Good evening brothers and sisters. It is truly a great honor and privilege and some what of a tremendous surprise for In Jin and I to be standing here this evening. I wanted to make one thing clear and that is, her father promoted her, not me. (laughter) I’m just going to back her up, but she’s got the job.

I first would like to recognize other members of the True Family that are here. You know Father and Mother have been so inspirational in educating their children and in teaching them the importance of education and many years have been spent by all the members of the family educating themselves so they could be better participants in this community that we are building here tonight and around the world.

Starting with the youngest daughter, Jeung Jin Moon, is now a recent admittance to the graduate program at The New School, because they recognize that she has tremendous writing skills and she is going to work towards her masters degree there this fall.

The next youngest daughter is Yeon Jin Moon, she has her graduate degree, pretty much in hand from the London school of film, studying to be a director.

The next brother is Kwon Jin Moon and he is studying acting as well as pursuing his real estate career in the west coast, as well as pursuing his graduate degree at the Unification Theological Seminary.

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We first went into the hospital room, and Father was alone in the bed and it was dark. I went to Father and (asked), "How could this happen?" I was so worried and crying, and Father just held my hand and said, "Don't cry. Don't worry." He’s comforting me, and saying, "This is truly a miracle, and God protected us. Don’t cry. This is an amazing day," and stay here until Mother comes back. Because Father was comforting me and he looked fine, I was just so grateful because everything seemed so OK, no one was hurt. Mother was out of the room at the time, getting checked up through the CAT scans and everything. Father kept on asking, 'Is everybody OK? How are the other shikkus on the plane, (Sun Jin Nim explaining: all the brothers and sisters who were also on the plane), and how is Mother?' He just kept on asking. He said, 'Hold my hand. When I experienced that, I felt, 'Oh, Father is all fine because he is saying (that) he has no pain.' I was saying, 'Abomom, after a shock, if you have any pain, please tell us because we need to know so we can help you," but Appa said, 'I’m fine. Where’s everybody else? Protect everybody else. Make sure everybody else is OK.'

Because there were only a certain amount of doctors on hand (available), everybody went to help this first sister who was the most injured (injured). Everybody survived, it was a real miracle, but she was the most injured among everybody. So all the doctors went there. Even Father and Mother were taken care of after (her) because they wanted to make sure the members were first taken care of. When Mother came back she needed to be attended to, so Father stayed completely as if he were fine, no pain, until all of it (regarding Mother) was cleared. After everybody was fine and all the children came up to greet Parents, we told Father, "Everybody’s fine, Father, it’s a miracle that it’s fine," then Father started having himduro (pain, hard time) a
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little bit. And then we found out that Father, too, had pain because the impact of falling from four stories -- it hurts everybody. Everybody had pain, but Father held this pain (back) to make sure everybody was OK; so everybody else could be attended to first. This is the heart of True Father; this is the heart of True Parents. In many ways, this is their entire life... It has been like this: They have been holding their pain so that everybody else could be saved first. (Sun Jin Nim draws back tears.)

Father's life is sacrifice. You've all supported Father. You've become his children first. In many ways, he had to let go of all his children to serve the Cain children and save the world first. Father always, always cares about whom he loves (himself), his family, anything, he puts the world, the members (first), and is going forward with God's mission first. Even when the doctors say he has to rest, he has to lay down so he can heal, he is always observing (doing) hoon dok hae. He is saying, 'The Word is the most important. The members are the most important. We have to move to serve the world.' This is what he keeps saying.

In many ways, this experience was an eye-opening experience for me and our family because... seeing, (True) Parents not think of themselves and even at this moment are just constantly thinking about this world. Father is 89 years old. Mother has had fourteen children and followed Father her entire life. No matter what, this is their mission until death, no matter what. This is the kind of heart of True Parents that we witnessed (saw) as a family.

As you know, because of this accident, every single one of our family members who are on the flight have to come with True Parents. Even though the doctors stress (say), 'Don't go in there,' and 'Please let them rest,' he is saying how we have to be as a family, and no matter what, he is teaching us. He is giving us hoon dok hae, beyond hoon dok hae, for three hours. Even though he isIn his bed in pain, because he sees us there, he says he has to teach us. And even though we say, 'Father, please rest, please, please lay down so you can heal,' and 'It's so important to take care of Mother and you,' Father would yell at us and mad at us, saying, 'Just listen. This is important. This message is important.' And seeing that, we all understood as one family, yes, this is the most important message, and I would like to kind of share this message with you.

The main message that Father kept on telling us is, that no matter what, the future and everything in the providence will only be realized if we have unity. In many ways, if you look at Father's entire life of service to the world, it has always been centered on unity and oneness with God. And as you all are brothers and sisters and have inherited the word of True Parents, (Sun Jin Nim, she knows that already, you know) the cham sarang -- the True Love, True Life, and True Lineage that True Parents teach... During that time, we have to be literally one with God in our four corners. And now, until now, we have all been receiving (seeing) True Parents. We've received salvation, we've seen the truth, and we have gotten so much from them. Even in their life, at moments when they were passing, they are still giving, giving, nonstop, the truth to us.

If you look at Parents, what have they stressed in our lives? They have stressed unity within (between) husband and wife in the blessing; through the mission of an individual with God in mind and body, unity; and even within Father's mission worldwide, the bridge and tunnel -- what does that mean? That means connecting all the worlds together; and what is north and south? Connecting what has been divided by Satan, and putting it all together. And when he stressed all these things he said that we need to come together as a family, not only amongst our immediate brothers and sisters, but (also) within the first generation, the second generation of our movement, and going forward to build Father's kingdom and (Sun Jin Nim draws back tears.)

And if you really think about the amazing lessons of true love that Father teaches, even blessing Japanese and Koreans together, the enemies and people who can't get along, all those things that Father has done all in his life have all stressed and led up to one thing: true love and unity and being one, and that's the peace that's going to save the world.

No matter what we are telling Father, 'Please rest, please rest,' he was not stopping. Everybody in the family that came yesterday -- In Jin Onni (elder sister) came. Un Jin Nim came, Ye Jin Nim was here. Yun Jin, and even Ryon Jin Oppa (elder brother), Hyun Jin Oppa, Hyung Jin and Kook Jin Oppa -- everybody together, we were all there to listen to these words of unity. As a family, for many years, we couldn't experience unity. We couldn't understand the importance of having to unify with each other but also with the church, because of whatever feelings that we felt... Parents weren't there for us and they were only caring about the ones who were in pain (her tears). So we realized through that experience of all coming together that we really didn't do our mission. We truly felt sorry. True Parents for not having been able to do it in time! But now, (Sun Jin Nim draws back tears.)

We realize that God truly protected our True Parents -- Hyo Jin Oppa and Heung Jin Oppa and Young Jin and everyone from our family who has gone before us into the spirit world, especially our older brother Hyo Jin Oppa who passed on (they all protected True Parents). Many members who were on the flight even said that they saw Hye Jin Oppa before the plane went down. When you look at the site, it is a truly amazing miracle because there is one tree that really held the helicopter at safety. It's the shape of a 'Y' and Young Jin's name starts with a 'Y.' We really felt our brothers and sisters in spirit world really protecting our True Parents at this moment.

With Father's message of saying how we have to be as a family. (that we have to be one) we realized that not being able to unite is causing Parents to go through more indemnity because our inability, our inability to forget ourselves and live for the sake of each other and live what they have been teaching us that we have not inherited fully until this day. And seeing this, all together as one family, and understanding finally what Father has gone through, through these tragedies -- and it's said that it always has to be that way. We realize that this is what we have to do, and we have to go forward with hope and really tremendous. And you know, we're all of our brothers and sisters in the spirit world and ultimately to True Parents, (and we have) to realize what they've been teaching, to realize their mission on earth. We have to build that. We have to put all our energies and all our resources and our lives to serve that same spirit, and that's what we realized together as one family. Here, with you today, you want to help your family and your own lives and really try to take that message of unity and sacrifice and live this way.

Throughout her address, Sun Jin Nim drew back her tears.

After realizing this message of unity that Father was giving us that morning, we were able to all gather for lunch as one family, and each person. I don't think many of you know us because we've been studying and Father has given us the mission of really developing that and seeing that you all are like True Parents. Hyung Jin Oppa who gave his message on the day that he was killed, he was working tirelessly, globally, to really promote True Parents and the mission after he's finished his studies. And Kook Jin Oppa has been in Korea at the (business) foundation. He spoke just yesterday, if you don't know who Kook Jin Oppa is. He sacrifices every day, in day and out day. We live together at Han Nam Dong, so we see him every day, always concerned about preserving the foundation and the value of our kyoebae (church), going forward to really be able to save and to fund Father's mission so his goals of unity all over the world can be realized. As you all know, Hyeung Jin, he is recently been given the mission of the world church (president), and it's all centered in Korea. He gives his sermons in Korea all the time. He's really a south Korean designated, and not only for the members who have all met Hyeung Jin, but also to our family he has been a source of so much spiritual guidance. He might be the youngest, but in many ways, you can see how Hyeung Jin (elder brother) in the heart.

The brothers and sisters that came yesterday, all our sisters and everybody who's lived in America and has been studying, they all came and they're doing amazing work, too. Just recently, In Jin Onni was put onto Manhattan Center to protect what Hye Jin Oppa had built because she really loves Oppa. That's her mission. She's really been doing a tremendous job there, changing Manhattan Center and protecting that so that it's now become really, really profitable and it's surviving. It's really old, I think, but the (business) foundation. She did this to the (business) foundation. She was being Mother and Father and helping them that day. It was the first day, and she's worked for a long time and really serve True Parents.

She's really grateful for all your love, too, and I think all the leadership and all the members...
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In Jin was born in Korea as the second daughter, third child of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, on August 14th, 1944 (clearest of throat followed by laughter from audience). You see I’m a very well trained husband. She came to America with her family in 1973. My parents were already here so I had met her at that time, together with her brothers and sisters, so I’ve known her since 1973 which is a good many years. She went to highschool here in America and in 1984, her father said to her, “I think it’s time for you to get married.” And she said, “Dad, you promised I could go to college before you got me married.” But he said, “Well I think now is a good time.” And she said, “I’m going to take on that responsibility.”

