fight back tears, reflecting on some of the very painful and challenging courses so many have endured and especially the course the True Family itself has endured. To help the Second generation to identify with Heaven's viewpoint of them, she created a keepsake bracelet with the inscription, "Generation Peace." Hundreds were freely distributed. "Generation X" and "Millennials" are labels



to identify and characterize generations. Our Second Generation should identify with God's dream to bring peace to the world.

Performances by the San Diego "One Voice" Choir and the Choir of the Korean Evangelical Association highlighted the afternoon and created a jubilant atmosphere. JinSung Nim in his introductory remarks at Hoon Dok Hae had mentioned that if the performers were good enough, InJin Nim would be interested in promoting them. Of course, this inspired tremendous enthusiasm in the Second Generation performers to do their absolute best. Already many had seen the 3-minute promotional video InJin Nim had designed for the Manhattan Center that just "wowed" everyone with its creativity and artistry. Kazuhiro Omori continued the talent show as he beautifully played a solo classical violin piece. "The Vest Ever Rock Band" (wearing vests) led by Vince Aparo stirred the audience with praise songs backed up by electric guitar, bass, and a powerful beat on the drums. As a finale, Eric Ross strummed classical waltzes and a tango on the acoustic guitar with amazing skill, bringing the whole audience to their feet in ovation.

Caroline Chen, our Second Generation Youth Minister, did a professional job as Mistress of Ceremonies. The main choir for the worship service was "Origin," which combined with the "Children's Choir" and was directed by Rick Joswick. The service was spectacular—especially with InJin Nim's wonderful message given with perfect poise and delivery. It was one magnificent experience that thrilled everyone. But, then even, more would come from Heaven that Sunday.

First, there was a chance for a group photo as a church family together with InJin Nim and her family. What's more, each family could pose with InJin Nim for a picture. She treated each family like VIP's and spoke briefly with them. The whole process took hours for about 600 participants, and she stood through it all. Eventually, KwonJin Nim arrived in front and joined the family photos. What a blessing!!! She cared for each and every member, listened to his or her story, and greeted all families warmly. Everyone present was amazed to have so much attention from the True Family.

InJin Nim sparked new hope, reviving the spirit of our congregation. The concluding remark of her message still lingers in my memory. She gently challenged us to be better; more dedicated, more sincere, more righteous and responsible. She said, "Let's show True Father and True Mother what we can be."

Until she returns to Southern California, we will miss In Jin Nim, true daughter of the True Parents, Chairwoman of the FFWPU, USA, CEO of the famous Manhattan Center, but, most of all, the woman of divine heart who brings True Parents' spirit with her. Let's show her what we can become as a "Generation of Peace"!

