

## Peace Zone Economics

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The April 27 Inter-Korean Summit declared that "the two sides agreed to transform the demilitarized zone into a peace zone in a genuine sense."

Zones in this world serve business purposes. A peace zone "in a genuine sense" goes beyond the purposes of business. Its purpose is peace, and peace comes only through Godism, "the practice of God's perfect love."

Nonetheless, a genuine peace zone cannot be a charity. It does need an economy.

How would that economy work, based upon God's perfect love?

Consider True Father's words: "As human beings have the desire and need for material things, and a natural inclination toward love, an ideal society would permit individual ownership and individual purpose. ... Human beings perfected in true love would wish to own an amount of property commensurate with their conscience and original nature." Such people's economic activity "would manifest love and gratitude." Its aim "would be the overall welfare, rather than the mere pursuit of gain."

True Father called this "co-ownership based on God's true love," and gave the family as the model: "Even though all property is legally held in the parents' names, in practice it is jointly owned by the whole family -- parents and children alike."

Shared ownership "is based on love and trust in the family, with individuals still responsible for their own property. Thus the purposes of the whole and the individual are harmonized."

This society is not based upon knowledge. As True Father put it, "However sophisticated our knowledge might be, when compared with true love, it is found wanting."

People of true love "practice goodness and righteousness voluntarily within the family, [and] on the foundation of true love, they will realize the society and world of the heavenly way and of righteousness - that is, the ideal world."

So this principle is scalable: "The love-based pattern of ownership in a family expands to the society, nation and world," True Father said, bringing an economic result: "an equalization of the world's standards of living."

"The balance of the world" will be restored by "creating access to existing natural and human resources. ... a little is taken off places that are high and added to places that are low. ... Only sincere love and continuous sacrifice is capable of creating a world of peace. We must be willing to offer everything."

Thereby, God's perfect love economy expands from peace zones to the world.

*(Citations: Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, pp. 795-6; As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 345; for the text of the North Korea-South Korea summit statement, go to [www.cnn.com/2018/04/27/asia/read-full-declaration-north-south-korea/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2018/04/27/asia/read-full-declaration-north-south-korea/index.html); for more on True Parents' approach to elections, see [www.trueparentsway.com/2016/11/09/partnership-in-elections/](http://www.trueparentsway.com/2016/11/09/partnership-in-elections/).)*