But Father has often asked many people to go to the Unification Theological Seminary. It’s a very wonderful school and there is another school that Father wants people to go to besides that one is the Harvard Divinity School. And in Jin set her sights for that, went and got admitted into the Harvard Divinity School for her graduate studies. She said she said she did and of course, everyone knew this, she was Rev. Moon’s daughter. She was the talk of the school. These religious scholars would ask her things, ask questions about Father; they would say things like, “What is your father a very, very significant religious leader. And she would say, “No, no that’s not my father.” But I mean my father is a very, very significant religious leader. Let me explain to you why.”

You see there is a stunning front page picture of her and Dr. Lowry and other civil rights leaders in the Washington Post in the summer of 1964. President Johnson had just signed a very important bill giving citizens the right to vote. He had reached her down and asked her to take on that responsibility.

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Your new chairperson of the Holy Spirit Association and the Federation for World Peace, my wife, In Jin Moon, was a small but big thing that I have seen in the last 3-4 months. She was like a diamond in the rough; something that needed a lot of attention and a lot of love. And she started to put forth a strategy, creating a branding strategy, a marketing strategy, a strategy about how the public perceives the Manhattan Center.

Recently, with Father asking her to take responsibility to HSA and FFWP, she has had similar thoughts about why is such a wonderful dad, a wonderful leader like Rev. and Mrs. Moon misunderstood by the American people? They’re wonderful people, but the marketing, the public relations, the branding is off. So I see executives from companies come to meet the new CEO of Manhattan Center and they find it to be In Jin Moon, and after talking and discussing business and getting to know her, invariably they say, “Oh, by the way, tell me about your Father, Rev. Moon.” What does he believe in?” and thirty minutes later, that man is saying, “How come nobody knows this in America? How come this great story about the kind of things that he stood for in terms of truth and tremendous effort on behalf of God, this country and the world, how come nobody knows this story?” And she goes on to say, “Perhaps my Dad, so focused on the mission, really didn’t care about PR very much.” Part of what In Jin and what other True Children want to do is raise the image of True Parents to where it should be. I think nothing makes True Parents look more wonderful than sons and daughters like these we have in front of us. And it was she who told me that if we unite and put their minds to it and get the truth out - I think in Justus's heart, and truly so grateful for my new chairperson of the Holy Spirit Association and the Federation for World Peace, my wife, In Jin Moon, before me. It is truly his inspiration and his passion that still resides in the walls of this building and it fills me everyday that I walk in here and I realize, you know what, it’s just so life is simple elegance. And my father’s message, theologically, in a nutshell is that simple elegance. I tell them, that my father was inspired when he was 16 years old by the vision of Jesus Christ that he had of Jesus, our savior and our Lord. He was moved by that vision when he was praying on that mountain asking God “How can I help you, God?” “How can I help you Jesus Christ.” And Jesus Christ appeared to him on that beautiful Easter Sunday morning and asked him, “Please, son, finish my mission, fulfill my mission.” What does that mission entail?” Please build a family. Something that I never had the chance to do. Please have a loving wife, please have loving children, and establish and substantiate the ideal family that I’ve longed to build.” And starting at the age of 16, even though my Father is 88 years old, that passion that he received from Jesus Christ has never wavered. He has been in an out of prison six times; he was scheduled for execution on the morning of October 14th, 1950, but because of the allied forces he was liberated from his prison sentence at Heung Nam, which he served for 2 years and 8 months. And it was the American soldiers that saved his life. That’s why he came here, brothers and sisters. He said, “America saved my life, and therefore, my life belongs to this country.” My father always said that God especially blessed this country. This country is like a chosen country that God prepared for beautiful people like you. When Father came here in the 60’s and the 70’s and saw all the difficulties, different issues with morality – that was the height of the hippie movement, a lot of young people lost their way; a lot of young people lost hope. That’s when Father wanted to come here and bring his message of love, and bring his message of an ideal family, so that all those see Inauguration on page 23
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The crash

As the helicopter approached the landing pad, suddenly a thick layer of fog moved in and completely covered the area. The pilot's view of the site became almost zero, but the landing wheels were already out and the helicopter was lowering over the landing pad about to land. But he decided, quickly, to take the craft up and out of the pitch dark, foggy area. It was then that the tail hit a tree and the helicopter reeled from side to side, the powerful blades plowing through the trees by the scores. The pilot tried his best to avoid the trees, trying in vain to get a soft landing in the wooded area of thousands of pine trees. The helicopter, with only half of the tail wing, plowed through the woods for about 150 yards. It finally hit a big cherry tree, then landed in a muddy wooded area near a small stream. There also was a small pond less than 20 feet away from the crash site. Two of the five blades of the helicopter were lost as the craft went through the trees and the remaining three blades became stuck in the muddy bank as the helicopter crashed. Boom...! It made a thunderous noise.

The escape

While the helicopter was going through this course of turmoil, which took only a minute, we who were on board were experiencing a roller coaster ride. holding onto whatever we could grab. Because of the thunderous sound of the crash, I lost consciousness for a moment. But the noise of the crying children was loud enough to bring me back. Among the 16 people (3 crew members, 13 passengers) in the helicopter, there were three children, Shin-goon nim (6 yrs.), Shin-wol nim (5 yrs.), and Shin-joon nim (5 yrs.). Upon regaining consciousness, I realized that I was still tightly seat belted and hanging against the side of my chair. I struggled for a while to release myself. The cabin of the helicopter was in chaos as the copter was tilted on its left side. The children were crying at the top of their lungs.

At that moment I came to realize that Father and Mother were in the helicopter. Instinctively I shouted, “Save Father and Mother first!” Then I looked around the back of the cabin, where I knew 11 people had been seated, to locate the true grandchildren. Glancing forward I noticed that two of the security brothers were already in the front section of the cabin where Father and Mother were seated. Father was dangling on the side of his chair, tightly seat-belted. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt. He was struggling hard to release himself from the seat belt. So, Mr. Lee Sang-soo, a security officer lifted him up and Yoon Ki-byung (Father's assistant) released the seat belt.

Then I saw that Father and Mother were stuck in the mud and could not move. Father was holding onto the shoulders of his children while Mother was holding onto her head. But the children were crying at the top of their lungs. The ground was so muddy and my back started hurting that I could not walk upright but half crawling. We were able to move up the hill about 8 yards and I finally collapsed. Father was about 10 yards ahead of us, sitting on the muddy ground behind a big pine tree. Someone shouted, “Bring Mother up! Here’s safety!” But I could not carry her any further. At that point two young security brothers came to carry Mother to the place where Father was waiting. So, most of us including the three grandchildren, gathered together around Father while the rest were scattered nearby.

Though it was still raining, a strong and tall flame with dark smoke engulfed the helicopter when we looked back at it. Father offered his lap so that Mother would have a place to lay her head. But she could not move even an inch. So, I sat on the ground near her head so she could rest her face on my lap. I didn’t notice that my pants were almost completely covered with mud. It was then that Mr. Pak took off his jacket, folded it and put it on my lap for Mother to lay her head on.

As we sat there for a while, we heard three explosions. The pine trees surrounding the area protected us enough that none of the debris—from the three explosions that followed—fell on us.

The hospital

It was about 25 minutes after the helicopter crashed that the ambulances and fire trucks arrived with fire fighters. I shouted that Father and Mother had to be carried out quickly to the Cheongshim Hospital which was only about a mile away. I was not only worried about True Parents' injuries but also reporters' cameras. I did not want anyone to take pictures of True Parents covered in mud. Some security brothers who had witnessed the crash from the Palace came down to the site and immediately took Father and Mother on stretchers to the ambulances before any reporter appeared. Shin Joon-nim was crying loudly, looking for his Onni, Im Ji-sun, but she had injured her back and could not move. She was on the ground nearby, in pain, and was also carried out on a stretcher to the ambulance. The rest of us helped one
another until we reached ambulances, and we were safely transferred to the Cheongshim Hospital emergency. It was about 6 P.M. when the nurse took off my mud-covered shoes!

Even before our arrival at the hospital, YTN news channel [CNN in Korea] reported the accident. Following the YTN news all the major news media in Korea covered the story with pictures of the burning helicopter.

Through that night and the next day at the hospital all of the passengers were thoroughly checked by X-ray and MRI. Several had fractures, or bruises to the back—mostly minor injuries. Although everyone was still in shock from the trauma, thankfully there were no head injuries and everyone was conscious and mentally sound. The most seriously injured were Mother and Im Ji-sun who both had successful surgery on a dislocated spine. News of the accident got out and within hours people from around the world began calling. I had lost my cellphone in the fire so I was left pretty quiet for several hours until I got my new phone. My wife was finally able to reach me from New York in the middle of the night.

I began feeling severe pain on my back and neck. Thankfully, the doctor said that the tests showed I didn’t have any fractures or dislocations or broken bones. The pain was coming from twisted and severely stressed muscles. That night I could hardly sleep because of the pain and flashbacks of that terrible thundershower crashing sound and the events that ensued. Even until today my memory has not been able to erase that terrible sound.

Many miracles
From the day after the accident occurred, numerous testimonies of spiritual nature came to us from all over the world. We also received a technical report from the helicopter’s pilot and special investigators. According to a specialist’s investigation, over 90% of helicopter accidents are fatal to some or all investigators. Over 90% of helicopter investigators. When a helicopter crashes, there is a fire that results immediately after explosion.

A nother miraculous fact is that, according to our specialist, the helicopter pilot had continued its course for another tenth of a second, but it would have crashed into a huge boulder which would have resulted in explosion and death to all passengers.

Also, the three remaining blades became entwined in the muddy hillside at the time of the crash. A specialist said that because they were stuck in the hill, the blades couldn’t do any damage to the body of the helcopter. Had this not happened, because of the blades spinning, the helicopter would have tumbled and been thrown upside down. A few sharp edged tree stems poked through the helicopter at the time of the crash. But none of those sharp edged tree stems came through to the passenger cabin area. One penetrated through the haggio compartment area only a foot away from a passenger seat. Another one came through the cockpit.

The special investigators could not understand why the fuel tank did not explode immediately after the crash. As I have mentioned before, the fuel used in helicopters is much more volatile and dangerously flammable even more so by a strong impact. If the helicopter had fallen in a direction as high up as the panel, it would have crashed onto the school buildings where there were hundreds of students. These are some of the miraculous points shared by the pilots and special investigators.

