## My thoughts and experiences from attending True Mother in her daily life

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Yeon Ah Choi Moon speaking to pastors from throughout Korea

Good evening. I feel nervous standing in front of you because I know I don't have much experience compared to all the leaders here. So, I thought that I could at least share with you my thoughts and experiences from attending True Mother in her daily life.

But before I do, I would like to briefly share Hyo Jin nim's thoughts on ministry. Hyo Jin nim had said that having a public mission and being in the ministry was not easy. That is why he frequently told young secondgeneration members to go forth with strong determination and resolution.

As you all know, Hyo Jin nim wanted to assist the global ministry through music and media. In fact, he believed that ministry itself was the greatest form of art, saying that the most wonderful and challenging form of art was the ministry of perfecting a human being.

Hyo Jin nim said to me once, "What do you think I should I do when I grow old and retire? I would like to be involved in ministry." If Hyo Jin nim had lived long enough to retire, I might have become a pastor's wife. Sometimes, I feel relieved to have missed that chance

in a way because I know that ministry, although rewarding, comes with great responsibility. For that reason, I truly appreciate pastors' wives who devotedly support their husbands in the background. I encourage you pastors to express your affection and love to your wives more when you go home.

## Focus on Mother's intent and advance

During the commemoration ceremony of the second anniversary of True Father's universal seonghwa, I was contemplating True Father's passing. It was then that I wondered for the first time, "What was in True Mother's heart when True Father went to the spirit world?" I remembered that when Hyo Jin nim went to the spirit world, I was focused on doing whatever I could to unite myself with Hyo Jin nim so I could support him and not be a hindrance as he settled in and carried out his mission in the spirit world. To do that, I had tried hard to align myself with True Parents' standard. Even I, who lacked a complete understanding of God's will and providence, was determined to do my best to set the right conditions in the physical world for Hyo Jin nim. I could not even imagine or compare my state to the love and determination True Mother must have had for True Father after his seonghwa. From the age of seventeen, when the Holy Wedding took place, True Mother had stayed by True Father's side every moment for the next fifty-three years. Who can fathom how she must have felt when True Father went to the spirit world?

Thinking back, I am sure True Mother wanted to glorify further True Father's accomplishments and made up her mind to take responsibility for Foundation Day, so that the path True Father had forged for the sake of the world and humankind would not have been in vain. True Mother later revealed that she was unable to sleep at that time, no matter how hard she tried. I witnessed this with my own eyes. But True Mother could not share this with us out of concern that the members would be worried. I feel I can share this with you now, but True Mother never actually expressed in words what was in her heart at that time. I believe it was because she was deeply contemplating the next steps toward Foundation Day, determined to lead and guide the members to fulfill the providence for Heavenly Parent and True Father. On Foundation Day, True Mother offered a prayer of tears. Listening to her prayer, although short, I felt that there indeed were many inexpressible circumstances behind each word she said.

Nobody had foreseen True Father's passing and that made it more difficult and painful for everyone. Many members had actually grown physically ill because of their overwhelming sorrow. I am sure each of us was hurt and went through a hard time in our own way. But we were unable to align ourselves with True Mother's heart. I confess that it was only after the second anniversary of True Father's seonghwa that I came to think about True Mother's heart and her resolution. I deeply repent for our not having resolved to do our utmost for True Father and to assure True Mother of our resolution through our actions. As time passes, I feel even more that each word True Mother speaks comes from her life of having been with True Father. When True Mother spoke of Vision 2020, I wondered, "Will this actually happen by 2020?"



True Parents the Tree of Determination

But as I see more of True Mother's resolution and love, I believe that it is possible if we have faith and go forth resolutely with one mind, moving together in unison in the same direction and focusing on True Mother's intentions.

If all these leaders spoke in one voice, who would not want to join us? If we show through our lives of living as blessed children of True Parents rather than practicing it only as a faith by routinely attending church, Vision 2020 can be achieved. Of course, we have many improvements to make, but if we proclaim that we will follow this path, and if we can manifest our mindset for the people of the world to see, we will be in better positions to reach out to the world.

## Please provide Mother strength

On a personal note, the more I spend time with True Mother, the more I am convinced that she is truly the "True Mother!" I have never seen her waver in her conviction toward her mission as a True Parent. When she first said, "I was not educated by anybody," I wondered what she meant. Only recently I realized, "Before she answered 'Yes' to True Father at the Holy Wedding, and before she even met True Father, True Mother already had the firm determination to end restoration through indemnity in her lifetime and to resolve all humankind's mistakes and Eve's mistakes. True Mother has truly lived following that path!" I poignantly felt that she really was God's only begotten daughter prepared by and raised by God.

When True Mother contemplates the forthcoming providence, she reflects on the promise she made to True Father centering on the Chung Pyung area. In particular, she is planning to complete the construction of a museum (Cheonji Seonhak Won) to teach the world about True Parents' love for humanity and their lives; before 2020, the year that marks the one hundredth year since True Father's birth. At such times, even if we are unable to fulfill everything for her, if we can show our support and remind True Mother that we are here for her, I think it will give her strength.



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Another concern True Mother has is that if what the first generation has begun is not carried on by the next generation, everything the first generation has done would be in vain. True Mother is pondering how to deal with this situation. I believe that the only reason she entrusted me with the Women's Federation for World Peace is that I am in the second generation.

Even though I am inadequate, True Mother is educating me and raising me in order to set an example for educating and raising the next generation. Many capable members, who have meritorious achievements in their own right, are supporting me in the background, for which I am grateful.

Even though I stand here in the spotlight, I stand on the foundation of the achievements of many people working hard behind the scenes. For example, the Women's Federation sent to a hundred and sixty nations Japanese volunteers that have put their personal circumstances behind them to follow a public life for the past twenty years. The Women's Federation was able to grow on this foundation; otherwise, that would not have been possible. Let us remember that each one of the volunteers had a husband and children who made sacrifices to support the mothers on the frontline for this cause.

We know that many of you here today have also lived in such a way and faced hardships. In some cases, you might be thinking, "Can I find the courage to do that again? What should I do?" I would like to ask you to be steadfast until the very end; if for no other reason, for the sake of those in the next generation even though we are lacking in many ways compared to you. I ask you to please guide us and teach us so that we can feel, "Aha! That is how we should do it!" and carry on our senior members' legacy.

Many people ask me with concern about True Mother's health. In the past, I simply replied, "Yes, she is doing fine." Recently however, I answer, "True Mother is strong. Please do not worry. True Mother is strong and determined. No matter what happens, she will persevere until the very end." That is why I entreat you: I sincerely hope that you can give True Mother strength while you affirm in your hearts, "Mother, please do not worry. Even if the entire world were to oppose you, we are here for you. We are on your side."

Thank you very much.