Spiritual aspects
On July 20th (one day after the accident) Kim Young-ho, a Korean movie director, spoke at a movie festival in the city of Puchun where 180 movie directors were attending a seminar. He described to them his fantastic experience just the day before when he was fishing at the lakeside of the Ch’ung-yo en Training Center with a friend. It was around 5pm. In the sky there suddenly appeared a big white helicopter flying over them. It was a cloudy and rainy day, but both he and his companion saw the helicopter riding on a beautiful rainbow. There was no sunshine then, so they were wondering where this beautiful rainbow appeared so clearly to them. More fantastically, they saw hundreds of white robed angels with white wings. They thought these were pigeons at the first sight. But they were real.

They were flying with the helicopter, hugging it, embracing it, surrounding it. They were completely shocked at what they were witnessing. They knew that there was a dream or if it was really happening. Soon after they heard a loud crash. Later they heard on the T.V. news that Rev. Moon’s helicopter had crashed with 16 people in it. Neither Kim Young-ho nor his friend are Unification Church members and, in fact, the movie director had never even seen Rev. Moon in his life.

An old Korean grandmother who claims to be a Unification Church member—though she hardly knows what’s currently going on in the Church—saw Hyo-jin nun in her dream embracing the helicopter that crashed. It was a few days before the accident when she saw this. Since she didn’t know even that Hyo-jin nun had already passed into the spirit world, she thought that the church must have a helicopter-to-toy factory.

God’s mysterious work
We, who are aware of God’s providential work and True Parents’ critical importance in it at this time of the end of the fourth age, can interpret these spiritual testimonies. We can clearly see how much God and spirit world worked to protect True Parents. Just as at the time of Jesus’ birth three wise men from the east who did not have anything to do with Jesus followed the star to show their respect to the birth of the Messiah. These two movie makers, non-believers of True Parents, clearly testified to this miracle. Also, we can interpret the grandmother’s dream that Hyo-jin nun, from the spirit world, protected True Parents from harm. There are many more testimonies and stories like this which will be eventually revealed.

We can conclude at this point is that this crash was not an ordinary accident. It was providential. Because I know that the True Parents are truly the manifestation of God on earth, it is my conviction that Father and Mother had to set a condition to sacrifice their lives on behalf of all the blessed couples who have not been able to accomplish their providential responsibilities. Just like the time when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac as an offering to God. God accepted Abraham’scondition as a genuine one and saved Isaac’s life. By going through the crash, God already accepted the condition set by True Parents and gave their lives back to us. I firmly believe that because of this providential incident, the providence will make a quantum leap and move on towards a higher dimension for the realization of God’s ideal.

Even today I went through a physical experience of back pain. It has become my routine since I was discharged from the hospital a few days ago. I also went to see a Chinese herb medicine doctor today. Lying on a hospital bed with dozens of acupuncture needles in me, I shed tears of “Thanks to God and True Parents.”

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The whole process is free to anyone, just the time to write up your own testimony, the story of your life. You can write it in any format you like, in fact, the movie director had never even seen Rev. Moon in his life. You can write it up in any format you like, for example, Word or some other program and copy it to the web site in several increments. You create your own account and only you can edit your story.

There is a link where others can leave comments about your story.

The idea behind the web site is that every person that exists has a story to tell—his or her own life story. Who else but yourself knows better your life? In every life, there is a story that would be an incredible story if we could realize that each person is a unique story in itself. Maybe even realize that there is a great mind behind all of our lives—a Creator—a God that is beyond each of us. The hope is that we can realize that we are truly all brothers and sisters, who may look different, speak different and yes act different, but each one should be respected and loved.

A new feature to the site is a translation tool so you can read it in your own language. As of now, the Web site can be translated into 11 languages. Let the story of your life be shared worldwide.
Happy 80th Birthday Wishes

Dear Rev. Kim,

Congratulations from all my heart to your great 80th Birthday Anniversary. Thanks for your commitment in the early days to your church, Baltimore, and to True Father's life. One point I recall him making that struck and stuck most was the astonishing assertion that every time one graduates to a new level of wisdom, one must begin all over like a kindergartner, even him! That shook me up and I think brought out some humility in me.

I love you Reverend Kim!!!!

Happy Birthday !!!!!!!!

Best Wishes from Chaplain Daryl M. Clarke

Sometime in 1978 True Parents initiated the Home Church Providence Worldwide. I was a missionary member in the Baltimore, MD Church under the leadership of Rev. Michael Jenkins. Rev. Jenkins and every member of the Baltimore Church deeply inherited the responsibility to serve the community through the Home Church Providence. During this time Father assigned Rev. Pil Kim as the International Home Church Director. Rev. Kim visited our center in Baltimore for a couple of times. He was very excited and inspired to have the blessing of sharing time with Rev. Kim. We reflected on his education, guidance, inspiration and training on how to approach, serve, educate and raise up individuals and families in our Home Church areas centered on True Parents heart and standard. From all that we received, naturally we got the FIRE from Heaven and broke through on many levels in Baltimore. Many joined the Church as full time and Home Church members. We offer Rev. Won Pil Kim much respect, gratitude and appreciation for all the heartfelt investments that he gave to the American Movement in teaching each of us about Father’s heart, traditions and life. Thank You So Very Much Rev. Won Pil Kim. HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY!!!! May God Bless You and Your Family! A++++!!!

Best Wishes from John Hayden Washington D.C. 8/20/2008

He walked in the Shoes of Servant with a Father’s heart.

When many of us think of Rev. Won Pil Kim we admire his humility
and sensitivity. Rev. Kim followed True Father with a humble heart and set a high standard for all of Reverend Moon’s followers to look up to.

Rev. Kim was a leader and a teacher, but he did it with a dignity and humility that earned the respect of us all. With his gentleness and kindness, Rev. Kim had the ability to give astounding spiritual wisdom.

I remember when I was running the 21-day workshop center in Dunbar in Scotland in 1979. Rev. Kim came to visit us as there were many members from the International One World Crusade staying at the center. We prepared the best room for Rev. Kim to stay in.

When I came downstairs in the middle of the night, I found Rev. Kim sleeping on the floor in the lecture room in a sleeping bag, just like many of the members, who were sleeping in the other rooms. I was very moved when I saw this. Here was the man that had followed True Father loyally all those years - the first disciple of our movement - yet after all those years - the first disciple of our movement - yet after all those years he was still the most humble of people in our movement.

In another incident, Rev. Won Pil Kim gently chastised me concerning some of my decisions at the workshop. I was a little upset and I think he saw my disappointment. As I was leaving the room he placed some money in my hand and said, “Go by a suit”. I had come form a poor background and it was the first time that someone had shown that kindness. While I have outgrown that suit, it still hangs in my wardrobe and when I look at it I remember this most humble man of God, who through out his life sowed seeds of wisdom and taught me to give kindness to other: he was a true example of our True Father.


Best Wishes from Barbara Karnowski

Dear Won Pil Kim,

Happy 80th birthday.

It was such an honor to have worked with you in South London in 1978 and Home Church office in the 1980’s. Recently at the Global Peace Festival in Washington DC I was happy to meet again with Kazui and Kayo. We have been in our home town in Kansas since 1991. Our third daughter is matched and blessed by our True Parents and we are looking for a match for our second daughter. You were a great spiritual influence in my spiritual path. You showed me what a true abel is. I am thinking of compiling all your spiritual guidance in a book.

Thank you again.

Best Wishes from Richard Karnowski

On another note, I was also expressing how their matriach was so child-like in quality. As I think back to my time in the early Philadelphia Church during the height of the Home Church Providence, I will never forget both the wonderful guidance that Rev. Kim gave us as well as how that guidance led me to achieve significant outcomes.

One experience I had was when the wife partner of an elderly Home Church couple passed, the family invited me to come to the home and take a place of honor at their dinner table. They expressed how their matriach was so grateful to have known me. This was a small example of how we impacted lives in our IC areas.

Rev. Kim was apart of my spirituality then and often even now I reflect on his directions that help me during challenging situations. Happy Birthday Rev. Won Pil Kim!!!

Best Wishes from Jayne Kerr Turconi

I just wanted to thank Rev Won Pil Kim for all he has done for Father and America. He used to sit in the best seat.
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the New Yorker Hotel in the 1980’s with members and give internal guidance. I remember one individual appointed I had with him. We both sat on the floor and there was a coffee table he would use with paper to draw diagrams on to explain his internal guidance. He always seemed to wear the same shirt and pants when he saw us. I believe they were brown. He drew circles and diagrams and told me that many people inside and outside of The Unification Church would not understand me and poorly judge me, but that I understood God’s heart and continue with God’s direction no matter what others thought.

Best Wishes from Dr. and Mrs. Edwin and Marie Ang

To our dear elder brother, Won Pil Kim.

We congratulate you on your 80th birthday, with our gratitude and indebtedness to you for all you have sacrificed and the guidance you have given to all of our brothers and sisters. You have given us special memories in our life of faith. Edwin remembers when you came to the United States with the Little Angels in the early 1960’s and he spoke a little Japanese with you. And I had just joined the movement in Washington, D.C. in the late 60’s when you gave a sermon there. I remember your humble heart and loving nature which really impressed me.

God bless you as you celebrate this milestone.

Best Wishes from Cynthia Nakai/NJ

Happy birthday Rev. Kim. When I was working at the New Yorker Hotel, I used to love coming to hear his nightly talks about Home Church, and the internal meaning behind it. He always gave so much heart in his talks, and said that even if you visit someone and they are not home, the door will remember you visited, and they will feel it. I truly appreciated his guidance.

Best Wishes from Judith Grant-Wilson

River Falls, WI.

I want to send my deepest love to our elder brother for all the years of steadfast love and service to our True Parents.

Once when I worked with U.S. Foods, our offices were temporarily in an apartment in Arlington, Virginia. I and three others were working late at the office. The apartment door opened and there stood Won Pil Kim. I was eating some ramen noodles at the time and was so surprised to see him. I jumped up quickly to greet him. He stayed to talk to us and only after he left did I realize that I had some noodles hanging off the cowlick of my sweater. It was too late to be embarrassed. That is my closest memory of Won Pil Kim.

Best Wishes from Ken Morgan, central Texas.

For six years I served on MFT in the mid Atlantic area. During those challenging years we MFT's learned to use our time very efficiently. Though we enjoyed few breaks, workshops etc. there were invaluable golden moments of divine love and appreciation showered upon us. One such treasure for me was a small stapled collection of words, about 20 pages, from Rev. Won Pil Kim.

His words were an invaluable source of strength and hope for me. What I appreciated in part was the simplicity, sincerity and genuineness that emanated from each “saying”. His gift, much like the profound simplicity of Daeb Mo Nim’s words, was to distill volumes of content into a few lines. A year ago, when Rev. Kim went on a national tour across America, I remember thinking, wow, I can only imagine the magnitude of his collective words at this point in time. To my surprise, his words were the same as before. I realized, there was nothing to add to or improve upon. His words were and are the unvarnished, central words from our Heavenly Father.

Thank you so much for your exemplary life of faith Rev. Kim.

Best Wishes from Shigeyoshi Watanabe (a.k.a. Wabe; artist)

I have a lot of memories of Mr. Won P Kim. In 1980 when T.F called 5 artists in N.Y. I was one of them. That time I painted T.F’s life stories. That time Mr. Kim came to our studio with his son Jin Goon. He asked me to teach him art. How to paint. & so I did for 2 years. That time Mr. Kim came to the studio so many times & watched me painting for a long time & sometimes shared with me his experiences with T.F. Sometimes when I met his family on the street, he invited me to go to eat at the restaurant with them. He was always friendly & so natural to anyone. But he told me one story. When he came down from N.K. to south T.F promised him to send him to the school. So after they got settled in south T.F sent him to the university [art] but he couldn’t graduate. Because he was too busy for the church & also no money. But he said that it was only thing in his life that he regretted.

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Testimony of Jerry Chesnut, who worked in Rev. Won Pil Kim's office in America from 1984 until 1991. To understand what Rev. Kim might think about this testimony, let me tell a story. Forty years after first meeting Father in 1946, while he was leader of the European church, the members there decided to throw him a surprise “40th Spiritual Birthday” celebration in his honor. They prepared a trophy for him. When Rev. Kim realized what was happening, he cancelled the celebration and returned the trophy, and sent everyone home. "How can you honor me for causing
I was his response.

I became Rev. Kim’s driver and assistant in 1984. I discovered that he lived a truly simple life. He always lived in one room with his wife, never owning a home. Their vehicles and residences were public property. Never seeming to sleep more than two or three hours a night, he always went to bed after me, and awoke before I did. He rarely saw his children, missing graduations, recitals, and weddings, so that he could be with us. He and Mrs. Kim never ate in a restaurant or went to the movies or did anything in public without bringing along at least one member, ever. Not even on their children would give their parents gifts on occasions, such as a scarf or necktie. Only to see members wearing their gifts a few hours later.

Because I’ve always been skinny, Rev. Kim made Herculean efforts to fatten me up. When I was with him, I ate and ate and ate. He never asked me to wait in the car while he ate with leaders in a restaurant, but always invited me in to sit with them and eat at the same table.

When Father was in Danbury prison, we members in the New York area had a prayer condition every night near what is known as Father’s Rock at Belvedere. Each night a different department was responsible to bring its members there to pray from midnight until 2am, if I remember correctly, no matter what the weather was like. Near that rock is a small pond with a tiny log cabin that was built for the wealthy former owner’s children to play in. It was full of rat holes and debris and was entirely neglected. One day, Rev. Kim asked me to help him fix it up a bit, even putting up some leftover wallpaper on the walls.

It had no heat, so we put in an electric blanket on top of other blankets on the dirt floor. I didn’t know why we were fixing up that cabin, but I guessed that it was to give me the experience of building that cardboard and mud hut that Won Pil Kim and Father had built together in Pusan so many years before. I thought maybe he and I were going to spend the night there. What few members realized at the time was that Rev. Kim was the only person that went to Belvedere every night to pray during that prayer condition and that, afterwards, would join his tiny, frail wife in that tiny, cold cabin. He had put that electric blanket on top of other blankets on the dirt floor. I didn’t know why we were fixing up that cabin, but I guessed that it was to give me the experience of building that cardboard and mud hut that Won Pil Kim and Father had built together in Pusan so many years before. I thought maybe he and I were going to spend the night there. What few members realized at the time was that Rev. Kim was the only person that went to Belvedere every night to pray during that prayer condition and that, afterwards, would join his tiny, frail wife in that tiny, cold cabin. He had put that electric blanket on top of other blankets on the dirt floor. I didn’t know why we were fixing up that cabin, but I guessed that it was to give me the experience of building that cardboard and mud hut that Won Pil Kim and Father had built together in Pusan so many years before. I thought maybe he and I were going to spend the night there. What few members realized at the time was that Rev. Kim was the only person that went to Belvedere every night to pray during that prayer condition and that, afterwards, would join his tiny, frail wife in that tiny, cold cabin. He had put that electric blanket on top of other blankets on the dirt floor. I didn’t know why we were fixing up that cabin, but I guessed that it was to give me the experience of building that cardboard and mud hut that Won Pil Kim and Father had built together in Pusan so many years before. I thought maybe he and I were going to spend the night there. What few members realized at the time was that Rev. Kim was the only person that went to Belvedere every night to pray during that prayer condition and that, afterwards, would join his tiny, frail wife in that tiny, cold cabin. He had put that electric blanket on top of other blankets on the dirt floor.

That was their home during Father’s time in Danbury prison. He wanted to share Father’s course and create his own, self-reflected Danbury prison cell. He continued his regular responsibilities after spending nearly sleepless nights in that cabin and never told anyone that they were staying there. It wasn’t for show.

I was happy about that arrangement since True Parents were here in New York and speaking every weekend in Belvedere. Also many Korean Church Elders were present during that time. I, in particular liked Rev. Won Pil Kim. I thought he was the mission place.

I had been assigned to be the spiritual representative for our movement at the News World Building, which would become the New York City Tribune later on. True Father was speaking about “Home Church” at Belvedere every Sunday. Rev. Won Pil Kim was in charge of the Home Church Providence at that time which was the central providence for our movement in the USA.

We would have a meeting with Rev. W. P. Kim once a week at the News World Building. I looked for ward to these meetings since I appreciated Rev. Kim’s advice very much. The main objective was to get all the members to move out of the New Yorker and into a Home Church Area. He gave me much encouragement and I found it easy to speak of at that time. He also looked into the fridge. He mentioned, with a smile on his face, that our fridge was pretty empty. We had a good laugh about the whole situation and knew that God’s blessings would have to come our way sooner or later.

We enjoyed having Rev. Kim over at our house. We sat in a circle on the floor and discuss how to bring victory in our Home Church outreach. My wife had prepared a plate of fruits for Rev. Kim and his assistant. When he picked up the plate a cockroach ran from under the plate. We were somewhat embarrassed but he just brushed it aside, did not lose a beat and kept on talking.

I will never forget Rev. Kim. I asked him to name my first two children: a girl, Young Ai, and a boy, Young Nam.

From the Heller family we wish Rev. Won Pil Kim a wonderful 80th birthday celebration and many more happy years for him to be able to support our True Parents here on earth.

God Bless You Rev. Kim, and God Bless Your Family.

Best Wishes from Grace Ayad

June 24, 1983.

I met my spiritual parent on June 24, 1983, if I recall correctly, while on vacations. It was a Friday, and after the introduction program, I was invited to Camp West Hill for the weekend. The 2-Day Workshop lead me to the 7-Day Workshop and then to the 21-Day Workshop. It was almost the end of the 21 days, and I was supposed to decide whether to join the 40-Day Program or go back to Mexico.

At that time, I was an atheist, so I was finding it hard to joining a religious movement. Getting a sign from God was rather difficult, since I did not believe in God. Finally, one day I decided to pray, so I said in my prayer, “God, if you exist, please give a sign, something tangible. I don’t believe that Rev. Moon is a good man (I had received bad info about Father from another guest), but if you do exist, please tell me what’s your will for my life.”

Next day during a break, the 21-Day Workshop gathered the staff members, were called to a meeting. So there we were, all crowded in little room. Then I noticed an older man, very simply dressed and wearing sandals. It was Rev. Won Pil Kim. He spoke very gently and with great depth of heart. I could feel emanating from his persona humility and goodness. I was very impressed by him. His visit was short, and he left right after giving some internal guidance.

After he left I asked, “Who was that person?” I found out that he was Rev. Moon’s first disciple. My logical conclusion was that if he seemed to be such a humble and good person, and he was only a disciple, then Rev. Moon should be an even better man. I considered that my sign from God. My prayer was answered, and I had to join.

God bless you.
Agape family Festival, Houston

By Joy Theriot & Paula Fujiwara

July 19th was proclaimed now and for always “Agape Family Peace Day” in Houston by Mayor Bill White. And for good reason. Sixty adults and more than 30 teens and 20 children from around the metropolitan area representing 8 church congregations, a Buddhist sect, and a child care center gathered at the Will of God Family Church to celebrate the first annual Agape Family Festival.

The event was a Mini GFP sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, FPWPU. Will of God Family ChurchPastor Charles and Essie Keys, Glorystonia Missionary Baptist Church pastored by National ACLC Executive Committee members Pastor Bennit and Mrs. Ethel Hayes, the Family Outreach Foundation, and Houston’s Women’s Federation for World Peace led by Rev. Joy Theriot. Several new projects were launched on this occasion, including the Joyful Voices Interfaith Choir led by Mrs. Toddie White and the Agape Fishing Club for religious leaders led by Galveston PD Detective Jason Chide. Also Helen Kashihara and Laura Lea, our precious American sisters, were instrumental in the development of the event.

The Festival was intended as a means to bring together the “body of Christ” to spiritually demonstrate the love of God to our community, and as a kick off for the August 9th Global Peace Festival. The Festival consisted of a service project, an entertainment program, presentations on ACLC & GFP, an Ambassadors for Peace Awards Ceremony, a “Toast for Peace”, a Unity Candle Ceremony “Call to Action” by Rev. and Co-pastor Keys. Several new projects were also awarded by Joy Theriot and the Keys. Then a “Toast for Peace” was shared by married couples and all others present. The program concluded with a “Unity Candle Ceremony” and a Call to Action by Mrs. Hayes and Rev. Mrs. Hayes for everyone to support and participate in the Global Peace Festival.

The Agape Festival U.S.A.’s million acts of kindness, a service project was performed on Saturday, July 12th at the Will of God Family Church. A one and one half acre of land behind the sanctuary was cleared of undergrowth to prepare for the construction of a learning center for inner city youth, which will focus on technical and character education. The chain link fence along the front was extended and a flower garden was lovingly landscaped underneath the church signboard. It was a hot and humid summer day, but the young people didn’t complain. They just kept that hose running and used it to cool off! The Keys kept a huge cooler well stocked with juice, soda and water on the front porch of the church and they stoked up the grill to keep those hot dogs and hamburgers coming!

The July 19th Agape Family Festival was free and open to all. It is notable that no special budget was created for this event. The monthly outreach budget from the Houston Family Church was supplemented by donations of supplies and services by individuals and local businesses. During the festival there was also a bake sale, a silent auction and the collection of a love offering.

The festivities began outdoors on the grounds of the Will of God Family Church where two “Moon Walk” bounce houses, three tents, two BBQ grills and lots of chairs and tables were set up. Some of the teenagers who were involved in the Houston Family Church Big Ship program fulfilled their service requirement by doing volunteer work preparing the grounds the previous Saturday and also organizing a balloon toss and ice-cream eating contest for the younger kids who came for the festival. Co-pastor Essie Keys personally

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Peace Cup Festival, Kernersville, North Carolina

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On Sunday, July 27th, 2008 the North Carolina ACLC organized its 1st Annual Peace Cup Festival in an effort to create a movement of building “One Family, Under God”. The Peace Festival was held on the field by the church of Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana, where Rev. Fermin Bocanegra is the pastor.

After only a few weeks in planning meetings with the local ACLC leaders, the decision was made to organize this festival. Soon afterwards, on July 8th, we gathered about 30 volunteers to bring young people together to start preparing the place. Due to the focused and determined effort of Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, the field was completed in time.

The Opening Ceremony was set for 3 pm, but was postponed because of rain and strong winds. The uncertainty of the weather sent many people to prayer asking for grace over this day; sure enough, the sky lightened up, the winds calmed down, and the rain stopped. We felt God’s presence with us and the opening could begin. The music band of Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana brought everyone together in a festive spirit.

Rev. Fermin Bocanegra gave the welcome and then three Abrahamic faith leaders gave their respective prayer. Rev. Fermin Bocanegra shared about his vision, mission, and purpose of the Peace Cup Games. Minister Willie Muhammad, Rev. Fermin Bocanegra, a representative leader of the Jewish community, and then released three doves symbolizing the unity of the three Abrahamic faiths to the background music of the Jewish leader blowing the shofar, and the Jewish group performed a joyful dance.

Next, the game director, Beth Bocanegra, presented the ground rules of the Peace Cup Games and introduced the six teams and their players. There was a competition in soccer, volleyball, and tug of war. All the teams were fighting hard to win. At 7 pm the competition was completed and we were ready for the Award ceremony.

It was opened up with another Jewish dance, and then Mr. Carlos Bocanegra read the proclamation of the mayor of Kernersville honoring pNational Parents Day. Four couples, which were selected by their respective religious organizations, were chosen to receive the Parents of Excellence Award. Then, as the final moment, the Peace Cup winner was announced. Host pastor Rev. Fermin Bocanegra’s team received the beautiful Peace Cup. His church will keep the trophy until the 2nd Annual Peace Cup and then that winner can keep it for the next year.

The youth of the different churches are determined to be better prepared next time to be able to win the Peace Cup. I’d like to thank all the participants and volunteers who made this first annual Peace Cup Festival a great success. Especially I want to thank the families of Iglesia Cristiana Wesleyana for hosting the event, and, most of all, I’d like to thank Pastor Fermin Bocanegra for his tireless contribution of time and money. Without him this festival would not have been possible. We are very grateful for a man with such vision.

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T R E

By Pastor Mike Yakawich

August 17th, 2008

Ephesians 4:25

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another."

There have been times in my times of challenges and stress a neighbor would take me in and share a cup of coffee with me. That special grandma or motherly figure would listen and share some time. I have one family from that era that has purchased Readers Digest for me over the years. I know Tiny has eased my worries more than once sitting at her kitchen table. They share their joys and their sadness.

Last week, I visited a friend at his home. As we talked, it seemed that he joked if we would see each other next month. As I walked more, he told me he has been having hard time breathing and he was in fact very concerned. I encouraged him to see a doctor. He then shared some other personal struggles in his life. Perhaps, I could not solve his situations, but I could listen and for that he was very grateful. I too realize how much people are suffering their own pain and agony. Yet, in my heart I felt that he was my son whom I have been blessed to meet and an honor to have love and have an opportunity to connect him closer to Heavenly Father.

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Cleveland Prayer Breakfast

by Keiko Biddle

O ur July prayer breakfast was at Fairfax Place, and the organ and keyboard speaker was Dr. Thelma Johnson. About 30 people gathered on this splendid day that the Lord had made. The emcee was Reverend W. Rickey Barksdale from Columbus. After the welcoming message, information and an invitation concerning for the Global Peace Festival were presented. Then a brief introduction to Divinity Principle was shared, along with an announcement of our next study session. A musical offering by FFWPU young people drew healthy applause. Scripture reading, a beautiful prayer, and a poem were shared. Elder Edward Walton gave the ACLC membership drive.

Then, after the musical offering and introduction of our speaker by Minister Valerie Lumbus, Dr. Thelma Johnson spoke eloquently on her topic: "Destiny Watch". She spoke well on the importance of and difference between seeking, knowing, and believing in God. Ultimately we have to know God in our heart of hearts. She encouraged all to educate ourselves well on God's Word and to faithfully stay the course. The spirit of all was lifted and enlightened by her message and her wonderful heart. "One Family Under God" has been a theme for recent months, yet this was the first time the song "Where Peace Begins" was performed and it was sung very nicely by our blessed children and teens. As the theme of the Global Peace Festival, it helped us all prepare ourselves for meeting the throngs of friends and families on that exciting upcoming day.

Thank you very much everyone, for your support in many ways.

A Spirit of Solidarity Through God's Love

A strong spirit of solidarity and prayer were the hallmarks for the July ACLC Pastors’ Prayer Breakfast, July 22nd, on the South Side of Chicago. A total of 125 pastors and guests filled the dining area of host pastor Rev. Olle-James Greater Mt. Carmel MD Church. The gathering represented many diverse cultures and several faith traditions, united together for a time of sincere prayer and fellowship. Rev. A. P. Randall of Twelve Gates MB Church on the West Side of Chicago served as the emcee. The program began with a moving prelude by Mrs. Kazumi Murray with musicians from the Excellent Way COGIC choir. The delicious meal was followed by strong representative prayers for the city and state, nation, and world. First Lady Belinda Williams of Chance Ministries, also on the West Side, expressed a passionate prayer for America as we face new directions in this national election year. Rev. Joseph McAfee, Pastor of Central United Community Church and former candidate for Mayor of Chicago, challenged the clergy to unite in serving and protecting all of God’s children in his earnest prayer for the city and state. He also thanked Heaven for the safety and health of Reverend and Mrs. Moon following their astonishing helicopter accident in Korea. Bishop James Hampton of Zion Healing Temple concluded the rich prayer session with his deep prayer for the world.

A unique feature of the program was an insightful PowerPoint presentation on ‘America at a Crossroads,’ given by Rev. David Rendel as a promotion for the upcoming Global Peace Festival in Washington, DC. The group was portrayed.

The main message was delivered by Rev. Leo Franklin, Pastor of Excellent Way COGIC, following a musical presentation from one of his members. He utilized John 3:16 as his text as he explained how God’s absolute love for the creation and humankind is our greatest hope and blessing! He challenged the clergy to maintain an optimistic and faithful perspective on positive change, regardless of age and circumstance, and to diligently serve God as a facilitator for change through their ministries. His message was delivered with great passion and heart.

The program closed with brief remarks by Pastor T. L. Barrett, Jr. of Life Center COGIC and Founding Member of ACLC. Afterward, Reverend Rendel played a tape-recorded message from Bishop Ki Hoon Kim thanking the pastors for their loyal support in establishing the solid ACLC foundation in Chicago. He explained that the successes in Chicago inspired him to replicate the foundation in every state of America. Everyone was moved by Bishop Kim’s humility and love.

Chicago ACLC Co-Chairman Dr. A. Harold White then offered the benediction. This prayer breakfast was a wonderful expression of the power of God’s love in unifying the hearts, minds, and spirits of His children. Representatives of the Nation of Islam joined their Christian brothers and sisters in the prayer and fellowship. Members of races shared together as one family. Long-time friends and thirteen first-time guests mutually agreed with the vision and purpose of the ACLC. We are truly blessed to be a part of the realization of God’s dream through the ACLC mission!
To conclude the month long kickoff Workshop for new STF participants, STF held its Family Workshop over the weekend of August 22nd to 24th. Sixty two families were registered, with between one and six family members each, for a total of over 100 parents and siblings in attendance; in addition to the 180 STF members and staff already present.

The STF members were already in extremely high spirits, having had the opportunity to see Hyun Jin Nim four times during their workshop (including their attendance and active role in the GPF in Washington DC). They were especially blessed with a visit from In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim one day before the parents arrived, when she talked specifically about how to be successful in life after STF, and concluded with a massive and energetic Yute game. Also the Continental Directors and President had visited and inspired STF.

This weekend, besides the moving testimonies and opportunities to bond over families’ games or entertainment, STF core staff presented details on the new ‘One Year STF Program’, with the theme of ‘Gain Conviction in My Identity and Ownership over God’s Dream’. There are many changes happening as the new program develops, and many new opportunities for young people to get involved in. For example Tomeo Wise has taken responsibility as the first Second Gen to be in the core staff and from this year on all team leaders are from the 2nd Generation.

The current program includes both fundraising and witnessing during the year, as well as 70 days of workshops (including 7 days DP workshop, adventure training and a certified Blessing workshop), and an overseas service project in a developing country. Those who aspire for further leadership training can sign on for a second year and be trained to become the team leaders for next year. Many developments have taken place over the past few years to make the foundation for this change. As a result the number of STF graduates of 2006 and 2007 who are active in missions and leadership roles around the country has averaged almost 60% of the 2nd year graduates, which attests to the life changing, meaningful education that occurs on STF.

There were outstanding presentations from Kenshu Aoki and Naokimi Ushiroda about the recent developments in programs for kids younger than STF age, and those who have recently graduated. Kenshu’s talk explained about the greatest lessons he learned on STF. These included learning how to relate to others without pre-concepts or fear, building a habit of internal discipline, and understanding the process required to create miracles in everyday life. Naokimi explained about the big developments in Jr. STF, which is now active in 15 cities around the country.

As the conclusion, Rev. Jenkins gave the Sunday Sermon (‘God has prepared the Leaders’) at the UTS chapel, inspiring and urging young leaders to rise up - this was followed immediately with the inauguration of Kenshu Aoki as the first 2nd Gen President of CARP USA.

All of the parents and young people at the workshop agreed that this is a very exciting time to be active and to be young!
Summer 2008 Camp Tour [Jun-Aug]: I had the wonderful opportunity this summer to visit 14 camps. Each one had a unique flavor, and it was very encouraging to see all the 1st & 2nd Gen involved in staffing and participating in these camps. I learned a lot, and I hope to continue to support the effort to develop all these camps through the sharing of best practices, and discussing common challenges together. We are planning a camp directors gathering during the first weekend of October. Here are the list of the camps that I visited this summer:

- Camp Aurora [Jun 23-24] NH: About 150 all together, 75 of which were in HS. Joint program with HS, MS, and Elementary School.
- Camp Lonestar [Jun 25-27] TX: About 100 participants including HS and MS, plus 50 more for the family camp. Location is a ranch inherited by the Morgan family, and is currently being renovated and invested in for future programs.
- KEA Elementary Workshop [Jun 29] NJ: About 70 participants, half of which are 3rd generation, all from the NY, NJ area.
- Camp T2J [Jun 29-30] WA: Adventure camp, located in the St Helen’s National Park. There were over 150 participants, including staff. All outdoors, with no tents, no cabins, no showers, and for part of the workshop, no tents!
- Camp One Heart [Jul 1-2] CA: Directed this year by Kirk and Mary Gowry, this was the 21st year that this camp was run. There were over 150 participants, and 30+ staff members from the Bay Area. The MC’s Caroline Chen and Kwanchoi Moriy are very effective in keeping the spirit of the camp upbeat and exciting. I was able to provide some guidance through a blessing panel together with other 2nd generation. Blessed couples, including Kenritsu Yamamoto.
- Camp Heartland [Jul 3-4] IN: This was the 3rd year that this camp was run. It included Wonju singles and 1st and 2nd Gen staff together in ON for about a week to participate in a variety of exciting activities, and receive lectures and internal guidance.

True Family Health Training [Jul 5-6] Canada: This training has been going on for many years, led by Roddy Portellance. This year, participation was a record high with 54 participants, 9 of which continued on to the Jr. STF National training. Unlike other camps, the TFTH is mobile, traveling from one camp ground to the next and FR during the day. The final week is dedicated to DP education.

- Camp Georgia [Jul 9-10] GA: This was a relatively small gathering of about 25 participants including staff. It was directed by Mrs. Ryu, an elder 2nd Gen. I was invited to give several presentations, and the staff had all 2nd generation. It was a very intimate setting, and during a very short period of time, significant realizations were gained and determinations made.
- Camp Tongil [Jul 11] WA: This was the only Middle School & Elementary camp that I visited this summer. It was directed by Mrs. Jane Bowman. It was held at a beautiful location, next to a lake, surrounded by high mountains and trees, with a central field encircled by a lake. It was staffed by the local 2nd and 2nd generation. It was a very short visit, but it was nice. Also, ShinHwa nym attended this workshop to help as staff.
- Camp Horizon [Jul 14-15] FL: This camp was directed by the youngest camp director this summer, Caterina Petere, age 21. About 35 gathered at the local Miami church, where I was invited to speak for 2 days.
- Eastern Canada Camp [Jul 16-17] Canada: Directed by Richard Fortin, this camp gathered 80+ participants from all around Canada. I had the chance to discuss challenging questions such as “what is the purpose of my own spirituality to “how can I share my faith with my friends?”
- Camp Sunrise [Jul 22-23] NY: This camp has a very long history, from even before I was born. For many years, including this one, it has been direct by Dr. Brian Saloua. They had a series of programs, from elementary to High School age, and many of the staff were together for over a month. The HS program had around 80 participants. Aunt Ena Greener, who has been hosting this camp for many many years, said “This has been the best summer for camp sunrise that I have ever experienced. It was exactly what I always imagined camp to be like.”
- Camp Shbeqaqua [Jul 29-30] PA: This camp has also a relatively long history of over a decade of investment. It’s better known as “Family Camp”, and draws its unique strength from the founding principle that camp should be done together as a family. This year, there were 3 weeklong sessions, and Mr. Greg Knoll was in charge during the week that I was invited. I spoke to the college and high school group, and was able to participate together with my family. The breakfast and entertainment night was one of the most relaxing and fun filled experiences that I have had in a camp setting.
- KEA NY/NJ High School Workshop [Aug 21] NJ: I was invited to speak to a group of KEA youth. There were 50+ participants, almost half of which were 3rd Generation. Through this experience, I was able to connect more with the National KEA Director, and new opportunities were opened to connect the KEA youth with national SungHwa initiatives.

July STF National Training [Jul 22-23] NY & Washington, DC: This was our first Jr. STF National Training gathering over 100 participants from 18 different communities. The theme was “Sharing God’s Dream” and the purpose was to help each participant become a role model that can embody the dream of One Family Under God. We started in Camp Sunrise with a 4-Day staff training, continued for another 10 days there followed by a week long program in Washington DC, culminating in the Global Peace Festival. It was a pretty challenging schedule, but all the participants and staff were so enthusiastic that it created a great atmosphere for growth and learning. I hope this training will bear great fruit throughout our upcoming school year.

Perspective on Youth Education

There are so many things that we could teach our youth, and based on our own family upbringing, and our experience in our movement, each of us have different perspectives as to what is important in teaching our youth and when it is appropriate to teach them. As part of my role as the director of the SungHwa Dept (Youth Education Dept for Family Fed), I have been given the opportunity to travel and discuss with many educators throughout America, and I feel with this opportunity comes the responsibility of sharing certain discoveries. My hope is to work together with all youth educators including parents to continually develop an educational track that can enrich all of our youth and guide them towards reaching their fullest potential as sons and daughters of God. In order to help fill this end, I have come up with a simple categorization of what I feel are the most important components for youth education in developmental order. In future issues of Unification News, I plan to expand upon each of these three categories:

- Values Education: includes all universal values that stem from the original family model. It includes true family relations, character education, and service learning.
- Spiritual Education: includes all education centered on the theme of how to mature spiritually. It includes topics such as developing God’s 4 Great Realms of Heart, learning how to teach universal Principles of Creation, and learning how to practice living a lifestyle that serves the greater good.
- Identity Education: includes every thing involving the theme of understanding who you are from God’s perspective. This includes the following three key perspectives:
  - My Identity as a Child of God
  - My Identity as a Blessed child or Blessed member
  - My Identity as an extended True Family member

Question of the Month

What is the best preparation for the summer 2008 Youth Education tour?
I got engaged to Heung Jin Nim in 1984 at East Garden together with Jin Nim’s couple, and was blessed at Belvedere. I still vividly remember the day as if it happened yesterday, but 24 years have already passed since I joined True Parents’ family. I am now a middle-aged woman, approaching 50 years old.

The position as a wife of the True Family is very important historically and providentially. If I had known it 24 years ago, I could not have come into the True Family thinking of my insufficiency. At the time, the situation was difficult, and I received the blessing just with a heart of obedience to True Parents’ will. I think how insufficient I was, when True Parents saw me at the time.

Therefore, ballet will be able to play an important role in establishing world peace. True Parents know the value of ballet, and founded the ballet company. Moreover, through Universal Ballet Company, the life, sacrifice, and true love of Heung Jin Nim could be sublimated into an art.

I retired from the stage 6 years ago. Many people of the ballet world made the world of ballet, they say that the ballet stage is similar to a podium of religion. Ballerinas try to impress an audience through the beautiful language of dance rather than with the spoken word.

When True Parents saw me and thought, “how easy my body is if I do not do ballet!” From this, I thought that it has been my daily life to have ballet lessons day after day.

Other people saw and thought. I felt, “how easy my body is if I do not do ballet!” I was really healed by his words. Father understood as me if he were also a ballerina. I felt it in his words of comfort filled with sincerity. I express my gratitude to True Parents, who encouraged me to go the way of ballet with giving up halfway.

After war, people usually made continuous lessons such as faith. For me, both faith and ballet have been precious things, which cannot be separated from my life. I started to learn ballet at the age of seven with my younger sister when we lived in school nearby. It was a small ballet school in a church nearby. It carries a deep meaning for me that I started to learn ballet in a church.

Almost all ballerinas are ballerinas by nature. However, I was not. Even though I started to learn ballet in my childhood as a hobby, I never thought that I would continue it in my life. If I had been able to live as I liked, I would have given up the way of ballet. I could not but go the way of ballet as my destiny regardless of my thinking, I became a ballerina because of faith rather than my wish, which is usual for ballerinas. Therefore, without faith, I could not have continued the way of the ballet to the end.

Ballet is a vocation

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There are many ballet works which express the spirit world. ‘Giselle’ presuppess the spirit world. This work expresses love overcoming death, and it corresponds to the meaning of the Day of Victory of Love.

Our members have offered prayer and sincere devotion for Heung Jin Nim’s family. I express my gratitude to all of them.

My Child I Gave Birth to With Heung Jin Nim - Universal Ballet Company

I have never met Heung Jin Nim on earth. In a sense, my life on earth seems like a long engagement period. During the engagement period, I am living as a romanticist thinking romantically. I expressed my love to Heung Jin Nim through my ballet dance. My partner was always Heung Jin Nim or I through ballet. I loved Heung Jin Nim from the bottom of my heart.

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There are many ballet works which express the spirit world. ‘Giselle’ presuppess the spirit world. This work expresses love overcoming death, and
Monuments are usually built in order to remember someone eternally. The Universal Ballet is a monument to honor Heung Jin Nim. I wish that it would be managed even after my passing away from the earth in order to remember Heung Jin Nim’s true love eternally. The Universal Ballet was made through Heung Jin Nim’s sacrifice and my sweat and tears, so, in a sense, it is like our child he and I gave birth to. I actually have Shin Cheol and Shin Wol. Of course, it is impossible to compare it with them, but the Universal Ballet is also like my child for me.

Therefore, I wish that the child grows and develops generation after generation even after my death. After my retirement, I have lived as the director of the Universal Ballet. I am very sorry that I could not take good care of Shin Cheol and Shin Wol as their mother. However, frankly speaking, I was able to continue ballet this far because of these children. Shin Cheol is my first love who protected me as an elder son of Heung Jin Nim, and gave me great pleasure. I express my deep gratitude to Hyun Jin Nim’s family who gave me this precious son. Shin Cheol has grown missing *Omma* (mother) very much, but I am thankful that he grew well. I am sure that he will grow as a son whom his grandparents and father can be proud of. Shin Wol is my hope meanwhile Shin Cheol is my first love. I wish Shin Wol would succeed to the monument for *Appa* (father) after her growth.

Wonderfully, Shin Wol likes ballet very much. When we came home after seeing a ballet, she was dancing, imitating the ballet even though I did not teach it to her. She is still 5 years old, but when I play music, she dances following the music. She surprisingly has a talent for music and dancing. Actually, I did not think that I could adopt another child after Shin Cheol, but through Father’s advice, Hyo Jin Nim’s family gave me this precious daughter. I am very happy to raise Shin Wol. I express my deep gratitude to Hyo Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim.

When I raised Shin Cheol, I was very happy. I thought how happy it would have been if I had been able to raise my real child who resembles me. However, surprisingly, Shin Cheol resembles Heung Jin Nim very much, and Shin Wol resembles me very much. Whenever I take Shin Wol with me, people say that she resembles me. I am grateful that God, True Parents, and Hyo Jin Nim’s family gave a daughter who resembles me. I also thank Shin Wol.

Our beloved members! Thank you very much for having watched, loved, and prayed for our family and the Universal Ballet. Please continuously love our Family and the Universal Ballet. We will also make an effort to live for the sake of everyone and give back glory and joy to God and True Parents. ✤

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young people who were looking for something, looking to be grafted into the true olive branch, if you will, would connect together with the True Parents so that they can rise up and make America great.

My father, as the True Parents, did not come to America just to be the sole True Parents, and rule over America as if nobody knows what they're doing. His intention was to raise all of us up, so we can be just as wonderful, and just as loving a True Parents as they are, so that we can have all the love, and the beautiful children that we - 'we' meaning my siblings and I - would like to aspire to. It's all for you.

So when my father came here and invested his heart and soul, and I told my friends at MTVN-VH1, did you know that my father spent over two billion dollars in the Washington Times alone? Why? To save the world from communism because he had witnessed first hand the atrocities that were committed under that name. I was having lunch the other day with a PR firm and we were talking about communism, socialism, fascism, and he said, 'You know, Tatiana, in my understanding of things, communism is just an economic model, and a profound one at that.' And I said, well, that's an intellectual way of understanding communism, but the reality of communism is that many, many, lives have been wasted because of that. And on top of that, I have the most wonderful brothers and sisters with me in this work. I mean Hyun Jin Moon with his Universal Peace Federation. And my handsome brother Ronon Jin – I have a proximity towards Kwon Jin because in my eyes he's so handsome. And Yeon Jin and Jeung Jin, such beautiful young women, such talented young women. So in our family, it's interesting how all of us are developing in many, many different ways, but at the heart of everything, we are very creative beings. You know, Hyun Jin Moon, I don't know if you know, but he's quite a rocker at heart. And Kwon Jin is an actor and Yeon Jin will be a famous, famous female director. And Jeung Jin is an incredible writer. She has this dry wit and a way of putting words together that should not be. Kind of like my husband and me, but when it works, it works!

So when I have this family backing me up saying sis, 'We can work together. We can do this. We can bring the people back' – many of you have been kind of hanging on for dear life, climbing the endless rungs each day, wondering, 'Is there going to be a light at the end of the tunnel?' Yes, there will be a light at the end of the tunnel! And all your sacrifice and all your hard work is not wasted because we have the most important thing and that is content. You are the content. You are the best kept secret in the United States, and my job as your chairman is just to make sure it's attractive, and it's packaged well. And you will look so beautiful, and you will shine like the Chrysler building. I want our movement to be a movement that people are dying to join, dying to be a part of.

My father always said, it only takes one person to change the world. He would say, 'Look at me! I'm just an oriental man who had nothing. But I had the belief in God and the belief that I could do it. So I believe that all of us sitting here in the room are the True Parents of America. And I'm counting on you brothers and sisters to kind of help me walk along this path, because I can't do it without you, and True Family cannot do it without you. But if we can come together as a community and remember the defining moment, that defining moment that I know all of you had – the first generation that had defining moment that of you had when you joined this movement, if we can kind of revisit that and remember why you joined, and feel it again and think about, 'how do I translate that, and how do I give that to my children, or how do I make this movement exciting enough for them to want to be a part of,' then I think, we're not that far off. So, brothers and sisters, I don't want to take anymore of your time because I'm the kind of person that likes to do work along this path, but many exciting things to look forward to and I really feel that we can do it. So can I ask you brothers and sisters, one more time, can we do it? (YES!) Thank you very much.

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Blessing?

Since the next Blessing Ceremony is coming up in October, I felt this was an appropriate question to address this month. There's no one best way to prepare, but from my experience, the following three things helped me the most:

A successful confession with my parents.

Trust and belief that God and spirit world works through True Parents.

The motivation that I am attending the Blessing not just for myself, but for God and His greatest hope for me.

You might have noticed a common theme among these points: having healthy vertical relationships. There's no guarantee that things will work out with the Blessing, but by building healthy vertical relationships, no matter what the situation is, you'll be better prepared to see the situation from God's perspective and deal with it accordingly. Also, many Blessing candidates make the mistake of thinking about or worrying too much about whether my partner fulfills my expectations, it's important not to forget that there's another being involved in this relationship, God.

Standing that God has entrusted me to love and be loved by His beloved son or daughter, and making consistent investment, will lead to much better results. If you're wondering whether you're ready or not to go to the Blessing, a good question to ask yourself is: "Do I respect each other? Do I respect each other in my heart?" If not, well, there's some homework to do.

If you have any questions regarding youth education that you would like my perspective on, please write me at naomi@familyeducation.org, with the subject: Unification News.

Thank you for reading.
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w h o o n e r a c t i o n s on our position, have been serving and taking care of True Parents all these years.

In many ways we offer our apologies to having to sacrifice, to go through a very difficult course, to really serve our True Parents and love our True Parents. For that, we as a family are tremendously grateful to all you brothers and sisters. I realize that, yes, we have to take responsibility and honor your work and work together.

That is our heart and that is our gratitude to you. So, in many ways, we can only hope and true love for every single one of you who have had true love for our True Parents. For the lives you’ve lived to love True Parents, we can only honor and love you back in that same way and offer our apologies for not living up to that standard, too.

As a family, we gathered for lunch together. It’s very difficult to get everybody at once (at the same time), but we were able to gather and share. Really, at the table, for the first time, too, we are experiencing (it): Every single brother and sister -- there’s elder, there’s younger -- all supporting each other, all supporting each other’s work and no one taking any credit for themselves. It’s all about True Parents.

We really decided on that day that our lives are not our lives. We have to live for the sake of True Parents. We have to live for the sake of the church. We have to carry on Father’s message and lineage and legacy. We have to care for our True Parents and the work of our True Parents and protect them because we know that they will not stop working. They will not stop working. They will put their lives, no matter what condition they’re in, to save the world.

All these years, they’ve been doing it themselves. All these years, with your help and sacrifice, they have been doing it.

We realize it is our mission, our mission, and our hearts to really start building this for True Parents and protecting and creating the future for the church and all of you and your second generation. We owe that to you because many of the first generation also, like our True Parents, left your children. So we share the same heart in many ways. And so we as a family, as brothers and sister, we all say that our leaders are my brothers, my Oppas, and everyone here. We share that. With that heart we really understood. Going forward, we ask for your help, to share your wisdom and your support for our True Parents and the (True) Family and especially knowing that they are doing now in order to be able to create Father’s mission on earth and realize that dream.

When we’re thinking of this accident, we can’t even say how much more they’ve done, how much more they’ve done. They’ve been risking their lives. Everybody thought True Parents were going to retire. Father is elderly. Everybody said, “Oh, we’re going to build a place where True Parents can retire and rest.” But actually Father hasn’t spent one day resting.

All the time that he’s here, he’s been flying all over the world. Even when he’s here, he has to meet with leaders. He cannot stop working for God’s mission, even at his age. To drive to Chung Pyung, as you all come on buses, you know it’s a very long, long way from Seoul where the airport and everything is. Parents even have to go to Insoo because the world headquarters and all the leaders are in Seoul, and also in the government, the politics, the culture -- everything that they’re trying to change for God’s work is in Seoul, so they have to be there all the time. You know the significance of our True Parents on earth.

We realize that Father will not stop. Mother will not stop, loving and living for the sake of others. We really decided to build a place, a safe haven, a sanctuary not only here, which is built on Halmun’s (Gurak)’s Grandmother’s (Dae Mo-Nim’s) and everybody’s tremendous sacrifice, but also in Seoul. We need a center that can move the world and move Father’s mission forward. All the government offices are there; all the culture, art, and media -- everything is in Seoul. We need a center to organize and mobilize all the membership, training centers and everything, to have one church to stand to attend True Parents, that we can offer True Parents, where they can be protected and also live and work for their mission, because, if you think about it, the capital, the major city. It’s the center of everything that’s happening in Korea. Father always stresses that Korea is the center to unify the world. It is Father’s homeland.

But many times we forget that Father is not South Korean; he is North Korean. Because of this situation between North and South, Father can’t reach his homeland. His Father has fought communism and really wanted to, and as you all know, North Korea is still a communist country.

This mission that Father has been doing for and also the missions of all the unification, what our movement stands for -- with blessed families, with living for the sake of others, the outreach programs -- all are happening in Seoul, all the leaders come to Seoul to do that and are working hard there. We realize the urgency for that need, in the center of Seoul, to be able to move Father’s mission, to move it in the direction where it can actually be realized. By us all together, with our hearts united. Many times recently the mission has been happening in many places far from the center, and we realize the need to mobilize there (in the center) and in many ways make Korea recognize Father’s presence, to solidify Father’s presence, and make the world understand Father’s presence and to work for that and God’s mission in Seoul.

Just recently before this accident, the hope was that we can build that church, that main church in Seoul. At one meeting in Insoo, there was an initial donation for this church given by some members in understanding, and Mother said, “We’re going to offer more than that,” and Father said, “I’m going to offer more than that.”

It was a moment, as we were all sharing this, we didn’t understand the significance of that at time. But discussing it as a family and realizing the danger and the urgency of not having a place for Parents, it came to our hearts that, yes, we have to work to do this, we have to work to build this. That is what we realized. To go forward with the work, we have to be involved. We have to commit. We have to give and we have to live for the sake of Father’s initial mission. We have to unify and strengthen Korea’s position as the most important (position), (in order) to change the world, to unify the world and to make this happen.

We have to unite North and South Korea. We have to create a homeland. We have to create Father’s homeland and reunite it. That is our feeling and our mission that we felt that day all together. And we came together as a family and pledged to each other that … for so many years, we have tried and we’re really living in the wilderness, like everyone of the membership who’ve been lost in the wilderness, and suffered the path of indemnity, and True Parents have suffered this major indemnity and all the work they have done has been a testament to indemnity -- (we pledged to each other) that we need to take on this mission all together and with the leadership and with the church, and really, really be able to care for the church.

And when Hyung Jin’s heart was not only to take care of and mobilize going forward, but to really create a safe haven for the members, not only (for) our True Parents, to serve and attend True Parents, but a place where all the members can come easily and train and learn, where we can really take care of our brothers and sisters all around the world, and where we can have them come together as one unified church.

That was our heart, and that’s what I wanted to share with you this morning. All I can say is, I have so much gratitude for all of you, and for our beloved True Parents, and all my brothers and sisters, I am most thankful to God, and to your brothers who are passed and who saved True Parents and saved all of us and made us really realize that we’re doing this, and with and with all that we apologize to you and we pledge to you to do our best and to live this line of True Life, True Love, and True Lineage.

Father, the other day, was holding his hand like this (showing) and saying that coming together is the important thing. “All the things come together like this, too. Don’t only praise God but praise and take care of each other. You cannot separate; you become stronger when you are like this (united). Alone is not one.”

I want to ask you in closing after Yeon Ah translates if we can all gather hands together with brothers and sisters all together, and Hyung Jin can offer a prayer, and we can really pledge to unite and we can really pledge to live our lives so that True Parents no longer have to suffer, so that we can really carry on their mission and make it honored. That’s what I ask of you; please understand that and, really, we offer to you our apologies and our gratitude.

Karmasamulga. ☾
My intention here is to help you clarify in your mind some of the great benefits of this movement so that you can express them in a very simple, heartfelt way. This in turn will help us unite with Dr. In Jin Nim Moon, the newly installed North American Chairperson for FFWPU, in working together to change the attitude of America toward our True Parents and our movement.

We are hearing a lot about witnessing these days. And on any summit, witnessing task force, how to lecture to young people. What is witnessing, does it really mean? I confess I have sometimes felt a little confused when people mentioned anything about ‘witnessing’ because the term is not very specific. It seemed too vague. The word has too many meanings! So I decided to do a study on the concept of witnessing to find out what it is.

I started with the words in the Bible quotes above and came up with about 30 different related words and concepts which I organized into seven separate categories.

- Membership
- Religious Conversion
- Education
- Promulgating
- Lineage
- Testifying

Are we just talking about membership? What is a member? The local YMCA has a membership drive once or twice a year—is that what we are about? Then there is recruiting, like the army or other military branches. Are we recruiting? We definitely want people to join our movement, become part of our congregation. And we need more workers for the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peaceful Family Church. So what do we really expect membership to be an external result of an internal event, a conversion experience.

Religious conversion

This relates to a heartistic, internal change and is the goal of the apostles, prophets and evangelists mentioned by St. Paul as well as missionaries, pastors and preachers. The dictionary defines conversion as “A spiritual and moral change attending a change of belief with conviction; specifically, the change from paganism or idolatry to Judaism.” It implies an education on behalf of the heart through encountering a religious message.

Education

After the conversion, education is required. Education requires teachers. The pastor may teach and instruct, but education implies a classroom rather than a worship service. True Father clearly tells us to educate the entire world. Does witnessing mean educate?

Service

In the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul mentions the ‘work of service’ as part of the work of the body of Christ. Another writer, John Bradshaw, said, “Service means caring for others and giving back what you have received.”

Serving others is an integral part of reaching any of these goals, because people’s hearts are touched by service, and people’s hearts have to be moved by love, and love is not a word, but a feeling. It is a feeling of being touched by love, and love is the power of witnessing.

Promulgation

Carry a message. Multiply, expand, spread the word, dominate, make well known. This certainly describes what we want to do. Dr. In Jin Nim Moon is an expert at marketing and branding and has announced her intention to use her skills to promulgate a good feeling in America about our True Parents and our movement. The very Sunday that we viewed the video of her installation in her new position, our local newspaper ran an article about branding. The article stated that marketing is mostly about...amplifying a message; just getting the word out about a product to the marketplace. Marketing is the same as branding. Branding deals with your identity and your essence as a company.

Branding deals directly with the emotions. The article reported on studies that found that emotion activates the brain hundreds of times faster than thought, and consumers are willing to pay much more when their decision is based on emotion rather than only on logical thought processes. (Reported in the Arizona Republic, August 11, 2008, in an article about OBD: Obsessive Branding Disorder by Lucas Conley.) We have to touch people’s emotions and we have to find the way to convey the essence of our faith, in order to share it well.

Lineage

True Father, in the quote above, links educating people and ‘bringing them home to Cheon Il Guk’. What is the reason we want to witness, the reason for people to join, the reason to serve people so they can receive a message? So that they can inherit a legacy, become heirs to the Kingdom, and come home to Cheon Il Guk and be a part of God’s eternal family. That is the ultimate goal of it.

So how do we get there? Testify. When you witness you are telling about something you yourself observed, your own firsthand past experience. When we witness, we are testifying about our own experience, our own feelings, our own lives. We naturally share what is in our own heart. And that is why I think in our movement we use the word witnesses to cover all these many nuances of sharing our faith with others. At this time I would like to ask you to reflect on what makes you feel good about our movement that you might share with your colleagues, neighbors and contacts. Here are some questions to guide your thoughts.

- What are you proud of about our movement, about True Parents, the True Family?
- What do you value?
- What do you want other people to know about our movement?
- What do you think is the most important or most valuable thing about our movement?
- What do you want your children to tell their friends about what you believe?
- How does our movement help others?
- What are the benefits of associating with our movement?
- What do you, as a member of this movement, that have that other people don’t have?
- Why are you still here?
- What do you want your children to pass on to your children and grandchildren?
- what would it be?

When these questions were presented to the church community in Arizona, here are some of the answers they came up with:

- I am proud of True Parents because they are a unique example of integrity, selflessness, sacrifice, and goodness.
- My parents stuck it out and stayed together in the face of adversity (from a Second Gen member).
- Universal and inclusive
- Brings diverse people together.
- Microcosm of the whole world.
- Hope of universal salvation
- Community
- Divine Principle clearly shows the purpose of life, true love, etc.
- Interconnected families with similar moral and lifestyle standards allow our children to be welcomed and embraced anywhere in the world, in safety.
- Proud of our members—they have overcome challenges to live a life of love.
- The concept of God and human beings in parent/child relationship gives hope to all. This makes everyone a child of God.
- I know this is the truth. Enables understanding of world history and current events (from a Second Gen member).
- I want you to pass True Father’s words, people just know it’s the truth!

I have heard it said that we have to start with the vertical and then move to the horizontal in sharing our faith. You could say, “Rev. Moon is a good man, and I think this because he gives us hope of universal salvation.” Or you could say, “I belong to a really good group, and it’s great to be a member because I can send my children anywhere in the world and know that there will be another family there that will welcome them and take care of them.”

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Ephesians 4:11-12. “And He gave gifts to men, first to apostles, second to prophets, third to evangelists, and fourth to pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, so that we may come to union with the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God.”

I Peter 3:15. “But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you about a good reason for your hope, so that you may give a defense to him.”

“Promulgating” is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

The Fundamental Duties of Cheon Il Guk’ Rev. Sun Myung Moon, June 13, 2006 (printed in Unification News September 2006 issue). “Citizens of Cheon Il Guk, the unification of spirit world has been completed. The 6.5 billion people living on earth in the physical body. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of Cheon Il Guk.”

W hen True Mother came to Phoenix in 1988 our son Nedd was 2 years old. We called his babysitter ‘Aunt June’. Aunt June came to the program to see True Mother. After the program, of course, True Mother invited us to come up to her room for the victory celebration. I arranged for another guest to give Aunt June a ride home, since I had brought her with me to the event. I never spoke to Aunt June again. She didn’t call me, and I didn’t call her. Obvi-

cously, that is not the way to be successful in witnessing!

This approach certainly left something to be desired. Like Aunt June, so many people have been invited, have come to events, have come to see True Parents, have even joined and been blessed. But they aren’t here now. Where are they? What’s wrong with this picture?

Why are you still here when everyone else is gone? Because you love True Parents, you love the concept of Cheon Il Guk, you want to see this movement grow. You feel called and ordained by God to be here. Me, too. I’m still here after 33 years. After 2, 7, 21, and 40 day workshops at Barrytown, I went directly to fundraising, which I continued for 7 years on National MFT. I have definitely done my fundraising, but not witnessing, I don’t feel that comfortable about witnessing. But I want to challenge each of you to challenge the heart, and find my voice. Let’s learn together.
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the bucket. But I hope I have gotten you thinking about the good things about our movement, and things that you would be proud to share with anyone. Telling other people things you feel good about will help them to feel good about our movement, too.

You don't have to convert them on the spot, or tell them the conclusion of the Divine Principle the first time you see them. Just share something about yourself and our movement that makes you feel good! That will help to change the public attitude toward our True Parents. Continue to think about your testimony. Share your good stories with brothers and sisters within our community! Go out and make some new friends and tell them about yourself and what is important to you. That is witnessing! That is how we can share our faith every day.

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